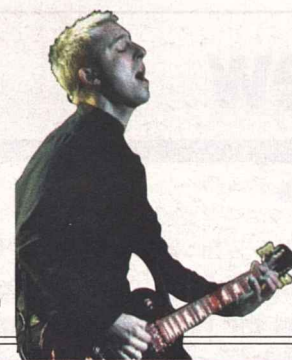


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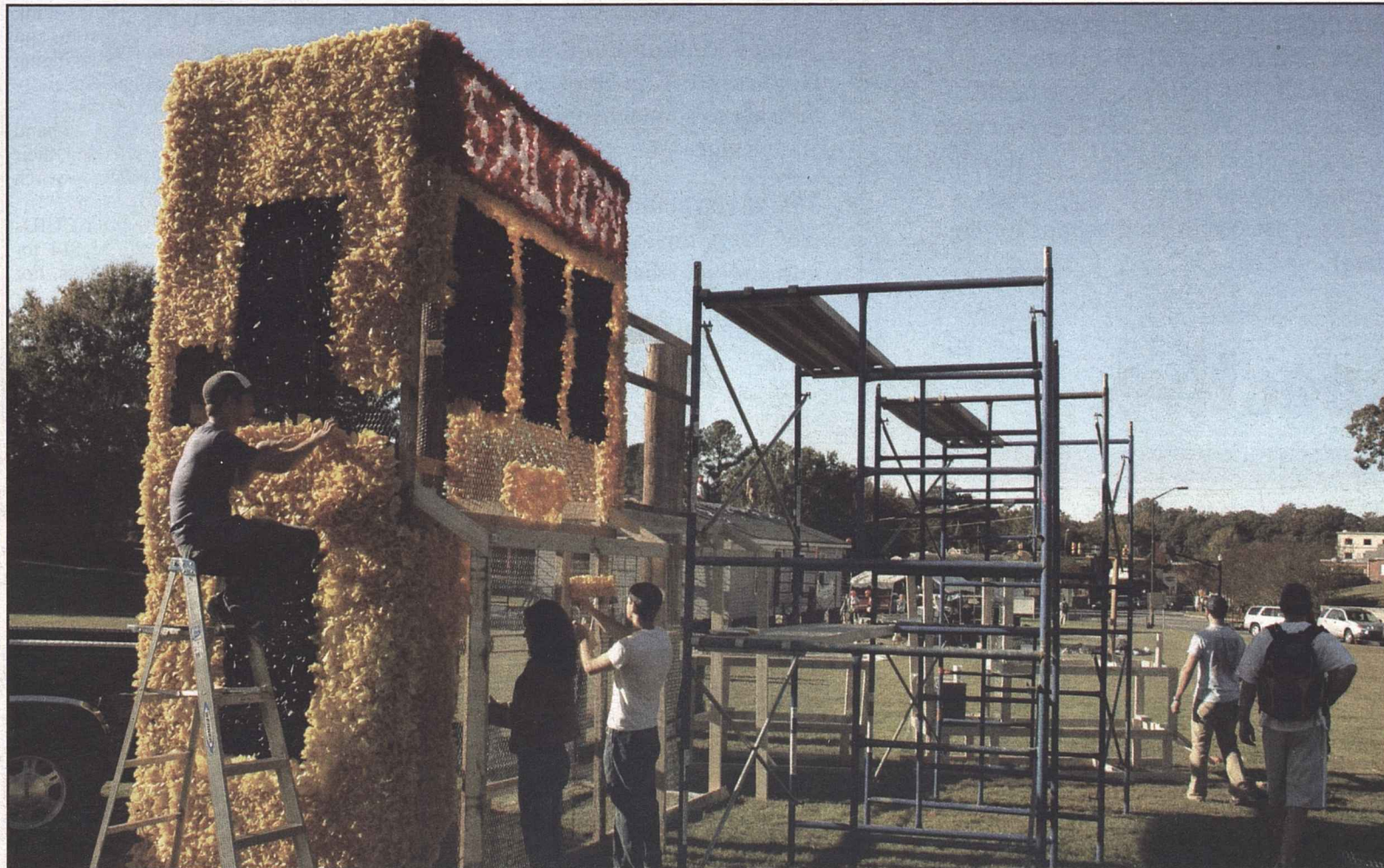
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## Students fill Bowman with spirit



**GO WEST, YOUNG TIGER:** Student organizations spend Homecoming week working on themed displays in hopes of winning a spirit competition.

**LAURA EVANS**  
Staff Writer

Monday marked the beginning of Clemson University's homecoming week. Organizations across campus put in countless hours of hard work to build intricately designed displays made out of simple chicken wire and pomp that, in the end, became visual

representations of the students' school spirit.

For organization members, taking part in this activity is a time consuming but enjoyable experience that brings to mind years spent together in the past. This experience also reminds them of the importance of their role in getting members of the student body and alumni excited about

homecoming week.

"By taking part in the building of homecoming displays, the Greek Community can creatively carry on a tradition that both promotes a positive Greek Life experience and unites the entire Clemson family," said Tripp Segars, member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The homecoming display tra-

dition began in 1956 when architecture professor and father of the fraternity system at Clemson, Joe Young, formed a group of men to build a float to carry the Homecoming Queen across the field. Young had been displeased by the fact that the Homecoming Queen had to walk across the

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## Program improves vision

*A research team is working on a program that helps those with color blindness.*

**JOHN LUPTON**  
Staff Writer

Clemson computer engineers have developed a computer program that corrects displays to make them viewable for people with color deficient vision.

Professors Robert Geist and James Westall along with student Karl Rasche recently won the Gunther Enderle award for best research paper at the Eurographics research conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Other Clemson researchers receiving honors were Digital production arts director John Kundert-Gibbs and graduate student Jerry Gardiner of Easley, who received the Best Animation Award.

Together, this research team has created a program that can accommodate for the ten million Americans with color deficient vision. "It detects the total picture you're looking at and then changes it," said Geist. "It knows what capabilities the viewer has."

Basically, if a viewer has the type of color deficiency that prevents him or her from being able to distinguish between red and green — the most common type of color deficiency — the program takes those colors and alters them so that all the contrasts and information may be seen by that person.

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## Organizations collaborate to build house

*Students from groups all over campus contribute to 12th annual Homecoming Habitat House.*

**LAURA BAYNE**  
Staff Writer

As members of the Clemson family come home for Homecoming, a new family will now have a place to come home to as well. More than 500 student volunteers will participate in the 12th annual Homecoming Habitat House build on Bowman Field. Construction began Wednesday, Oct. 26 and will be complete Friday, Nov. 4, with volunteers working from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day.

The project is sponsored by Clemson's Habitat for Humanity members in partnership with the Pickens County Habitat for Humanity chapter. Chris Heavner is the faculty advisor for Habitat for Humanity. "Building the house gives me a chance to help others learn about the reality of poverty," he said. "Families living in poverty are hard-working individuals; they simply cannot get a job that pays enough to afford a home." Two Clemson graduates live in houses that the organization has built, and many other residents work on campus.

The tradition began after Homecoming in 1992 when a group of architecture students tried to take scrap wood from the floats to

build a house for Habitat for Humanity. The group quickly realized that the leftover supplies would not be good enough to build a house. So, for help, they went to Jim Barker who, at the time, was the dean of the College of Architecture. Barker put the students in contact with the Greenville chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the first Habitat for Humanity house was built Homecoming Week 1993.

While most of the house's construction is free, Clemson's Habitat for Humanity chapter still has to purchase the supplies and pay for the house to be transported. This year's house is financed by a grant awarded to Lutheran Campus Ministry — Clemson from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The \$50,000 grant was awarded for this house and another house that was built this past summer.

Clemson's Minority Council, several religious organizations, fraternities and sororities are among the groups working with Habitat on this year's project. Clemson's First Year Experience freshman living and learning community residents are participating in the build also. However, any student was able to sign up to volunteer on the organization's Web site.

Students chose to volunteer for all dif-

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**COMING HOME:** During homecoming week students worked together with Clemson's Habitat for Humanity to build a new home for a family in need.

### SPORTS



Clemson returns to Death Valley for homecoming this weekend to take on the Duke Blue Devils in an important ACC battle, **B5**

### WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Mostly Sunny



**SATURDAY:** Partly Cloudy  
Hi **74** Lo **35**

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# NationalView

## Government ends food stamps

With more than 38 million Americans who are unable to buy adequate food, the U.S. Congress has begun to end the food stamps many of them receive. The Republican majority on the House Agriculture Committee has approved budget cuts that will take food stamps away from an estimated 300,000 people and could cut off school lunches and breakfasts for 40,000 children. The action came as the U.S. Government reported that the number of people who are hungry because they cannot afford to buy enough food rose to 38.2 million in 2004, an increase of seven million in five years. The number represents nearly 12 percent of U.S. households. Food stamps are coupons distributed to low-income people and redeemable at grocery stores for food. The restriction also could take free meals away from an estimated 40,000 school children because children in many states are automatically eligible for school meals when they get food stamps, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The bill would also increase the waiting period for food stamps for legal immigrants from five to seven years.

## GlobalPerspective

### Riots continue in Paris

Violence erupted for a sixth night Tuesday in the suburbs northeast of Paris where police fired rubber bullets and tear gas as they faced gangs of youths in Aulnay-sous-Bois, according to witnesses. No trouble was immediately reported in Clichy-sous-Bois, where rioting began last Thursday following the accidental deaths of two teenagers. The latest violence broke out as Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy met in Paris with youths and officials from Clichy-sous-Bois. The unrest was generated by the deaths of two teenagers electrocuted in a power substation where they hid to escape police whom they thought were chasing them. A third was injured but survived. Officials have said police were not pursuing the boys, ages 15 and 17. France-Info reported that about 100 fires were burning in numerous suburbs of the Seine-Saint-Denis region, an area of soaring unemployment, delinquency and other urban troubles. Police said 13 people were jailed following rioting late Monday and early Tuesday in Clichy-sous-Bois and three other suburbs. A total of 68 cars were torched in a handful of suburbs, LCI television reported, while police said 21 cars — two of them police vehicles — were set on fire in Clichy-sous-Bois on Monday night. Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin met Tuesday with the parents of the three families who a day earlier had refused an invitation to meet the interior minister — blamed by many for fanning anger with his tough talk and tactics. Sarkozy met Tuesday night with some of the victims' relatives and other youths.

## NewsByNumbers

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percent of the public that understands the new tax code

**18 feet 5.54 inches**

length of world's longest documented hair

**48,188**

number of people in an aerobics class in the Philippines

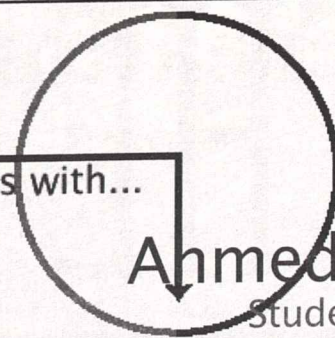
**1,100 feet**

greatest height from which a stuntman has leaped in a freefall

**2,000,000**

number of things that annoy Andy Rooney

30 seconds with...



**Ahmed Mohiuddin**  
Student Senate President

**Jenny Mason:** If you could go on a date with any celebrity, who would it be, and where would you go?

**Ahmed Mohiuddin:** Katie Holmes, pre-Tom Cruise. I'd take her to somewhere in the Blue Ridge.

**JM:** If you could have a song play every time you walked into a room, what would it be?

**AM:** Marvin Gaye, "Let's Get It On."

**JM:** What is something you want to accomplish before you graduate?

**AM:** I'd like to say thanks to everyone at Clemson who has shaped my past over the past few years.

**JM:** What is the best pick-up line you have ever used?

**AM:** Oh man, it's too dirty — you can't print it. It didn't work anyway, it was more of just a joke.

## Cheney aide indicted

*Grand jury charges White House official with five criminal counts in Plame investigation.*

**NAYLOR BROWNELL**  
Editor in Chief

Last Friday, White House Aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby was indicted by a grand jury on five criminal charges relating to the leak of undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame's name to the public.

Libby was indicted on two counts of making false statements, two counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice.

Valerie Plame was revealed as a CIA agent in a July 14, 2003, column written by CNN correspondent Robert Novak. Democrats and liberals have claimed that the column was written by the conservative Novak in retaliation to an op-ed piece written by Plame's husband, diplomat Joseph Wilson.

Wilson's op-ed, which ran in the New York Times a little more than a week before Novak's column, was highly critical of the administration's intelligence that justified the current war in Iraq. Specifically, the piece criticized the president's claims in his January 2003

State of the Union speech that Iraq had sought to purchase yellowcake uranium from Niger. Months before, Wilson was sent to Niger to investigate these claims and had found nothing to indicate the sale had taken place.

"It did not take long to conclude that it was highly doubtful that any such transaction had ever taken place," wrote Wilson. "In short, there's simply too much oversight over too small an industry for a sale to have transpired."

Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame was an undercover CIA agent, who, according to special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, was not widely known prior to the leak. Purposefully leaking the name of an undercover agent is against federal law.

"A CIA officer's name was blown, and there was a leak, and we needed to figure out how that happened, who did it, why, whether a crime was committed, whether we could prove it, whether we should prove it," said Fitzgerald in a press conference last Friday.

For the last two years, Fitzgerald has been leading an investigation into who leaked the information. In recent months, the investigation has centered on top White House officials, including Libby and White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove.

Reporters from the New York Times, Washington Post, NBC and Time Magazine have all testified to the grand jury regarding their conversations with Rove and Libby. New York Times reporter Judith Miller spent eight months in prison for refusing to violate the confidentiality agreement with her source, Rove.

Time Magazine reporter Matt Cooper obtained a waiver from Libby on the eve of his arrest.

Using testimonies from the reporters, Fitzgerald has concluded so far that Libby has not been truthful in his conversations to the FBI and the grand jury.

"This is a very serious matter, and compromising national security information is a very serious matter," said Fitzgerald. "We need to know the truth, and anyone who would go into a grand jury and lie, obstruct and impede the investigation has committed a serious crime."

As a result of the indictments, Libby resigned his office as Vice President Dick Cheney's chief-of-staff on Friday.

Wilson called it a "sad day for America."

"When an indictment is delivered at the front door of the White House, the office of the president is defiled," he said. "No citizen can take pleasure from that."

Opponents of the current administration, democrats and republicans alike, have referred to the indictments as evidence of further corruption in the White House.

Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts), who ran against Bush in the 2004 election, released a statement saying that the president himself is implicated.

"Today's indictment of the vice president's top aide and the continuing investigation of Karl Rove are evidence of White House corruption at the very highest levels, far from the 'honor and dignity' the president pledged to restore to Washington just five years ago," said Kerry.

Some republicans sided with the administration, reminding the public that American law states that suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

"Everyone needs to take a deep breath and not judge those involved until it has been proven that they are anything other than innocent," said Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas).

Rove has also been under scrutiny, but Fitzgerald has not accused him of wrongdoing. Rove claims that he first heard about Plame's identity as a CIA agent from conversations with Libby about his interaction with journalists in summer 2003, and their discussions never included any additional information. Also, Rove claims that he first heard of her identity in a "casual social setting" outside the White House, according to CNN.

Wilson believes that Rove is behind the leak of his wife's name to reporters.

"I think that Karl Rove should be fired," he told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on Monday.

Wilson also hopes that the investigation continues — Fitzgerald has indicated to the press that it is far from over, and that he intends to keep it open to further investigate the leak.

"Fitzgerald was unable to indict on anything other than the charges because, as he said, his investigation into this was impeded by the obstruction of justice and perjury," he said.

"When an indictment is delivered at the front door of the White House, the office of the president is defiled ... No citizen can take pleasure from that."

**JOSEPH WILSON**  
U.S. Diplomat



# New recreation fee contributes to upkeep

*Students and faculty agree that new fee will help keep 'new Fike' new.*

**BILLY THOMSEN**  
Staff Writer

A new \$35 campus recreation fee will be included as part of all students' tuition starting this spring semester. The fee was requested by students in CUSG after it became apparent that increased funding would be necessary to maintain recent renovations to Fike Recreation Center.

Two years ago, Fike was renovated providing the recreation center with a general face-lift. The facility also supplied it with dozens of new pieces of exercise and fitness equipment. However, the general operating budget of Fike was not increased to compensate for the additional maintenance expenses present in the newly renovated Fike.

"Fike renovation was done without providing an infrastructure to maintain the renovations," said Butch Stanphill, director of campus recreation. "We wanted a means to keep 'new Fike' new."

As a compensatory measure, Fike officials started charging fees for participating in intramural sports and exercise classes at Fike. The fees, which cost as much as 25 dollars per class, significantly reduced the enrollment in Fike classes.

An abundance of student complaints about the new fees led to CUSG analyzing alternative means of providing the campus recreation department with funding.

A comparison of different universities' activity fees revealed that Clemson students pay a significantly cheaper activity fee than students at peer universities. All peer universities with comparable recreation facilities to Clemson charge a recreation fee of at least \$50.

A collaborative effort between CUSG and the campus recreation department led to the proposal of the new \$35 campus recreation fee. The fee will increase the annual revenue available for campus recreation from \$50,000 to \$950,000 and will allow the campus recreation department to perform the maintenance Fike requires. Over the next several years, five to seven exercise machines that commonly cost between \$10,000 and \$50,000 will wear out annually and need to be replaced.

The fee was presented to the Board of Trustees for approval by Sean Tynan, the finance and procedures chair for the student senate. Tynan convinced the Board of Trustees that the increase would be beneficial to virtually all students citing the high percentages of

students that use Fike on a regular basis.

"Eighty-seven percent of the undergraduate student body have used Fike in the past year," said Tynan. "I think that you'd be hard pressed to find any area of campus life with participation that high."

Tynan also noted that 65 percent of graduate students have used Fike in the past year and that since last January there have been 456,867 visits to Fike.

In addition to allowing for continued upkeep, the new recreation fee will allow for general improvements to Fike and campus recreation.

A Campus Recreation Advisory Board is being formed composed of Fike users, club sports members, intramural sport participants and other Clemson students. The advisory board will work with Stanphill to allocate funds generated by the new recreation fee in ways that will benefit all Clemson students.

"Students will have direct control over usage of money generated by the new fee," said Tynan. "This will allow students to ensure the campus recreation fee goes where they want it."

Possible improvements being considered are the institution of automated scoreboards for the basketball courts at Fike, the construction of a free weight center at Fike specifically designed to meet the needs of female students and the repair of sand volleyball and basketball courts all over campus. Part of the new revenue is also intended to increase opportunities for outdoor recreation at Clemson including hiking trips and water recreation facilities.

"We want the latest and greatest here," said Stanphill. "We think students deserve the best and want to give them the best."

The fee will be assessed to all undergraduate and graduate Clemson students enrolled in more than six hours a semester. The fee will not be extended to summer session; all Clemson students enrolled in summer session for more than three hours will have free access to Fike. There will also no longer be fees associated with exercise classes at Fike and intramural sports.

Stanphill and Tynan both note that students have generally been very receptive to the fee once understanding its potential benefits. Stanphill explains that he has only received one e-mail in opposition to the new fee, and Tynan cites that only one of 54 student senators voted against the fee after canvassing campus for student support.

"Thirty-five dollars seems a pretty small price as long as they use the money to keep Fike

well-maintained," said senior Jamie Kelso, a regular Fike user. "I don't want it to be like the old days where an exercise bike would break and not be replaced for months."

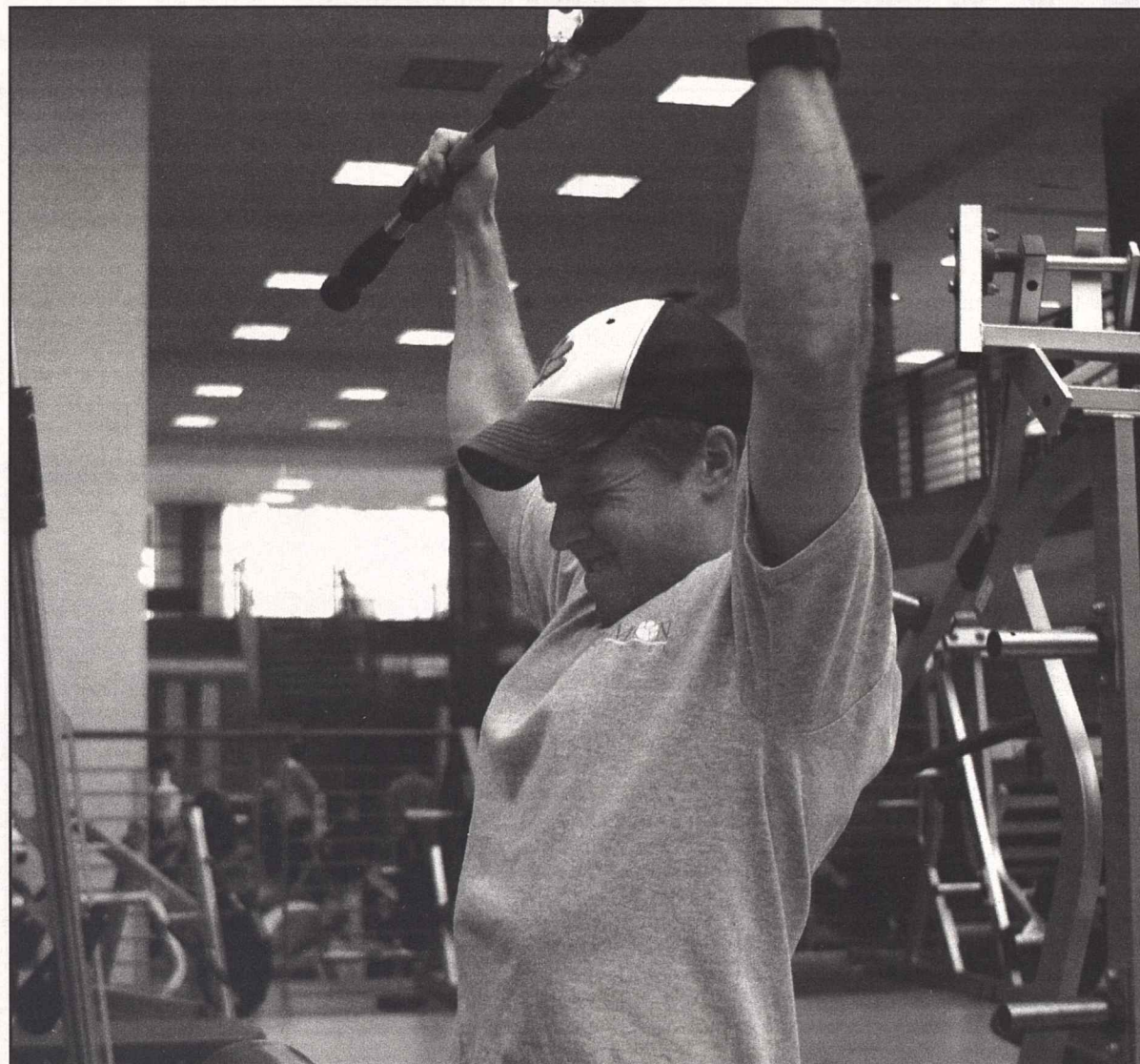
CUSG and the campus recre-

ation department are excited by the opportunity that the new fee will provide to keep Fike at the level that students expect and introduce new campus recreation activities for students.

"We already have one of the best

campus recreation facilities in the nation," said Tynan.

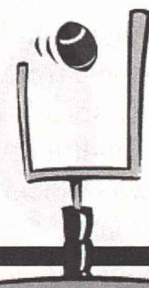
"We just want to keep it that way. We think \$35 is a small price to pay to give students what they expect and deserve out of campus recreation."



**WORK IT OUT:** Andrew Harmon works out at Fike to keep in shape. So far this year there have been 456,867 visits to Fike. The mandatory \$35 dollar fee will be used towards improving exercise equipment and recreation areas around campus such as basketball and volleyball courts.

## HomeComing 2005

### Don't Be Caught Off-Guard.



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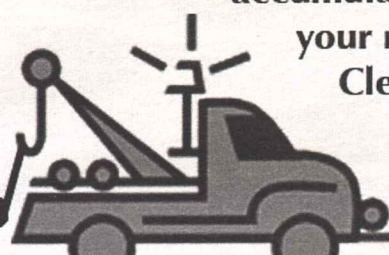
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# Tiger Band

## JULIE LEDBETTER

Associate Editor

The year was 1955. A new Clemson Agricultural College was beginning to take shape. That year, Clemson College opened admissions to civilians, and the first official co-eds arrived on campus.

With Clemson College's new identity, Clemson College Band Director Robert Lovett decided that the band also needed a new identity by way of a new name. That year, about 120 men played in the newly-named Tiger Band.

Fifty years later, Tiger Band is ready to celebrate its golden anniversary. Tiger Band experienced its own changes throughout that 50-year time period and has evolved into the band Clemson fans know today.

Before Tiger Band was renamed, it was a military band that played almost exclusively military marches. The band still carried on some of the military tradition for awhile, even after the renaming. The first uniforms were purple and gold cadet uniforms, and they still played military marches.

Despite Clemson's new coeducational status, the first women musicians did not join Tiger Band until 1970. The Tiger Band did, however, gain their first majorette in 1956.

Larry Sloan, a trumpet in Tiger Band from 1969-74 and band commander from 1973-74, said the all-male band, except for two majorettes, lived as a group in Norris Hall, which created a family atmosphere within the band.

"We lived together, ate together, rehearsed together, traveled together and really formed a bond with each other which lasts a lifetime," he said.

In November of 1962, while attending the Clemson football game at Maryland, Tiger Band toured the White House. President John F. Kennedy came out to speak to the band, and they sang the Alma Mater for him.

During the 1980s, former band announcer Kevin Morris coined the shouting introduction, "...And now, the song that shakes the Southland - Tiger Rag!"

Tiger Rag has officially been Clemson's fight song since 1948. However, the Clemson spell-out was not started until about 25 years ago, and the "whoo hoo" did not come until around 1992.

Tiger Rag has since become an important part of Clemson tradition. "Tiger Rag is an integral part of what Clemson is. There is no other song that has so many memories, and all good memories have some sort of music involved," said Jenee Davis, a fourth-year baritone.

When Mark Spede became director of Tiger Band, he brought more changes. One of the first things he did was start "90 minutes before kickoff." Tiger Band also began releasing CDs under his direction.

The band received the sixth version of Tiger Band uniforms this year. For the first time, members are wearing exclusively school colors, and the uniforms were dyed to match true Clemson orange.

Spede said the most significant difference between Tiger Band then and Tiger Band now would be the style of the halftime performance.

"The thing that has stayed constant throughout the years is that Tiger Band remains at the forefront of school spirit," said Spede.

Sloan agreed, saying that Tiger Band plays an instrumental role in the University's traditions.

"Tiger Band is such a tradition at Clemson that I cannot visualize the University without them — from the Alma Mater, to Tiger Rag, to on-field marching, to running down the hill, to spirit, to crowd noise, to C-L-E-M-S-O-N, to just plain fun," he said.

The band will begin their anniversary celebration tonight with a reception at 6 p.m. in Littlejohn. Guest speakers at the event will include President Barker and Terry Don Phillips of the Athletic Department. Following the reception, Tiger Band will perform at Tigerama at 7:46 p.m.

The celebration will continue on Saturday at the game. Before the game, Tiger Band will honor former director James Copenhaver, currently the director of the University of South Carolina's band. Copenhaver was band director in the early 70s.

During his time as director, he implemented the playing of "Sock it to 'Em," also known as the "Orange Bowl March," as the introduction of "Tiger Rag."

The band has a special performance lined up for the halftime show. Spede asked all former living directors of Tiger Band to pick one song from the era when they were director.

The Alumni Band will perform alongside Tiger Band at the end of the halftime show. Spede said this year will be the largest Alumni Band, with about 150 members performing.



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# Awareness pays in STD prevention and treatment

*Redfern Health Center offers STD information and testing for students.*

**HEATHER WHALEY**  
Staff Writer

Although Clemson does not report specific statistics regarding sexually transmitted diseases on campus, there is no doubt that they exist. Redfern's Web site reports national averages of one in four people age 18 to 25 have an STD and about one in 500 college students have HIV/AIDS.

By this calculation, approximately 3,500 Clemson students have a STD.

According to Redfern, college students are more likely than non-college students of the same age to contract an STD because college students are more sexually active.

The majority of STDs, also referred to as STIs, or sexually transmitted infections, are treatable, but some are not. Bacterial infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis and bacterial vaginosis are treatable, while viral infections such as hepatitis B, herpes, HPV (genital warts) and HIV/AIDS are not curable.

Faculty at Redfern warn that a considerable amount of information on the Internet about STDs is incorrect or false. Two trustworthy Web sites they recommend are the Center for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration. The CDC provides fact sheets about each type of infection and answers specific questions, and the FDA provides information on what is currently being done to prevent, treat and cure sexually transmitted diseases.

Parvine Lewis, director of health education at Redfern, explains that testing methods for STDs are not all the same. For syphilis, HIV/

AIDS and hepatitis, a simple blood test is performed, while a culture is done in the lab for gonorrhea and chlamydia. Herpes and HPV are diagnosed only through a visual exam. Some of the blood tests and cultures take few days for results to come in. A second visit is sometimes required.

"All STDs have treatments, but some are not curable," said Lewis.

She said that various medications are available to treat Herpes, but because of its viral nature it will always be in the individual's system.

"Viral infections do not have cures; we still have not been able to find a cure for the childhood disease of Polio, but we can now prevent it," said Lewis. However, it is possible for a viral infection to die on its own within the body.

Lewis said that outbreaks of viral infections are caused by higher levels of stress and excessive exposure to the sun. This commonly happens during graduation, close to a wedding, during the end of a relationship and at other times when an individual's stress level is high.

Bacterial infections are easily cured with the prescription of a simple antibiotic, said Lewis.

In some cases where the results of a test take a few days, the test may be bypassed if a visual examination provides enough information to begin treatment immediately.

In either case, the sooner the infection is diagnosed and treated, the better.

According to the CDC, "approximately 10 of the 30 identified genital HPV types can lead, in rare cases, to the development of cervical cancer." The CDC also says that a, "Pap test can detect pre-cancerous and cancerous cells on the cervix." The CDC also explains that, "regular Pap test-

ing and careful medical follow-up, with treatment if necessary, can help ensure that pre-cancerous changes in the cervix caused by HPV infection do not develop into life-threatening cervical cancer." If left untreated, HPV can become long-term and "high-risk." This is the main risk factor for cervical cancer. The CDC states that, "approximately 20 million people are currently infected with HPV," and that, "by age 50, at least 80 percent of women will have acquired genital HPV infection." Each year about 6.2 million people acquire the infection.

For genital herpes, "approximately one out of four women" and "approximately one out of five men" will contract the infection during the time they are sexually active. Although an individual may be outbreak free for a long period of time the virus can remain in their system.

The CDC states that hepatitis B, another sexually transmitted infection, "is a serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the liver. The virus can cause lifelong infection, cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, liver cancer, liver failure and death."

For bacterial infections that are easily treatable, the numbers are drastically lower. The CDC estimates that 2.8 million people are infected with chlamydia each year, and "in 2002, the rate of reported gonorrheal infections was 125 per 100,000 persons." Approximately 7.4 million new cases of trichomoniasis are prevented each year. Syphilis affects 3.5 times as many men than women, but there are only about 450 new cases each year.

Redfern provides testing for all STDs either through a physical exam, blood work or an in-lab culture. HIV/AIDS testing for students is \$7.

## Voters approve marijuana law

*Under a new law in Denver, Colo., an adult over the age of 21 can legally possess up to an ounce of marijuana.*

**JENNY MASON**  
News Editor

Denver, Colo., made headlines this Tuesday when they became the first American city to legalize the possession of marijuana. Approximately, 56,001 voters, 54 percent of total voters in Denver, voted to allow a resident over the age of 21 to possess up to one ounce of marijuana.

The law is entitled "The Alcohol-Marijuana Equalization Initiative" and is the first act taken to draw comparisons between the effects of alcohol and marijuana.

The campaign for the initiative focused on reports showing alcohol relating to violent crimes and a high overdose death rate, compared to marijuana which, according to the initiative, has no connection to violent crimes or any overdose related deaths.

The initiative itself states that, "the National Institutes of Health reports that an average of 317 Americans die annually as a result of alcohol overdoses. There has never been a single fatal marijuana overdose recorded in medical literature, as noted by the British Medical Journal in September 2003."

The Surgeon General warns of possible effects of marijuana use, however.

Among the known or suspected chronic effects of marijuana use, warned by the Surgeon General are short-term memory impairment, slowness of learning, impaired lung function similar to that found in cigarette smokers, decreased sperm count/sperm mobility and interference with ovulation and prenatal development.

In a Health People 2000 campaign, the National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention reported that nearly half of all deaths from motor vehicle crashes are alcohol-related.

It also found that victims are intoxicated in approximately one-third of all homicides, drownings and boating deaths.

Mason Tvert is the campaign organizer of SAFER, Safer Alternatives for Enjoyable Recreation, a Colorado-based non-profit organization that aims to educate about the harmful effects of alcohol use compared to the effects of marijuana use. Tvert has

been lobbying for the legalization of marijuana for some time now. He believes that using marijuana has less harmful effects on someone as opposed to alcohol.

"We educated voters about the facts that marijuana is less harmful to the user and society than alcohol," said Tvert in a CNN press release. "To prohibit adults from making the rational, safer choice to use marijuana is bad public policy."

Students at Clemson are divided over whether or not to make possession of marijuana legal.

"Doesn't it make you wonder why we are practically the only country left in the world with such antiquated, strict laws against marijuana use?" said junior Spanish and international trade major, Rebecca Dawsey.

Some, like junior architecture major Dale Felton, argue that legalization of marijuana will not decrease crime rates, as Tvert believes it will, but add to the problems of society.

"Well I think it will only cause the further degradation of our society and create another problem like we already witness with alcohol," Fenton said.

Though Denver is the first to make marijuana possession legal, other areas are taking action against stringent marijuana-related laws.

Currently, Oakland, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., with a few other college towns have already produced laws making possession of marijuana the lowest priority of law enforcement. Also, there are ten states, including Colorado that legalized marijuana for medical uses.

There is currently legislation pending in South Carolina for the legalization of marijuana for medical use. H.R. 2592, entitled "The State's Right to Medical Marijuana Act" was introduced in July of 2001 to provide medical use of marijuana.

It also seeks to amend the federal Controlled Substances Act to allow physicians to prescribe and recommend marijuana for medical use where permitted by law.

In June, the Supreme Court ruled that patients possessing marijuana for medical uses are not exempt from federal prosecution from the Justice Department for violating the Controlled Substances Act.

It is yet to be seen how Denver's decision will affect the existing laws regarding marijuana in America.

## HABITAT

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ferent reasons from giving back to the community to fulfilling service requirements for other organizations.

"I wanted to help so that I could get involved with some of the girls from my floor," sophomore Meredith Loftis a Resident Assistant in Manning said.

"I actually know someone who lives in a house that Habitat for Humanity built. When I found out they lived in a Habitat house, my jaw actually dropped. It's really exciting to help someone you don't know, but it made me want to help so much more when I felt like I would be helping someone I did know too."

For other students, working with Habitat for Humanity has become a way of life. Senior Stacey Verdugo, a member of the Lutheran Campus Ministry and Thrivent, has been working with Habitat for Humanity since 2000.

"I started helping because my friends were doing it, but I had a lot of fun so I stayed with it," said Verdugo. "Last year, I learned how to put up siding and shingles. It's really cool as a girl to be able to tell people that you can do things like that. But, the best part of helping is getting to meet the families that will be living in the houses and knowing that you made a difference in their lives."

The house is being built for Sandra Bradley and her two teenage children. The Pickens County Habitat for Humanity chooses who the house will be built for and handles the mortgage.

Bradley will spend 200 hours working alongside Clemson students on the house. The house will be built on campus, and then moved to its permanent site on Monday, Nov. 7 on Stevens Road in Clemson for its final stage of construction.

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## DISPLAY FROM PAGE A1

field.

This group of young men became known as the Numeral Society, which later became Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1970. The fraternity continued the tradition of carrying the homecoming candidates on their float until 1998, when SAE left campus.

Last year marked the first year since 1998 that SAE once again carried the top Miss Homecoming candidates onto the field during halftime," said IFC President and member of SAE, Martin Martin.

"To me it was exciting to be a part of the group that brought back the homecoming float tradition. We devote a lot of time to our float since it will be seen by close to 80,000 people during the halftime festivities," said William Barnes another member of SAE.

Each organization incorporates the homecoming week's theme into the construction of their display. This year's theme is "Go West Young Tiger."

"Beta Theta Pi's display, featuring a Tiger Saloon filled with rich Clemson history, leaders and tradition, will also offer a graveyard portraying numerous homecoming battles and a western shootout between our own Clemson Tiger and our opponent, the Duke Blue Devil," said Beta's projects chairman, John Thomas.

In preparation for Saturday's halftime, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's fraternity members will have spent about two weeks building their float, with four to five of those days just spent pumping alone, said William Barnes. Pumping refers to the process of sticking different brightly colored tissue paper through chicken wire to create the display's form.

The time spent constructing the homecoming displays is an event that organization members remember for many years to come.

"My favorite memory is staying up all night on the final build-day with all my pledge brothers and not stopping until we finished the

float," said Joe Santini, member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

"The experience gives one the chance to regain some comradery with certain brothers you might not hang out with on a regular basis," he said.

Sometime in the 1970s, members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were taking their float off campus but in the process forgot to consider the size of the float as compared to the height of the bridge on 133 next to the Exxon.

Consequently, their display got caught under the train trestle and held up traffic for a small period of time, said Martin. His father was actually the fraternity member that was driving the display when it was trapped under the bridge.

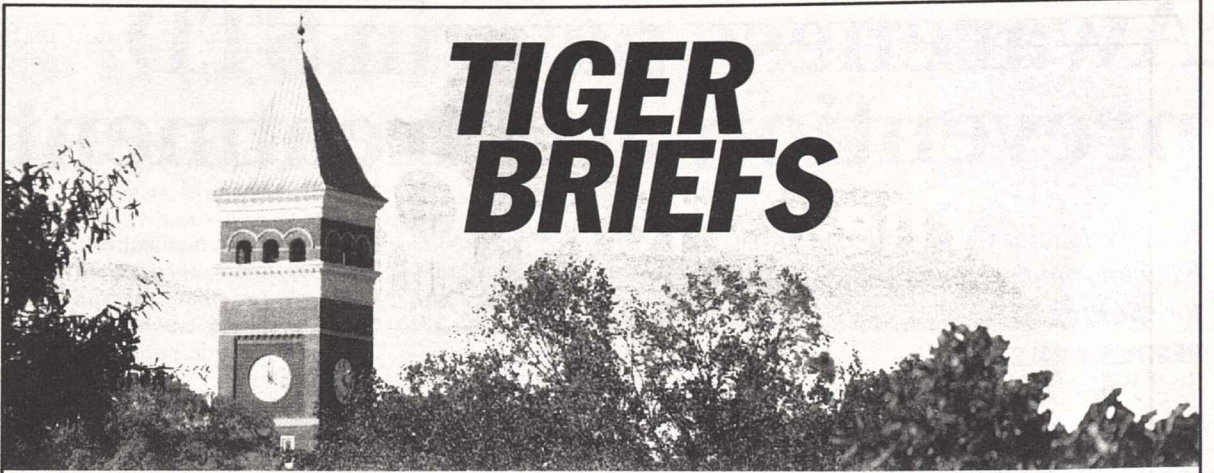
Every year, the Clemson organizations that take part in the display building compete to have their display be voted the best on campus by Central Spirit judges.

"We expect to win the still float competition every year," said Scott Becker, a member Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. "As far back as I can remember we have either won or come in second place."

Each year during the week of homecoming, many of the organizations, including Lambda Chi Alpha, set up a tent next to their float with couches to sit down on, take a break and listen to some music. Refreshments and food are brought out to members throughout the week to keep everyone energized.

"Sometimes the weather during homecoming week is so cold that the use of space heaters is necessary to keep fraternity members warm while staying out all night to watch the display and equipment," said Becker.

For organization members, building homecoming displays can be a stressful, yet rewarding experience. It is a tradition that the entire Clemson family looks forward to and will remember for many years to come.



## TIGER BRIEFS

### Harvard physician to lecture during Clemson Honors convocation

The Calhoun Honors College at Clemson University will welcome Richard Kadison, chief of the mental health service for Harvard University Health Services, as its Fall Honors Convocation speaker on Monday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Self Auditorium at the Strom Thurmond Institute. Kadison will speak on mental health issues facing college students. "Dr. Kadison has researched and proven wrong the myth that college students 'have it easy,'" said Peter Cohen, associate director of the Calhoun Honors College. "He has discovered there are unique pressures and obligations college students face that can bring on any number of mental health concerns. The information contained in his book is invaluable to parents, students and educators." According to Kadison, college students can be affected by such conditions as depression, eating disorders, financial worries, social fears, relationship-related violence and binge drinking. Kadison's findings are reported in his book, "College of the Overwhelmed: The Campus Mental Health Crisis and What To Do About It."

### La. and S.C. Leaders to meet in Clemson

New Orleans and South Carolina leaders will meet to answer questions about the future of New Orleans' public schools after the devastation from Hurricane Katrina. The discussion will be held Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Self Auditorium in the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University. The program is free and open to the public. A few panel members include: Louisiana State Rep. Charmaine Marchand, who represents District 99; New Orleans' Lower ninth Ward and Bywater neighborhoods; Brenda Mitchell, president of United Teachers of New Orleans; American Federation of Teachers Local 527; and S.C. State Sen. Robert Ford of Charleston, District 42, who was born and raised in New Orleans' Lower ninth Ward.

### Bioengineering department presents entrepreneurship program

The Clemson University Research Foundation and the university's bioengineering department will present a daylong program on biomedical entrepreneurship at the Westin Poinsett hotel in Greenville. The program will present Clemson's role in this aspect of economic development in the

Upstate and explore opportunities for expansion of a field with great potential. For more information, contact Matt Gevaert (656-1140) or Sandy Woodward (656-1220).

### Clemson University projects to receive millions

Four Clemson University projects received a total of \$24.6 million in South Carolina Research University Infrastructure Bond Act funding Sept. 16 from the South Carolina Research Centers of Economic Excellence Review Board. Clemson also received an additional two million dollars toward construction of a Medical University of South Carolina bioengineering center in Charleston where Clemson faculty will conduct research, bringing the total to \$26.6 million. The projects funded include: Clemson Restoration Research Campus — \$10.3 million, Greenville Hospital System (GHS) Innovative Biomedicine and Bioengineering Research and Training Program — seven million dollars, Clemson Research Park Innovation Center — five million dollars and CU-ICAR Campbell Graduate Engineering Center — \$2.3 million.

## Men find niche in group

*Tigeroar debuts their new CD at Tigerama tonight. It is their sixth CD to date.*

**HEATHER DOWELL**  
Staff Writer

The men of Tigeroar will host their annual fall show Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in Tillman Hall. The doors will open at 6:30. Tickets are five dollars for students and ten dollars for adults. They are on sale online at Tigeroar's Web site and will go on sale on campus Tuesday, Nov. 8th in the Loggia and the Hendrix student center.

Graydon Tomlinson, President of Tigeroar and a junior majoring in Finance said, "Every year we have a great crowd at the fall show. We hope to reproduce that this year at Tillman. We love singing in Tillman, and we love to sing for a packed house."

Students look forward to the fall show as well. "I am really excited about the fall show," said Katie Barron, a senior nursing major from N.C. "It is something I look forward to every year. The guys always do a great job."

Tigeroar is composed of 15 male Clemson students. This year, they added three new members to their group. Tigeroar's newest CD, "All In," is being debuted at Tigerama and will be available at the show. This new CD is their sixth to date.

The group members are excited about the debut of their new CD. "I feel great about 'All In,' our newest album," said Rob Monday, a senior financial management major from Knoxville, Tenn. "Being in the group for four years, I've seen our CD production really develop."

"All In" features songs recorded by Tigeroar over the past year and a half. "We are very proud of this CD

because of all the work we put into it," said Kent Webster, a sophomore member of the group from Chicago, Ill. "We recorded it and mixed it ourselves," he said.

"It has a lot of great songs that we think people will shake their gedunkadunks to," said Monday.

Tigeroar has developed a following of students at Clemson. "I have been a big fan of Tigeroar for a long time, and I am really excited for their new CD to come out," said Amelia Fenters, a senior from Charleston majoring in elementary education.

Started eight years ago from scratch by the Director of Choral Activities Dan Rash, Tigeroar performs a variety of musical genres all across campus, the state and the nation. Tigeroar recently returned from their annual fall tour.

This year the group went to Boston, Mass. There, Tigeroar performed on many different college campuses, such as Harvard, Northeast, Simmons and Wellesley. While visiting those campuses they sang with local a cappella groups like the Wellesley Toons, the Simmons Sirens and the Northeastern Downbeats.

"The tour was a fun because it gave us the chance to be ambassadors for Clemson and get our name out there," said Tomlinson. Also while in Boston, Tigeroar competed in an a cappella competition in Faneuil Hall downtown Boston and placed second.

"Singing in Boston was a lot of fun. Each year the fall tour helps us to spread our name and represent Clemson to a new area of the country," said Monday. "For the guys, it's a great opportunity to experience new parts of the country too."

The second place finish was one of Tigeroar's recent honors. Last spring, Tigeroar was chosen to have one of their songs, "Unwell," originally by Matchbox 20, put on a Best of Collegiate A Cappella (BOCA) compilation by the BOCA national organization. Another national organization, Voices Only chose the Tigeroar number "Never There," by Cake for their Best of College A Cappella compilation CD. In 2004 Tigeroar won the SoJam competition for a cappella groups in the South.

"Tigeroar has been an amazing niche to have around Clemson. Being in the group has provided so much opportunity," said Monday. "And the experience of singing for people with so much enthusiasm and school spirit has been a blast."

"Tigeroar has definitely added an extra spice to my college experience! It sure has helped me stay sane from the rest of my hectic life," said Rafael Pargas, a senior majoring in computer science at Clemson and the vice president of Tigeroar.

"It's also nice to be able to do what I find is fun, add some crazy lights and speakers and give an audience a performance of laughter and goofiness with of course some singing here and there. Overall, I have enjoyed all my time here at Clemson, but it surely wouldn't have been the same without Tigeroar in it," said Pargas.

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## Clemson alumnus creates TV show

*Richard Davis created reality design show that began airing on A&E this summer.*

**LATRICE LARY**  
Assistant News Editor

"Flip this House" a reality television show created by Richard C. Davis, a 1986 Clemson University alumnus, has been named the highest rated show on the television network A&E. The show hit the airwaves on July 24 of this year.

Richard C. Davis, a South Carolina native and finance management major with a concentration in real estate, founded Trademark Properties 14 years ago in his native city of Charleston, S.C. Since then, Davis has bought, renovated and flipped hundreds of houses and built a multi-million dollar business in the process.

Trademark Properties Real Estate Services is a full-service Charleston real estate firm that specializes in residential listings and sales, commercial listings and sales, business brokerage, condominium conversion and sales, new construction sales, property management, corporate apartments, relocation and investments.

"We focus on properties that are in disrepair," Davis said.

"Flip this House" has a team of seven people, including yet another Clemson alumni, Virginia Alexander, an investing coordinator who assigns properties. The team appraises more than 2,000 properties per month in South Carolina, purchases properties across the state and then hires a contractor to reno-

vate the houses.

"We recycle real estate, basically," Davis said. "There is a lot of value in older properties if you just fix them up instead of heading out to build some huge mansion somewhere." Davis said experience as an appraisal trainee significantly helped with his experience in real estate.

Davis says he's looking to build a partnership with "500 more Richard C. Davis" across the U.S. who want to start a real estate business in their hometown.

Davis suggested that when attempting to sell real estate, do not get emotional about any purchase other than your own home. It is a business opportunity, not a trophy.

In one of the show's episodes, Davis and the team purchase a small house that has not been opened in five years. The owner, who grew up with her parents in the house, could not bear to go back inside after her parents passed away. Now, after so many years of neglect, Richard promises to restore the house back to its original glory. Construction goes as planned until the crew discovers that things have been stolen from the house during the night. Taking the law into their own hands, Kevin and Davis set up a stake out to catch the thief. Also, another member of the crew is introduced, Lori, who is filling in for Dawn as the project coordinator. An uphill battle ensues, since the team is skeptical about Lori's ability to complete the task ahead of her.

"Flip this House" airs on A&E at 6 p.m. on Sundays. The show is currently in its first season. The episode on Nov. 13 will showcase a piece of property in Clemson.



# The State Of the State

A Newsletter of The SC State Student Association

## Dear Fellow Students....

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I am writing you today. Much has been happening in our great state of South Carolina; much of which significantly affects you, the student. Over the past years, tuition has been on the steady ascend, and it will only continue to do so unless something is done. Two years ago, a group of students from South Carolina decided that they were being under-represented in the decisions that directly affected their education.

Out of this idea grew the South Carolina State Student Association (SCSSA), an organization that has grown to over 60,000 members in its only three years of existence. The idea of the organization is simple; 'the voice of one is often overlooked, but the voice of thousands is impossible to ignore'.

Our mission - to empower students of our state to improve higher education; through education, governmental affairs, and listening, we are the voice for the students of South Carolina's colleges and universities. This mission remains as the quintessence of our organization, but without you, the student, our organization would remain only that - a mission statement. Hopefully, this newsletter will give you some idea as to what this organization has and will offer to your university or college. If any questions should arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*For the State, the Student, and the Association*  
**K.L. Sheldon**  
 SCSSA State Chair



Representing South Carolina students, SCSSA stormed Capitol Hill during the D.C. Summit in March 2005, where they met with House and Senate members.

### What is SCSSA

In October of 2004, student leaders from across the state joined on USC's campus to discuss the critical need for student involvement in the higher education decisions made at the state and national levels. Never before had SC students stepped forward to take on the task addressing the issues that impact our educational environment. These students were determined to change that, and thus began the inaugural year of the South Carolina State Student Association (SCSSA).

### What we do

SCSSA, as it is commonly referred to, has had an extremely successful year. In a relatively short period of time we have begun to establish working relationships with leaders at both the state and federal level. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) has also taken a vested interest in the development of our association, because of the potential impact students can have. Constantly bombarded by professionals, SCSSA offers a fresh perspective to the legislature, a resource that has been virtually untapped. Together, with the CHE, we hope to help South Carolina Higher Education progress.

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SCSSA meets with Sally Stroup (Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education) during their visit on Capitol Hill.

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### Things accomplished

In an attempt to further establish ourselves as a resource to the South Carolina legislature, SCSSA held its first lobbying day at the State House on April 20, 2005 aptly titled "A Bigger Piece of the Pie." With pie-shaped stress balls in hand, 25 student leaders from University of SC, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University and Medical University of South Carolina attended and took the cause of Higher Education to the legislature. In a press conference SCSSA intimated to the public the importance of the student voice in decisions that directly impact us. Lieutenant Governor André Bauer, Senate Education Committee Chairman John Courson, CHE Chairman Conrad Festa, Higher Education Advisor to the Governor Rita Allison, and CHE member Julie Carullo were all present to show support for the association. SCSSA officers Kely Sheldon (Chair) Meghan Hughes, (Vice-Chair), and Tommy Preston (Legislative Affairs Director), also spoke of the importance of sufficient funding, tuition caps and efficient spending, citing directly the Governor's Higher Education Budget plan. SCSSA seeks to defy the stereotype of apathetic college students by stepping forward to offer a new perspective on a growing problem.



Meghan, Kely and Tommy and Clara Heinsohn (K-12 Research Director for the Senate Education Committee, who came to speak to SCSSA at the Summer Conference.

### H.R. 609 - by Tommy Preston, Jr.

The U.S. Congress recently started working on H.R. 609 and S. 1614, the re-authorization of the Higher Education Act. These bills have the potential to drastically increase the cost of higher education for students and families across the country.

We are concerned with the intent of the legislation to eliminate the fixed rate option in student loan consolidation. The fixed rate allows student and parent borrowers to have lower, more predictable loan payments. Eliminating the fixed rate will force borrowers to pay higher rates and will cost them thousands more in repayment. The Congressional Research Service estimates about a \$3,300 increase in student loan costs if this component is approved. This elimination has the potential of having the worst impact on students, and I have urged members of Congress to consider this matter before voting on it. Students in 2005 face serious challenges to financing a college education. Congress could help meet those challenges by increasing student aid and making student loans more affordable.

Unfortunately, without serious changes, H.R. 609 will neither help students, nor uphold the values of equality represented by the Higher Education Act.

In writing this column, I want to encourage all interested Americans to contact their Congress member and express their concern with this legislation. The re-authorization process takes place only every five years, so the time to address the inadequacies with this Act is now.

### Smoking on MUSC campus

At the Medical University of SC in Charleston, the SGA has begun to address the problem of smoking in high traffic thoroughfares on campus. Following student complaints, MUSC's policies were reviewed and students' opinions were solicited. A letter to the administration was drafted with student support, and a positive response has been received from the administration. However, in order to enforce any policy on a state government campus, amendments for Universities would need to take place. MUSC is thus proposing a bill to amend sections 44-95-10 of the SC Code of Laws cited as the Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990 to add section 44-95-70, which would give the Board of Trustees of state institution of higher education the authority to regulate outdoor smoking however they see fit. In order to be successful, a policy at MUSC needs 'teeth'. MUSC is not pushing for a citywide ban, it is just asking to let each institution decide what they want to do when it comes to this particular issue. If you would like more information regarding this topic, please contact Alex Whitley, SGA President, at [sga@muscu.edu](mailto:sga@muscu.edu).

### The SCSSA Personal Stories Contest What impact has the state of SC on YOUR education?

This year, our main focus is to come together as Colleges and Universities of SC, and let our state leaders know the students' opinions on higher education. Are you thankful that the state is providing you with grants/scholarships that make it possible for you to attend? Are you concerned, because you have to work two jobs just to pay for school? Let us know! Decisions are being made everyday concerning your education, and everyday the opinions of those affected (the students) are being overlooked. This is your chance to finally let the state know your personal story. Colleges and Universities from all over SC are coming together and collaborating their Student Bodies' personal stories published into one book. Be a part of SC history!

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

- \*Entries must be 100 words or more and must not contain profanity, or any slanderous material.
- \*Entries must be sent to [KSHELDO@CLEMSON.EDU](mailto:KSHELDO@CLEMSON.EDU) no later than 12:00 pm on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- \*Judging will be done by the SCSSA State Cabinet, and three awards will be issued.

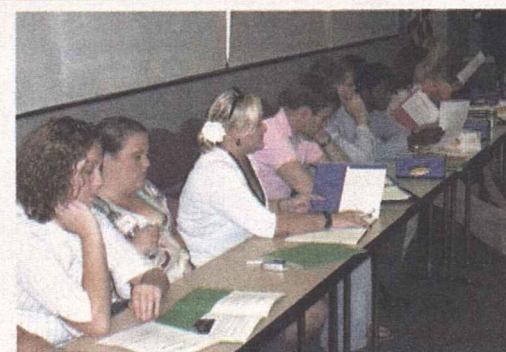
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\*All entries must contain FIRST and LAST NAME of the author, YEAR in school, and EMAIL address.

\*All entries are liable for editing, and all information listed may be published (e.g., name, email, story)

\*The SCSSA State Cabinet reserves the right to reject any entry they deem necessary.

For more information, please contact Kely Sheldon (SCSSA Chair) at [ksheldo@clemson.edu](mailto:ksheldo@clemson.edu) or William Beaman at [wbeaman@clemson.edu](mailto:wbeaman@clemson.edu).



SCSSA's Summer Conference 2005 was held at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC. Student Government representatives from USC, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, Winthrop, The Citadel and MUSC were discussing present and future campaigns, as well as a proposal regarding a smoking ban on campus (see article on left).

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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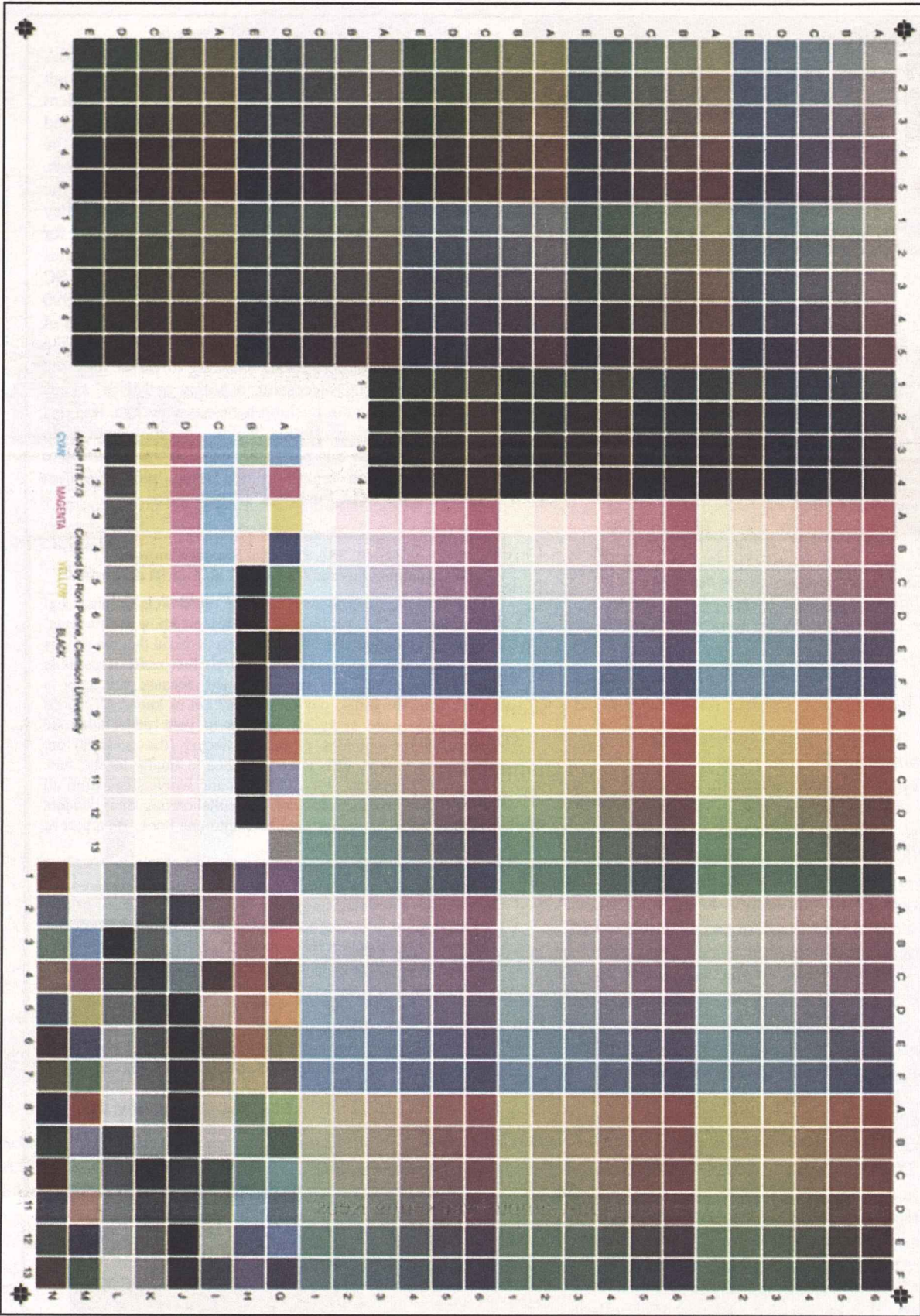
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Don't worry, we meant to do that again. Because of a printing error, the test we printed last week is useless. So again, this is just a test in order for us to assess our printing capabilities – it will help to maximize the effectiveness of our re-design. Thanks again for your patience.

## PROGRAM PAGE A1

While the ability to distinguish color contrasts may not seem vital on the surface, it can be crucial to understanding a document on the computer. Consider anything color-coded, like a traffic light. In some cities traffic lights are horizontal, so a color deficient driver cannot always count on green being on the bottom.

Geist said an eventual use for this program might be on windshield displays in automobiles. Cars already utilize computers in a multitude of functions, so this possibility may not be that far-fetched. In this scenario a computer program on the windshield would take the colors of the traffic light and make them distinguishable to the driver.

Geist, Westall and Rasche's paper, entitled "Re-coloring Images for Gamuts of Lower Dimension," was selected from a pool of 303 papers that were submitted for this year's award and has since been published in *Computer Graphics Forum*.

Their computer program is the first one published that has solved the problem of color deficient people's interaction with technology – and perhaps through technology helping problems that arise for them in every-day life. But Geist said it is not a finished product yet.

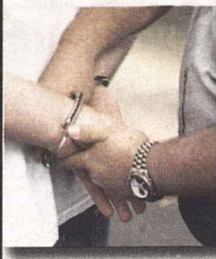
"It does all the things we want it to do," he said, "but it's not fast enough yet."

Geist and the rest of the team will continue working to improve the speed of their creation, but now that it has been published, probably others will too.

Despite this, Geist said that pursuing a patent was not what he wanted to do. He said that he has done so in the past but has come to disagree with the whole process.

"That's not exactly in line with what a research university is supposed to be doing," he said. "We're not a business."

## IN THE BOOKS



### Campus Arrests

The following were arrests made by the Clemson University Police Department between Thursday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Oct. 27

2:36 a.m., Jonathan Senn, public disorderly conduct, Mell, officer: Hughes

Oct. 28

1:40 a.m., Nathan Bradshaw, driving under the influence, Sikes Hall, officer: Howard

Oct. 30

1:22 a.m., Michael Anderson, public disorderly conduct, Cope, officer: Hughes



### Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University police responded to from Thursday, Oct. 27, to Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Oct. 26

11:56 a.m., stolen property, Byrnes, officer: Moore

Oct. 28

9:31 a.m., damage to vehicle, Lot 4, officer: Demaio

Oct. 31

9:56 a.m., damage to property, Carolina First, officer: McGill

10:29 a.m., vandalism, Byrnes, officer: Demaio

Nov. 2

10:29 a.m., vandalism, Byrnes, officer: Demaio

### Fire & Rescue

The following calls are among those that the Clemson University fire department responded to from Thursday, Oct. 27 to Wednesday,



Oct. 27

3:49 a.m., fire alarm, simplex; CUFD

Oct. 30

12:45 a.m., oven fire, Thornhill, CUFD

Nov. 1

12:02 p.m., control burn, DNR, CUFD

4:14 p.m., gas odor, Jordan Hall, CUFD

6:06 p.m. gas odor, Clemson House, CUFD

### Officer Tracker

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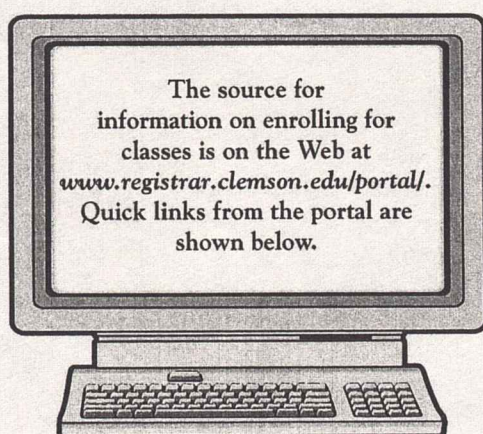
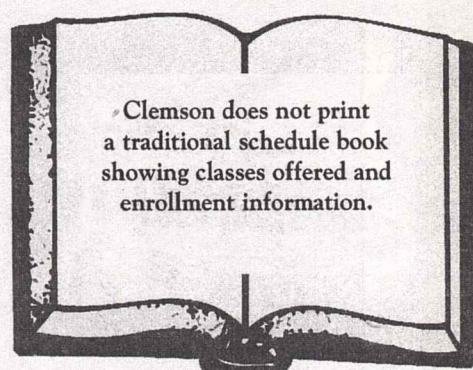
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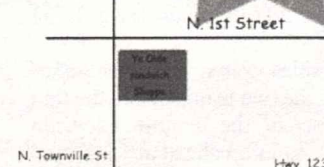
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# Clemson offense sputters in loss

*Dismal Tiger offensive performance gives Georgia Tech a victory at home.*

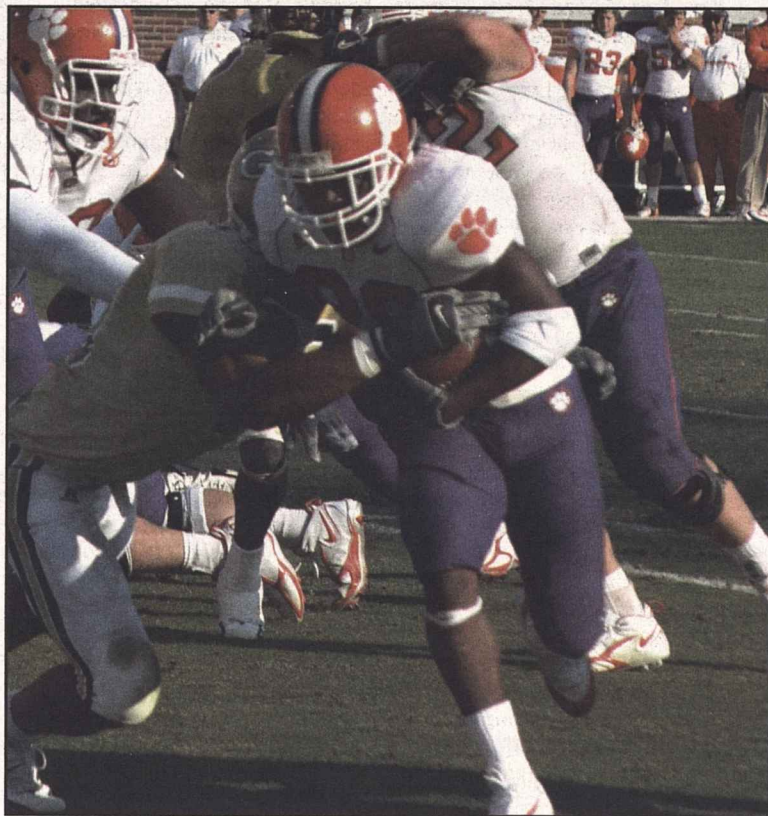
**ERIC SPROTT**  
Staff Writer

After two dominating victories over NC State and Temple, it seemed Clemson had lost a flare for the dramatic. This past Saturday the Tigers turned the ball over four times as they fell to the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets by a score of 10-9 at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta.

Clemson (4-4, 2-4 ACC) entered the game ranked third in the country with the fewest turnovers allowed, and Tiger running backs had not fumbled since the August 30, 2003 game against Georgia. All of that went out the window quickly as junior running back Reggie Merriweather lost a fumble inside the Yellow Jacket 10-yard line on the Tigers' opening drive.

Senior quarterback Charlie Whitehurst also had his share of problems. Whitehurst fumbled twice in the first half on sacks and threw an interception to close the game.

Even with all of the Tigers' offensive woes, Georgia Tech (5-2, 3-2 ACC) did not fare much better against a physical Clemson defense. Michael Hamlin was able to intercept a Reggie Ball pass intended for sophomore sensation Calvin Johnson, who was limited to 46 yards on four catches, in the second quarter. The Tigers



**STUNG:** Clemson running back Kyle Browning tries to evade a Georgia Tech tackler in the Tigers' 10-9 loss at Grant Field on Saturday.

also forced a crucial fumble from quarterback Reggie Ball in the third quarter inside the Clemson 10-yard line.

Despite the three turnovers and close calls by the Georgia Tech offense, the Tigers were still tied at 3-3 heading into the fourth quarter. Solid power running from Merriweather and Kyle Browning helped keep the Tiger offense moving while the defense continued

their outstanding play throughout the evening.

Following a 49-yard drive early in the fourth quarter, Jad Dean converted a 42-yard field goal attempt, his second of the day, to give the Tigers a 6-3 advantage.

The field goal proved to be a wake-up call to the Yellow Jackets. On the first play of the drive Reggie Ball hit Calvin Johnson for a 21-yard gain. On the very

next play, back-up running back Tashard Choice rambled off a 32-yard gain to the Clemson 32-yard line. The drive continued down to the 3-yard line, when Georgia Tech running back P.J. Daniels broke into the end zone to give the Jackets a 10-6 lead.

Momentum seemed to lie with the Yellow Jackets on the ensuing kickoff, but freshman wide receiver (and Atlanta native) Aaron Kelly was able to return the ball to the Georgia Tech 18-yard line after an electrifying 81-yard return.

After the return, the Tiger offense stalled and had to settle for a 21-yard field goal with under six minutes remaining in the game.

On Georgia Tech's next possession, the Clemson defense held strong, forcing a three and out to get the ball back with 3:30 left to play.

After a few minimal gains and a holding penalty, the Tigers faced a fourth-and-eight with only 2:10 remaining. Whitehurst threw a pass short of the first down marker to Curtis Baham, who gained only three yards on the game's most critical play.

The Tigers did get the ball back with three seconds left to play, but Georgia Tech was able to intercept a long Whitehurst pass to preserve the victory.

With the loss, Clemson will have to win two of their last three games in order to become bowl eligible.

Clemson hopes to enjoy their own homecoming festivities this weekend as they play host to the Duke Blue Devils tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Death Valley.

## Volleyball falls to Demon Deacons, looks for ACC sweep this weekend

*Road trip to Wake proves unsuccessful, but Tigers host FSU and Miami this week.*

**DANIEL BLACKMON**  
Staff Writer

The Clemson University volleyball team was defeated by the Wake Forest Demon Deacons Friday, Oct. 28. The Tigers fell by a score of 3-1 in Winston-Salem, N.C. despite the strong play of Brittany Ross and Anna Vallinch.

The win improved the Demon Deacons to 12-9 overall and 5-7 in the conference. Clemson dropped to 9-12 and 4-9 against ACC opponents. Wake Forest is sixth in the ACC while Clemson is ninth.

In the first game, Wake Forest jumped out to an early lead, but the defiant Tigers clawed back, tying the game at 17. The teams traded leads and saw themselves tied at 22-22. However, a late Demon Deacon rally proved too much and provided them with a 30-23 victory.

Wake Forest continued their surging play into the second game and lead early 13-9. They would increase their lead to 20-12 and held off a determined Tiger squad for a 30-22 win.

The third game was back-and-forth, as the two teams traded the first six points of the contest. Clemson was able to jump ahead at 15-13 and widen that margin to 19-14 before a furious Demon Deacon rally knotted the game at 23 apiece. They would eventually take the lead at 25-24. Clemson scored the final three points of the game, which broke a 27-27 tie for a 30-27 win.

The fourth and final game was a one-sided affair that ended 30-8 in the Demon Deacons' favor.

The top performers for Clemson were Ross, a sophomore, and Vallinch, a junior. Ross recorded 16 kills, and Vallinch had 23 defensive saves. Ross is second on the team with 4.07 kills per game. She trails freshman Jeannette Abbott, who is averaging 4.38 per game. They are also one and two in points scored per game. Vallinch holds a large lead in digs per game at 4.59. She has a team-high 326 on the season. Abbott is second with 171 (2.41 per game).

The top performers for Wake Forest were Lauren Peterson and Jessica Furlong. Peterson led all hitters with 23 kills. Furlong was close behind with 22. Furlong was named the ACC Player of the Week for her play in this contest as well as against Georgia Tech last week.

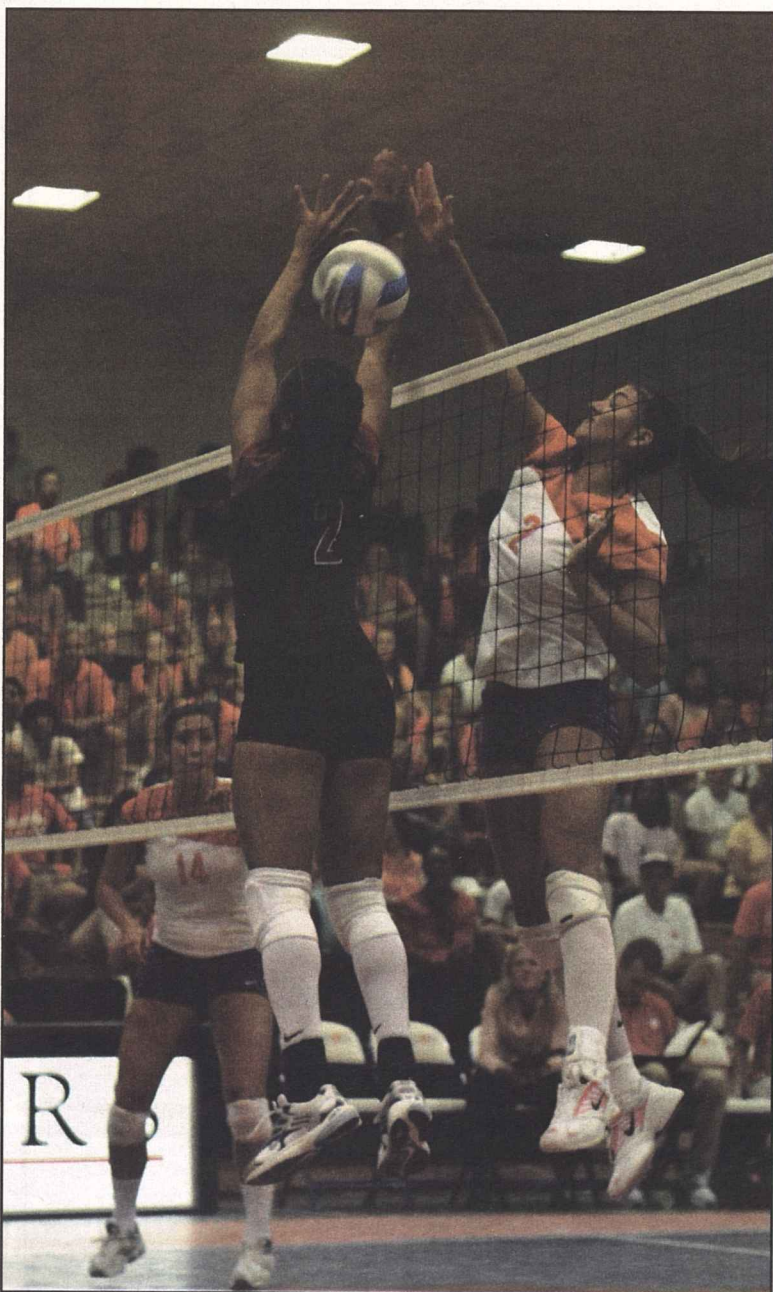
The Tigers return home this weekend to play Florida State at 6 p.m. on Friday. They will then face the Miami Hurricanes on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. The Seminoles are currently 10th in the conference while Miami is seventh.

This weekend will be a pivotal pair of home ACC matches that will prove to be a good test for the Lady Tigers. Tonight Clemson takes on Florida State at 6 p.m. in Jervy Gymnasium.

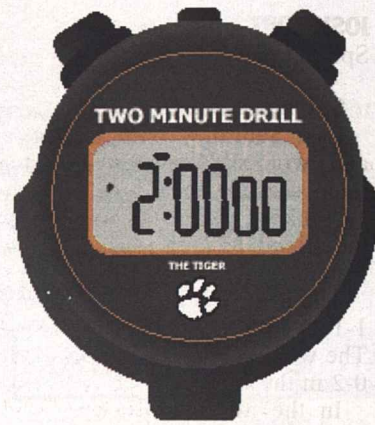
The Seminoles (6-15, 4-9 ACC) suffered a 3-2 loss to the Tigers earlier this season in Tallahassee.

Tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Clemson will play host to the University of Miami. The Tigers will be looking for revenge after suffering a close loss (3-2) to the Hurricanes in Coral Gables, Fla., earlier this season. Miami comes into the match with an 11-10 record overall and a 6-7 mark in conference play.

Fans are encouraged to come out to both games and support the Lady Tigers in this showdown of conference foes.



**CATCH:** Clemson redshirt freshman Laura Boozer slams the ball into the face of a South Carolina blocker as teammate Courtney Lawrence watches.



### TIGER SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY 11/4

Swimming & Diving vs. South Carolina — Clemson, S.C. — 5 p.m.

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

Men's Tennis at ITA Nationals — Columbus, Ohio — All Day

Women's Tennis at ITA National Indoor — Columbus, Ohio — All Day

Women's Soccer at ACC Tournament — Cary, N.C. — TBA

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#### SATURDAY 11/5

Football vs. Duke — Clemson, S.C. — 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Miami — Clemson, S.C. — 5:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Duke — Durham, N.C. — 7 p.m.

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### SPORTS SHORTS

• Terrell Owens has informed the league that his availability to play in the next two NFC East games is at risk because of an ankle injury sustained against the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

• Vancouver Canucks forward Matt Cooke was hit in the mouth with a puck in practice Tuesday and suffered a broken jaw which will sideline him indefinitely.

• Former All-Star and current free agent outfielder Matt Lawton will be suspended 10 days next season for a positive steroid test on Wednesday. He is the 12th player penalized for violating Major League Baseball's drug policy.



# Swimming, XC teams compete

**JOSH FORT**  
Sports Editor

## Swimming and Diving

Last Saturday, both the men's and women's swim teams lost their season opener to the No. 14-ranked Virginia Cavaliers in the friendly confines of McHugh Natatorium.

The men's record now stands at 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the ACC. The women fall to 0-2 overall and 0-2 in the ACC.

In the men's meet, the Tigers were led by sophomore Brett MacLennan. The Virginia native placed second in the 200 free and was a member of the first-place 400 free relay team.

Other members of the relay team were Matt Balderston, Bryce Herrington and Charlie Dillon.

Brian Regone (46.92), Balderston (47.01) and Steven Russell (47.98) captured the top three spots in the 100 free. Mark Vahle took first in the 50 free (20.67), while Herrington took third (21.60).

Senior Jonathon Mengerling finished second in the 1000 free (9:29.54). Overall, the Tigers lost by a final score of 141-100.

In the women's meet, an exciting 400 medley race started off the meet as the Lady Tiger team of Michelle Parkhurst, Ashley Shafer, Jen Grove and Rachel Regone took first place by just a hundredth of a second to finish with a time of 3:49.85.

Junior Kim Routh finished first in the 1000 free. The native of Sandusky, Ohio, finished with a time of 9:59.65, a personal record.

Freshman Casey LaRussa won the 200 free and finished second in the 100 free.

Ragone won the 50 free with a time of 23.83. The Lady Tigers recorded a win in the 400 free

relay with a season best time of 3:28.44. Clemson just missed the upset of the Cavaliers as their final score was 125-118.

Tonight, the Tiger swimming teams will take on arch rival South Carolina in McHugh Natatorium. The meet is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. and is a Solid Orange event.

## Cross Country

The men's cross country team finished seventh at the ACC Championships on Monday. The championships were held in Tallahassee, Fla., at the Miccosukee Greenway.

Virginia captured the team ACC crown over tournament host Florida State by just eight points.

Matt Clark led the Tigers with a second place finish on the 8K courses with a time of 23:51.2.

That was the highest finish for a Clemson runner in the ACC championships since 1998. Clark's performance

earned him All-ACC honors for the first time in his career. Finishing second on the Clemson team to Clark was sophomore Sean Riley (25:02.3).

Riley's time earned him 38th place overall.

The Clemson women finished 12th overall in the Championships. Duke ran away with the team championship.

Senior Jennifer Barton led the Lady Tigers with a time of 20:55.5 in the 6K races.

Her performance was good enough for a 45th finish in the individual results.

Patrice McMillan was second on the team with a 66th overall finish and a time of 21:41.7.

Clemson will next travel to Greenville, N.C., to compete in the NCAA Southeast Regional Championship next Saturday.



# Tight End Talk

with Cole Downer

**CARISSA DONGES**  
Assistant Sports Editor

**You transferred from Hamden-Sydney College after the 2002 season. Was it hard or overwhelming coming into a big football school like Clemson?**

It was different. I was only at Hamden-Sydney for three semesters, playing lacrosse and football. I originally went there to play lacrosse but ended up doing well in football, so I decided to pursue it further. The school atmosphere here is definitely different because the classes are larger and there are so many kids. The football aspect is very different here than at Hamden-Sydney, where the team only met for practice and lifting. At Clemson it's a lot more time with classes, study hall, practice, lifting and so on.

**This season's game against Miami was certainly monumental. You scored your first touchdown, and then later on in the game you had a life-threatening injury. Most people speculated that you might not return after you had your spleen removed. Did you believe that you would be back this season and when do you feel that you will be 100 percent?**

I always knew that I would be back. I guess it's always unfortunate when you get hurt, but I talked to the doctors and they told me that I was going to be back in maybe six weeks or so. After my injury, I lost a lot of blood, and I was really weak. And on top of that, I was missing practice. But I knew in my mind that I was coming back. There was no doubt in mind. I think I'm actually getting pretty close to 100 percent right now.

**Was your family wary about your return to the field after only six weeks?**

No, they have just been really supportive of me. They have always supported me in anything that I think I can do. If I feel like I can do it, then they are behind me 100 percent.

**Since you've only played in a few games this season due to your injury, how have you been contributing to the team off the field?**

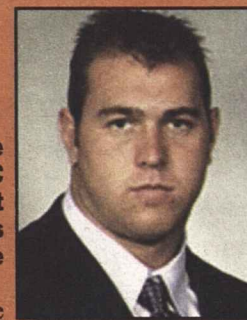
Well I only went to the N.C. State game and the home games on the sidelines. I just tried to pick the guys up if they were down about a game, or I would be happy for them if we had won. I was just basically trying to do anything I could at practice and at meetings to help everyone out.

**Although Duke has the worst record in the ACC right now, they beat us last year. What adjustments is the team making to ensure a win against Duke?**

Well it's a pretty simple plan. We've just got to do what we've been coached to do. Last year in our loss, we kind of self-destructed. Like, we didn't block well, we didn't catch well and we didn't run well. Duke is an ACC team and it's not like the game is in the bag for us, but I think that if we just do what we are coached to do then we should be successful.

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

Obviously, 4-4 is not the record everyone has hoped for, or what we as a team have hoped for, but we have appreciated everyone's support. With my injury I have gotten a lot of support from fans, even a lot of fans I had never met before. I just appreciate everyone that has backed me up and everything.



## The Downer File

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 265 pounds

Hometown: Chantilly, Va.

High School: Chantilly High School

- Sat out 2003 season and lettered in 2004 after transferring here.
- 2004 letter came after seeing action at both tight end and tackle.
- Earned first start at Virginia in 2004.
- Was named Clemson's most improved tight end over 2005 spring practice.
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- Senior majoring in sports management.

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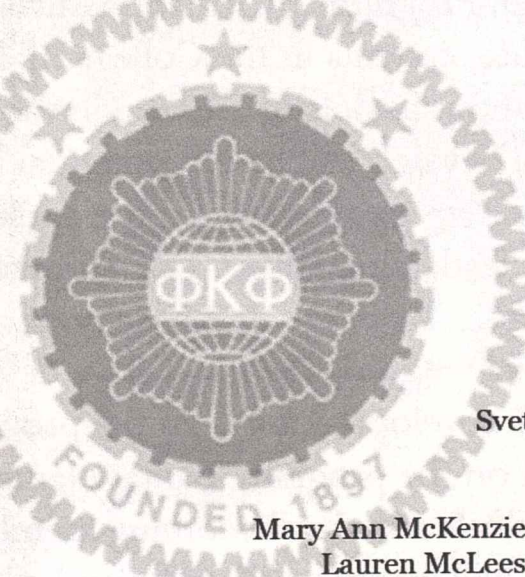
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# Charlie Whitehurst

**Born** August 6, 1982  
**Size** 6'4", 225 pounds  
**Hometown** Duluth, Ga.  
**High School** Chattahoochee  
**Class** Graduate

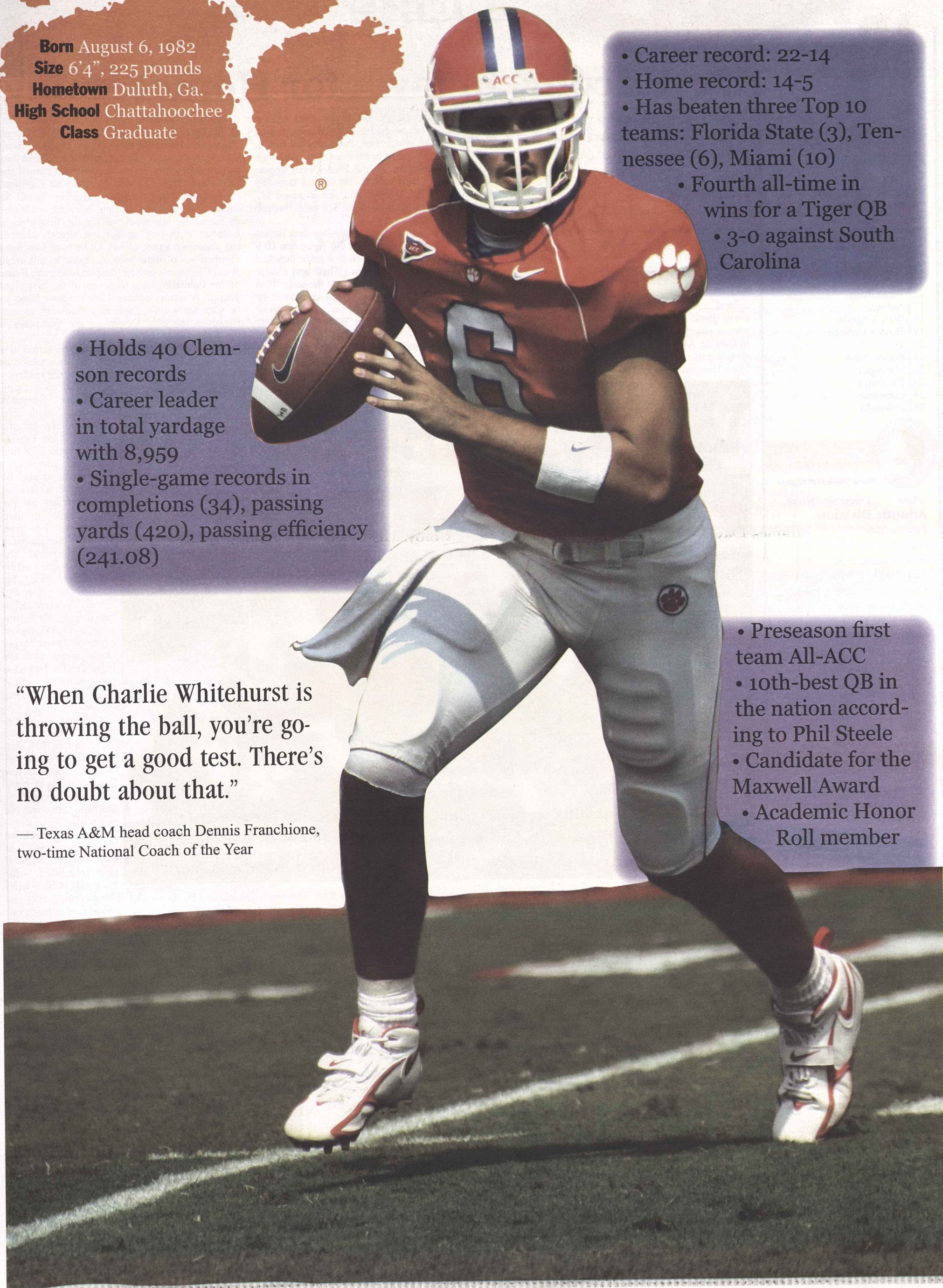
- Career record: 22-14
- Home record: 14-5
- Has beaten three Top 10 teams: Florida State (3), Tennessee (6), Miami (10)
- Fourth all-time in wins for a Tiger QB
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(Prior to Thursday's VT-BC game)

### School Conference Overall

#### Atlantic Division

Florida State	5-1	7-1
Boston Col.	3-2	6-2
Wake Forest	3-3	4-5
Maryland	2-3	4-4
Clemson	2-4	4-4
NC State	1-4	3-4

#### Coastal Division

Virginia Tech	5-0	8-0
Miami	3-1	6-1
Georgia Tech	3-2	5-2
UNC	2-2	3-4
Virginia	2-3	4-3
Duke	0-6	1-8

## Numbers game

**3** Number of losses for Clemson on Homecoming since 1971.

**14** Combined points that the Tigers have lost by in four losses so far this season, an average of less than four points per loss.

# Devils come to town for Homecoming

*Tigers look to avenge last year's 16-13 loss at Duke this Saturday in a Homecoming matchup at Death Valley.*

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
Staff Writer

Tomorrow the Clemson Tigers (4-4, 2-4 in ACC play) play host to the Duke Blue Devils (1-8, 0-6 in ACC) in Death Valley.

Duke comes into the game with a seven-game conference losing streak, their last win coming against the Tigers last year. Clemson remains the Blue Devils' only victory in the last two years against a division I-A opponent. Since then, every game has been a near blowout for Duke, who is struggling yet again in the Ted Roof era. In their six ACC games this year, the Blue Devils' closest game was a 35-10 loss to Georgia Tech. Their lone win this year came 40-14 against divi-

sion I-AA VMI. Duke ranks eighth in the ACC in rushing with 138 yards per game and last in passing with 93 ypg. In comparison, the Tigers are fifth in rushing (147) and third in passing (239). Although the passing numbers for the Blue Devils appear abysmal, past teams have found success throwing against the Tigers. Temple, who only averages 157 yards passing this year, managed 319 yards through the air against Clemson.

Clemson enters the game at possibly their lowest point on the season. Last week the Tigers lost 10-9 in Atlanta versus Georgia Tech in a game they had plenty of opportunities to win. Their best chance came late in the fourth quarter with the score 10-6 Tech. Aaron Kelly answered a Tech touchdown by returning the ensuing kickoff 81 yards to the Yellow Jackets' 17-yard line, but the Tigers had to settle for a field goal after moving the ball inside the ten. While it is common for a team to lose such nail-biters during an 11-game season, the Tech game was Clemson's fourth close loss this year.

The Duke game is lackluster to Clemson fans, as the 2005 season is already a disappointment. They see how close their Tigers could be to an undefeated season. Instead, with their fourth loss in six games, the Tigers need to win two of the next three (Duke, Florida State, South Carolina) to become bowl-eligible. Adding insult to injury, rival South Carolina defeated Tennessee in Knoxville last weekend for the first time in history. With USC at 5-3 and already exceeding preseason expectations, Gamecock fans have climbed out of their hole of shame to talk trash about Clemson's season (despite losing the Battle of the Palmetto State in seven of the last eight years). A victory against Carolina now looks to be Clemson's only hope at a mediocre season. However, the Blue Devils are the first team in the Tigers' way.

Any game against Duke should be slated as a win prior to kickoff. This easy victory contributes to the Devils' greatest advantage — the tendency

to overlook them. Teams can lose focus on Duke with big games ahead on the schedule like Florida State and South Carolina. However,

Clemson should be immune to a lack of concentration on the Blue Devils. In their biggest win last year, the Blue Devils were able to defeat the Tigers at home 16-13.

Clemson led for most of the game, and Reggie Merriweather controlled the running game. However, Clemson failed to put Duke away and the Blue Devils kicked a game-winning field goal in the closing seconds.

Although orange shirts outnumbered blue shirts that day in Wallace Wade stadium, it was the few Duke students in attendance that stormed the field and tore down the goalposts.

This weekend is homecoming at Clemson. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. with Miss Homecoming to be announced at halftime.

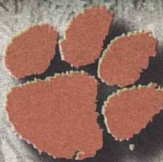


**RUN CHANSI RUN:** Chansi Stuckey returns a punt in last Saturday's 10-9 loss at Georgia Tech. This week, Stuckey and the Tigers will return to Death Valley to take on the Duke Blue Devils. Clemson is seeking revenge for last season's last-second loss at Duke.

# 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



Curtis Baham

Duke's defensive anchorman, John Talley, has an impressive year thus far. At the beginning of the 2005 season, Talley was rated the third-best cornerback in the ACC. Although Duke has struggled all season, winning only one game against VMI, Talley has made some key interceptions in such games as Navy and Virginia Tech. He will have his work cut out for him against a Clemson offense that is ready for a breakout game after posting 180 receiving yards last week in Atlanta. Clemson wide receiver, Curtis Baham is a big contributor to Clemson's steadily improving offense. So far this season, Baham has posted 349 receiving yards averaging 17.5 yards per game.



John Talley

## DEFENSE

DE Justin Kitchen  
DT Vince Oghobaase  
DT Casey Camero  
DE Eli Nichols  
SLB Brendan Dewan  
MLB Codey Lowe  
WLB Patrick Bailey  
CB Deonto McCormick  
FS Brian Greene  
SS Chris Davis  
CB John Talley



# NBA starts this week

Numerous changes have taken place around the NBA since the end of last season.

**HOKE HILL**  
Staff Writer

A new, much-anticipated NBA season started on Tuesday, and this season is another example of how "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

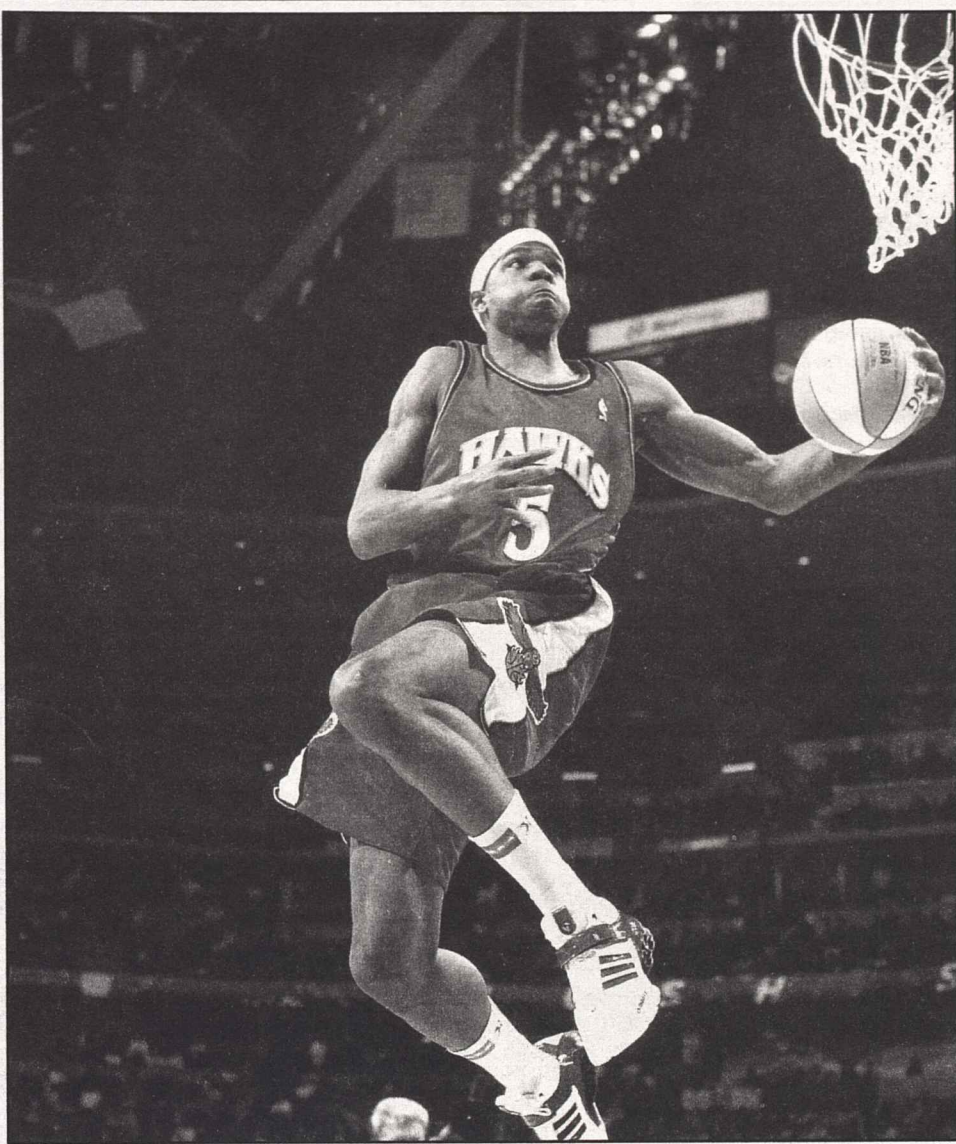
Several interesting changes occurred from the time that the San Antonio Spurs took the league championship in June to the start of the new season this week.

One of the more controversial items of the off-season was Commissioner David Stern's implementation of an NBA-wide professional dress code, which was met with both criticism and admiration from around the league. The announcement, coming just a few weeks before the start of the season, began the buzz of the upcoming season.

There were also a few marquee names changing franchises over the summer and fall. Most notably, former Detroit Pistons head coach Larry Brown, NBA champion and runner-up in the past two seasons, was released by Detroit and signed by Isaiah Thomas to coach the New York Knicks.

The Knicks were the focus of other transactions as well, as they signed center Eddy Curry after he was released from the Chicago Bulls for a suspected heart condition. Curry's health was not the only health concern around the league, with several other health-related items making the headlines.

Atlanta Hawks center Jason Collier died of an expected heart problem, and Fred Hoiberg and Ronny Turiaf have been sidelined with heart conditions. Hurricane Katrina's effects were even felt, as the New Orleans Hornets started their season at their temporary home in Oklahoma City on Tuesday.



**YOUNG STUD:** Atlanta Hawks guard Josh Smith, who is in his second season in the NBA, prepares to slam it home in last season's NBA dunk contest.

Despite the changes around the league, several things have remained constant. The most obvious holdover from the 2004-05 season is the expected dominance of the Spurs. The returning champions are a nearly unanimous selection to repeat as the best team in the NBA, and many of the other stellar teams from last season are returning with the same dominance.

The Denver Nuggets, Miami Heat, Detroit Pistons, New Jersey Nets and Indiana Pacers are all expected to improve on their success from this past season.

Success is also expected from the top-tier players of last season, including third-year stars LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers and Dwayne Wade of the Heat.

Nine-time NBA Championship Coach Phil Jackson has also decided to put his bad feelings with Kobe Bryant aside and rejoin the Lakers.

Overall, the 2005-06 NBA season is shaping up to be the most exciting one in several years, and it will be an entertaining journey to the league championships in June.

# Tigers beat Eagles and Paladins

Tigers get first ACC win over Boston College on Friday and then take out Furman Wednesday at Riggs Field.

**JOSH FORT**  
Sports Editor

The Clemson men's soccer team continued its winning streak this week with victories over Boston College and Furman University.

Last Friday, Clemson played host to the Eagles and soundly defeated them 2-0. The win improved the Tigers to 8-4-3 overall and 1-4-2 in the ACC.

Hector Quintar and Mark Buchholz both scored goals, leading the Tigers to victory. Quintar's goal came when the match was not even three minutes old. Justin Moore and Nathan Sturgis assisted Quintar in the goal. Buchholz's goal also came early just in the second half. He was assisted by Dane Richards and Alan O'Hara.

Wednesday, the Tigers again played host and again came away with a victory this time against the Furman University Paladins.

The win boosted Clemson's record to 9-4-3 overall and dropped Furman to 7-7-4.

With just one minute remaining in the first half, Buchholz connected to score his fifth goal of the season. Buchholz, who has scored four goals in the last three games, was assisted by Sturgis.

At the 63:39 mark of the match, Furman tied the score on an eight-yard shot from Dominic Cianciarulo.

In the 78th minute, Quintar headed the ball to Dane Richards who knocked an eight-yard shot into the net for his team-leading sixth goal of the year.

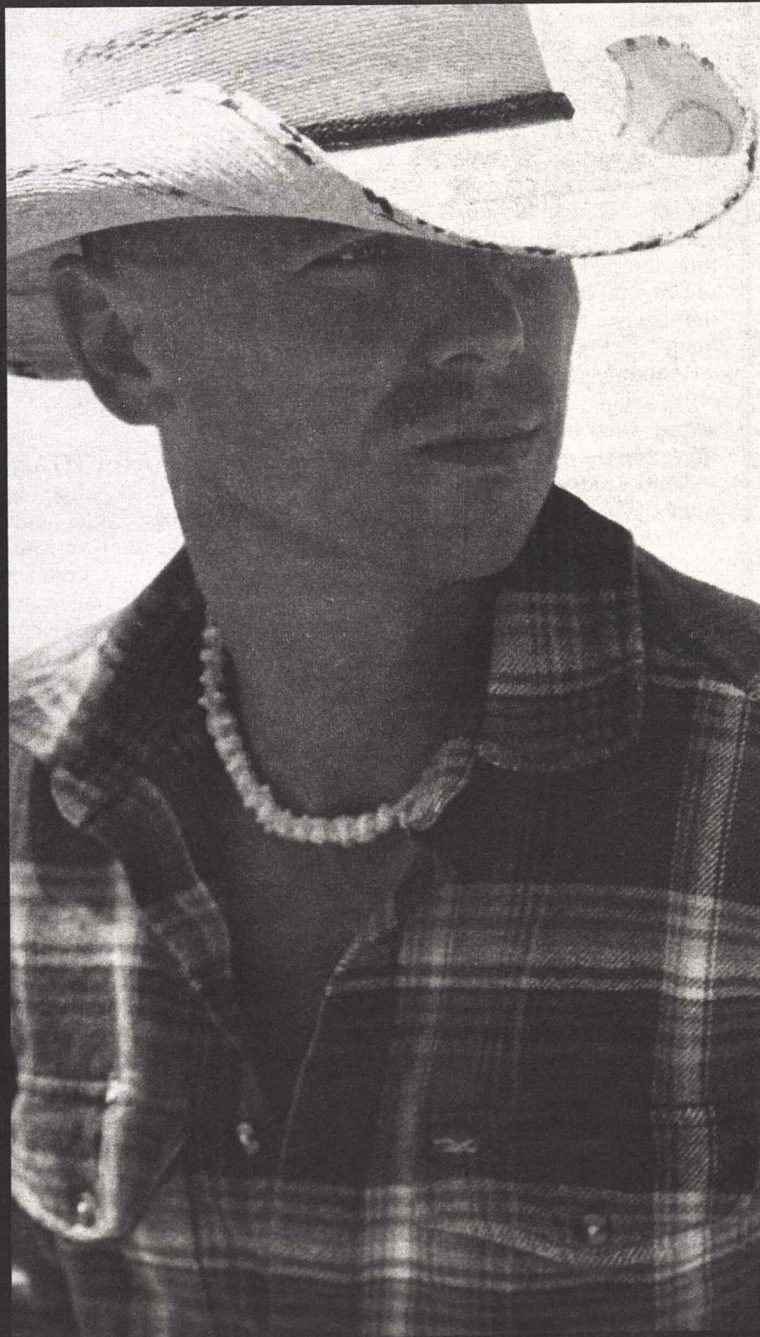
Long-time Clemson head coach Trevor Adair was not at the game Wednesday night due to an illness in his family. Adair returned to his home country of Ireland and was unable to make the game.

Clemson will travel to Durham, N.C. to face ACC foe Duke (10-3-2, 3-2-2 ACC) on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The game will be the last of the regular season for the Tigers before they begin play in the ACC tournament next Wednesday.

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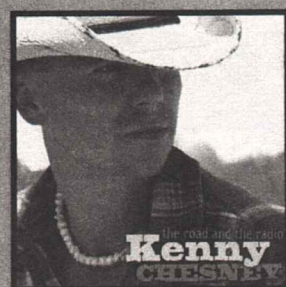


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# Three Lady Tigers make All-ACC team

*Foster, Graham and Phillips are all named to second-team All-conference squad.*

**KRISTEN MCKENNA**  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, just before the Lady Tigers headed off to North Carolina, the ACC office announced the All-ACC teams. Courtney Foster, Allison Graham and Ashley Phillips were all named to the All-ACC second team.

Foster, a junior, was named to the team for her third consecutive year.

The Conyers, Ga., native has four goals and four assists for a 12 point total on the year. She was named co-ACC player of the week for her three-goal performance in the Clemson victories over N.C. State and sixth ranked Duke.

Foster also garnered player of the week honors from soccerbuzz.com and Soccer America Magazine for her play in those conference wins.

Graham, a four-time All-ACC honoree led the team in scoring with seven goals and nine assists for a total of 23 points. The senior from Fayetteville, Ga., is tied for ninth in the ACC in total points.

Phillips, a sophomore from West Peabody, Mass., had 90 saves on goal for the Lady Tigers. She is sixth in the conference in goals against average (1.06), fourth in save percentage (.820) and fifth in saves (82) and saves per game (4.82).

The 18th ACC women's soccer tournament got underway this past Wednesday in Cary, N.C., at the SAS Soccer Complex.

No. 24 Clemson fell to fifth-ranked Florida State Wednesday 4-0. The loss drops the Tigers to 9-8-2 overall and 4-5-1 in ACC play. Florida State improves their record to 17-2 overall and 8-2 in the conference.

The Lady Tigers entered the tournament seeded sixth.

The Lady Tigers' first game on Wednesday afternoon was a rematch of last weekend's 3-0 loss to a third-seeded Florida State team.

In the quarterfinal round of the tournament, Florida State scored just once in the first half, and the game appeared to be closer than last week's.

However, in just four minutes and 11 seconds, Florida State's Holly Peltzer scored two goals, while Sel Kuralay and Viola Odebrecht, who both scored against Clemson last Saturday, were able to add to the Seminole's lead making the score 4-0.

Odebrecht is a native of Postdam, Germany, and was a member of the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup Championship squad.

She added a Bronze medal to her list of achievements at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

Florida State had 18 shots on goal while Clemson had only five.

Clemson goalkeeper Ashley Phillips had three saves on the day as did Florida State's Ali Mims.

North Carolina and Virginia are seeded first and second, respectively in the tournament.

In other women's soccer action on Wednesday, No. 2 seed Virginia defeated No. 7 seed Wake Forest by a score of 2-1.

Jan Redmond and Sarah Huffman each scored a goal to lead the Cavaliers. Elizabeth Remy scored the lone goal for the Deacons.

Number one seed North Carolina defeated No. 8 seed Maryland 3-1. Just 59 seconds into the match, Lindsey Tarpley scored her first goal of the game and struck first blood for the Tar Heels. Her next goal came during the eighth minute.

Also scoring for North Carolina was Jaime Gilbert. Scoring for the Terps was Ashly Kennedy who did so unattended.

In the last game of the day, fourth seeded Duke downed No. 5 Boston College 2-0. Darby Kroyer and Sarah McKay each scored a goal for the Blue Devils.

Play will resume in the tournament on Friday with the semifinal games starting at 5 p.m.



**SLIDE TACKLE:** Clemson junior Courtney Foster tries to get a foot on the ball before a Furman player can steal from her in a game played earlier this season at Historic Riggs Field.

## Friday Fantasy Football Roundup

The season from hell got even worse this Sunday for Team Turmoil or as some still refer to them: the Minnesota Vikings. This week, the bad news didn't involve any drug masking devices or hardcore boat parties but actually occurred on the field of play.

Starting quarterback and the only offensive threat for the Sex Cruisers, Daunte Culpepper, tore up his knee against Carolina on Sunday and is gone for the season.

It makes me wonder if the unfortunate fantasy owners who wasted a high draft pick on Culpepper are actually happy to see him on the shelf for the rest of the season. I'd have to lean towards yes on that one.

All year they've most likely been watching their backups put up superior numbers to Daunte, yet felt obligated to stick with their top pick in hopes that he'll regain his 2004 form, but now that decision has been made for them.

Through week eight of the NFL season, my Fantasy MVP award goes to the unstoppable Steve Smith.

Smith leads the NFL in receptions (50), yards (797) and touchdown catches (eight) and seemingly is the only receiver Jake Delhomme trusts enough to throw the ball to.

What makes his season even more impressive is how Smith has been able to come back from a season-ending leg injury early last season and excel in 2005.

Brett Favre was in the Halloween spirit last weekend against Cincinnati. Favre, apparently in full Ryan Leaf costume, did his best impersonation of the all time draft bust by being picked off five times and even had the ball stripped from him by a boozed up lunatic who came out of the stands.

However, fantasy owners shouldn't be worried. These typical "oh Brett's just a gunslinger without a care in the world" games only come along every six weeks or so.

### End Zone Celebration of Week:

Even though he came up a foot or two short of the endzone, our

MVP Steve Smith, felt the need to break out one of the best celebrations we've seen yet. Smith sat in his imaginary row boat and paddled away, apparently mocking their sorry opponent the Sex Cruisers.

### Onto the picks:

#### QB Steve McNair (TEN)

— Healthy or not, McNair will gut it out and put up at least a couple touchdowns against Cleveland who has to be reeling after their loss to previously winless Houston.

#### RB Jamal Lewis (BAL)

— Lewis seemed to run harder than he has all year Monday night, so give him one more shot in your lineup before relegating him to backup duty.

#### RB Kevin Jones (DET)

— Once considered a bust, Jones looks to turn his season around with a big day against a defeated Vikings team. Jones had a huge second half of 2004 and could expect similar success against a favorable schedule in 2005.

#### WR Jerry Porter (OAK)

— With Randy Moss banged up and iffy for Sunday, Porter slides into the prime receiver spot. Porter has put up huge numbers in the past as the number one guy so expect a big day against a sorry Chiefs secondary.

#### WR Eddie Kennison (KC)

— Porter's counterpart, Kennison, will enjoy an equally productive day against an equally porous pass defense.

#### TE Dallas Clark (IND)

— Clark will control the middle of the field and help Indy break their losing streak against New England.

### Waiver Pickup of the Week:

**Cody Pickett (SF)** — I'm just kidding about Pickett. Facing the eventual NFC Super Bowl representative isn't exactly the best match-up for the former fourth stringer.

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[STAFF EDITORIAL]

## Rising tuition a problem, but not as severe as thought

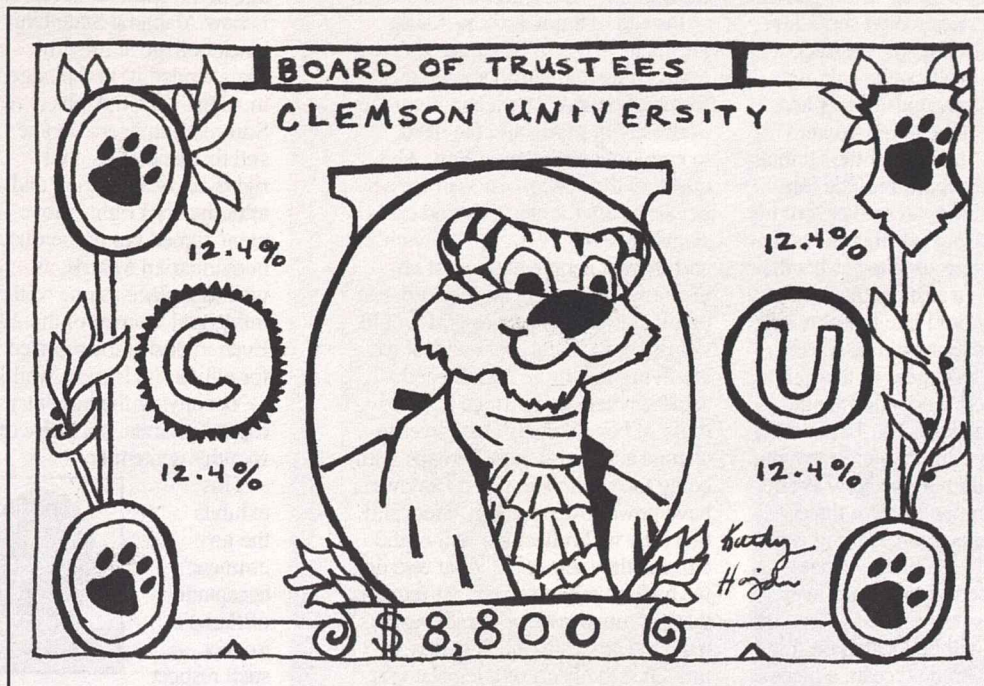
If there is any one issue that all Clemson students can relate to, it has to be tuition. Everyone pays it, and everyone is paying more of it each year. Clemson students have been faced with double digit tuition increases for the past several years. The annual tuition for an in-state student has surpassed \$8,800 this year, and out-of-state students face a whopping \$19,400 bill each year.

Historically, students have always complained about two things: food and tuition. The current complaints are more than just the grumblings of a few malcontents. The increase is large enough that student government has made lobbying a priority and is even assembling a book of vignettes about how students are being affected by the tuition increase. The situation is made even more difficult by the cool economy of the past few years.

This year's tuition is the result of a 12.4 percent tuition increase approved by the Board of Trustees over the summer. To put that increase in perspective, compare that to the national average of 7.1 percent, according to the College Board. Nationally, the average annual tuition for a four year public college is just under \$5,500, meaning Clemson's tuition is about 60 percent higher than the national average.

That's quite a difference, but at the same time, Clemson is not your average public university. The U.S. News and World Report ranks us the 34th best public university. Clemson has climbed faster and further in the rankings than any other public university. And we've accomplished all that in the face of drastic and continual state funding cuts.

In fact, we're not alone among South Carolina public universities when it comes to funding problems. Our fellow state university down in Columbia has also been increasing tuition at rates in the double digits for the past several years —



about 12% this year. Their annual in-state tuition has reached \$6,900.

Of the 16 states tracked by the Southern Regional Education Board, South Carolina state universities have the second highest tuition and fees. The phenomenon of increasing tuition is clearly not limited to Clemson. Not surprisingly, Clemson is 15th out of the 16 states in state funding per student.

We're second from last in state funding per student and second from the top in tuition per student. We may be on to something here. Clemson has increased its tuition to compensate for cuts in state funding. The funding increase has been greater than one-for-one with state funding, but a

large part of that increased tuition has been necessary to offset cuts in state funding.

The situation looks grim, but the way the state funds higher education must also be considered. Thanks to the Palmetto Pact, all South Carolina students entering Clemson receive some form of financial aid, so no one pays the full \$8,800. Most students enter with a LIFE scholarship worth \$5,000, so most Clemson students face an initial tuition bill of \$3,800. All of a sudden, that gigantic tuition doesn't look so intimidating. In fact, in real terms it is cheaper to attend Clemson now than it was 50 years ago. In the 1950s, Clemson's tuition was 15 percent of a South Carolina family's per capita income; now, it's about 7.5 percent if the

student has the LIFE scholarship.

This indirect funding through the LIFE scholarship is, in part, responsible for the drastic tuition growth. When the state implemented the LIFE and Palmetto scholarships, Clemson tuition increased proportionally. Instead of giving Clemson \$5,000 per student directly, the state now gives students the \$5,000 and lets them give it to Clemson. Therefore, to maintain the same level of funding, Clemson had to increase its tuition by about \$5,000 per student over a short period of time to adjust to the new funding structure. While nominally making tuition appear higher, this new system may actually benefit students by making colleges compete more for their attendance.

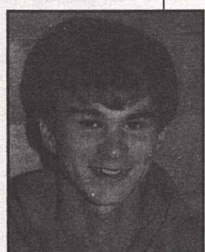
This funding structure does have its drawbacks. It disadvantages lower income students who are on the edge of qualification for the LIFE. If they don't get the scholarship, Clemson is no longer affordable. Students also must work to keep the scholarship, which may lead to longer times to graduation and more attention paid to "grade grubbing."

Because of its unique mission to provide an education for all South Carolinians, Clemson has always been in a difficult position when it comes to tuition. That difficulty is amplified by our current drive to become one of the nation's best public universities. We have to increase tuition to stay competitive and to give students a better education. That increased cost will hopefully pay off when Clemson graduates get better jobs with higher salaries. At the same time, we have to be very careful not to leave behind those who are qualified to attend and who would benefit the student body as well.

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## “speaking out”

*What do you think about the rising tuition?*



"I haven't really seen a rise in the quality of my education. The only rationale that I've ever seen is that other schools in the Top 20 charge that much."

**Chris Pruitt**  
industrial engineering  
senior



"The amount of tuition is determining what colleges students are able to attend. And with the money the school is making, why don't they buy me a TV instead of planting new trees?"

**Laurence Webb**  
nursing  
junior



"The tuition increase is making it more difficult for kids to get a degree, which makes it more difficult for students not to be in debt."

**Ryan Glaros**  
nursing  
junior



"I don't blame Clemson because the state keeps cutting the budget. Don't even get me started on the lottery. [The rate hike is] bad, it drives students to other places than Clemson."

**Kyle Bennett**  
technology and human  
resource development  
senior



"Noah feels that there should be more money from the 'education' lottery to offset the yearly tuition hikes."

**Noah Parker**  
management  
senior



"Tuition has increased a lot since freshman year, and since then, there have been no visible changes in Clemson's education. Sports have certainly improved, but that seems to be the only alteration."

**Stephanie Yon**  
nursing  
junior

### COMMENTARY

## Finally, a stand for personal responsibility

Amid hurricanes, Supreme Court nominations, several political scandals and a protracted war in Iraq, a small but socially important bill snuck through the House of Representatives. The so-called "Cheeseburger Bill," H.R. 554, passed the House by a vote of 307-119. The bill bans class action lawsuits against the fast food industry for obesity.

The Cheeseburger Bill still allows restaurants to be sued for other reasons, but it prevents people from suing the industry for making them overweight.

While the bill must still pass the Senate to become law, it marks a significant victory for personal responsibility. Putting the irony of a governmental regulation promoting personal responsibility aside, it's quite refreshing to see someone — anyone — taking a stand for personal responsibility.

Countless lawsuits are filed each day as we slide deeper and deeper into the societal blame game. Examples of evading responsibility are everywhere, from politicians blaming the opposing party to students explaining how they failed a test because the teacher was out to get them. After all, if something bad happens to one of us, it can't possibly be our fault, right?

As we wander through this torrent of denial, I have to stop and ask, "What has happened to taking responsibility for our own lives and actions?" Why doesn't anyone step up and say, "I was wrong; I made a mistake"? We have become the twelve year old who comes up with excuse after excuse as to why he didn't mow the lawn when he was supposed to. And, like the twelve year old, we waste two or three hours moping and making excuses when it would take an hour to do the job. Are we really this lazy? Are we actually this irresponsible?

This country was founded by brave men and women who knew personal responsibility — who understood that failure to take care of themselves meant death for them and their families. Now, we honor their courage and sacrifice by suing fast

food companies because we're overweight.

Fast food companies are not to blame for society's health woes. Nobody is forcing Big Macs down anyone's throat. Each time someone buys a thousand calorie meal from a

fast food restaurant, that person has made a rational choice and is singularly responsible for the consequences of that choice.

What's even worse than our lack

of responsibility for ourselves is our lack of responsibility for our children. People blame fast food companies for rising obesity rates among children. Does McDonald's pick up children and bring them to the restaurant? Does McDonald's buy the food for them? Of course not, the parents do that. The very same parents who buy their twelve-year-old children thousand calorie extra value meals from McDonald's want to turn around and sue the company for making their children overweight!

It's the parents who are acting irresponsibly, not the restaurant. The parents know the food is not healthy. I know families are busy; parents are shuttling their children from one event to the next while trying to maintain their lifestyle as well. Fast food is certainly a way to save a few minutes in a busy day, but part of parenting is understanding how to balance demands and making sacrifices for your children. If something in your life is so important that you must force a thousand calories down your child's throat to save ten minutes, then don't turn around and sue the restaurant you willingly went to. It was your choice, so take responsibility for it.

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## COMMENTARY

## The age of oil is coming to an end

It's about time that we Americans show the rest of the world that we can learn from our mistakes. Right now there are two Native American populations in serious jeopardy, the Gwich'in and the Inupiat Eskimo. They both live within the boundaries of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, land that was set aside for the well-being of man and animal alike. And now if this administration can succeed in getting its way, we will be sending a message to these people that our needs are more important than theirs, a sentiment to which Native Americans have grown accustomed. The issue is oil, a limited resource that America is dependent upon the rest of the world for supplying. Only three percent of what we consume comes from our land. The rest must be imported, and with our voracious appetite for the substance, we are able to consume a quarter of the world's supply every year. We simply do not have the amount of oil necessary to keep our country going at its current rate of consumption, and America is not going to find enough oil to quench its thirst in Alaska. This is a pivotal time in our history; a decision will soon be made to either set our sights on the future and research new sources of energy, or to get bogged down in the past and ruin all that's left of the Great American Wilderness.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a 19-million acre reserve (roughly the size of South Carolina) and is home to a large array of wildlife, including grizzly and polar bears, musk-oxen, 130 species of birds and the porcupine caribou herd

(120,000 strong). The refuge is also home to 7,000 Gwich'in natives and 257 Inupiat Eskimos, who have lived happily off the land for more than 10,000 years. The Gwich'in are entirely dependent on the Porcupine Caribou herd for almost every aspect of their daily lives, and building this pipeline along with oil-drilling facilities would seriously upset the migration routes and calving grounds of this herd. The oil companies claim that the facilities would provide jobs for the natives, but it's not just their lives that are in danger. It's their

way of life — a sustainable way of living that I would like to know still exists in a place as wild as Alaska. Such a short-term goal as this (high estimates of oil production would only supply us for six to 12 months) is in no way justifiable in destroying the oldest culture in the New World.

The oil companies have three main arguments. First, drilling will be done environmentally. What actually happens is pipelines average 400 spills per year, and some of the facilities will be located on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, a place that has already seen the devastating effects of an oil spill. Second, the Alaskan oil will reduce our dependence on Middle Eastern Oil. What these oil men do not want mid-stream America to know is the Middle East is not our largest oil supplier — Canada is, followed by Mexico, Venezuela, and Saudi Arabia rounding the top four. High estimates show only two percent of what we need would come from Alaska. Third, only 2,000 acres will be affected by the pipeline and drilling. They have creative ways of adding their numbers — counting

the parts of the pipeline touching the ground, mainly the legs of the supports, which is not a true reflection of how much Alaskan lands will be affected. This is equivalent to saying a chair takes up only as much space as the tips of its four legs. When looked at that way, 2,000 acres is a devastatingly large amount of space.

Instead of a quick fix in Alaska, our focus needs to be centered on researching and introducing better forms of energy. The technology is already in place, and the need to employ it will soon follow. The question then becomes: Will we act before or after it has achieved crisis status? Are the lives of the Gwich'in and Inupiat people enough of an incentive for ending our dependence on oil entirely? Historically, I would say no, but I like to believe that we are living in a more enlightened society where an injustice like this will not be tolerated. The power to change is in our hands. Perhaps I am being too optimistic when I say we have power over our legislators and that they will reflect the will of the citizens they serve, but what else do we have to rely on? The fact remains that we must work within the system, and currently the best way to influence the heart of a legislator is through hand-written letters. That is how I'm urging you to respond. The vote will be in early November. Please write to Senator Lindsey Graham and Representative Bob Inglis and let them know that the age of oil will soon be over and that America could lead the way in ushering in a new era of cleaner, more reliable, renewable energy.

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## COMMENTARY

## Bush's Halloween weekend move more trick than treat

President Bush celebrated Halloween a few weeks earlier with a sly trick: nominating Harriet Miers to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court. What exactly was Bush thinking with the Miers nomination? At first, one might believe Bush was not thinking (again); however, do not let Bush fool you. With his selection of a crony with no judicial experience and an undeterminable political philosophy, Bush deliberately set himself up for failure and paved the way to select a real nominee to rally the beleaguered Republican Party.

While polls are rarely as reliable as most people think, trends do bear some importance. Bush is declining in popularity, and despite some compelling evidence to the contrary, he is not a fool, at least not in terms of surviving in political office. Bush is using the same dogged determination in his political maneuvering with his Supreme Court nomination as he has employed to justify the 'war' on terrorism. In the failed nomination of Miers, Bush paid lip service to Democrats and liberals calling for a moderate consensus builder and has pushed forward his intentional choice: a well-credentialed, strong conservative that he hopes will bring some positive press to the GOP.

Samuel Alito, as a foil to Miers, is known as "Scalito" for a reason. Although more reserved in demeanor, he is no doubt as conservative as Antonin Scalia. In addition to his recognizable political philosophy, Alito is also a qualified candidate for the nation's highest court. He served as a judge on the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since 1990 after he previously served in the Office of the Solicitor General and as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

This year, President Bush had the rare opportunity to fill not one, but two vacancies to arguably the most powerful position in U.S. politics. In the past 50 years of the Supreme Court, the average term of a justice has easily exceeded 15 years. Is it not important to provide for a "fair and balanced" (not the FOX News version either) Court that can consider both sides of an issue?

Samuel Alito has written a number of opinions and his easily-recognized judicial views present a problem for a Court that has increasingly come to define the American social landscape. For example, in dissenting from the

majority in *Sheridan v. Dupont*, Alito argued that plaintiffs ought to meet a much stronger burden of proof in sexual discrimination claims against employers. So, a woman who gets paid 80 cents on the male dollar on average needs to shoulder yet another burden? Of course, the hot-button issue for both political parties is abortion. Nothing gets the two parties going like that hot potato.

The inevitable question to pose for the new nominee:

would you overturn *Roe v. Wade*? Well, Alito has not directly addressed this; however, his judicial record indicates where he is going. In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, Alito opposed a Third Circuit Court ruling that overturned a Pennsylvania law requiring married women pursuing abortions to inform their husbands. In a logical sense, there is nothing wrong with mar-

ried women consulting with their husbands. Men, who are financially responsible for their kids as are women, do have an interest in the birth of a child. That, however, is not the point. Regardless of where you stand on abortion, you must recognize this as faulty legal reasoning. I think the woman ought to inform her husband of a pregnancy and abortion, but to make a woman's ability to have an abortion hinge on the decision of the husband is wrong. Would you be prepared to tell a pregnant woman: You are having your body possessed by a fetus for nine months, and if you do not like it, tough luck? A woman should not be punished by federal law for her decision against her husband's in a situation that most directly affects her. But Alito would not agree.

Bush, in a sophomoric effort to trick us, nominated Miers, an individual with no judicial experience but a background in real estate law. The idea that she was going to obtain a seat on the Court was a joke, and Bush did it on purpose. So, now that Bush has already served up his trick, what is the treat? We get a conservative white guy on the court who has the potential to swing the Supreme Court back to the era of *Plessy v. Ferguson* and separate but 'equal' status for those not in the power elite.

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## from the EDITOR'S desk

With the passing of civil rights icon Rosa Parks last week, many have been taking the time to remember her achievements, as well as those of the civil rights movement over the past four decades.

Indeed, she was a magnificent woman — homeschooled until the age of 11, she was accepted to what is now Alabama State University (a black college at the time she attended it) and pledged in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her courage and resilience as a civil rights advocate during and after the civil rights movement earned her numerous humanitarian awards, as well as a place as one of the most influential women of the 20th century. Even in death, she reprised the role for which she is most well-known — occupying the honorary spot in the capitol rotunda, normally reserved for wealthy white men.

This exhibits the government's acceptance of Parks's impact — such respect shows the progress that has been made during her lifetime. However, there is still progress to be made.

One hardly needs to look around Clemson to notice that whites far outnumber blacks — only about seven percent of the students here are African-American. This number should be appalling, as this is a public school in a state with a very different racial profile. Clemson's rapidly increasing tuition rates are not going to make this problem any better. It is a fact that many black families in the state fall into the lower income brackets. Obviously, these people are going to be left behind as the cost of tuition increases, and the white majority will only increase as well.

This white majority on campus has a responsibility to be accepting of the black community. Because there are so few blacks on campus, they have formed a somewhat tight-knit group — as such a minority, it is easier for most blacks to turn to their fellow black students for friendship than to cross racial boundaries and make close white friends.

Why does this barrier still exist? Didn't we "integrate" more than thirty years ago? Why is it still difficult for interracial friendships to exist? How many friends do you have who aren't the same color as you?

It's important that while we're here, we take complete advantage of the "college experience" and relate to people who are different from us. Whites and blacks alike, we've more likely than not grown up around people who are just like we are, and this is the perfect opportunity for us to break through this shell. It's not healthy for such a segregated society to exist; it can only breed ignorance,

hate and misconceptions.

Speaking of misconceptions, how many times have you seen a tall black student around campus and thought, "I bet he's good at basketball." On the flip side, how many times have you looked at a white person and thought, "Man, I bet he's a great golfer." You think it's ridiculous, and it is. Skin color in no way should define athletic ability, intelligence or skill in any area.

There's no other way to define such misconceptions except as a sort of racism, even if it is motivated by sheer

ignorance. Racism does not always have to be a conscious phenomenon. White couples approaching a black person or group of black people may grasp each other's hands, making a subtle move to the other side of the library bridge. Facial expressions reveal feelings of discomfort around people of a different color. It's a two-way street though — some blacks will avoid whites, though rather because of intimidation, it's a sort of resignation. Some blacks are apprehensive to speak out in classes where they are the only minority.

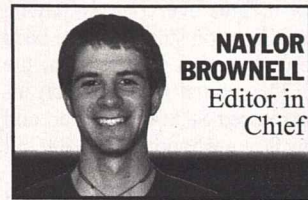
Then, of course, there are more blatant displays of racism. Confederate flags adorn trucks all over campus. No matter what people may say, the flag is pretty much the same thing as a swastika — it embodies the enslavement and oppression of an entire group of people. The people who flew that flag during the Civil War were fighting to continue the subjugation of a group of people who simply had a different skin color.

In a biology class, the topic of discussion was evolution. When the professor mentioned that the "missing link" had not yet been found, one student a few rows back whispered to his friend that the blacks were the "missing link." Such a blatant, hateful remark makes me ashamed to be among their number — the white majority. Too shocked and meek to say anything about it at the time, I now think the entire campus should be aware of such narrow-minded people among us.

If you can't accept people on the basis of their skin color, you should take a step back and re-evaluate what really matters about the person — their qualities as a human being, rather than their outward appearance.

This goes for everyone — in honor of Rosa Parks and her strength, let's try to be more accepting of the people around us and make the Clemson family truly that — a family, in which we care about each other and appreciate each other's talents.

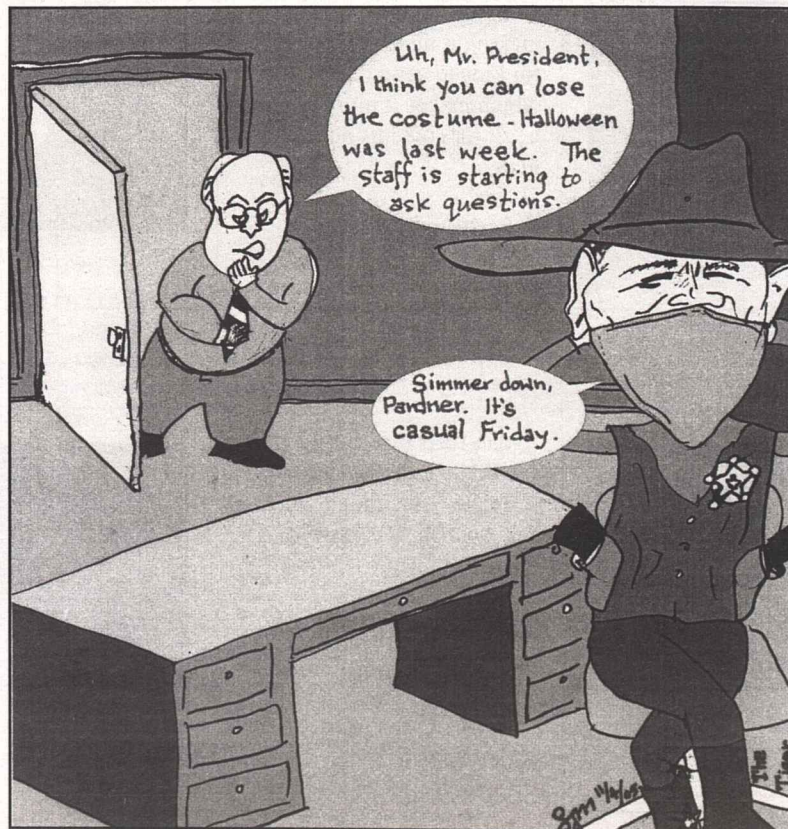
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COMMENTARY

# A visit to the library's Inspirational Corner

After another week of weird weather, more mid-terms, less daylight in the evening and yet another choke to Georgia Tech, I figured I would do my best to drop a few words of inspiration to fuel your minds until the Thanksgiving break. So, clear your head and travel with me to the Inspirational Corner — a place you might think is fictional, but I promise, it really exists.

If you want to travel to the Inspirational Corner, it's not hard to get there. There is no time machine necessary, no need to generate 1.21 jigga-watts of power and no need for plutonium, fairy dust or happy thoughts (rest assured you'll find plenty of those there already). Just descend two floors in the Cooper Library to the second floor. Upon entrance, hang a right and walk all the way to the wall you are now facing. Your final destination is the second desk from the wall on your right.

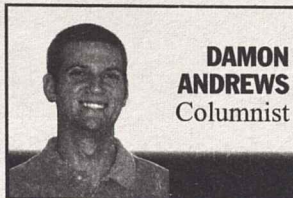
If you've ever been to the famed Inspiration Corner, you'll know it's nothing like Narnia, Oz or Neverland. Rather, it's a desk in the mustiness of the second floor of the library, filled with years of Clemson students' most profound and intellectual thoughts. Like I said, in light of a somewhat uneventful past week for most, I thought I might share some of the wisdom that has accumulated in the Inspirational Corner (as named by an anonymous Sharpie marker).

Some of the remarks left on the Inspirational Corner are simply the random thoughts of students as they pass the night hours into the early morning cramming for a test or final. For example, one of the most profound thoughts I came across was, "If God is so good, explain Richard Simmons." I've got to admit, this person has a valid point — is there an explanation for creatures like Richard Simmons? Other people who I'm sure want their name in a philosophy book someday left insightful thoughts such as, "A wise man holds his tongue," or "Talk is cheap." One student ventured to leave words from the famous philosopher Forrest Gump — "Shit happens."

Some authors who contributed to the Inspirational Corner just weren't original enough to leave their mark on the hallowed desk, so they opted to leave wise words from other great and worldly philosophers. Among the notable mentions are Chris Rock, Ashlee Simpson, the disciples Paul and Timothy and the Wu-Tang Clan.

Other students who have sat in the Inspirational Corner have been completely humbled by the astute words and were only able to manage a few Greek letters here and there.

I categorized some of the other quotes into thoughts that came from people who knew for a fact they were going to fail the exam they were studying for. These quotes and ideas were much more somber and less intellectual. For example, I can imagine that the person who



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Columnist

wrote "Nothing makes sense except in the light of evolution." was about to fail a biology test at 8 a.m. the next morning. And to the guy who wrote, "Wishing someday I could have a date with a beautiful blonde girl" — well, there's someone for everyone, so keep that chin up.

Lastly, the most interesting feature of the Inspirational Corner is the revelation of the Clemson's underlying religious war. For every one Bible verse, there is at least one rebuttal containing no less than two profane words. This topic is so chic that there are numerous anonymous conversations that battle each other back and forth. In one, a student wrote, "Religion is the product of fear, and it is because of religion that war is fought." This student was met with the rebuttal of, "Well, religion, money and oil." The deepest of all thoughts on the Inspirational Corner was in fact directly related to religious wars. This student remarked that, "A holy war is basically a fight over who has the best imaginary friend." That's an interesting take on things, to say the least.

So there you have it — whether you're bored and just looking for something to do or need to study hard for a final and in search of words of motivation, drop in on the Inspirational Corner. It's not a place, but a state of mind where others have poured out their most profound thoughts during their years at Clemson. It would be a shame for such valuable advice and thoughts to go unseen when so many could benefit from the depth of the remarks. And hey, maybe by sharing some of the writings, I might help that lonely guy find a beautiful blonde date.

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COMMENTARY

# Bush in political trouble

Only one year into his second term, President Bush and his administration are having far from a pleasant ride.

Bush is not even close to pleasing the Senate with his Supreme Court nominees; his top staffers are facing indictments; there are party problems with Representative Tom Delay; and he has a possible pandemic on his hands.

So, is he handling it well? Obviously not; currently Bush has one of the lowest approval ratings since his victory in 2000. With an approval rating below 50 percent, how can anyone say he knows what he is doing?

Bush can barely please his own party. Prominent political analyst Robert Novak said on CNN that, "Bush has solidified Republican support not because he is strong but because he is weak." The GOP has rallied around Bush only because he is so lost that they feel the need to support the President and boost his confidence in any way possible.

After Bush's disastrous nomination with Harriet Miers, Samuel Alito is a welcome alternative to conservative Senators. If Bush cannot please his own party, how does he expect to please Americans?

It is not like he has become more liberal; the Democrats do not approve of his Supreme Court nominees, and the Republicans only approved after Bush backtracked and picked someone else.

Then there is the Libby indictment, the first indictment of a White House staffer in 130 years — not exactly a plus for the current administration.

The man being indicted is Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Cheney's Chief of Staff. As of Oct. 28, he was charged with obstruction of justice, perjury and making false statements.

Basically, Bush cannot control his staff. Libby obviously did something illegal and illogical. What kind of person in their right mind would leak information about a CIA operative?

Sadly, these are not the President's only problems. His party itself was devastated by the loss of Tom Delay, the former House Majority Leader under Bush. Delay currently faces indictments for conspiracy and money laundering.

This scandal is just one of the many that have occurred during Bush's first term and have carried over into the second. The worst part is not a single one helps the President, they all reflect badly on either him or his party.

Some might wonder how

President Bush can allow such unacceptable events to occur under his watch.

To make his life even more difficult, America now faces a possible pandemic with the Avian Bird Flu.

Although the plans to increase funding and to give out approximately 20 million vaccines would normally ease Americans' fears, Bush found a way to make us even more fearful. Most people probably do not want their leader to tell them that a pandemic is like a forest fire that could eventually spread into an unmanageable inferno unless monitored carefully.

I personally do not like the thought of an uncontrollable inferno engulfing our country. Even though the President tells me they are increasing funding to prevent such a disaster from happening, I cannot help remembering that whole inferno comment, and thinking, "Well, I really do not like fire."

Then there is the closed session that has occurred in the Senate because the Democrats feel that the intelligence given in favor of the Iraq War was manipulated. Lovely, is it not? It really has increased my faith in government.

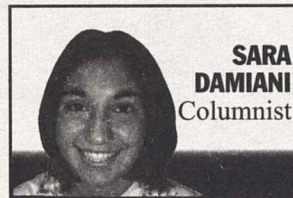
The Senate under Bush is fighting over the Supreme Court nominees and whether or not the Republicans are trustworthy. They are far from stable.

So, how can the President actually get anything done with so many members of Congress fighting one another? He cannot. A severely divided congress is not always a good factor when making laws.

Since I started college I have not had as much time to watch CNN, but recently I began catching up on my current events and realized something. Life is not going so great for President Bush right now, and at first I thought, "Gosh that is a lot of stress for one man." However, I quickly remembered he is the President, so logically he should be able to deal with several problems at once. Unfortunately he is not.

It took Bush several tries to please his party; he cannot control his staffers who leaked important information; the old House majority leader was far from perfect; America is facing a possible health crisis; and the Senate is bickering. President Bush is not the most powerful man in America.

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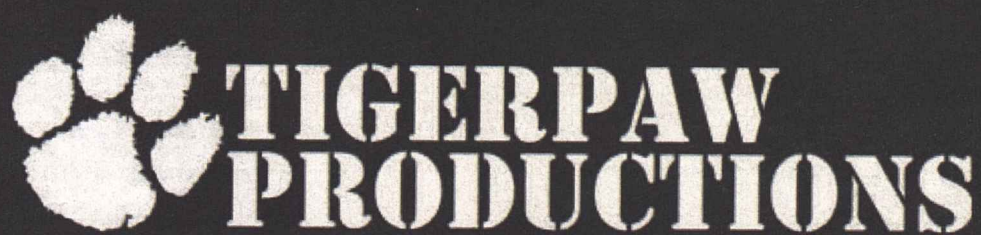
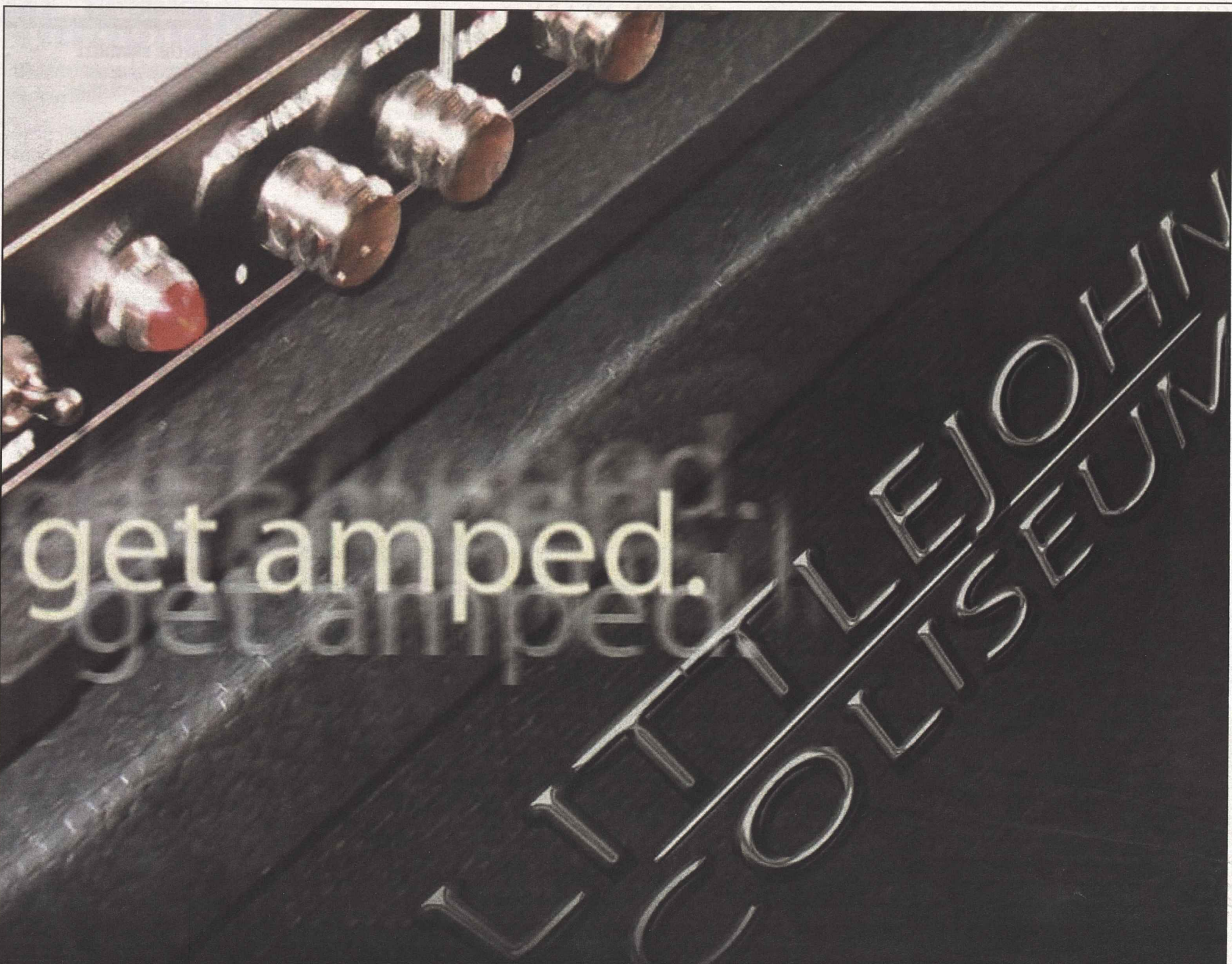
A Wisconsin family recently found their lost cat ... in France. The family pet had wandered into a shipping crate and survived a several week long journey by ship across the Atlantic.

An Ohio student was not allowed to play in a high school football game because he lacked shoes and knee pads. However, he also lacked legs — he gets around the field using his arms.

After being injured in a failed escape attempt, a Pennsylvania inmate is suing the jail, claiming that if the security was better, he would not have tried to escape.

A Florida man was arrested after leaving a bag of marijuana on the table as a tip for a waitress at a Starbucks. We're not so sure about this, but at least he tips well.





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# ON THE PROWL

BY ORSON SWELLES

Fall weather is upon us, and with gorgeous 70 degree days and nippy 40 degree nights, people are venturing to the outdoors to catch a glimpse of the leaves and catch up on some camping time.

Since I was a young boy, I always dreamed of being with a beautiful woman in a tent. The details were always hazy, but I knew that sometime I was going to venture out into the wilderness a camping virgin and emerge from the woods a true outdoor man.

Fire is the number one essential outdoor aphrodisiac. If it works indoors by lighting up a fireplace and strategically strewing candles about, then why wouldn't the gentle crackle of firewood work just as well? It is especially important to have a fire at this time of year when the night temperature approaches freezing. If you and a partner are together on a cold night huddled around a fire to warm up, and you don't have the slightest interest in having sex, then you need to get your libido checked. After dowsing the fire, there is no better place to warm up than curling up together in the same sleeping bag. Naked.

If you remember the excellent educational video series, "The Voyage of Mimi," then you probably also remember the episode with hypothermia. The two boys had to strip down to their skimpies and snuggle together in the same sleeping bag to regain body heat. Your adventure will be a lot like that, except instead of increasing your partner's body temperature, you will be having hot sex with him or her.

Sex in a tent is a fickle mistress. Yes, it is a triumph, but the road there is not a smoothly paved causeway. The first obstacle is the harshness of the ground. For the

most part, people are used to a mattress as their pleasure padding, but in the woods your best friend is a light inflatable sleeping pad. This provides about an inch of air, which seems like a lot less with two people stacked on top of one another.

Be sure to alternate who is on the bottom frequently so that you don't destroy one person's spine. When setting up the tent, anticipate the event that is bound to occur, and clear the ground of rocks or debris.

Another thing to keep in mind is the size of the tent. Most backpacking tents are made to be light, so they will be very small inside. Unless you have a massive tent (double entendre), there is no need or possibility to do any standing-based sexual positions. I mean, come on, you are outdoors like the missionaries of old, so try and stick to their position of choice.

Another characteristic of backpacking tents that makes them so light is that the fabric that makes the tent walls is very light and thin. In my days of camping, this led to many furious fellow campers in a half-mile radius being forced to listen to a night of my lumberjack snoring. And snoring is nowhere near the decibel level of an orgasmic woman.

There is an old adage that goes, "If a woman orgasms in the woods, and there is no one around to hear her, does she make a sound?" I don't know what the philosophical answer is, but I know that the real answer is a resounding (literally) yes. The mountains have a way of making the quietest sound echo across the valleys, and in your case, the hills



will be alive with the sound of something, but it sure isn't music.

Since I am an advocate for safe sex, please bring some condoms along with you on your camping trip. There is only one thing that is more annoying than kids: an STD. Even if you are completely prepared for campground sex, one thing you may forget is a receptacle for used condoms. Condoms can take a few hundred years to decompose, so please don't throw them in the woods. Bring an extra plastic bag as a rubber repository, and then trash this bag when you get back to civilization.

If tent loving isn't doing it for you, there is also the option of having sex under the stars. This feat is much more complicated and a bit more risky, so it can add to the excitement of the excursion. Once again, you should find a flat soft spot on the apex of a hill or mountain, and make sure the weather will be good for the next day.

While a towel may seem appropriate to lie on, get a bigger item such as a sheet. It is large enough to keep you from the ground, and its smaller and more tightly woven fibers will keep the dirt from seeping through. Another advantage to the open sky route is that nothing is more of a turn-on than a sunrise across a mountain range. Jump on this opportunity, and use your morning wood to its fullest potential.

Camping is a great way to beat the monotony and restrictiveness of the bedroom. If you follow these rules, camping will never be the same.

Watch out for bears though, because as Brick from "Anchorman" once said, "I read somewhere that their periods attract bears. The bears can smell the menstruation." Nothing ruins a night of beautiful sex like a bear mauling your girlfriend through the tent. Luckily for us, Brick is an idiot, and unless you bring a delicious and aromatic sandwich to bed with you, all will be well.

# Chef's Corner: Cheap pork chops

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Let's face it, pork chops are a cheaper form of meat (well, when compared to steak, at least). Therefore, I like to cook with pork chops.

It can become a fancy dinner or a simple dish; that is up to you.

Remember when cooking to have fun, do not be afraid to change ingredients and add things.

If you mess up a dish, it's a good way of telling yourself to not cook it that way again. Now you get to have more fun figuring out how to fix it.

This recipe is called Tasty Pork Chops, or Orange Pork Chops. The major ingredients are orange juice, brown sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, pork chops, vegetable oil, salt, pepper and an onion.

You will also need a small mixing bowl, a large skillet and a stove.

You will need:

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp soy sauce
- 2 pork chops

(\*NOTE: This recipe yields two servings. For more servings, add accordingly -- for four servings, double each ingredient -- for three servings, add another half to each ingredient.)

Get a large frying pan and put it over medium heat. You want to put just enough vegetable oil to cover the bottom of the frying pan.

Make sure you wash the pork chops off and place them in a single layer in the frying pan.

Sprinkle the pork chops with salt and pepper. Cook these until they are browned.

Turn the pork chops at least once to cook them evenly on both sides. Make sure you cut the largest pork

chop in the middle to make sure it is done. As long as it is no longer pink, it will be done.

This should take approximately 10 to 20 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine the orange juice, brown sugar, vinegar and soy sauce. Set this aside to use after the pork chops are done.

After the pork chops are removed (either in the same frying pan or in a smaller one), you will sauté the onion and chops.

If you use the same pan, there is enough oil left to sauté the onion; however, if you use another pan, you will need to fill the bottom of the pan before adding the onions.

I use a different pan because I can cook faster, but it does give you another dish to wash. The choice is yours.

Slice the onion after peeling off the outer layers.

I'm sure there is a "correct" way to slice an onion, but as long as it ends up in smaller pieces, you are doing fine.

Now put the onion in the frying pan and let it cook. It will take approximately two to seven minutes. Make sure the onion is limp and easy to cut with a fork.

Now you want to mix all of these parts together in the frying pan.

Place the pork chops in the frying pan and cover with the orange juice mixture, and then add the onions.

Make sure everything is submerged in the liquid and distributed evenly across the pan and heat on medium for about five minutes.

Another option is to make the sauce thicker. To do this, you simply add one to one-half teaspoons of cornstarch and one half cup of water to the combination of all parts.

Now that that is finished, just add some broccoli or other vegetables, a salad or potatoes with some bread and you have a full course meal. Bon Appetite!

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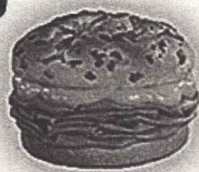
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# The Almond: New Monopoly comes to Clemson campus

RYAN BAY  
Staff Writer

**BUREAU, S.C. BETTER BUSINESS** — Aramark Foods Inc. acquired the Student Union coffee shop Loggia Latte last spring. This, along with Java City, Fernow Street Café, Chili's Too and others, gives Aramark exclusive rights to manage Clemson University's dining options on campus. Students have already begun to brace themselves for a price increase, which is expected to grow to 10 times what it was last year.

This is bad news for students, as they already stand a significant chance of having to pay a new luxury tax.

With this new source of revenue, on top of the \$200 in subsidies Aramark already receives from the state every year merely for existing, Aramark has enough money to begin new acquisitions.

Property analysts predict that Aramark will attempt to purchase the lot where Johnstone E used to be, as well as Johnstone A. The success of this deal will have as much to do with chance as anything else.

If the deal does go through, however, Aramark will probably attempt

to improve the property.

"Rent on those properties is very low now, but so is the cost to put up larger buildings," said Professor Deidre Irons.

According to Irons, students could be paying rents ranging from \$20 to \$450 if Aramark invests in all of the available improvements. Few students fear this, however.

"I mean, there are only two of them, so I don't really even go over there that often," sophomore Jerry Shoe said.

In spite of current student indifference, price regulation is being considered by some administrators.

"That would be the same as having Clemson students take three steps backwards," Aramark president Charles Cannon said.

Cannon's monopoly attempt is an interesting story. Cannon as a young man was bored with the dining options his campus had to offer. Taking the \$10 he won in a beauty contest, he invested in a small business that quickly became more and more profitable.

Soon after he started, the sale of stock yielded upwards of \$45. Now, Cannon is the president of a

multi-million dollar corporation and owns property in Kentucky, New York and Pennsylvania and has a house on the boardwalk near Nantucket Sound.

Aramark is the first company to actually gain a monopoly hold in Clemson, though others have tried. In the late 90s, outside contractor Carr Inc. attempted to trade University Ridge to the administration for Littlejohn Coliseum. The contractors, under various sub-companies, already owned Death Valley and Kingsmore Stadium.

Fortunately for Clemson, the administration decided not to accept the deal. This kept Clemson out of considerable legal trouble when these contractors went to jail the following year and were forced to pay fines of around \$50.

No official statements has been made yet about rumors that a company wants to railroad the city into selling the entire CAT bus route system or that Parking Services will be removing the free parking at Kite Hill.

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# LEAF Festival blows dance, music into Asheville

AMANDA GURGANUS  
Staff Writer

There is an entire group of people whom many probably never even knew existed. These are fun-loving folks who love to dance and socialize in the mountains. Their form of dance is called Contra, and they gather twice a year in May and October for the Lake Eden Arts Festival (LEAF), held in Asheville, N.C.

The weekend of Oct. 14 was the 21st celebration of the festival. Tickets were available for the entire weekend with room to set up tents, but many simply attended the main events on Saturday. Performers came

from all over the world to play at LEAF. Bands performed on seven stages and they played anywhere from an hour to two hours at a time and for two or three different time slots on various stages.

My favorite band was called The Duhks (pronounced "Ducks") from Canada. They played what they called "soul-grass music," an upbeat sound that was good for dancing or just sitting back and listening. No matter what, it was sure to put you in a good mood.

Performer Billy Jonas did an exceptional show for the kids. His motto is "bang a bucket," which encourages kids and adults alike to

reuse products around the house to make their own instruments, allowing everyone to be in the band. His songs were hilarious, with a youthful and vigorous beat.

Something you do not see very often is a harpist, but if you want to find the unusual, LEAF is the place to go. William Jackson from Scotland lit the stage with a Celtic harp. An internationally known composer, Jackson mixes soothing music with humorous anecdotes and ancient tales.

One of the most exciting performances was Samputu and Ingeli, who put on an African Dance show. While in authentic tribal outfits, the group played African music and performed

with traditional African instruments, including a few unique stringed instruments. They danced and sang and encouraged the audience to get up and join in on the fun. The audience was whooping and hollering with excitement, making the stage come alive.

LEAF also sponsors a program called LEAF in Schools and Streets. In this program, the festival invites artists and supporters to actually go into the schools and housing communities in order to get kids involved in music and art by providing hands-on workshops that allow them to participate in the festival.

This is a non-profit organization

whose interest is to empower youth.

There is more than just music and dance at this festival too. There were healing arts, handcrafts and folk art. The healing arts are natural ways to exercise and heal the body while raising the energy level. There was yoga, meditation, oil and herbs, acupuncture and massages, too. The crafts ranged from making hats and scarves to wood ornaments, jewelry and knives.

The LEAF festival was a well-spent adventure that involved opportunities to swim in the mountain lake, slide down an enormous water slide and rip-glide into the lake. It was a wonderful weekend to relax and put the world back into perspective.



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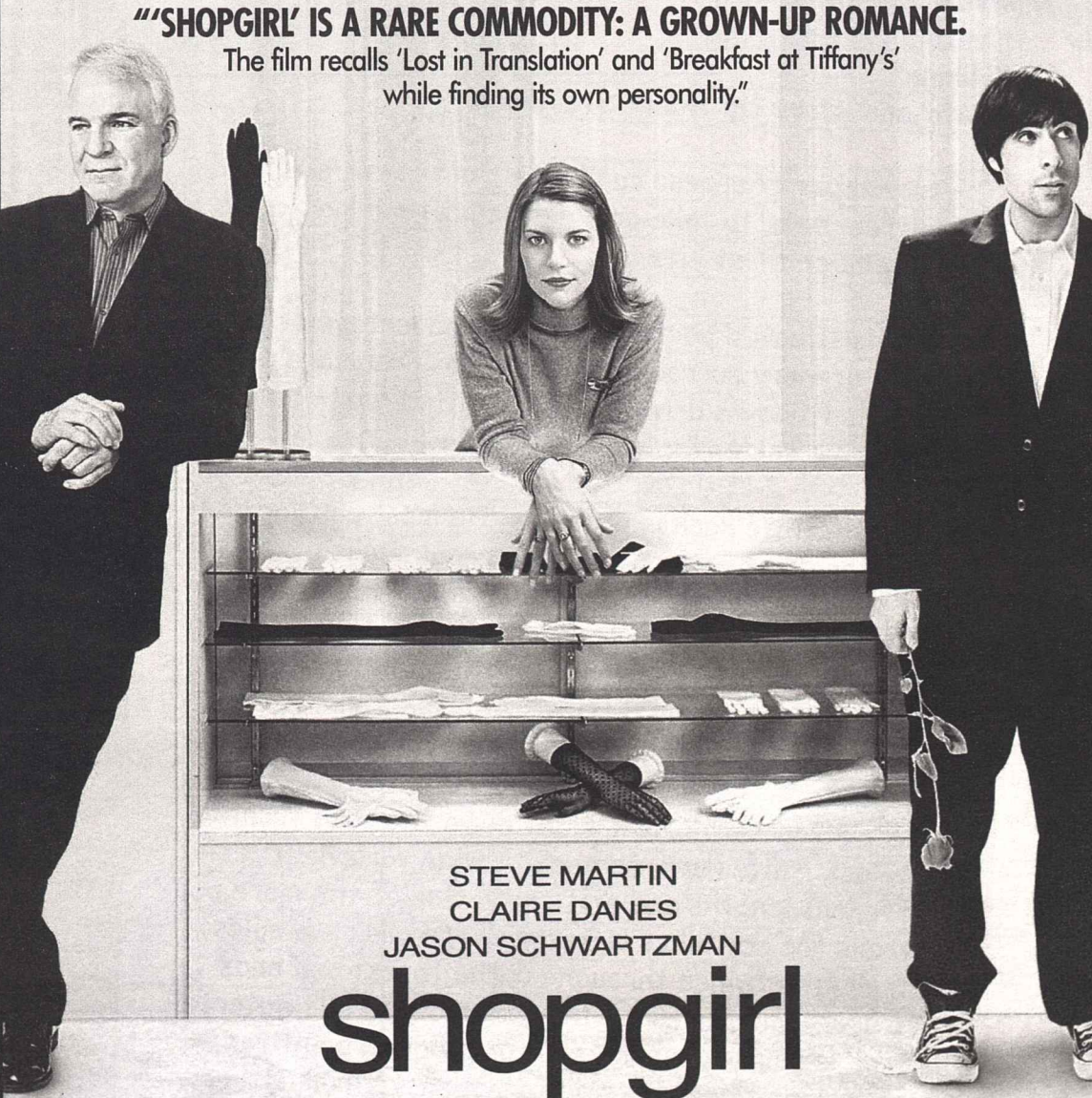
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# Fall for Clemson

Graphics by Tyler Mills

## "Relaxing Times"

Photo and story by Alex Fink

Just a bike ride away from campus, the South Carolina Botanical Garden provides an excellent atmosphere for one to view the fall colors. While few Clemson students realize just how large it is, the Botanical Garden provides a peaceful place for exercise, photography and wildlife observation. Anyone interested in horticulture will enjoy this resource, since all the plants are accompanied by informational signs detailing origin and locale.

Right behind the Hendrix center, "Lever Beach" is an area that hundreds of students pass through daily. The fall colors are just beginning to show themselves on the hardwoods surrounding the area. Whether it's an afternoon nap or just a shortcut on the way to class, "Lever Beach" is a great place to frequent this time of year.



## "Fall Foliage and Driving"

Photo and story by Stacy Brogan

Even though there are several places on campus where you can pull up a blanket and marvel at nature's beauty, there are numerous locations close by that are just as worthy of your time. Take a break from the pre-Thanksgiving studies, and experience fall's kaleidoscope of fiery colors. Travel just a few hours along North Carolina's Blue Ridge Parkway, and you can experience fall in all her glory. This 105-mile stretch is packed with fall vibrancy sure to leave you breathless. The leaves are changing now and will continue through late November. If you need a rest from all of your work, grab some buddies, pack a picnic and hop in your Ford Focus to escape Clemson for a day and be surrounded by heaps of fall colors. Also, do not forget to pack your digital camera, as these vivacious colored photos would make a great Thanksgiving gift.



## "Hiking"

Photo and story by Adam Steinberg

The November crispness can be felt in the air, and now is the perfect time to take one last beautiful hike before the December frost hits.

Clemson is situated perfectly to take advantage of the gorgeous scenery surrounding the area. There are enough trails within a day's drive of Clemson that you will never see the same golden leaf twice.

Table Rock State Park is probably the most popular destination for day-hikers, as the numerous trails in the park feature some spectacular rock cliff views. For the best views, traverse the Pinnacle Mountain trail (4.1 miles) or the Table Rock Trail (3.6 miles). Both trails are strenuous at points but not overly difficult. A brisk walking pace puts round-trips at around four hours for each trail.

Caesar's Head State Park, right down the road from Table Rock State Park, features a wide variety of trails of different lengths and difficulty. One of the more popular trails for day hikes is Raven Cliff Falls (two miles). The trail intertwines throughout the forest and ends with a spectacular view of the Raven Cliff Falls waterfall. The trail is fairly easy and a great starting point for anyone looking to get outside for an easy stroll. Other trails range in distance from one-half to 10 miles, so there really is something for everyone at Caesar's Head State Park.

For a quick afternoon hike, Issaqueena Trail is a great option right in Clemson's backyard. Most of the trails at Issaqueena hug Lake Hartwell, which can make for some beautiful views of the tree-lined lake. The trail is open for a variety of uses, including hiking, mountain biking and even horseback riding.

The Clemson area is always beautiful, and fall is certainly no exception. Take advantage of the beautiful mountain passes and spectacular views while the opportunity exists; exams are just around the corner.





## Jigsaw reappears in excellent sequel



SAW II  
Lion's Gate Films  
RELEASE: Out Now

**BRANDON BILINSKI**  
Assistant TimeOut Editor

It is a commonly known fact that you can't spell "horribly revolting sequel" without horror. In the realm of bad movies, horror movie sequels are in a league of their own. Most follow the same formula as "Ring 2," which is to take most of the main characters from your first cash cow of a film, make a plot that betrays the point of its predecessor and then make the second movie more gruesome and scary. Luckily for us, "Saw 2" strayed from this equation.

The original "Saw" was a low-budget suspense/horror flick that made millions because of its ingenious killer (a man who sets traps that can be solved if the victim has the will to live) and its excellent plot twists.

I am reserved to say that it was a great film because the cinematography was shaky and annoying, and the acting was rancid. Cary Elwes was the lead, and compared to the phenomenal "Princess Bride," Elwes was terrible. He overacted every scene and in some parts, seemed like a complete amateur.

"Saw 2" showcased Donnie Wahlberg as an angry cop whose son is being held captive with seven other teens.

Sadly, the bad boy from The New Kids on the Block did such a better job than the Dread Pirate Roberts that it makes you wonder if all boy band stars should pursue acting careers (except you, Joey Fatone).

Overall, the acting this time around was much better. It's as though fans told the creators that they hated the acting in the first one so they made sure that component was improved.

Acting aside, it was the plot that made the first movie so popular; in most cases, it is the plot that ruins any sequel.

Fear not, Jigsaw fans, for this movie has all of the plot twists you have come to expect and enjoy from the series.

The heart of the story begins when Eric Matthews (Wahlberg) leads an assault on the serial killer's laboratory. After quite a struggle, Matthews finds a decrepit old cancer victim, who happens to be the mastermind behind all of the killings from the first movie.

Tobin Bell plays Jigsaw with an outstanding psychological edge that is reminiscent of Hannibal Lector. We soon find out that he is holding eight people hostage in a house with a deadly nerve agent slowly killing them. There are multiple antidotes and exits scattered around the house, but they must work together to solve puzzles and defeat traps in order to make it out alive.

The traps in "Saw 2" aren't as clever or frightening as in "Saw," but my biggest gripe involves the nerve gas.

Supposedly the people have two hours to get an antidote or they die. A deadly gas isn't as visually suspenseful as a timed trap because all the audience sees is the occasional coughing of blood. I was hoping the movie would have the house rigged with explosives or something of that nature, so that cuts to the bomb timer could create more of a stir.

Another problem I had was that the philosophy behind the Jigsaw killer is a little too sequel-like for my tastes.

In the first movie, he only punished people who had no will to

live, and instead, he gave them an option to appreciate life.

This movie involved a lot of philosophical discussion from Jigsaw, but his killings didn't make sense.

Most of the people trapped in the house claimed to be innocent, so it doesn't make sense for them to be punished.

Plus, on assault of Jigsaw's precinct, three SWAT members are killed, and they didn't have a choice whether to live or die. These may be minor plot holes, but they still help to bring down what could have been a good movie to the status of a good sequel.

Sure the movie is gruesome in some parts, but it really isn't that scary. I would classify it as more of a suspense/thriller than a horror movie. If you were a fan of the first, you have to go see this film. If you happen to have seen "Saw" or just like movies with puzzles and plot twists, give this movie a watch. A few scenes, including the completely unexpected twist ending, will provide you with a fun movie-going experience.

## Yellowcard punks Clemson

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Staff Writer

It was a dark, cold Clemson night during Death in the Valley where zombies ran rampant, and pumpkins were aplenty.

Littlejohn was a chilling mess of excitement as Yellowcard, opened by Pink Spider and Acceptance, played for a large group of costumed revelers.

This ClemsonLive and TigerPaw produced Halloween event was fabulously fun. The wax hands, costume contests, magician, cartoonist and several of Death in the Valley's other spooky events were hauntingly enjoyable.

The stage eerily glowed with spectacular lighting, glow-in-the-dark orbs and festive glow-stick handouts. Pink Spider did not disappoint and was a high energy punk band that got the crowd hopping. The pink-and-black-striped shirts donned by the band were a nice touch.

Following their act was Acceptance, a band that was equally as upbeat and crowd-pleasing. A memorable moment was when the band requested everyone whom felt the need to toss their day-glow sticks at them

on stage; hundreds of glowing rods pummeled the band, but that did not ruin the bands good vibe. They continued their set with an upbeat, high energy performance.

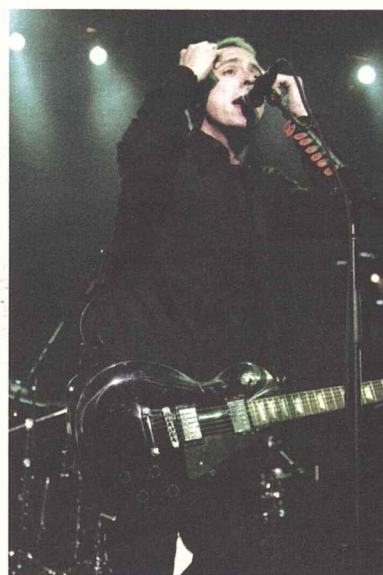
In between Acceptance and Yellowcard were the finalists for the costume contest. The categories were: Scariest, Most Original, Best Group and Most Cost Efficient. Creativity was not lacking, and the winners deserved their prizes with as much thought, time and ingenuity that was put into their costumes. Winners included SpongeBob, a blood-thirsty wolf and several other innovative creations.

Then the band everyone had been waiting for rushed the stage with so much enthusiasm, energy and zest that the crowd went wild. Sean Mackin, Yellowcard's violinist, was exuberant to watch as he jumped all over the stage and played off the crowd's energy. The lights flashed reds, greens, magentas and other vibrant combinations that turned Littlejohn into a exciting prism.

Yellowcard's vigor was enjoyed and appreciated by all and was a good completion to the show. They played old favorites such as "Ocean Avenue," as well as some

new tracks from their yet-to-be-released album.

Working together, Pink Spider, Acceptance, Yellowcard, TigerPaw Productions and ClemsonLive successfully intertwined their musical and creative efforts to begin the Halloween weekend with an enjoyable, unforgettable event for all.



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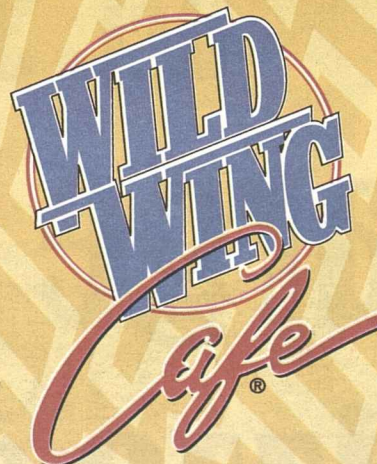
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## “G” falls short of achieving greatness



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**JOHN HEGARTY**  
Staff Writer

“G” is a modern-day adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic novel “The Great Gatsby.” Summer G, the Gatsby character played by Richard T. Jones, is a hip-hop mogul that sets up shop in the Hamptons for the summer.

He lives the phat rap lifestyle in luxury. The one thing he knows how to do better than business is party, but this party lifestyle does not provide him the happiness of love.

Summer G is still in love with his girlfriend from college, Sky (F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Daisy character), played by Chenoa Maxwell. They both attended the Fashion Institute of Technology and were on their way to a happy life. However, she left him one day for Chip Hightower, an up-and-coming businessman played by Blair Underwood.

Summer has worked hard for the past 10 years to build an empire that would be fit for his true love. Sky’s cousin Trey, played by Andre Royo, attends one of Summer’s parties with the hope of getting an interview for his magazine.

In the midst of the party, Summer sees Sky, and all of his old feelings come rushing back to him.

Chip has been cheating on Sky, which she comes to discover. Sky still has feelings for Summer, and she engages in an affair herself. At one point during the film, Chip

comes home to find a pair of panties on the couch.

He confronts Sky about it, only to realize that the panties are not Sky’s but are one of his ho’s.

“G” was what I can only describe as a hip-hop soap opera, or a “hip-hopera.” The only thing in this movie that was worse than the acting was the writing. The characters in this script did not seem to have a constant style of dialect.

At one point, it’s as if you’re watching “Don’t Be a Menace to South Central while Drinking Your Juice in the Hood,” and the next minute you think you just turned the channel to “The Young and the Restless.”

One good thing about the film is that you did not have to anticipate anything for very long because the background music provided you the cues to what was about to happen. If they were going to talk seriously and then make out or cry, there was piano music.

For every other scene, there was rap music. That’s it.

One saving grace for the movie could have been the soundtrack, but the music seemed choppy from scene to scene.

Overall, this movie was probably one of the worst adaptations of a book ever. F. Scott Fitzgerald is probably turning over in his grave.

It should have been a hint to me entering the theater that this movie was not going to be very good because the sign over the door that said “G” was made in Microsoft word and printed on an inkjet.

If the producers of the movie won’t even send a sign over for the movie, then it’s probably not worth seeing.

## New Xbox game, “Pacific,” proves ultimately disappointing



HEROES OF THE PACIFIC  
UBI Soft  
RELEASE: Out Now

**ADAM GRIFFIS**  
Staff Writer

Calling World War II a common game setting would be a gross understatement.

Several times a season, publishers push new entries down our throats: “Call of Duty,” “Medal of Honor,” “Brothers in Arms,” “Combat Mission” and “Sudden Strike,” just to name a few.

It is hard then not to take a “been there, done that” attitude with “Heroes of the Pacific.”

However, that would be a mistake, because arcade flight games are relatively rare.

The story of “Heroes” follows a young navy pilot as he goes through the course of the Pacific war, from Pearl Harbor to the end of hostilities. The story seems to be relatively accurate, historically speaking. A significant amount of research seems to have gone into racial slurs of the time.

You’ll hear “Get those ToJos” enough times to make you feel guilty for just playing the game.

Each plane has a distinct feel; you’ll always know which vehicle you are in by how it flies.

The Zero is agile and lightweight so that each round fired causes the camera to shake slightly.

In contrast to this is the heavier Corsair, which turns much more slowly and feels more like a solid weapons platform.

Gunfire has no perceptible effect on your flight.

The game looks very good; the ground textures aren’t perfect, but the ships, planes and water are all beautifully rendered with the same engine behind “Burnout Revenge.”

It’s a good choice of resource allocation on the developer’s part, as those constitute the majority of what you’ll see in “Heroes.”

The graphics bump is the major reason why you should buy this game.

The gameplay isn’t revolutionary by any means, and the story is pretty generic.

Despite attempts to create a sense of association with your character, the story is undercut by a constant stream of racial epithets that break the immersion time and again.

The voice acting is particularly annoying among a platoon of poorly-casted World War II games.

A queue of clichéd commanders, presumably all from Chicago, will be screaming unreasonable orders at you the entire time.

Upon completion you’ll be called worthless, despite the fact that you just single-handedly saved the Pacific Theater.

The missions are the usual arcade flight game fair: destroy the base, protect the bombers, intercept the bombers and fighter escort, torpedo or dive bomb the enemy ships, etc.

It’s nothing new, unlike what “Crimson

Skies” provided us, but it satiates the desire for more console flying.

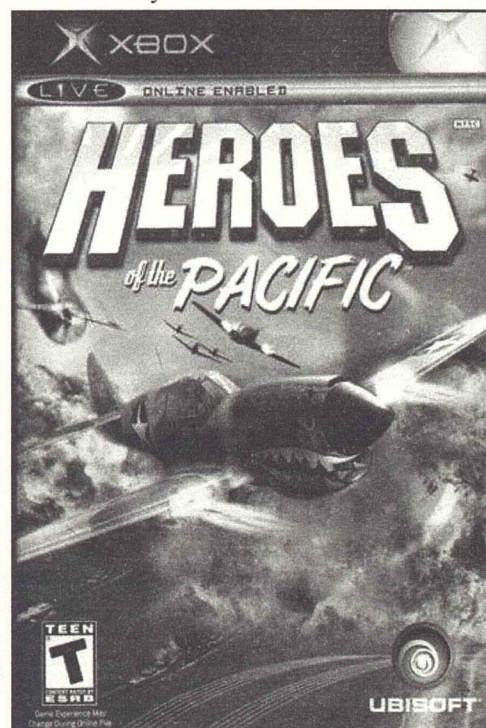
This pretty much sums up the entire “Heroes of the Pacific” experience; it’s nothing spectacular, but if you’ve already played “Rogue Squadron: Rebel Strike,” “Crimson Skies” and “Secret Weapons Over Normandy” and still want more, by all means, pick it up.

“Heroes of the Pacific” is the videogame equivalent of a generic war movie with John Wayne.

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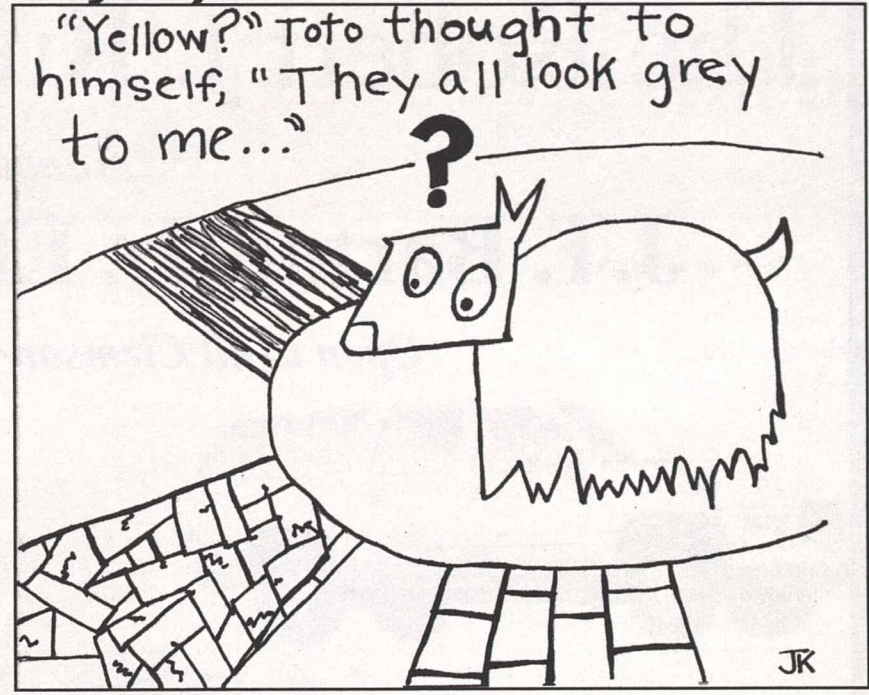
# Pretend to Laugh

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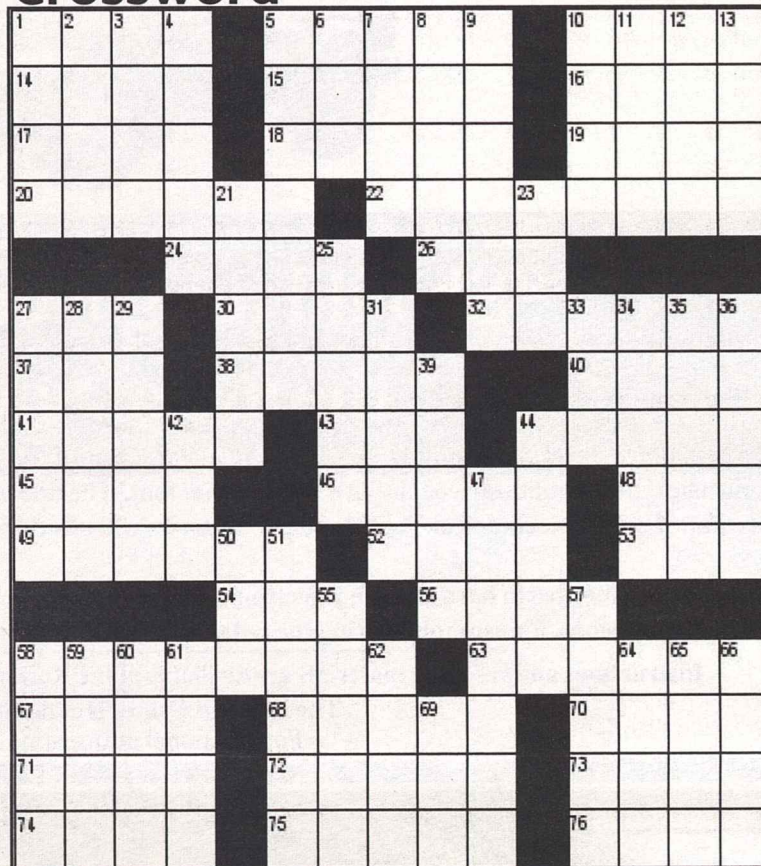
Across

- 1 Composer Johann Sebastian
- 5 Liquor holder
- 10 Gumbo
- 14 Capital of Norway
- 15 Acidic (2 wds.)
- 16 Billions of years
- 17 Ban
- 18 Ancient Greek marketplace
- 19 Clip
- 20 Part human part machine
- 22 Prime real estate
- 24 Floor covers
- 26 Can metal
- 27 Traveler's aid
- 30 Representatives
- 32 Male chauvinist
- 37 Frozen water
- 38 Improvise a speech
- 40 Lazily
- 41 Wall picture
- 43 Both
- 44 Truss (2 wds.)
- 45 Spring flower
- 46 Nonage
- 48 Grow older
- 49 Lilly-like plants
- 52 Shriveled
- 53 Drug
- 54 Lacuna
- 56 Equal
- 58 Judges domain (2 wds.)
- 63 Fix a pet
- 67 Terminated
- 68 Style of Greek column
- 70 Sled
- 71 Roman emperor
- 72 Harden
- 73 Black
- 74 Planted
- 75 Looks for
- 76 Drowse

Down

- 1 Pear type
- 2 Wan
- 3 Billy
- 4 Trophy
- 5 Waved down or \_\_\_\_ down
- 6 Lumber
- 7 Truant
- 8 Jack \_\_\_\_
- 9 Tan colors
- 10 Grain
- 11 Lotion brand
- 12 Cross
- 13 Stake
- 21 Rustic
- 23 East northeast
- 25 Spread out
- 27 Simulate
- 28 Sporty car brand
- 29 Danger
- 31 Grain storage towers
- 33 Dozen
- 34 Perfect
- 35 Slimy insects
- 36 Used a keyboard
- 39 Music 'color'
- 42 Sign language
- 44 Topic
- 47 Spells
- 50 Past
- 51 Saudi Arabian citizens
- 55 Disposed
- 57 Swiss mathematician
- 58 Hanker
- 59 Declare positively
- 60 "as you \_\_\_\_"
- 61 Gloat
- 62 Right
- 64 Small pipe
- 65 Self-esteem
- 66 Buying alternative
- 69 Annoy

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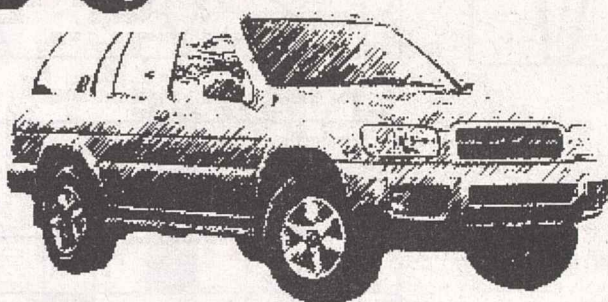
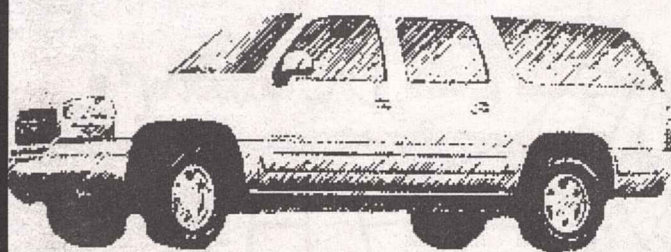
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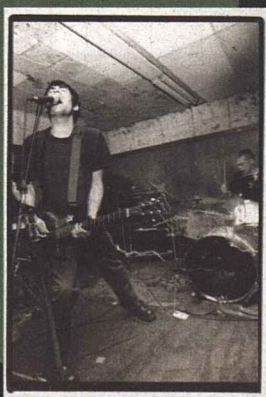
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