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Two grad students die in Charlotte plane crash

Computer science students were returning to school from seeing their families in India.

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Staff Writer

For the first time in more than a year, the nation experienced loss from the skies as U.S. Airways Express Flight 5481 crashed into the tarmac in Charlotte on Wednesday, Jan. 8. But for students, faculty members and many others at Clemson, this accident is particularly poignant.

Clemson University officials confirmed later on Wednesday that two Clemson students were among the 19 deceased passengers on the plane. Sreenivasa Reddy Badam, 24, and Ganeshram Sreenivasan, 23, both of India, were graduate students in Computer Science, and both had been enrolled at the University since the fall of 2001.

Friends and colleagues alike described Badam as a "very nice guy," one who "was easy to talk with" and a very popular person with lots of friends. But to many, Sreenivasa was also known for his hard work, which had earned him a 4.0 GPA in the Graduate School

of Computer Science, and for his great capacity to dream.

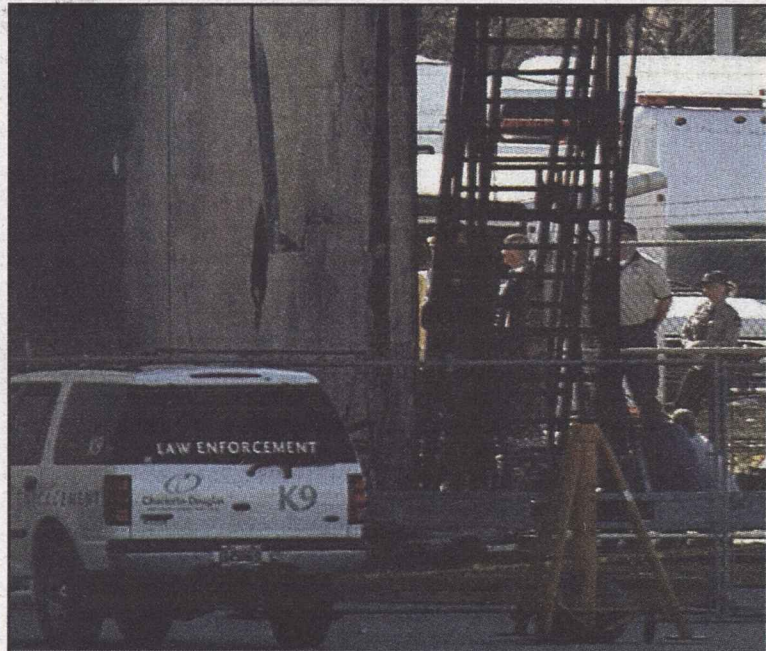
According to his colleagues, Badam loved movies, and especially American movies. His "big dream" was to be an American movie director after he had saved up enough money by working as an engineer, and many say he was well to achieving this goal.

The University lost a smiling face with the passing of Ganeshram Sreenivasan. The friend and fellow student, whom friends described as hardworking, diligent, and simply a "pretty nice person," was all set to graduate in August and leave his mark on the world.

Armed with a perfect 4.0 GPA and a tireless desire to succeed, Sreenivasan wanted nothing more than to make enough money to help his parents and sister, who still reside in India today. According to friends, for Sreenivasan "family was always first," and he proved that by visiting them each year over the winter break. Sreenivasan's desire to help his family stands with his dreams of being a software engineer as a lasting tribute to a friend who was "always smiling."

University officials expressed their con-

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FATAL FLIGHT: All 21 passengers, including two Clemson graduate students, perished in the crash last week in Charlotte. (Ganeshram Sreenivasan, top, and Sreenivasa Reddy Badam)

Rice genome no longer puzzles researchers

Clemson scientists play prominent role in project that will benefit agriculture.

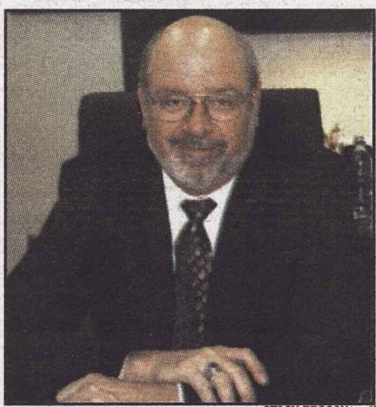
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For most people rice is a convenient side item — little more than empty calories to be avoided. But for a few researchers at the University's genomics institute, the energy-packed plant holds more than four years of careful study and experimentation.

On December 18, officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy (DOE) announced the completion of an advanced draft, or blueprint, of the rice genome. The milestone concludes the second phase of the rice-sequencing effort initiated under the coordination of the Japanese Rice Genome Program to improve the quality and increase yields of a staple consumed by over half of mankind.

"We're pleased that the genomics institute has the capability to provide the framework for this major international effort," said Jim Fischer, dean and director of the South Carolina Agriculture and Forestry Research System. "We have worked very hard to build Clemson into a world leader in biotechnology research."

Rice is the staple food for over half of humankind. In response to



DNA DIRECTOR: Jim Fischer headed Clemson's part of the project.

global problems such as population pressure and environmental degradation, technological research to increase sustainable agricultural productivity is a priority. Decoding the rice genome sequence is expected to contribute greatly toward the food security goal.

Launched in 1998, the project is a multinational effort to map the rice genome's 12 chromosomes. The USDA, NSF and DOE provided a total of \$14.4 million in U.S. funds.

The achievement represents the highest quality sequence of the rice genome ever assembled and publicly available, with an error rate less than .01 percent. Cereals, such as wheat, barley, oats, corn and sorghum, will benefit from the decoding of the rice genome by increasing knowledge about disease resistance, nutrition, response to inhospitable environments, fiber

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Athletic Dining Room feeds all students

Facility below Schilleter is open for anyone during lunch and athletes at dinner.

WILL SPINK
News Editor

Many students do not realize it exists. Some do not understand the reasons behind it. But very few know that they can eat in the Athletic Dining Room below Schilleter Dining Hall.

Jeff Hall, the general manager for dining services, explained that until seven or eight years ago, this would not have been true. Now, however, due to NCAA regulations, schools can offer only five meals each week exclusively to varsity athletes.

The result of these regulations at Clemson is that the athletic department opted for those five meals to be dinners every weeknight. Thus, during the lunch hours of 11:30-1:30, any student can pay cash or use a normal University meal plan at the downstairs facility. The athletic dining room is not open for breakfast.

Why do students hear so little about the dining hall? "It's not advertised because the food is the same downstairs as it is upstairs," Hall stated.

In fact, Hall asserted that many of the athletes would rather eat upstairs in Schilleter than in the athletic dining hall because of the atmosphere.

Cornerback Ryan Hemby agreed, "Most of the guys don't eat there too often. After eating there every day your freshman year, it's really good, but you're ready for a change

to eat out or hang out with people or whatever."

Like all other students, freshman athletes are required to have a University meal plan, so they eat in the dining halls on a fairly regular basis. Hall pointed out that only 62 athletes remain on the special meal plan this year, as opposed to as many as 180 in the early 1980s.

Back then, according to Hall, steak and shrimp were on the menu almost every night downstairs, as the NCAA did little or nothing to regulate food options. Now, besides a "nicer dinner" about once a week, the food is the same as the normal dining hall.

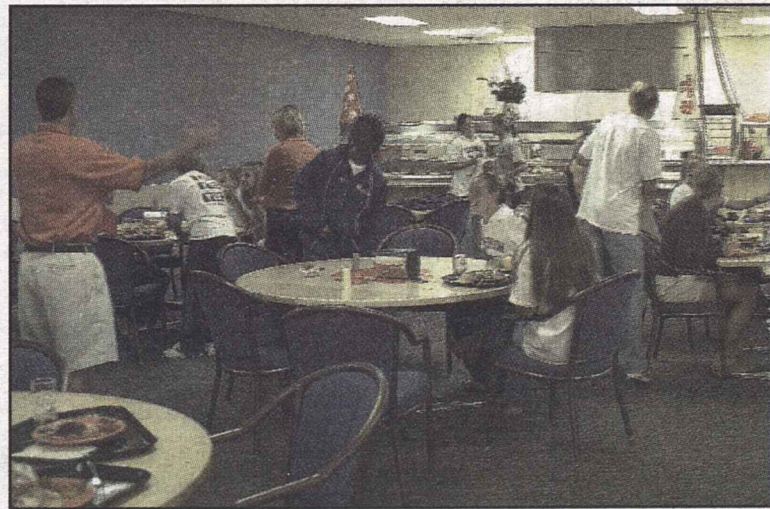
The main motivation and benefit of the athletic dining room, then, is that it can run seasonal hours based on the practice schedules of the different athletic teams. This allows the athletes to grab a meal on campus between practice and study

halls that evening. Due to the extended hours, the meal plan costs about \$15 per week more than the normal one, and in one way or another, the athletes on the plan, even those on scholarship, are paying for that.

However, Hall believes that the day of the athletic dining room may be on its way out. "With all the renovations we have planned around campus," he said, "I don't know if there will even be one in 10 years."

It no longer offers premium meals regularly, and the weight room trainers deal with most nutrition issues, so the athletic dining room may be close to losing its usefulness on campus.

For now, students still have another option for their lunches, but unless they are looking for a less crowded room with fewer menu options, they seem to have little reason to eat downstairs.



ATHLETIC APPETITES: The women's soccer team enjoys a meal in the ADR.

THE TIGER 3-DAY FORECAST FOR CLEMSON

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Illinois governor George Ryan finally vacates state's death row of 167 inmates

ELAINE HELM

Daily Northwestern (NWU)

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — Outgoing Gov. George Ryan emptied Illinois' death row of 167 inmates in a speech at the Law School on Saturday, validating years of work by Northwestern University faculty and students to free the wrongfully convicted.

The governor's historic move was greeted by several standing ovations from the invitation-only crowd of anti-death penalty activists, lawyers and exonerated prisoners, including three of the four former death row inmates pardoned only the previous day.

"Because the Illinois death penalty system is arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral, I no longer shall tinker with the machinery of death," said Ryan, borrowing the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun.

Governor-elect Rod Blagojevich, Cook County state's attorney Richard Devine and some victims' families met Ryan's announcement with anger and were quick to criticize the decision.

"(The death penalty decision) was ripped away from the courts by a man who is a pharmacist by training and a politician by trade," said Devine, according to The Associated Press. "Yes, the system is broken, and the governor broke it today."

On Friday at DePaul University's College of Law, Ryan pardoned Madison Hobley, Stanley Howard, Leroy Orange and Aaron Patterson, saying their convictions were based on false confessions coerced by police brutality.

Two of the men have ties to NU. Students in NU Prof. David Protess' investigative journalism class worked on Patterson's case for five years, and Law Prof. Thomas Geraghty and his students at the Law School's Bluhm Legal Clinic had been working on Orange's case since 1989.

Ollie Dodds, the mother of a woman who died in an apartment fire Hobley was convicted of setting, told the AP she still believes Hobley is guilty.

"I don't know how (Ryan) could

do it," she said. "It's a hurting thing to hear him say something like that. (Hobley) doesn't deserve to be out there."

Ryan said his decisions came after weeks of wrangling with his own feelings about the issue and deliberating the merits of each case. In addition to commuting the sentences of 164 death row inmates to life in prison without parole, the governor commuted the sentences of three men to 40 years, bringing them in line with defendants

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GEORGE RYAN
Illinois Governor

involved in the same crimes.

But blanket commutation for current death row inmates does not mean abolition of the death penalty in Illinois.

Blagojevich takes office today and at any time could rescind the death penalty moratorium Ryan instituted in 2000. However, he does not have the power to reverse Ryan's clemency decisions.

Critics have suggested Ryan might have timed the decision for blanket clemency to counter the controversy surrounding an ongoing federal investigation of the licenses-for-bribes scandal during his tenure as secretary of state.

Before announcing the commutations Saturday, Ryan praised the work of NU students and professors from the Medill School of Journalism and the Law School's Center on Wrongful Convictions.

"It is fitting that we are gathered here today at Northwestern University with the students, teachers, lawyers and investigators who first shed light on the sorrowful condition of Illinois' death penalty," he said.

"A system that's so fragile that it depends on young journalism students is seriously flawed."

Anthony Porter, whose exoneration caused the governor to enact the moratorium in 2000, said he planned to host a victory party Saturday night to celebrate the decision.

"I feel wonderful," said Porter, who was released from death row in 1999 after an investigation by Medill students shed light on his innocence. "The governor did the right thing; he's a courageous man. There's no doubt the system is broken."

During his address, Ryan honored Prof. Lawrence Marshall, the center's legal director, and Protess for their work to free many of the 17 death row inmates who have been exonerated since Illinois reinstated the death penalty in 1977.

"Never have I met anyone with more passion or a fiercer sense of justice than these two men," Ryan said.

Gary Gauger was sentenced to death in 1994 for murdering his parents and pardoned by the governor in December after it was found that another man was guilty of his crime. He said the work of NU students and professors on his behalf restored his faith in humanity.

"With people like this, it makes you wonder why we have problems like these," he said.

After the governor's announcement, Protess told The Daily he plans to continue fighting to correct other unjust sentences. He said his students will shift their focus to investigating the cases of inmates who are serving life sentences and have been overlooked during the death penalty debate.

"This is not a vindication," he said. "It's the natural outcome of a decade of reporting on these cases. This is the result of young journalists digging until they find the truth and having a courageous governor willing to act on that."

Robert Warden, the center's executive director, said he hopes Ryan's bold decision causes other states — excluding 11 that have abolished the death penalty and Maryland, which also has a death penalty moratorium — to examine the flaws in their systems.

"This is just the beginning," he said. "There are 37 other states that we've got to work on."

ROTC fights for housing

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Daily Collegian (Penn State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Matt Piasecki thought he had an ideal living situation mapped out for his senior year at Pennsylvania State University, living downtown with three of his closest friends.

But the junior business management major's prospective realtor rejected him as a tenant. Based on an act originally intended to protect soldiers, Piasecki said his membership in ROTC disqualified him from being considered as a tenant.

Piasecki, a two-and-a-half-year member of Penn State's Navy ROTC program, went to the Apartment Store, 444 E. College Ave., with his friend Kevin Hodges (junior-management science and information systems) in early December. The two planned to add their signatures to a four-person lease on an apartment in Sutton Court Apartments, 650-674 E. Prospect Ave.

After looking over Piasecki's application, a representative of the Apartment Store informed him he would not be accepted as a client. She had noticed that Piasecki planned to graduate in May, at which point the ROTC member would become an active member of the military.

Based on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, the Apartment Store denied rental to Piasecki, Hodges said.

The act, designed to protect soldiers and their families, allows a person to terminate certain contracts, including residential leases, in the event that he or she is forced to relocate for military duty. The act protects people from suffering any consequences as a result of such cancellations.

"Based on this act, a landlord could not enforce a lease against someone who is called to active duty, including ROTC," said Ron Friedman, attorney in real estate law and author of the book Pennsylvania Landlord-Tenant Law and Practice. "If he's called to active duty during the time of the lease, the lease ends."

Bruce Heim, CEO of the Apartment Store and a 1963 West Point graduate, said he was not aware that his company had refused to rent to Piasecki or any member of ROTC.

"I am far removed from any aspect of my company that would have played a role in this decision. We care fervently about ROTC and any student that would be involved in serving our country," Heim said. "I taught ROTC when I was in the service. That doesn't make any sense at all."

The Apartment Store's decision has left Piasecki and his three friends uncertain about their living circumstances next fall.

"I'd signed the lease seconds before they told us they wouldn't rent to Matt," said Hodges. "So as of right now the three of us are in and bound to the lease, missing a fourth roommate. And Matt, who wanted to live with us, has no place to live."

Piasecki said he offered to sign any contract they could draw up or even pay the full year's rent up front, but the business would not repeal its decision not to rent to him.

"It makes me mad because it's an act that's supposed to protect the people going away to war, but instead they're using it to discriminate against people just so they can reduce risk on their part," Piasecki said.

Friedman said membership in ROTC was not a classification protected from discrimination in Pennsylvania.

John Hanna, property manager of Continental Real Estate Management, 333 S. Allen St., is among some area realtors who said they would not hesitate to take students like Piasecki on as clients, despite the act.

"If someone were to get active orders while under a lease, yes, I would rent to them," Hannah said.

Larry Frankel, legislative director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, was unaware of realtors refusing to rent to someone based on affiliation with ROTC.

"I would think with the patriotic fervor that's in this country that many landlords wouldn't want to go that route," Frankel said.

Heim, upon learning of Piasecki's situation, stated that he would look into the matter and attempt to aid the student in gaining clearance to sign the lease.

"The policy is we rent to anybody," Heim said. "I'll make sure this is taken care of."

Around the World

Malvo to be tried as an adult

Virginia Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield decided Wednesday that sniper suspect John Lee Malvo, 17, can be tried as an adult. This decision means that Malvo could face the death penalty in this case. Malvo will next go before a Fairfax County, Virginia grand jury Feb. 25.

Rebels in trouble in Congo

A six-day United Nations investigation reportedly confirmed that a rebel group in Congo has participated in systematic cannibalism, rape, torture and killing of civilians.

The Congolese Liberation Movement, headed by Jean-Pierre Bemba, is one of the major groups accused of this activity.

Havel steps down in Czechoslovakia

Czech leader Vaclav Havel gave his farewell speech to his nation's lawmakers Wednesday and urged them to strive for "freedom and dignity." The electors, however, have failed thus far in choosing his replacement as leader of the European nation. Havel was a famous playwright before he began his political career.

North Korea sends U.S. unfriendly response

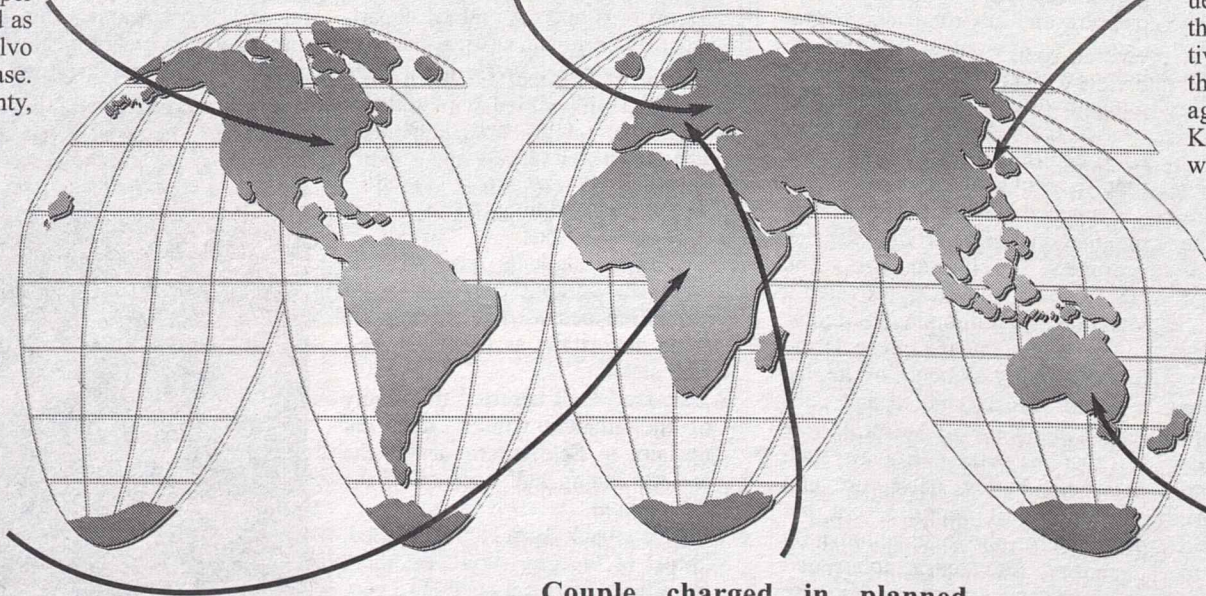
Calling the offer of U.S. aid in exchange for North Korean nuclear disarmament a "deceptive drama," North Korea continued to heighten tensions between the two nations. The only positive sign in the negotiations is that the North Koreans have agreed to meet with South Korean representatives next week.

Study says drought due to global warming

A study published by World Wide Fund for Nature Australia claims that global warming and the pollution that causes it are the primary causes of the country's recent drought. The drought, which has been impacting the nation since March, has particularly affected the wheat crop and the sheep population.

Couple charged in planned bombing

Although some doubt the legitimacy of the case, German prosecutors accused American Astrid Eyzaguirre, 23, and her fiancé, Osman Pekmezci, 25, of plotting to bomb a U.S. army base in Germany. A panel of judges must now determine whether or not the case will go to trial.



RESEARCH

University partners with three tech colleges for photonics development

Schools hope to focus on individual strengths to further local economy.

MIKE McDONALD
Staff Writer

Despite the downturn in national and statewide economy, progress in research and development of new technology continued recently when Clemson announced a groundbreaking new partnership. Many hope this partnership will lead to more and better jobs for the students of today and workers of tomorrow.

The Educational Alliance in Photonic Technologies, announced in late December of 2002, will partner Clemson University with Greenville Technical College, Spartanburg Technical College and Tri-County Technical College. According to a statement released by Clemson, "The partnership will be a catalyst for sustainable regional economic development and growth in photonics, an optical communications technology that melds light with electronics."

Although photonics are relatively new and to some extent an untested industry, engineers say that they will have an impact comparable to the advent of electronics, and that they will pave the way for high-speed broadband fiber-optic Internet communications across many regions of the nation. Photonics will also be used in next-generation applications in education, medicine, entertainment and commerce.

Many officials from the

University have expressed their hope for the positive impact that the project might have on the area. "You can't attract industries if you can't show them your labor force can do the work. Headlines about an industry coming in and hiring 400 workers gets everyone's attention, but the headlines won't happen without the skills infrastructure," stated Jim Wood, the grant's author and chairman of Tri-County Tech's industrial and engineering technology division.

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JIM WOOD
Author of grant

Wood then went on to say that he believes the partnership will help to build the infrastructure the region requires to support these industries. High-tech jobs, such as those in photonics, typically pay far more than non-technology manufacturing jobs. A starting salary could be in the \$30,000 to \$35,000 range.

This new partnership builds on the Carolinas MicroOptics Triangle, a regional research partnership between Clemson, Western Carolina University and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte created in mid-2002. This alliance began as a result of the unique opportunity that photonics has afforded the region lately. More

than 70 percent of the world's optical fiber is made in a range stretching from Atlanta to Wilmington, N.C., and more than 200 photonics companies are in this region alone.

The partnership will help each school focus on its strengths and weaknesses. Tri-County Technical College is now pursuing a \$900,000 National Science Foundation grant, which could be used to pay for more courses, distance learning and development of remote classrooms and labs. The classes will blend with already existing electronics and telecommunications curricula.

"Tri-County will head up development of the lab, while Spartanburg will spearhead course development and Greenville will lead the effort to recruit students," Clemson officials said. For its part, Clemson will provide technical assistance and a unique opportunity for students to work in many state-of-the-art research laboratories.

According to John Ballato, director of Clemson's Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies, the alliance will provide a highly coordinated full spectrum of post-secondary education by combining the strength of Clemson's research with the tech schools' technology skills and training mission. The alliance will also tap into the business-development strength of Clemson's Spiro Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

According to alliance coordinators, although the new classes could begin as early as late 2003, it is more likely that it will be 2004 before the entire process of creating the new classes is completed.

POLICE

Thea McCrary served CUPD for 23 years in many positions

Clemson lost dedicated and decorated servant when McCrary died recently.

JOHN ADAM WICKLIFFE
Staff Writer

"Clemson University has lost a capable and compassionate colleague," said President James Barker about Major Thea McCrary of the University Police Department, who died suddenly on Jan. 3. "She was a friend to students and an exemplary public servant."



THEA MCCRARY

Department in 1980 and climbed through the ranks to the position of major. She was serving as second-in-command at the time of her death. She even served as interim chief of police before Chief Greg Harris began this fall.

She was decorated with numerous awards and accolades, including Student Affairs Employee of the Year in 1992, Outstanding Female Staff Member in 1994 and Clemson University Woman of the Year.

McCrary was often a spokesperson for the police department to the press and frequently expressed her amusement with students' perception of the police when it came to underage drinking and partying.

"We are not out hunting (underage drinkers)," McCrary once said. "If you're having a party, just be reasonable and respect your neighbors. Don't do dumb stuff like duct tape someone to a pole; and that did happen here. It's just a hoot, and then they wonder why we're harassing them. We don't come out to look. We come out and look for criminals or safety hazards. We're looking for things out of the ordinary going on."

However, McCrary also showed a caring demeanor, as she was once brought to tears when discussing several missing student cases.

"She was a true friend, colleague and team player for Student Affairs and the entire university," said Almeda Jacks, vice president for student affairs.

"She was an experienced and respected member of our department and friend to everyone who knew her," said University Police Chief Greg Harris. "She was a student advocate and worked diligently to ensure the safety of the students and employees of the University."

McCrary's husband, Mac, is captain of investigations for the police department.

"The Clemson family extends its deepest sympathy to the McCrary family in this time of sorrow," said Barker. "This is a great loss to the University community of faculty, staff and students as well as to the state of South Carolina. We are thankful that we were able to know and work with her for so many years."

"She will be sorely missed," added Harris.

ACADEMICS

New class studies global human rights since 9/11

Political Science Dept. again opens a current events class to the public.

SARAH COVELLI
Staff Writer

Following the success of last year's open course on terrorism, the political science department is offering yet another current events class in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "Human Rights in the U.S. and Around the Globe: Current Controversies" will act as a follow-up course, continuing to educate the Clemson community about prominent issues around the world.

The class, which is once again open to the public, covers issues surrounding both U.S. and international civil rights, with specific emphasis on homeland security, terrorism, civil liberties, U.S. policy and general human rights.

Robin Kimbrough-Melton, J.D., a Clemson professor in the institute on family and neighborhood life, will teach this two-credit course with the assistance of a legal expert.

Human rights scholars will be the primary source of information in the class, as they will be featured in panel discussions and video interviews. Guest speakers will attend the class as well.

The first class, which was held on Jan. 8, was introduced by provost Dori Helms. Helms discussed Clemson's role in providing information on public policy and national issues to students, in an effort to bolster informed decision making in today's ever changing society.

The featured speaker for this class was Lucy Smith, professor of

law and former rector of the University of Oslo, Norway. Her presentation covered European vs. U.S. views of human rights, as well as the importance of a just society, and how it can be developed through recognition of human rights.

On Jan. 15, the class featured a panel of three Clemson professors, including associate director of the Calhoun Honors College and lecturer in the philosophy and religion department, Dr. Peter Cohen; alumni professor of political science Dr. William Lasser; and professor and director of the institute on family and neighborhood life Dr. Gary B. Melton.

This class also included a video interview with Dr. Francisco Pilotti, social policy coordinator of the Unit for Social Development and Education in the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C.

Four separate parts involving human rights will make up the topics covered throughout the semester. These include the emergence of human rights, U.S. policy toward international human rights, trends and issues in protecting rights of special populations and contemporary issues in human rights.

POSC 489/689 is scheduled on Wednesday evenings, from 4:40-6:20 in 104 Newman Hall. The public is welcome to attend the class without registration when a topic of interest is scheduled.

Weekly topics and an archive of past classes are available at the class Web site, http://public.cle.clemson.edu/PO_SC-489-001-0301. Any questions in regards to a particular topic can be directed to Lydia@clemson.edu.

CAMPUS LIFE

Week of activities to honor Dr. King

Address by friend of King and day of service highlight week-long celebration.

WILL SPINK
News Editor

Clemson is doing more than taking a day off to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this year. In fact, activities have already begun and will last over a week, including a special day of service during the University's "off-day," Monday, Jan. 20.

This day of service is one of the highlights of the slate of events planned by the MLK Enhancement Committee for the University and the community.

"Being that community and diversity are among Clemson's top priorities, it is important for us to model that with our behavior and to let current and potential students know that we're serious about that commitment," explained Altheia Richardson, chair of the MLK Enhancement Committee.

The MLK Educational Olympics which will be held from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Monday afternoon at the Clemson-Central Indoor Recreation Center is one major community outreach program planned for area children. Kids will enjoy games, races, basketball contests and many other activities during the Olympics.

Other opportunities for students and faculty to serve on Monday will be available at Clemson Community Care, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands and Clemson Downs.

In addition to these projects, blood, clothing and food drives will be in full swing. Blood Connection of Greenville will collect blood in the Hendrix Center's Ballroom A

and at the Clemson-Central Indoor Recreation Center. The campus residence halls will be collecting clothes, while the local Winn Dixie and Bi-Lo stores will have food drive stations set up.

Another significant event during the celebration will occur Tuesday, Jan. 21, when one of Dr. King's close friends and co-workers will speak during the commemorative service. Dorothy Cotton worked closely with Dr. King during the civil rights movement as the education director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Cotton now works as a consultant for schools and other organizations on a variety of cultural issues. The service will follow a commemorative march and begin at 6 p.m. in the Brooks Center.

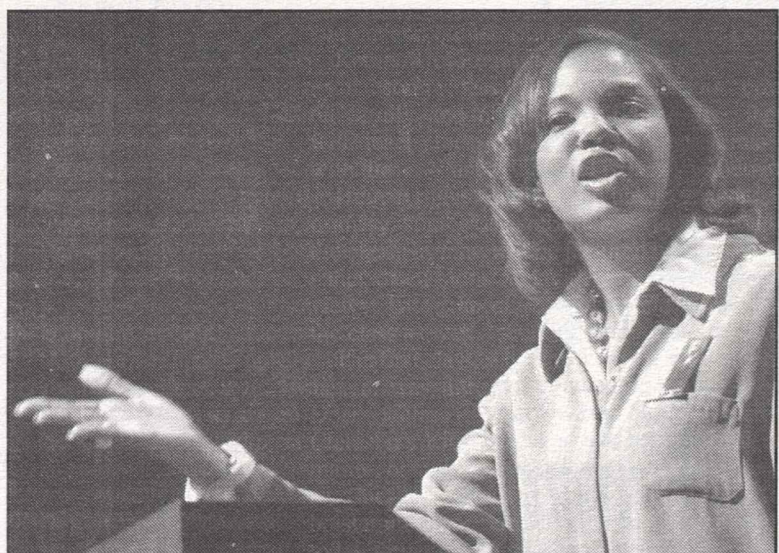
"Not only is she a wonderful orator and storyteller, but she also brings a very personal perspective to this year's celebration because she was a good friend of Dr.

King's," Richardson said.

The celebration began Wednesday night with the performance of several excerpts from Anna Deavere Smith's book "Twilight Los Angeles 1992." The book is based on interviews with various people after the 1992 beating of Rodney King and the subsequent riots.

"We wanted to look at a piece that depicted things that were happening as recently as the 1990s; things that were similar to what King was fighting against in the 1960s," commented Melissa Shivers, associate director of the University's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Through all these events and many others, the MLK Enhancement Committee hopes the theme for this year's celebration will catch on with students, faculty and community members alike, so that the "dream of one" will truly become a "vision for all."



CIVIL RIGHTS ACTRESS: Melissa Shivers acts a part of Anna Deavere Smith's "Twilight Los Angeles 1992."



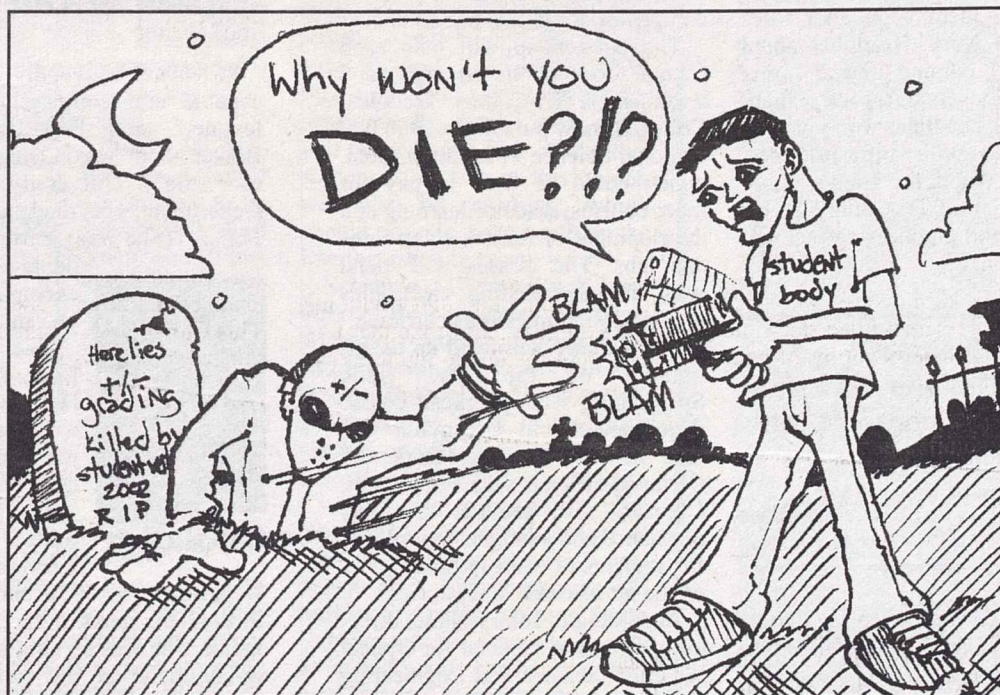
THE TIGER OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Students continue to question the new scale

With the first semester of the two-year long plus/minus grading scale trial at an end, many students are already questioning its effectiveness. After seeing the results of the new scale as it directly affects them, these students are uncomfortable with the outcome. There are several new concerns that have begun to surface as students digest the impact of this experiment on their grade reports. These new concerns such as the extent of faculty compliance and decreases in semester grade point averages are mingling with and further complicating other, older concerns like lack of incentive to make A pluses and the perception of administrative disregard for student opinion. Although no one is sure of the full impact of this new trial system, these and numerous other issues are being cited in discussions and debates among students.

Many students were shocked to find that their grades for fall 2002 were completely unaffected by the new scale, even in classes where they thought they deserved or were expecting to find a plus or minus suffix. Some were pleased, others were disappointed, but all who were affected in this specific way were certainly surprised. One possible cause for this discrepancy between expectations and results is faculty failure or refusal to comply with the new trial. In the preliminary stages, faculty support for the project was far from overwhelming, with the referendum results reading 59.3 percent in favor



and 40.7 percent opposed according to the "Background Information and a Plan for the Trial Period" booklet issued by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. With such a large percentage of the very people the trial depends on standing in opposition, it is very possible that many faculty members are simply ignoring the policy. Not only could this phenomenon affect the

outcome of the trial, but it could also unfairly sway student grade point averages. In the end, it is important to remember that faculty can be required to include the new scale in their syllabi, but it will be much harder to see that they all implement it fully.

Another problem commonly reported by students after the first semester of the trial is a drop in semester GPA. Although there are

certainly plenty of students whose averages were boosted due to the new scale, it seems that many more are voicing their dissatisfaction with lowered grades. Many students who are accustomed to scoring at the lower end of the A, B or C spectrums found that they lost more points than expected. This trend is especially disturbing for students here on scholarships who have to maintain an average of 3.0 or higher. Add to this unfortunate and common tendency the fact that making an A plus in a class will not bring any additional and needed tenths of points to help boost sagging GPAs, and it is easy to see why many students are dissatisfied. It is simply unfair that performing on the highest possible scholastic level does not earn a corresponding grade point reward.

These issues and more, taken together, account for the lack of student support that was evident in the planning stages of the trial and that seems to have increased.

Obviously, since it is a trial run, the system is far from perfect and open to change. However, it seems that there are new, unanticipated and widespread problems and flaws arising that may not ever be fixable. Let's hope authorities take all of these into consideration when making the final decision about whether to adopt or abandon the new scale.

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SPEAKING OUT

How do you think the plus/minus trial will affect you in the long run?



Dixie Williams
undeclared
freshman

"The trial will affect me in the long run because it will bring some of my grades way down."



Tony Pesce
mechanical
engineering
senior

"I don't think it will have any effect on my grades. I don't think the difference between an A and an A+ will keep me up at night."



Kristen Roessner
sociology
senior

"This new trial won't affect me because I am graduating in May."



Errick Brown
mechanical
engineering
sophomore

"The plus/minus trial may hurt my GPA in the long run. The scale used prior to this one was cut and dry. They should keep the original."

Are we really watching reality?

Nearly 18 million Americans tuned in to watch ABC's "The Bachelor," and from first episode ratings, it appears that even more will catch "The Bachelorette" and "Joe Millionaire." Those are some high numbers – in fact, some of the highest for prime time television in recent history.

Over 20 million Americans are divorced, according to recent statistics, and experts estimate the U.S. divorce rate at or above 50 percent. These are even higher numbers – in fact, some of the highest for a nation in world history.

The 10 minutes or so that I actually watched of The Bachelor was a re-run of the final episode on, of all channels, ABC Family. In this brief clip, I saw Aaron, the bachelor, say a reluctant goodbye to one girl and promptly propose to the other.

Each girl was certain during the drive to meet Aaron that she and Aaron were meant for each other, and both felt prepared to marry him. As he said farewell to Brooke, Aaron admitted that he hoped he had not made a mistake.

ABC cameras stayed with brokenhearted Brooke in the limousine, and hosts harassed her with questions she answered through streams of tears. She wanted to tell Aaron

he had made the biggest mistake of his life and that her heart was smashed into thousands of pieces.

Shows like this have crossed the line when they make a public scene out of things that are so personal and private. We complain about invasions of our privacy and the like, but we rejoice when others volunteer to make their personal lives public knowledge and entertainment.

And "Joe Millionaire" gets even worse: the show is based upon a lie – not getting to know who someone is but who he is not. I agree that money should not be the basis of a relationship, but neither should deception.

The deeper problem, though, is not the individual incidents that occur but the overriding mindset that this type of thinking has produced in our culture. Television and movie critic Michael Medved recently argued during a debate on CNN's Crossfire, "Any time that you have some kind of popular culture, which holds up as the ideal the notion of two people, man and woman, getting married, having children, raising a family, I think it's a positive message."

On the surface I would agree with Medved, but any time? Have our standards dropped that low

these days? Any time a student is in class and awake, any time an employee shows up for work, any time our professors teach us enough to get by with what is required, we are supposed to applaud the positive message?

Maybe my ideas of love and marriage are too high, too idealistic – but I do not think so. I think they are special and serious, as well as exciting and enjoyable. Love must be developed and displayed in a relationship; it is not nearly as easy to recognize after a few weeks of weeding through suitors on their best behavior.

The point is that our society has major problems with relationships in general: we are incredibly lonely, we fight, and we have trouble being open and honest with others.

We are also struggling increasingly with our marriages, whether they end in divorce or not. The problem is not all traceable to reality television shows, but our improper conception of love, intimacy and relationship building has become increasingly destructive.

If we want the reality of our relationships and marriages to look different than many in our culture, we need to be careful which "realities" we view as ideals.

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Letters to the Editor

An old word takes on new meaning

Three days ago, I was walking by the library and three black female students were walking behind me. Their conversation went something like this:

"What is the name of that dog that doesn't grow?"

"Chihuahua?"

"Yeah, that's it. I want one of those. I don't want that little nigger to grow."

Being white, I was struck by the use of the word "nigger" in non-racial, non-demeaning context. I suspect the best connotation she meant would be "rascal."

A few years ago, the television program "Promised Land" did an episode in which a young white boy heard two black playmates calling each other "nigger" in an affectionate manner. The next day, when the white boy tried to use it (affectionately) on one of the same black boys ... well, you can guess what happened.

Don't we need a nationwide dialogue on this? Doesn't it make sense to question the acceptable use of the word by some, but the automatic assumption of egregiousness when used by others?

I guess I would like to hear from some black students, staff and faculty on this issue. I pretty much

know what white people think, since I'm one of them. I grew up in the rural south and I know the hatred behind the word. It's refreshing to me to see an integrated campus, having grown up when Clemson was a white, all male college.

Having three black female students walking in front of the library, calling a dog a nigger is an amazing thing, really.

Perhaps it's time to defuse that word and get rid of the hate behind it, if that's possible. If blacks can use it in an affectionate manner, can't we all? Or is that a pipe dream.

Is it possible for us, at this stage of human development, to understand the past but not repeat it? Can we give our children an accurate historical perspective and, at the same time, a fresh approach?

Mark Malmgren
Clemson, S.C.

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GUEST COLUMN

Alien followers pull off year's biggest scam

"Beam me up Scotty." That's all I can think of when I see Claude Vorilhon decked out in his futuristic white rope outfit. But as my first grade teacher taught me—never judge a book by its cover. Thank goodness Vorilhon is not a book but he's close to being a mind-numbing object.

A former French journalist, Vorilhon is the self-proclaimed leader of the Raelian movement, of which the followers believe aliens landed on Earth 25,000 years ago and started the human race. And it's the same organization that helps fund the Las Vegas-based Clonaid, a research firm that claimed to have produced the first successful human clone on December 26, 2002.

Fearing by ethicists and stomped all over by researchers, Clonaid provided no DNA samples to support its claims. Brigitte Boisselier, Clonaid's CEO, kept the media on her trail by continually promising evidence at later dates. Days passed and then came the announcement: "These tests have not been carried out. We have had to push them back."

Drawing from criticism, people began to wonder whether the minds of these Raelians were really from outer space and their so-called cloning research really belonged on a Star Trek episode—all fake and no substance. In short, Clonaid is filled with imposters and has pulled off the biggest scam so far this year.

Let's take a quick look at Clonaid's background. No medical experience. No evidence of expertise in cloning. No articles published on cloning in respectable journals. And ... their chief scientist, Boisselier, is a chemist.

The fact that Boisselier made the "history-making" announcement in a cheap motel room offers no further assurance. And the independent scientist, a former ABC News science editor, Michael Guillen, really may not have been all that "independent" to judge the validity of the tests. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that Guillen had a deal with Clonaid to co-produce a reality-based show on the firm's cloning efforts. New York Times vouched months ago that Guillen approached executives at Fox, NBC, CBS and others.

Ethical questions apparently dealt a blow to the six-figure proposal.

However, the Raelians don't deserve all the credit for this debacle. The media jumped on the opportunity to indirectly help publicize and possibly raise membership for the crazy cult. There was never any proof. Almost all people, from politicians to real scientists to the church, decried falseness in Clonaid's claims. Yet the media insisted on turning the unproven claims-filled story into a newsworthy 24-hour feature.

Most experts agree that attempts of successful cloning of a human will not be seen in the near future. People always begin to talk of their findings but many errors are still being made in testing of just animal species. The thought of creating an entire human gives me nightmarish chills. And for Clonaid to make claims they've done this misleads the public and shows the unethical considerations they've taken.

If the baby has been born, I agree we shouldn't admire the delicate nature of such a being. But if Clonaid is so worried of keeping everything private and family-oriented, there's no need for such lavish announcements and continuous push for press coverage. It leads me to believe that this was a carefully thought-out campaign by criminals who play with people's minds.

Some action has taken place in recent weeks to lessen the unnecessary impact of this lifeless story. An attorney from Broward County Circuit Court in Florida has challenged Clonaid by filing a lawsuit to appoint a legal guardian for the alleged clone. If the mother refuses to appear on the hearing date, January 22, the child could be taken away by the court. That's if the baby exists.

In an interview via satellite on CNN's "Crossfire," Vorilhon was asked whether his group is simply pulling a great publicity stunt. Fumbling with his earpiece, he simply said, "I am so sorry but the sound is so bad. I cannot hear anything."

Enough said. The shabby affair has been uncovered.

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COMMENTARY

Listen to me, I'm a columnist

Columnists are, for the most part, an egotistical lot. We tend to think that we know what's right, and that if every good citizen would read our brilliant words with the necessary care and open-mindedness, then by gosh they would know what's right, too.

I'm no different. When I write an impassioned plea, there's always a part of me that's a bit surprised when each of you doesn't agree. But when you don't agree with me, there's another part of me that figures it must be due to my failures as a writer or your failures as a reader, either of which might someday be remedied.

And then there are times when it all seems hopeless.

Yes, the best of times and the worst of times ... Times when the entire world seems to be spiraling out of control, down into the hairy abyss of trash television. Times when I hear my carefully groomed intellect groan as it thuds to the proverbial bottom of the cultural barrel—somewhere deep in Charles Dickens's personal hell.

No, I am not talking about that one time I listened to the new Jay-Z album.

I mean, I understand that people like Jerry Springer and Ricki Lake are an integral part of our society. I too, enjoy watching Bobo the overweight circus midget fight for his God-given right to make Internet porn with his undersized half-sis-

ter. Who could've known they had the same daddy?

And where would I be without Animal Planet's Pet Psychic? I never would have guessed that my pet armadillo wasn't really impotent, but that he just couldn't get his swerve on in the restricted confines of the veterinarian's cardboard box? Gee whiz.

No, I'm fine with those shows; they found a niche on the preview channel and filled it admirably. This Christmas Eve, though, as I clicked mindlessly through the DirecTV menu, I seized upon CNN's Talkback Live.

Hmm ... let's try the program description. "Join host Arthel Neville and a live Atlanta studio audience. It's your chance to let us know what you think about the top news stories of the day." Sounds innocuous enough. Besides, I could use some culture. After all, it is CNN. Or so I thought.

Scanning the screen, my eyes locked onto the subject line at the bottom: "Paid to watch porn."

Horrified, I immediately flung the remote control at the 32-inch plasma flat screen, beat my breast, and cried, "Ye Gods," like some reject from a bad Charlton Heston movie. Well, not really. A raging heterosexual, I was intrigued.

Yeah, I've seen Rocky Horror Picture Show.

As it turns out, Northwestern University spent \$147,000 dollars

last year paying human test subjects to watch pornographic movies, and apparently, the good people at Northwestern were mystified as to why 93 percent of their volunteers (who were paid \$75 a day to participate) turned out to be men. I have one word for Northwestern: Duh.

The point, though, is that this was CNN. Shouldn't it be doing something more meaningful with its programming time?

Ladies and gentlemen, after one round, your score: Trashy, ratings-driven reporting—1, Quality news programming—0.

It wouldn't have been so bad, though, if after returning from commercial the show hadn't moved from "Pay for Porno" to "Lingerie Barbie." Yep, that's right mom and dad, for a mere \$45 dollars, you can go to FAO Schwartz and buy little Suzy (or maybe 15-year-old Johnny) her (or his) own undressable, anatomically proportioned Barbie doll.

Who are these people and who let them out of broadcasting school? If I want to talk about porno and blow up dolls I can watch the E! Channel, go online, or at least take some kind of psychology class. These are my airwaves too, and dam it, I'm a Columnist! You don't want to make me mad! (Fiendish, megalomaniacal laughter trailing off indefinitely.)

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columnist

COMMENTARY

Funding strategies don't work

College education should become a private, economic good. Imagine colleges competing for students by offering a quality education, top professors, leading research, award-winning athletics, and core character values. The concept is no different than buying a brand new CD player or top-of-the-line computer. Clemson should shift its funding focus from state appropriations to student tuition and fees; it's time for education to go onto the marketplace.

Education is seen as a public good. It increases communication, productivity, and overall progress. However, education is rarely described as a private good. A college graduate will earn on average, \$32,000 more each year than a high school graduate. And in a lifetime, the same college student will earn an average of \$1 million more than the high school grad. So there is a private motivation beyond the desire for learning for a person to attend college.

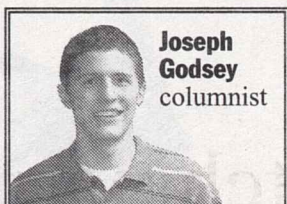
For the last two years, Clemson has been fighting with the state over budget cuts. We are devoting a tremendous amount of our internal resources to Columbia, making a compassionate case to the state legislators against upcoming cuts. And for the last two years, Clemson has been hit, yet again, by another cut. This is not reflective of our capabilities as an institution or our proximity to the

Columbia. The University of South Carolina was also cut by nearly the same amounts the last two years.

What if we have never had to fight with the state over money? Yes, we would have to drastically raise tuition and fees, and outwardly, we would exceed tuition costs of our peers. But the real cost to students could actually remain the same.

State resources for higher education could be reallocated to state scholarships such as the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE and HOPE. Already, nearly \$25 million of aid goes to students through state scholarships. As tuition at Clemson would rise, so would the state scholarships. Students would not even notice a difference in direct cost. Clemson, however, would be under an increasing burden to "sell" the concept of Clemson to students who apply. In addition, Clemson would have to dedicate more resources to advising, mentoring, and academic support to help students keep their state scholarships while maintaining academic rigor.

What about the students who could get into Clemson, but are not eligible for the current state scholarships? State and private endowments would have to fund need-based scholarships for the students who are equally capable, but cannot receive merit-based aid. This way, no student, no matter their financial situation, would be deterred from attending Clemson.



Joseph Godsey
columnist

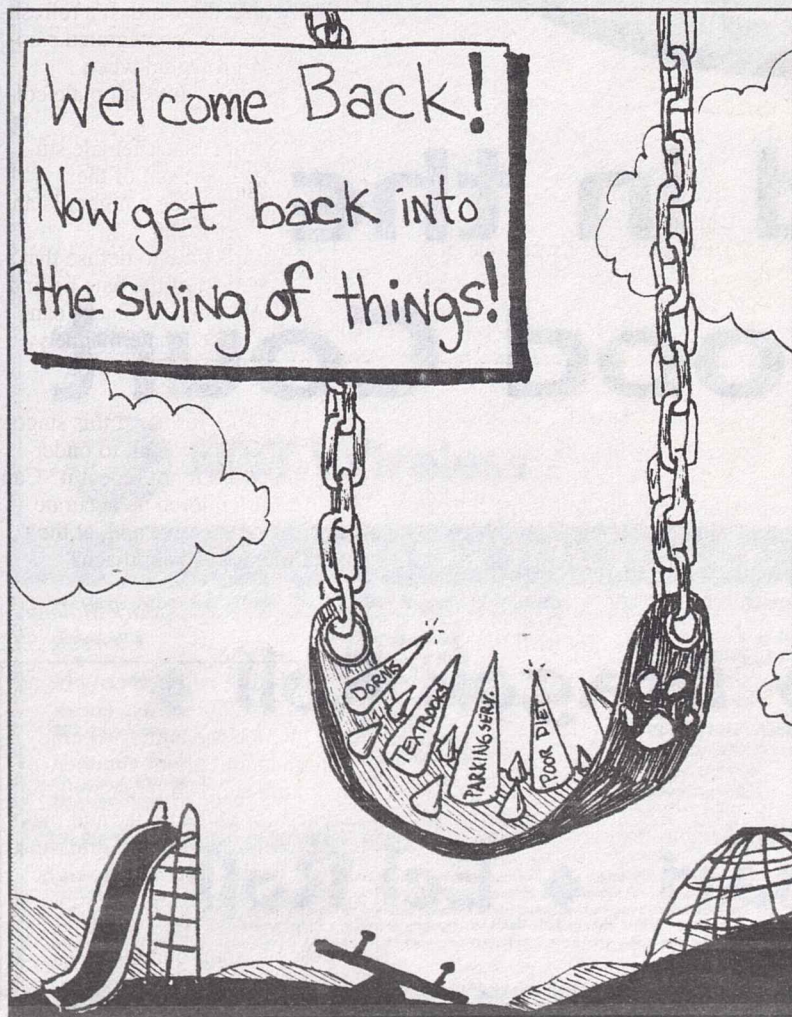
Already, despite the recent large tuition increases, Clemson's cost to in-state students on state scholarships is lower than ever. For students on the LIFE scholarship, including adjustments for inflation, the cost of tuition in 2002 was \$666 versus \$2,333 in 1981 and \$3,464 in 1998.

It could be viewed as a new era in higher education. States would not be expected to conduct oversight to ensure quality. Students would simply choose the best college "on the market." Over the last nine years, the percentage of students accepted here has drastically dropped. In 2001, we accepted 52.3 percent of applicants; this is down from a 79.8 percent peak in 1995. Clemson is in demand. Ask any economist, this is good.

Clemson was founded as public college on the pillars of teaching, research, and public service. This change will not affect the core of Clemson. As an institution, we will still be serving the sons and daughters of South Carolina.

For Clemson to prosper, we must make this change. It will require the support of students, parents, and alumni. We will have to lead the state in this change, motivating the legislature behind us. Thomas Green Clemson had the will and vision to found Clemson College. Do we have the courage and foresight to take the next step?

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"Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first."

— RONALD REAGAN

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GENES FROM PAGE 1

quality, oil content and other agriculturally important traits.

"It was important for a public university to play the role that we at Clemson have. Now the genome is in the public domain, and any scientist who wants to use it to understand other staples of human life has that opportunity," said Fischer, expressing concern that if a private university had been involved it may have attempted to patent the genome sequence.

While the Clemson University Genomics Institute (CUGI) has been the primary motivator in decoding the rice genome, many other research facilities are involved, including the Institute for Genomic Research in Maryland, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York, Washington University in St. Louis and the University of Arizona.

"A lot of collaboration goes into a project like this, but when you are working on something so large and complex, working together really becomes imperative," said Fischer. "As a result, we've established ourselves as strong collaborators in this field; other universities and organizations want to work with us." CUGI is one of the few genomics research labs to focus on crop plants and pests.

NSF Director Rita R. Colwell

explained, "The rice genome's sequence is crucial to our scientific understanding of the staples of life. With this data we open new doors at all levels of research: the universities, private industry and government."

Among the cereal grasses, rice has the smallest genome size and, as revealed by comparative mapping, has substantial conservation of genes found on the same chromosome as other cereal crops such as maize, sorghum, and wheat. Consequently, rice is an ideal representative for cereal genomics study and could lead to important breakthroughs in the decoding of similar organisms.

Other genomic crop sequencing studies underway at CUGI include cotton, tomato, maize, cassava and grape genomes.

"We're now moving rapidly towards identifying the peach genome," noted Fischer. Such a sequence could allow farmers to grow peaches that are more resistant to common agricultural pests.

"Although South Carolina already has the tastiest peaches, perhaps we could make them even sweeter," he mused.

The completion of the rice genome comes on the heels of the University's announcement that it will add a new bachelors degree program in genetics. The Board of Trustees also recently approved preliminary plans for a South Carolina DNA Learning Center.

PLANE FROM PAGE 1

cern and horror at the incident in a statement issued Wednesday. "We are stunned and deeply saddened to hear about this tragic loss," said Almeda Jacks, the University's vice president for student affairs.

"Our hearts and thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of these two young men and to the campus community so deeply affected by this tragedy. Our counseling center and international office staffs are working with the faculty, staff and students so personally affected by this loss, and all of us will come together to support each other through this difficult time," Jacks added.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in Tillman Hall auditorium for Sreenivasa and Ganeshram.

There were no survivors from the flight, which originated in Lynchburg, Va., and was popular with students and business travelers, who connect in Charlotte on their way to smaller cities in the Carolinas. No one on the ground was hurt.

According to airport officials, the aircraft's fuel ignited a fire that scorched the side of the hangar and spread across the tarmac. The airport, which is U.S. Airways' largest hub, was closed for nearly two hours as fire crews extinguished the flames.

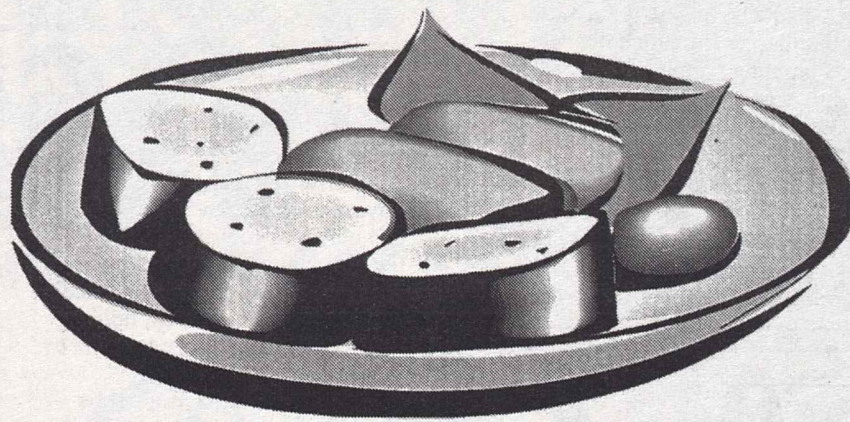
Investigators from the FBI and National Transportation Safety Board reported two potential problems that may have caused the plane to crash. Investigators discovered that the plane's elevators, which control its vertical motion, had been malfunctioning a few days earlier; however, the plane had been sent to be repaired in West Virginia on Monday.

Investigators said information from the flight data recorder shows the aircraft took off with its nose up seven degrees, which is normal. But the pitch increased sharply, to 52 degrees, by the time the plane reached 1,200 feet, and shortly thereafter the plane exploded in a fiery inferno into a hangar on the airport below.

Investigators also reported that the plane crash may have been caused by too much baggage on the plane. According to airport workers who loaded the plane, the large amount of luggage including two "heavy" bags had left the plane within 100 pounds of its maximum weight capacity. Despite this, pilot Katie Leslie refused to remove any of the luggage.

The plane that crashed was six years old, had been flown 15,000 hours and had undergone 21,000 takeoffs and landings, according to maintenance records. FAA records indicate that the plane was involved in five in-flight incidents that the NTSB said could affect safe operations.

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ADMINISTRATION

SACS committee reaffirms Clemson after positive response to suggestions

University receives two rare commendations following extensive review.

MELISSA NICOSIA
Staff Writer

After a two-year campus self-study, a visit by a team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and a campus response to the findings from the visit, SACS has reaffirmed the University's accreditation for 10 years. The accreditation is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and allows the University to be eligible in programs authorized under Title IV as well as being eligible for federal funds, including Pell Grants for students.

SACS is one of six private and nonprofit regional accrediting associations established to improve education in colleges and schools.

It is rare for SACS to reaffirm accreditation without requesting a follow-up. SACS can request updates on the findings and recommendations until it feels that the University has complied with the recommendations, and some institutions are required to submit reports annually for three or four years.

"It is exciting to have SACS verify that we have complied with our findings. We can now move forward with our focus on the future and meeting our 2010 goals," said Debra Jackson, director of the 2002 self-study.

The extensive process of

addressing the 16 recommendations by SACS included a collaboration of faculty, students, staff and administrators in developing a system to evaluate a plan of response. For recommendations involving policy development, appropriate individuals were consulted and their comments were incorporated into planning the response.

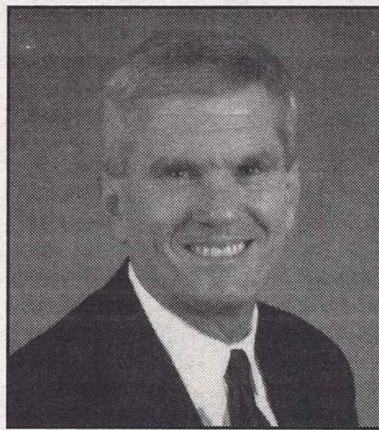
The recommendations ranged from including the address and phone number of SACS in the 2001 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to making sure that professors teaching graduate courses hold the terminal degree in their teaching discipline.

After the SACS visit, the campus was allowed six months to respond to the recommendations. The University successfully responded to all recommendations in December according to the vote by the SACS Commission on Colleges.

Priorities were not set regarding responding to the recommendations. "We understood that all recommendations were important and had to be fully addressed," Jackson added.

The main goals of the self-study were improving the University and assisting the University in reaching its goal of being a top-20 public university. The Steering Committee addressed these goals by determining what the University can do better as well as by using other top-20 public universities as examples.

Besides not requesting a follow-up, SACS also gave the University two commendations after its visit, which was also rare. The first com-



GOING SOMEWHERE?: President Barker's vision for Clemson is now ready to move forward.

mendation regarded the "progress in the development, implementation and utilization of results in its system of evaluating the teaching, research, student services and extended public service missions of the University."

The second focused on the "unusual and very significant collaboration among the mission areas of academic affairs, research and extended public service for their joint assessments of programs, their planning for greater national recognition, and their sharing of resources."

President Barker was pleased with the successful outcome. "The teams that hosted the SACS visitors demonstrated the spirit and community of Clemson. Our peers from across the Southeast commended us for our hospitality and for opening our campus for review," Barker said.

Tiger Briefs

Authorities find missing employee's body

The body of Matthew Scott Miller, 40, a Clemson employee who was missing since Dec. 27, was found Tuesday in a wooded area near Wells Highway, less than two miles from his home in Seneca. His Dodge Dakota pickup truck was nearby.

Authorities indicated that there is no initial evidence of foul play. Miller was a trades specialist for University Housing.

Service set for two graduate students

Clemson will hold a memorial service at 4 p.m. today in Tillman Hall auditorium for Sreenivasa Reddy Badam, 24, and Ganeshram Sreenivasan, 23, both of India.

Badam and Sreenivasan were graduate students in computer science who died in the plane crash at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport last week.

Lee Gallery opens new display

The Rudolph E. Lee Gallery is currently hosting True Copy 3, a national small sculpture exhibition. The exhibition opened Monday and will continue through Feb. 7. Judith Shea, a New York artist with a national reputation for her figurative sculptures, will jury the show.



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WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

By
Renee Riley
Interim TimeOut Editor

Students wander across campus day after day lugging a small elephant on their backs as they hurry from class to class, and each morning, students load up their backpacks with the usual array of notebooks, pens, pencils and books. However, upon closer inspection, many students dig out objects that range from strange and bizarre to useful to some that are downright shocking. In a recent campus inspection this is what was found swimming around in the dark recesses of the backpacks of Clemson University's students.

STRANGE BUT USEFUL

This category has a variety of items that were found that upon further thought and explanation made a lot of sense and could even be called practical.

Forks and spoons — Often stolen from Schilleter, these items were deemed useful by the students carrying them for when a meal unexpectedly presents itself.

Flashlight — The safety-conscious girls were carrying these for the late night walks from the library.

Razor and toothbrush — These items were more commonly found among the architecture students as they are the ones spending nights in the labs and were needing refreshment in the morning.

Salt and pepper shakers — For spicing up those unappetizing and unexpected meals that come along.

Salad dressing — Popular among the sorority girls, these were brought to the dining halls to use in place of the oh-so-fattening dressings that Clemson serves.

DON'T EVEN TELL ME WHY

The strange and the personal come together in this category of illegal and what some would call unnatural items to be toting along to class. Just to quell rumors, not all of the following items were found in the same bookbag.

Condoms — Although not really a shocking discovery, it kind of makes you wonder where on campus they have been put to use besides the dorm room.

Vibrator — Yes, a student was found carrying this and, like the condoms, no descriptive details were requested except to note the color — purple (a true Clemson fan)! But the real question is, what color is yours?

K-Y Jelly — No book bag would be complete without it, right?

Alcohol — Another non-surprise, however a little bit of weird when you think about a student carrying around a six-pack at 10:00 a.m.

Rubix cube — No this wasn't used for bedroom activities; however it was mentioned to be a lot of fun a really random times.

Test tube stoppers — Get your mind out of the gutter! These were left over from a lab project, one student claims.

Rubber ducky — Although never given an explanation for this being in the backpack, it is somewhat of an endearing conversation piece.

Buckeye — This student swears that the nut is a good luck charm that is even more lucky since Ohio State won the Fiesta Bowl.

NOT REALLY USEFUL, BUT KINDA STRANGE

Most of the things in this category didn't have an explanation and were what can be called the potpourri of adolescent America.

Carebear key chain — Like we said, no explanation.

Random patches — Butterflies, Grateful Dead bears and suns were among the common finds.

Candles and incense — Why in a backpack?

Golf balls — Some are so dedicated that they even carry the paraphernalia with them. Perhaps for a quick round of putting practice.

THE LUCKY SOCK STORY

One anonymous WSBF DJ, carries a used sock in his backpack that, believe it or not, is not his own. One sunny day last spring this student was making his way across campus to class when he noticed a lone sock on the sidewalk. He walked past not thinking much about it. When he returned from class the sock was still there. As he paused to examine the sock, he noticed a briefcase a few feet away. He opened the briefcase and inside was a stack of bills that upon counting rendered approximately 1,000 dollars. Being the good samaritan that he is, he picked up both the sock and the briefcase and made his way to the police station to turn in the money (not the sock). After 30 days the money was not claimed, so he was able to claim the money and use it for whatever purposes he deemed worthy. He soon spent the dough and kept the sock for its lucky powers hoping that one day it would bring him something else good. Believe it or not, it's true.

THE LIST GOES ON...

Overall, Clemson University does not have any deeply shocking backpack secrets. Among the everyday items were some of the following:

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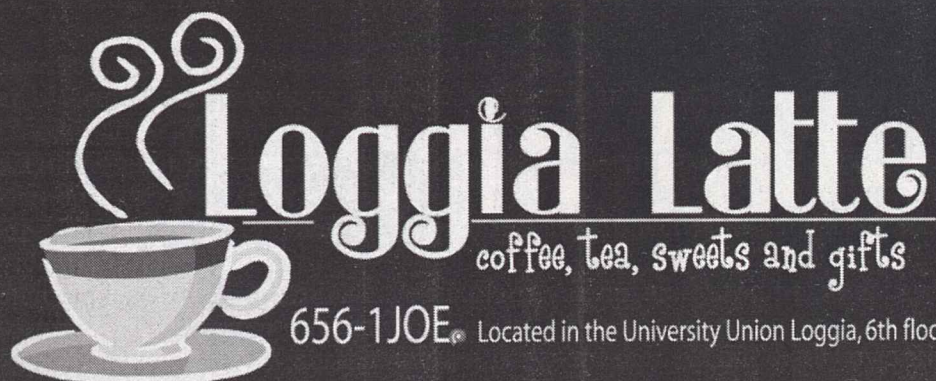
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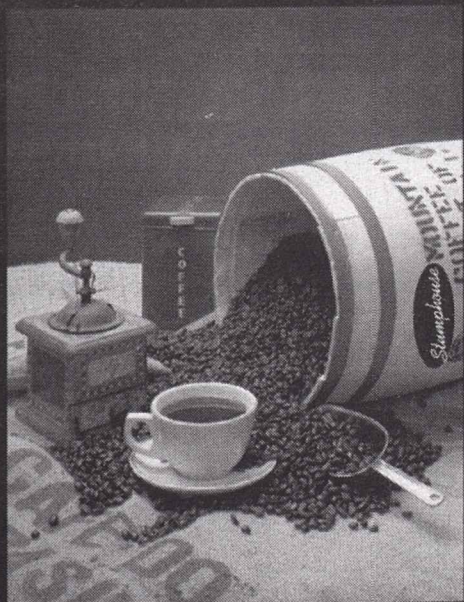
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Controversy surrounds divisional playoff week

Questionable calls lead to procedural changes in NFL officiating.

ADAM BYRLEY
Staff Writer

After an exciting regular season of NFL football, the much anticipated postseason got underway two weeks ago and will continue to electrify the month of January until it culminates with the Super Bowl at the end of the month. NFL football has seen many questionable calls by its referees over time, and even with the institution of instant replay, many calls have come under harsh scrutiny from fans and journalists alike. This

playoff season has not been different.

In San Francisco, a botched last-second field goal attempt by the New York Giants that turned into a desperate try to throw a Hail Mary into the end zone became one of the most controversial plays the NFL has ever seen. The referees penalized the Giants for having an ineligible lineman downfield as the field goal try disintegrated into a chaos of players running downfield; however, the obvious call of pass interference was not called, and the game ended in controversy as the 49ers erupted in joy. Not only did the NFL admit the poor judgment of its referees, but claimed that they were definitely incorrect in their ruling and insti-

tuted a rule change that went into effect immediately. (Now, if a call is questionable within the last two minutes of the game, all referees on the field must discuss the correct ruling.) As more and more games are ending in controversy, New York Giant fans can only sit at home and wonder what could have happened if the correct call would have been made.

In Green Bay, the questionable call came in a game that was not so close as the previous one in San Francisco. An Atlanta Falcons punt that was supposedly touched by an opposing Packer was recovered by a Falcon and led to another score.

However, the instant replay clearly showed that the ball bounced off an Atlanta Falcon, and

should have been blown dead. The controversy came as Packers coach Mike Sherman was told by a sideline referee that the play could not be challenged and would stand as is. The call was awful and led to another Atlanta field goal; however, this play was just one in a game that was obviously dominated by the Falcons and their magical quarterback, Mike Vick. Vick dazzled spectators on the Frozen Tundra, scrambling all over the field and making plays for an Atlanta offense that relies solely on his shoulders. Green Bay and their hall-of-fame quarterback Brett Favre were left stunned, as the Falcons delivered the Packers their first home playoff loss ever.

However, as the divisional play-

off round began this past weekend, all the surprising upstart teams like the Falcons and the surging New York Jets were squashed by better opponents, as both No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in both conferences advanced to their respective conference championships.

The Philadelphia Eagles, using a questionable Donovan McNabb at quarterback and a stellar defense, clamped down on Mike Vick and the sputtering Falcon offense, as they won easily 20-6. The turf at Veteran's Stadium was as terrible as usual, and it showed as Vick couldn't stay on his feet, sliding and losing his grip every play. Also in the NFC, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and their No. 1 defense, stomped the 49ers in Tampa, delivering a 31-7 victory. Defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks and sack leader Warren Sapp will square off in an exciting match up with the Eagles this weekend in Philly.

In the AFC, the No. 1 seed Oakland Raiders left no doubts about their ability, as they took care of the New York Jets easily to advance into the conference championship.

Behind the play of league MVP Rich Gannon, the Raiders showed AFC supremacy over the surging Jets and their surprise quarterback Chad Pennington. Pennington threw two interceptions in the first half as this game was never in doubt, as the Raiders left all questions answered.

In the other game in the AFC, the outcome was a little different. The Tennessee Titans matched up with the Pittsburgh Steelers in an unusually frigid game in Nashville. After a hard fought battle, both teams came up even at the end of regulation. After the Titans won the toss in overtime, they marched right down the field and were planted firmly in field goal range.

Kick was attempted and missed; however, a Steeler trying to block the kick ran into the Titan kicker Joe Nedney and the Titans received another chance at a game winning play. The very next play, Nedney kicked it right down the middle, leaving the all the Titans in a feeling of jubilation. Steelers coach Bill Cowher was visibly upset as he felt the referees were mistaken once again, but this time they got it right. Sorry Bill.

This postseason has seen some controversial calls that may have clouded the results a bit; however, the individual performances by Mike Vick, Chad Pennington, Steve McNair, and Rich Gannon should not be overlooked. The NFL is experiencing some of the best talent ever, both young and old. These next three games should be a wonderful sight for any football fan to experience.

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in a hole in their conference. Whether they will be able to bounce back is anyone's guess, as the Chapel Hill streak goes to 49. North Carolina's home-court winning streak over Clemson is the second-longest in NCAA history. (Princeton's 52-game streak over Brown is the longest and also active.)

The Tigers, who are in desperate need of an ACC victory, will next take on the Virginia Cavaliers Saturday at 3 p.m. in Littlejohn Coliseum. The Cavaliers are coming off of a 104-93 loss to No. 1 Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Following the Virginia game, the Tigers will travel to Tallahassee on Tuesday to battle with Florida State.

The Seminoles are the only team to hold a worse conference record at the moment than the Tigers. They were also the only ACC team picked to finish behind the Tigers in the preseason.

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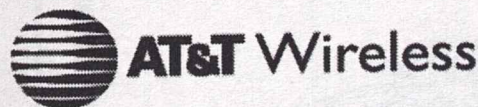
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NAGYS FROM BACK PAGE

familiarity with the game of basketball, it is not difficult to imagine his respect for the team concept.

Nagys has certainly traveled a long road to get to this point in his career. After growing up in Lithuania and playing two years of high school basketball there, Nagys played his senior year of high school for Montgomery Catholic High School in Montgomery, Ala. After averaging 14 points and 14 rebounds a game during his senior season and leading Montgomery Catholic to a 2A state title in Alabama, Nagys began his college career at Clemson during the 1999-2000 season. The Clemson basketball program was devastated by the loss of four seniors after the 1998-1999 season, including Terrell McIntyre. The rebuilding process may finally be on the upswing at Clemson. After undergoing three losing seasons at Clemson, there is a reason to be optimistic, and Nagys certainly is. Clemson stood at 10-1 going into the UNC game on Tuesday night - their only loss being a disappointing 89-71 loss to Duke. Nagys knows that the team will have their backs against the wall this whole year, and he relishes that position. "I always love to be the underdog. We know that Clemson men's basketball has lost respect during the last three or four years." This year is the time and we really feel like we can go to the NCAA Tournament, and that's the goal we are trying to reach." This sense of urgency and the total concentration of a team to their goal of which Nagys speaks gives Clemson basketball fans something about which to be optimistic after three years of disappointment.

Nagys probably appreciates his time on the court as much as any other basketball player out there.

After sitting out the first eight games of the season due to an NCAA-imposed suspension for an illegal use of a phone card, Nagys is always competing for playing time. One might think that Nagys's suspension early in the year combined with playing time that he is unsatisfied with would dampen his love for the team. Nothing could be further from the truth. "Basketball is a team sport. We are supposed to play as a team, there are no egos," the senior says. Nagys is truly a player that can help motivate his teammates, whether it is on the court or from the sidelines. Clemson fans will always remember seeing Nagys from the sidelines late in Clemson's 75-65 upset of No. 1 UNC two years ago. First pumping his arms to bring the crowd to an ear-splitting roar during the waning moments, Nagys looked happier than a kid on Christmas morning when the final seconds ticked away. Nagys had watched the final minutes from the bench due to foul trouble, but he had no problem with that, because he watched his teammates pull out a victory.

When a college athlete is playing thousands of miles from their home, it is obvious that they put effort into what they are doing. Players like Tomas Nagys, who fully understand what it means to be part of a team, are the stories in sports that make it so enjoyable to follow. Hopefully, Nagys's dream of playing on a team that reaches the NCAA Tournament will be realized this year. There is certainly no one who deserves to enjoy March Madness any more than this senior.

According to Nagys, "Every night before we go play, we think, 'We have to win another game.' On any given night, any team can win." Now it is up to the Tigers to prove this belief to the rest of the ACC.

SWIM FROM BACK PAGE

Scheerhorn finished first in the 100 free with a time of 46.64. Later, Scheerhorn's time of 21.62 was good enough for second-place in the 50 free. Brent Hitchcock won the 200 free with a time of 1:42.65. Another junior led the way for the Tigers in the 200 fly, as Rob Kummer won the event posting a time of 1:52.67. The Tiger men's team won the 400 medley relay, recording a time of 3:24.84 in the event. The Clemson men also won the 400 free relay with a time of 3:08.39.

Head coach Christopher Ip, who is in his first year here in Clemson, was pleased with the performances of his upperclassmen, led mostly by junior-classmen in Friday's competition. "As we start into our ACC dual-meet competitions it was great to see our upperclassmen take ownership with the program and start taking the underclassmen under their wings," said Ip. "In all our sports within the ACC there are huge rivalries and pressures that many freshman have never experienced."

For the Tigers, the immediate future looks bright. With just a few seniors on the team, the Tigers count on lowerclassmen for major contributions in the upcoming events. With all strong athletes, Coach Ip is well aware of the pressure that falls on his coaching staff. "Both teams (men's and women's) have extremely versatile athletes. Versatility helps us during the dual meet season. The challenge now is for the coaching staff to choose the right events that our athletes need to concentrate on for the championship season."

The Tigers next host North Carolina in Spartanburg on Saturday, Jan. 18. "I expect great performance for all the swimmers and divers," says Ip. "If we can turn some heads this year it will be a win for the program."

SPORTS BRIEFS**Women's Track Opens Season**

The Clemson women's track and field team opened its 2003 indoor season Saturday at the Father Diamond Open hosted by George Mason University. The Lady Tigers were led by junior Mary Gosselin, senior Shannon Murray, junior Katie Pickett and sophomore Silja Ulfarsdottir, who posted top-five finishes in their respective events.

Murray placed fifth in the 200m, recording a time of 25.12. In the 400m, Ulfarsdottir recorded a time of 55.97 to place fourth, and sophomore In the

weight throw, Gosselin placed fourth.

Crosby to Play Football Next Season

Wide receiver Roscoe Crosby returned to Clemson on Wednesday and started classes for the second semester. He intends to play professional baseball this summer and play football for the Tigers in 2003.

"We welcome Roscoe back to our team," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden. "He is a talented player who has a lot of options in two sports."

Crosby did not attend Clemson this past fall, as he was working within the Kansas City Royals system. He had 465 yards receiving and four touchdowns in 2001.

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Lady Tigers defeat Terps on the road

Chrissy Floyd leads Tigers to victory with 20 points and 9 rebounds.

HEATH MILLS
Sports Editor

Head coach Jim Davis' Lady Tigers did not experience much luck during their last couple of seasons in the University of Maryland's Cole Field House. The last time Clemson had won a basketball game against the Lady Terps on their home court was the 1999-2000 season. Fortunately, a change of venue brought better results. In their first game in the new Comcast Center, the Lady Tigers got an important ACC road victory by defeating Maryland 70-59.

"Anytime you can get a road win in the ACC you take it and run with it," said Davis.

The Lady Tigers were led by senior guard Chrissy Floyd, who scored 20 points and just missed a double-double by grabbing a season high of nine rebounds. She finished the game 10-19 from the field and also recorded three assists, one blocked shot and a steal.

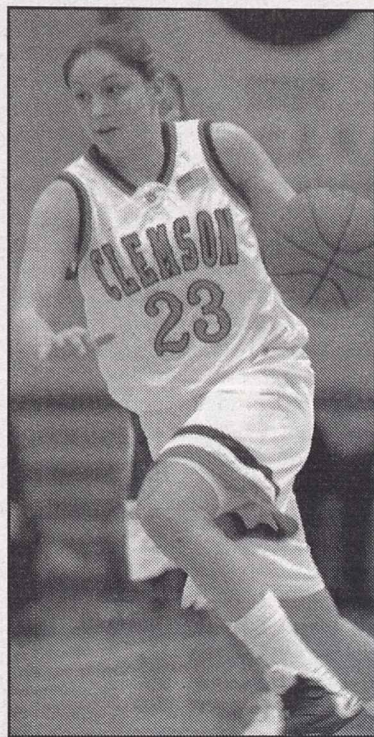
Near the end of the first half, the Lady Terrapins held a 24-22 lead, but Floyd managed to ignite the Clemson offense by scoring six points during a 10-0 Lady Tiger run going into intermission.

Though her offensive totals were high, Davis was more impressed with her defensive effort. He commented after the game, "Chrissy Floyd is a tremendous defensive player and we are certainly glad she is on our team."

Maryland was led in scoring by Renneika Razor with 23 point and teammate Delvona Oliver added 22 points. Razor made the game interesting with 4:02 remaining when she made a lay-up to cut the score to

58-56. The Lady Tigers went on another big run to finish the half, outscoring the Lady Terps 12-3 from that point until the end of the game.

"Tonight was a difficult challenge," Davis said. "I am proud of our effort and the win. We were threatened and we responded with great runs in both halves."



ADAM HODGDEN photo editor

AT THE POINT: Tabitha Vasilas drives to score against Maryland.

Freshman Julie Tally and Lakeia Stokes both finished the game with eight points each for the Lady Tigers. Clemson's bench came on strong and outscored Maryland's reserves 27-3.

With the win, Clemson is now 10-4 overall, 2-1 in league play. Maryland drops to 7-7 overall, and 1-2 in the ACC.

Texas Tech dominates Tangerine

Kliff Kingsbury surpasses 5000 yard passing mark for the season.

HEATH MILLS
Sports Editor

The Clemson Tiger defense knew they would be up for a challenge against Texas Tech in the Mazda Tangerine Bowl. Unfortunately, the Tiger defense hoped to receive help from the Clemson offense keeping Red Raider quarterback Kliff Kingsbury off of the field. Instead, the senior signal caller finished his career in style, completing 32 of 43 passes for 375 yards in a 55-15 rout of the Tigers in front of a crowd of 21,689.

The Clemson offense managed to produce virtually nothing in the first half, leaving Kingsbury on the field to orchestrate an unbelievable final collegiate show. In fact, he managed to become only the third quarterback in NCAA history to eclipse 5,000 yards passing for the season.

"This was a great win for us," Kingsbury said. "We hadn't won a bowl game since I had been here so having this on the way out is great."

In a game that was supposed to feature a quarterback battle between the heralded senior and the upcoming freshman, age dominated over potential. Clemson redshirt freshman Charlie Whitehurst ended the day with four interceptions and spent the rest of the game on the run from a strong Texas Tech rush led by senior defensive end Aaron Hunt. Whitehurst was sacked four times and had to make a few incredible plays to keep that total from being higher.

"To be honest, I felt sorry for him," Hunt said about Whitehurst. "In the first quarter we chased him pretty good, but he got away and

ran pretty well. But by the fourth quarter, he couldn't move and no one was blocking for us.

"We hit him shot after shot after shot. Just like any other freshman, when you hit him, he gets rattled and starts running around and doing crazy things. I felt sorry for him, really I did."

Meanwhile, Kingsbury picked apart the Tiger defense after every short-lived Clemson drive. He completed two of his three touchdown passes in the first quarter to give the Red Raiders early breathing room.

The first came on the opening play of Tech's third drive as he completed a screen pass to Nehemiah Glover, who took the ball 46 yards for the score. His next touchdown throw came on the Red Raiders' following drive. A 19-yard pass to Mickey Peters completed a seven-play, 69-yard drive to make the score 17-0 at the end of the first period.

"Defensively, we never really could slow their offense down," Clemson head coach Tommy Bowden said. "Our offense could never really get going to counter their attack and we were hurt by breakdowns in our protection."

Bowden and the offense expected better entering into the game. The Red Raider defense entered the game ranked near the bottom of Division 1-A football, but in Orlando, the group played like it was the best in the country. Not only was Whitehurst shut down, but Clemson's stable of running backs was also stopped from saving the game. Both senior Bernard Rambert and sophomore Yusef Kelly were knocked out of the game with injuries, preventing either back from surpassing Whitehurst's team leading total of 22 yards on the ground. The team was held to only 75 yards on the ground.

"I felt sorry for Bernard and Keith both going out early," Bowden said. "We were forced to move (fullback) Chad (Jasmin) back to tailback, but that should be no excuse for how we played."

The Tigers did have two bright spots in the first half, but neither was enough to excite a crowd dominated by Clemson fans. Freshman cornerback Justin Miller intercepted Kingsbury near

the goal line in the first quarter, the only interception thrown by the Red Raider senior. The interception gave the freshman All-American a share of the season interception record for Clemson. Late in the half, freshman tailback Tye Hill blocked a Tech punt near the 10-yard line with the score already 24-0. The ball bounced out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

The Tigers also threatened early in the third quarter, when an 80-yard drive was capped by a 10-yard touchdown pass from Whitehurst to sophomore tight end Ben Hall. A Khaled Vaughn sack on the ensuing drive knocked Kingsbury out for a short time, but B.J. Symons picked up at quarterback where he left off and answered the Tigers touchdown pass with one of his own to Carlos Francis.

Kingsbury returned to lead the Red Raiders to their final two scores and finished his career earning MVP honors for the game. Jasmin scored on a two-yard dive to cap the Tigers scoring late in the fourth quarter. The Tiger players left the field frustrated with their performance as Kingsbury enjoyed the victory by leading the Tech in the Red Raiders fight song.

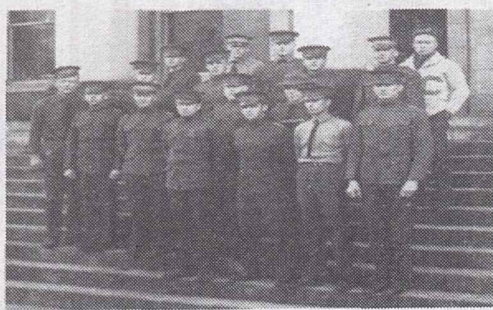
"I'm totally embarrassed," senior defensive end Nick Eason said after the game. "This was my last game as a Clemson Tiger, and I got destroyed. I might have more games, in the NFL, maybe some All-Star games, but this is one I'll always remember."

The loss left the Tigers 7-6 on the season. They fell to 2-2 in bowl games played at the Citrus Bowl. Texas Tech finished the year 9-5 and tied a school record for most points scored in a bowl game.

The Tigers now must set their sights on the 2003 season, which begins with a game with Sugar Bowl champion Georgia Bulldogs on August 31.

"I don't think our preparation was bad," Bowden said. "I think they were much more motivated to come out and win. I thought this would be a much closer game. The score's pretty embarrassing. Games that come down to the end of the fourth quarter - those are a little easier to take."

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COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 9, 2003

9:30 a.m.
College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences
College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities
College of Engineering and Science
Staff

2:30 p.m.
College of Business and Behavioral Science
College of Health, Education and Human Development
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FROM THE PRESSBOX

Grinch steals Christmas in Tiger Town

"This will definitely ruin Christmas."

You're right Tommy, the 55-15 shellacking in the Tangerine Bowl ruined Christmas Eve at least for many Clemson fans, who probably spent the majority of their 8-10 hour ride home cursing the Grinch who stole their Christmas, Kliff Kingsbury, and deciding who was the next coach that they wanted to lead the Tigers down the Hill.

The Tangerine Bowl was another disappointment in a season that had more downs than ups for the Tigers and exposed this 2002 team as exactly what they were a mediocre football team.

Still all is not lost in Tiger Town (except for maybe the chance of ESPN ever carrying another Clemson game). There is no need to burn Bowden and brother-in-law Jack Hines at the stake before bringing back Danny Ford to lead the Tigers back to the glory days of three yards and a cloud of dust that led us to our only national championship.

While this year's Tigers were a disappointment, the season left some encouraging spots to show that next year could be the year the Tigers go back to the upper echelon of the ACC for good.

Charlie Whitehurst - You have to love the way he held in there during the bowl game while getting pummeled by the 108th defense in the country. Seriously though, Whitehurst is the future for Clemson football and having

"Shotgun" Willie there to push him for the starting job can only make him that much better.

Roscoe Crosby, Kelvin Grant and Michael Collins - After the amount of dropped passes by the receiving corps this year, it is great to know that help is on the way. Tony Elliot is also coming back for one more season and will again be one of the hardest workers on this Tiger team.

Justin Miller - How great was it not to have to be nervous on third down and 30 this past season? Miller's play deserved more credit than he received this past year from the

media. I, for one, am excited to see what Coach Lovett can do with the Tiger secondary next year with the likely addition of a few more star freshmen.

The offensive line - What to say, what to say... well there were a lot of injuries on a group that was already a question mark going into this past season. At times (e.g. USC game) they looked impressive, though most of us remember when they resembled a group of matadors. My question is, knowing that the group was not as big and experienced as years past, why try and run the ball up the middle on third and one when it has yet to work all game. Also, why not use the large, hard-running fullback at your disposal instead of handing off to the back five yards behind the line and make your lineman hold their blocks even longer? Anyway, the positive to take here

is everyone returning has game experience and maybe won't be subject to such suspect play calling again.

Offensive Line (Part 2) - Help is on the way. Five lineman red-shirted last season, and a few of those should be ready to contribute by next year. The Tigers have focused on recruiting lineman again this season and though most usually cannot play early, you never know. Four of the five starters from late in this season will also be returning, which should provide more depth on the line than seen in recent years.

Schedule - Clemson will have three of their toughest opponents at home (Georgia, Florida State and Virginia). The Tigers will also face the Bulldogs early while they are forced to break in nine new starters on offense (sounds eerily similar to Clemson one year ago). Clemson also gets Florida State late in the year which means at least two of Papa Bowden's pre-season stars will be serving jail time by that point. Keeping South Carolina on the schedule is also an added bonus considering they have already recorded their one victory of the decade.

There is a lot of time until next season, and spring practice should provide even more for Tiger fans to be excited about. Who knows, by this point next season, Tommy may be able to sit in his chair without burning his ass. Plus consider the worst case scenario our basketball team is still 10-2. Go Tigers!

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Interim Sports
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Tigers stay busy during holiday break

Men's basketball team remains undefeated streak through break.

ROY WELSH
Interim Asst. Sports Editor

Gardner-Webb

The Tigers used a 15-3 run to open up the second half to put away the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs by a score of 71-61. Seniors Ed Scott and Ray Henderson had 17 and 14 points, leading the Tigers to victory after Clemson trailed 29-27 at the break. Chey Christie was a bright spot for the Tigers, scoring 13 points, and this type of play has been seen from the sophomore ever since the Gardner-Webb game.

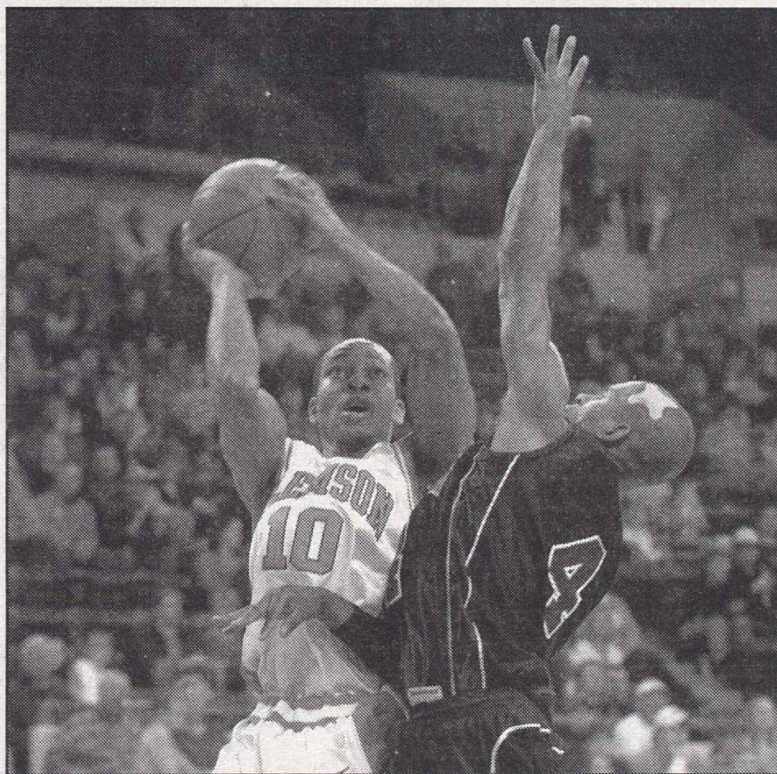
The Bulldogs proved to have tenacity of true canines on this particular night, and although they were defeated, Gardner-Webb never allowed the Tigers to totally pull away in the contest.

Winthrop

Scott's 24 points helped advanced the Tigers to a 78-61 win over the Winthrop Eagles. Clemson's victory over the Eagles, a team which defeated the Tigers in Littlejohn Coliseum, propelled them to a perfect 6-0 mark to start off the year. Christie continued to impress from the floor, tallying up 15 points and eight assists for the contest. Julian Betko proved to be a nice surprise for Tiger fans, scoring eight points in 12 minutes of play. Betko showed great hustle on defense, and his play resulted in one steal, and a few more misses on the defensive side of the ball.

Coastal Carolina

The Tigers used a balanced scoring attack to defeat the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers by a score of 78-61 on New Year's Eve. Five



NO REST: While most students went home over the holidays, Ed Scott and the rest of the Tigers remained quite active.

Clemson players recorded double-digit points. Christie lead the Tigers in scoring, chalking up 19 points on the evening. Although Christie's point totals were certainly impressive, his career-high five steals revealed that he is certainly a dangerous player on both ends of the court. Scott added 14 points for Clemson, and sophomore Olu Babalola scored 13 points on the night. The Tigers saw good play inside, with Chris Hobbs and Sharrod Ford tallying up 12 and 10 points, respectively. Hobbs and Ford each had five rebounds for the contest. In his first game back this season, Tomas Nagys scored six points and grabbed two steals for Clemson.

Morris Brown

Ray Henderson scored a season-high 15 points as the Tigers cruised to a 75-52 win over the Morris Brown Wolverines. Henderson, a senior forward, was 7-7 from the floor on the night. Ford added 12 points for Clemson. After a lackluster performance in the first half, Clemson used a 10-0 run to start the second half to pull away from Morris Brown. The Tigers out rebounded the Wolverines 43-27, with Ford and Henderson each grabbing 11 rebounds apiece. The Tigers improved to 10-1 with the victory, and chalked up their third win of 20 points or more on the season.

Tennis sweeps tourney

Men record three victories in Florida tournament.

TONY BROERING
Staff Writer

The Clemson University men's tennis team started off its spring season with a bang this weekend, sweeping its competition in the University of Miami Spring Fling Tennis Tournament. The Tigers defeated Central Florida 7-0 on Saturday, and beat both William and Mary and Miami on Sunday by the score of 5-2.

On Saturday, all Tiger players came out winners against the Golden Knights. Building on the momentum from Saturday, the Tigers notched two more victories on Sunday, defeating William and Mary and Miami both by the score of 5-2. In the Miami match, Nathan Thompson posted a win at No. 1 singles, defeating Tim Krebs 6-4, 6-4. At No. 2 singles, Sander Koning downed Andrew Golub 6-4, 6-2. Jermaine Jenkins won at No. 3 singles, defeating Colin Purcell 6-1, 6-3. Damiisa Robinson fell to Eric Hachtman at No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-3. William and Mary's Ash Hoyes defeated Clemson's Micah Thompson at No. 5 singles 6-0, 6-2. At No. 6 singles, Misquith defeated Luis Manrique 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles action against Miami, Nathan Thompson and Jenkins defeated Manrique and Purcell at No. 1 doubles 8-1. At No. 2 doubles Koning and Boetsch fell to Golub and Krebs 8-1.

Head coach Chuck Kriese was very pleased with his team's play and has a special feeling about this season's team. "This team has a very unique chemistry," said Kriese. "They are extremely close and extremely competitive with each other as well. It is just a lot of fun to be with them. The fact that we played so darn well to start the season as well was excellent. I was not surprised, though. Of the 27 matches we played, all 27 were contested for with heart and soul. I just think that I couldn't ask for more as a coach."

Brothers Nathan and Micah Thompson were also extremely pleased with the victories. "It is always a boost to start the season on a positive note and of course it feels good to win," said Micah. "The team is playing well right now, but there is always room for improvement."

"I think we'll get a lot of confidence from those three wins," added Nathan. "I don't think we've reached our maximum potential, but were playing pretty good right now."

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18. Indiana
19. Wake Forest
20. Georgia
21. Marquette
22. Oregon
23. LSU
24. Oklahoma state
25. Syracuse

number game

800 Number of wins Tennessee Women's Basketball Coach Pat Summit has in her career. Summit got her 800th win Tuesday night.

79 Wins Coach Summit needs to tie former UNC Head Coach Dean Smith, the all-time winningest coach in collegiate basketball history.

say what?

"Most people look at it like I was going shot for shot. I wasn't going shot for shot. I was going for the win."

Florida basketball player Anthony Roberson after hitting his buzzer beating 3 pointer to beat Georgia 66-63.

Hard Hats at Reopening of Littlejohn

Sellout crowd fails to cheer Tigers to victory in grand reopening of coliseum.

ANDREA MESSERVY
Staff Writer

On Jan. 5, Clemson and Duke fans turned on their televisions to watch the two undefeated teams battle for their first ACC win. Their first vision was that of the commentators wearing orange Clemson hard hats standing in an unfinished Littlejohn Coliseum. This was the first game played in the newly renovated coliseum. Fans also received orange hats and were asked to dress accordingly because the renovations were not yet complete. Clemson officials were easy to find as they wore bright yellow "Ask-Me" T-shirts and were available to answer any questions fans had about the renovations.

Clemson had won all of its nine games in their temporary home of the Anderson Civic Center, about 12 miles south of Clemson. That is why this game was so important; not only to be playing in a new home but as an undefeated team playing another undefeated team in the same conference. Stomachs were tight and nerves were rattled as the two teams came out to play, especially for the Clemson players

who wanted to prove themselves in their new home. Fans felt the excitement in the air as soon as they walked up the pedestrian pathways leading up to Littlejohn.

This \$31 million facelift was started in March of 2002. Many necessary accommodations were met in fulfilling the goals and objectives wanted for the use of Littlejohn. The previous use of Littlejohn included the indoor track which went around the perimeter of the building. Fortunately for track runners and their fans, Clemson has built a brand new facility for them by the outdoor track. By doing this, Clemson has made a special home specifically for track and for basketball.

The renovations for that have been completed for this season include expansion of the concourse and concession venues, redesigned entrances, renovated and new restroom facilities, floor-mounted goalposts and stanchions, a new roof, new sound system, refurbished scoreboard, renovated locker rooms, officials' dressing rooms and media facilities, improved sightlines in the Coliseum, and the installation of 2200 upholstered seats in the end zones and top two rows of the upper bowl. The facility was also brought into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition



DAVID KALK/Assistant photo editor

WORK ZONE: Despite some lingering construction, Littlejohn opened its doors for the first time since extensive renovations.


to the renovations at Littlejohn, the new Huckabee Annex houses a regulation practice court, a 3,860 square foot weight room, a 2,240 square foot training room, new men's and women's locker rooms and glass trophy display cases.

Although the full plan was not completed for Sunday's game, Littlejohn looked great. Some people were fortunate enough to be in the cushioned seats while others in the old seats looked on enviously. Soon enough, everyone will have

the same type of seat for all of the games. There are still a few changes that will occur in Littlejohn which are expected to be finished prior to next season. These changes include the installation of a permanent floor, new way-finding signage and seat numbering, completion of the concessions in the East bow, TV monitors throughout the concourse and completion of paving, landscaping and outdoor lighting.


Littlejohn has come a long way since last spring and the final out-

Number: 32
Position: G




Name: Chrissy Floyd
Height: 5' 9"
Notes: Scored 1,679 career points and is on pace to become Clemson's second all-time leading scorer.

Number: 10
Position: G




Name: Edward Scott
Height: 6' 0"
Notes: Has more career double-doubles than any active ACC guard and most ever by a Clemson guard.

Number: 1
Position: F



Name: Julian Betko
Height: 6' 5"
Notes: Freshman standout is native of Slovakia.

Number: 5
Position: F



Name: Sharrod Ford
Height: 6' 9"
Notes: Averaging 10 points and eight rebounds per game this year.

Hanging on the rim with Tomas Nagys

Last Year's Problems

You've seen in the past where we have one or two egos. This year I don't think we have that. You know if noone notices you, you aren't going to get any publicity, especially if you are on a losing team. Just think, if you are on a winning team, you are always going to have some kind of attention.

Improved Team Unity

Playing wise, on the court, we play more as a team. We pass the ball around more. And we definitely don't get mad or care who is going to lead the team in scoring. We have so many weapons—that is

what makes a little more dangerous this year—and off the court everybody gets along really well, and it's a little family. We do lots of stuff off the court, and it builds chemistry. Lots of positive things affect how we play on the court, and when things go badly, that helps when we get along with one another. Basketball is a team sport. We are supposed to play as a team there are no egos.

Ignoring Chapel Hill Woes

We try not to think about history; we just go in there and play another game. We just want to add one victory at a time. We don't think any differently if we are

playing North Carolina or if we are playing Florida State. We will just go out there and play our best, and hopefully we are going to win. The ACC is pretty much equally distributed this year, and on any given night any team can win.

NCAA Tournament and Respect

Every night before we go play, we think, "We have to win another game." On any given night, any team can win.

I always love to be an underdog. We know Clemson men's basketball has lost respect during the last three or four years. We didn't have a winning record the last three years, which kind of puts us in a

bind. We are not trying to put any pressure on ourselves, but this year is the time and we really feel like we can go to the NCAA Tournament. That's the goal we are trying to reach, and I truly believe we can do it.

Tomas Nagys is a senior marketing major from Mazeikiai, Lithuania. Nagys, a forward who shot a career high 47 percent from the field and 67.4 percent from the charity stripe last season, is scheduled to graduate after the completion of just six hours of credit this spring. He scored a career-high 19 points against Virginia in late February last year.



STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Overall
Duke	2-0	11-0
Maryland	2-0	9-4
UNC	2-1	10-5
GA Tech	2-1	3-5
Virginia	1-1	10-3
NC State	1-1	8-3
Clemson	0-2	10-2
Wake	0-1	10-1
FSU	0-2	9-5

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Men's Track
Kentucky Invitational, All Weekend
Swimming & Diving
vs. UNC, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball
vs. Virginia, Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
Women's Track
VA Tech Invitational, Saturday, All Day

SPORTS

Shell shocked

► Terps fall to Lady Tigers. Page 13



Struggles continue in Chapel Hill

A long second half drought costs the Tigers a crucial win.

BO GILLOOLY
Staff Writer

Everything seemed to be shaping up perfectly for the 49-game winning streak to be broken. North Carolina was coming off a tough loss to Virginia and playing without their center. Clemson was a confident team, a solid 10-1 record, and a force to be reckoned with down low. Unfortunately, North Carolina freshmen Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants took turns hurting Clemson early and late to hand the Tigers a grueling, heartbreaking 68-66 ACC loss before a crowd of 17,451 at the Dean E. Smith Center. It was Clemson's closest margin of defeat at Chapel Hill since a 74-72 loss on Jan. 9, 1975.

The game was the first true road test of the season for Clemson and the Tigers looked rattled early. Felton hit three three-point baskets in the first three minutes, and his fourth, 8:13 before halftime, gave North Carolina a 27-12 lead. Ed Scott, who led Clemson with 17 points and six assists, helped rally the Tigers back to a one-point lead. Scott made a three-pointer against a Tar Heel zone, pulled up to hit a 14-footer on the fast break and delivered a one-handed layup on another break, as Clemson bounced back to take a 32-31 lead on a Shawn Robinson free throw with 2:15 remaining in the half.

"I'm proud of the way we got back into the game," Shyatt said. "It certainly wasn't by dressing up with three-point shooting. It was Clemson's way, drives and feeds and good teamwork." Chris Hobbs and Sharrod Ford scored 10 points

apiece. For North Carolina, sophomore forward Jawad Williams scored 19 points. Felton scored 15 despite leaving the floor for four minutes in the first half with an upset stomach. McCants, limited by four fouls, got his 20 points in only 22 minutes.

In the second half, Clemson held North Carolina scoreless for nine possessions during a 10-0 run to take a 49-43 lead with 13:44 to play, then went cold. Clemson scored just five points in 9:37 as North Carolina bounced back to take a 56-54 lead. Hobbs scored in the post to tie the score, setting up McCants' heroics.

The North Carolina freshman broke the 56-56 tie with a three-pointer with 3:33 remaining, and 55 seconds later, he made another three for a 62-58 lead. Clemson struck back with a basket from Ray Henderson on the block to cut the deficit to two, then watched as North Carolina center Byron Sanders forced an awkward 17-footer toward the basket. Sanders missed, but McCants rebounded and hit a lay-up to restore the four-point lead for the Tar Heels (10-5, 2-1).

Scott had a last chance to tie it with Clemson trailing 64-61, but missed from in front of his own bench. The Clemson staff had drawn up a double screen to get the ball to Chey Christie for a three-point attempt, but Christie couldn't get open. That left Scott to fire up a prayer that wasn't answered.

"I thought this was going to be the night," said Hobbs, a Chapel Hill native. "Then (McCants) started ringing in those threes." The gut-wrenching feeling is compounded because the Tigers are 10-0 outside the ACC but already are

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0-49: Clemson senior Chris Hobbs goes up strong to the basket against North Carolina on Tuesday. The Tigers lost in the final seconds, 68-66, in a valiant effort to end their long-lasting Chapel Hill losing streak.

Tiger swimmers hit the road

Tigers win first duel meet of the season despite being displaced.

NICK CONGER
Staff Writer

The Clemson men's and women's swimming and diving teams traveled down to Atlanta last Friday night and soundly defeated host Georgia Tech. The men, who have yet to suffer a loss in conference competitions, claimed victory by beating the Yellow Jackets 159-84. The women won by a score of 156-87.

The women dominated their competition in most of the swimming events. They took the top three spots in the 1000 freestyle, 500 freestyle, the 200 individual medley and in the 200 breaststroke races. In the 1000, Freshman Kim Routh led the way with a first place time of 10 minutes and nine point six three seconds. Fellow freshman Nichole Carlton and junior Kim Cober took second and third respectively. In the 500, Carlton took first place with a time of 5:04.74, with fellow Tigers Liz Dwors and Cober finishing second and third. In the 200 IM, Lindsey Kroeger finished first with a time of 2:08.29, while Kate Walker was second and Sarah Deibler was third. Walker also took third place in the 200 backstroke race, posting a time



FREESTYLING: With Fike closed, swimmers head to Spartanburg for meets.

of 2:07.14. In the 200 breast, Mandy Commons won with a time of 2:23.37, while Ashley Shafer finished second and Caitlin Bissell took third.

In the one-meter diving competition, Clemson's Jessica Watcke placed second, scoring 224.25 points, while Shastin Leathers took third place with 220.73 points. In the relay events, the Clemson women won the 400 medley relay, posting a time of 3:52.52. The Tiger women also finished first in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:34.60.

For the men, Craig Thomas led

the divers, winning both the one and three-meter competitions with 284.10 and 282.23 points, respectively. Eric Shulick finished second in the one-meter, scoring 258.98 points, and third in the three-meter with 248.18 points.

The men were just as successful in the swimming competitions as were the women. Juniors led the way for the men in pool. Mark Henly won the 200 IM with a time of 1:53.89, and the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:49.92. Classmate Drew

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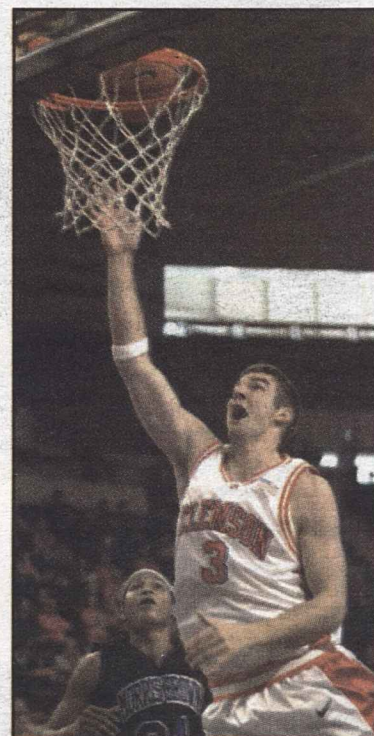
Nagys adds European flavor to Tiger hoops

Senior looks to finish career as a Tiger on high note.

ROY WELSH
Interim Asst. Sports Editor

Many Clemson fans will debate on the degree that this year's Tiger men's basketball team has improved. Although it is fairly obvious that the team has improved since last season, there is no doubt from the eyes of those that follow the Tigers that there seems to be a much better team chemistry among this year's team than of teams of recent years. One would be hard pressed to find a Clemson player that is more instrumental to this chemistry than Tomas Nagys.

Tomas Nagys has played basketball since his early childhood, and one could say Nagys has basketball in his blood. Born March 5, 1980 in Mazeikiai, Lithuania to two former professional basketball players, Tomas Nagys comes from good basketball stock. Laima (Tomas' mother) and Stasys Nagys (Tomas' father) both played professional basketball in Lithuania, and surely having two parents that played professional basketball



TEAM PLAYER: Nagys leads team by example.

influenced Tomas in a significant manner. After considering Nagys'

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REALITY

REALITY SHOWS ARE BACK AGAIN THIS SEASON WITH EVEN MORE OUTRAGEOUS PLOTS, TWISTS AND TURNS TO SATISFY THEIR EVER-GROWING AUDIENCES. HERE IS A RUNDOWN OF SOME OF THE NEW SHOWS THAT ARE HITTING YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN THIS SEASON AS NETWORKS FLOOD AMERICA WITH MORE OUTRAGEOUS PLOTS AND ADVENTURES.

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Pete Townshend questioned in child porn case

RENEE RILEY

Interim TimeOut Editor

Rock guitarist and premier member of the band The Who, Pete Townshend, was released from British custody on Tuesday after having faced accusations concerning the possession of indecent images of children. After almost an hour-and-a-half-long interrogation by the police, Townshend was released to return home to rest. He had spent approximately five hours in police custody on Tuesday, having been arrested earlier in the evening.

Townshend admitted in a statement on Saturday to having accessed a Web site in which on one occasion he had used a credit card to enter a site advertising child pornography. But he said he was not a pedophile and was only doing research for an autobiography dealing with his own suspected childhood sexual abuse. He said he had tremendous rage toward pedophiles and wanted to deal openly with it.

In Monday's edition of The Sun newspaper following the statement, Townshend said he did not download the images. He was quoted as saying, "I have looked at child porn sites maybe three or four times in all — the front pages and previews. I have only entered once using a credit card, and I have never downloaded." Townshend said he believed he was "sexually abused between the ages of five and six-and-a-half."

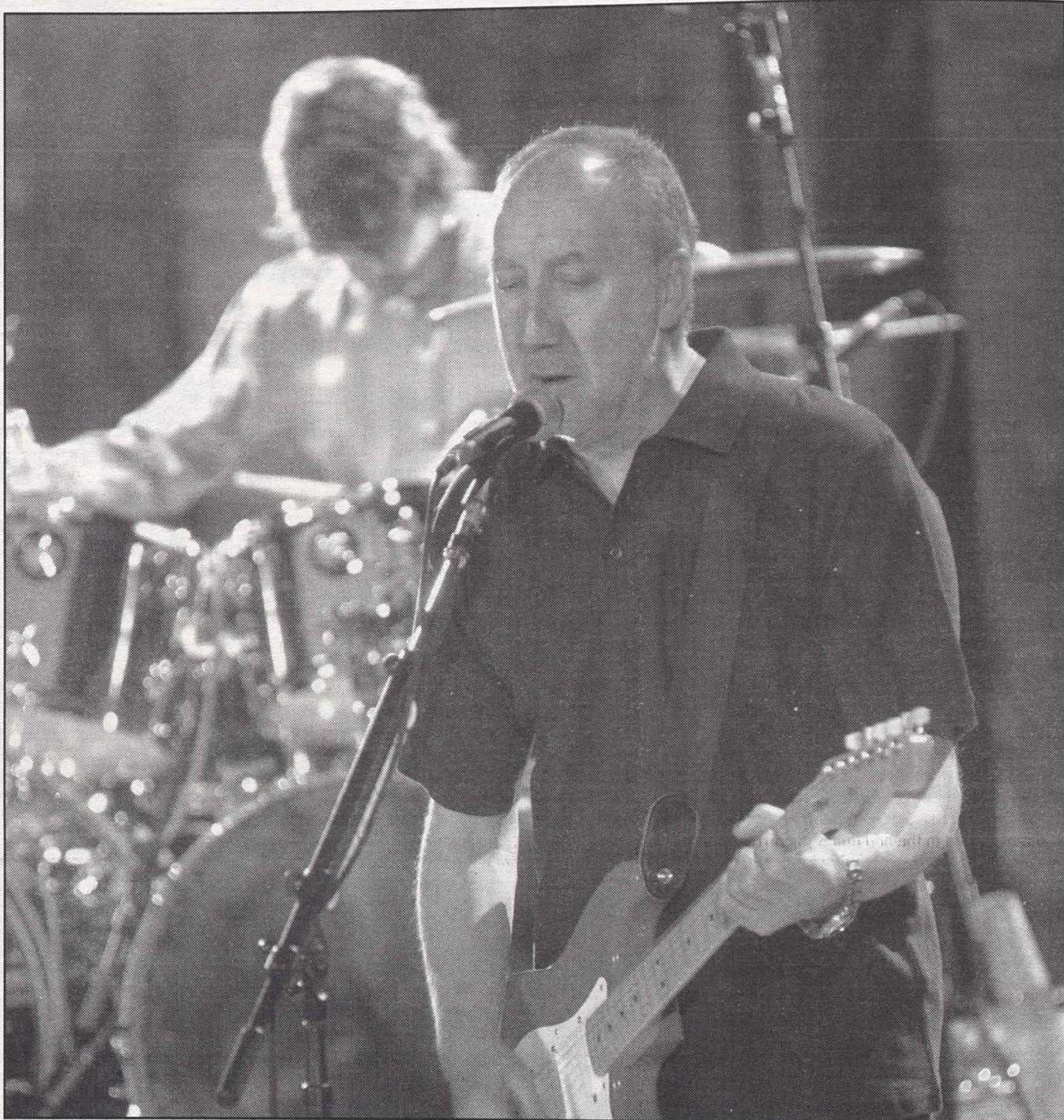
"I cannot remember clearly what happened, but my creative work tends to throw up nasty shadows — particularly in 'Tommy.' Some of the things I have seen on the Internet have informed my book, which I hope will be published later this year." "Tommy," a deaf, dumb and blind pinball wizard in Townshend's rock opera is sexually abused by an uncle.

Police officers have since confiscated Townshend's personal computers from his home outside Surrey, England for examination and expect to question Townshend again in later January.

According to a U.S. Postal Inspection Service press release, Townshend was arrested as a result of a worldwide operation known as Operation Ore that is working to track down and arrest people who view child pornography on the Internet.

Pete Townshend's arrest "was the result of intelligence passed on by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to Great Britain's National Crime Squad," the release says. "The arrest was part of the largest global action ever undertaken against child pornographers, with over 4,000 search warrants served in countries around the world."

Townshend was a founding member of the popular rock band, along with bassist John Entwistle, singer Roger Daltrey and drummer Keith Moon. Moon died in 1978, and Entwistle died just last year. The group, founded in London in the early 1960s, was at the forefront of the British rock invasion along with the Rolling Stones and the Beatles. Some of their most popular hits included "I Can See for Miles," "Pinball Wizard" and "Won't Get Fooled Again." Roger Daltrey, said: "My gut instinct is that he is not a pedophile, and I know him better than most." ☼

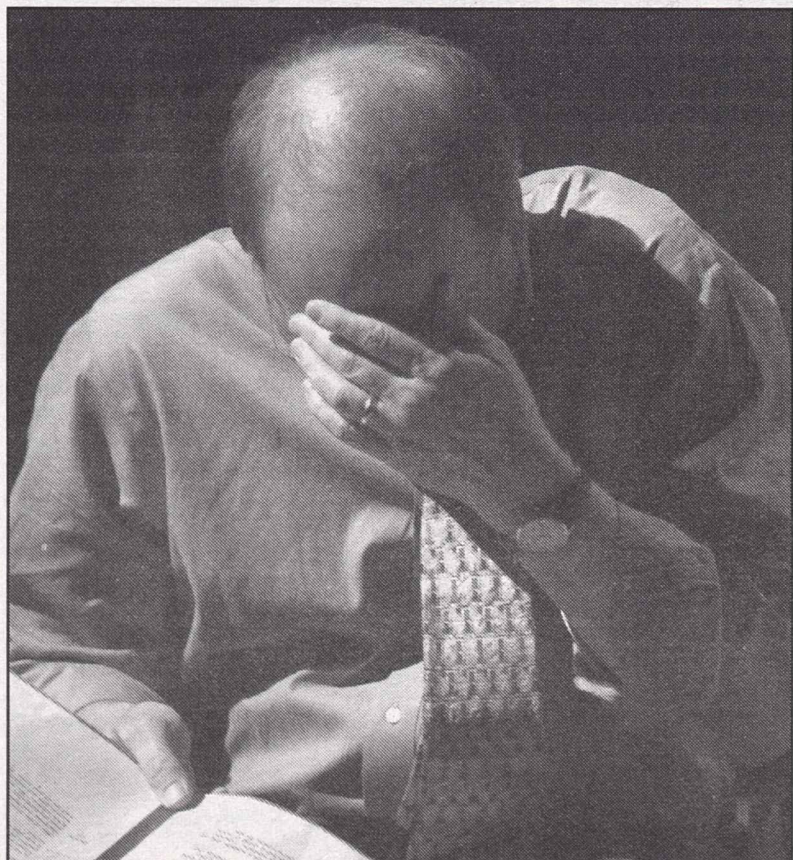


TIM MOSENFELDER/The Who Photographer

LIL' PETEY: Pete Townshend claims that the allegations of viewing child porn were done for research for an autobiography.

Contributions from MSNBC News and ABC News.com

MLK drama carries strong emotional message



DAVID KALK/Assistant photography editor

SHAME ON YOU: Clemson professor, Chip Egan reads an emotional monologue at the MLK production staged at the Strom Thurmond Institute.

SISSY MCKEE

Staff Writer

Clemson kicked off the celebration of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Wednesday evening with an incredible performance of selections from Anne Deavere Smith's "Twilight: Los Angeles 1992." The event proved to be extremely successful and emotional for all who attended. At the conclusion of the performance, the audience found themselves dealing with mixed emotions.

Cindy Lee, a faculty member of Environmental Engineering and Science department brought her daughter to the performance, she said "It is very relevant for the celebration. I was very young when Dr. King was assassinated, but the Rodney King beating and the riots are prominent in my lifetime."

The mastermind behind the play is actress and playwright Anne Deavere Smith. Smith, currently an associate professor of drama at Stanford University, was runner-up for the Pulitzer Prize in 1992. In order piece together "Twilight: Los Angeles 1992," Smith conducted over 200 interviews with persons involved or affected by the Rodney King beating

and trial and the subsequent racial riots in Los Angeles. Smith compiled her verbatim monologues to put the audience in a position to identify with the multicultural characters and their views on and experiences with the racial, economic and political situation surrounding the beating and riots.

Each character received applause after their monologue. Performed by Clemson students and faculty, the monologues presented viewpoints that in other contexts could be easily discounted. Latin American, African American, Caucasian American and Korean American experiences from all different economic and social statuses were portrayed.

Christie Medina made a convincing performance as Josie Morales, an eyewitness to Rodney King's beating. Morales' interview is entitled "Indelible Substance," in reference to her dream that the officers would be acquitted. In reflection on the verdict, Morales commented in her interview that "Dreams are made of some type of indelible substance." Chip Egan of the Performing Arts Department, also made an incredible performance as an Anonymous Juror. As so many people across the United States shook with anger and disbelief and called the jurors racists and bigots in the wake of

the Rodney King verdict, an anonymous juror spoke out about the harassment and embarrassment from the trial. Egan did an excellent job of portraying his character. Venesa Ruiz also made a commanding performance as Elvira Evers, an innocent pregnant woman shot in apartment by a stray bullet in her abdomen during the riots. The baby was delivered healthy and the bullet that was lodged in the elbow was removed. Dunnovan Waddell presented such a commanding performance as Paul Parker that a pin drop could be heard at any time. As the Free the L.A. Four Committee Chair, Parker's interview was heated and powerful and Waddell presented it beautifully.

"Twilight: Los Angeles 1992" was an amazing performance and to those who attended it is certain your mind sees more clearly and hopefully your heart can too. Clemson Alumni Angela Davis was impressed with the performance and felt the message was successful and strong. "We need to take these oppressive issues and recognize them. It is easy to exist around masking racism, but we must deal with the situation. As Mr. Choi, the Korean reverend, said, 'We need to approach this situation with love.'" ☼

the range side

the redneck corner

BY DANNY PHILLIPS



Welcome back, y'all. I hope your holidays were enjoyable and filled with family, warm fires behind the hearth and good huntin' stories. It sure seems like today's holidays and everyday are a bit faster paced than those of our Redneck elders. What a time it must have been to be a strapping young 'neck back in the days before society decided to put the whole world into overdrive. "Life sure used to be simpler ..." or so say the Ol'timers. Today's Bos and Lukes sure have a different way of life.

Take vehicles for example. Necks of old drove around in beat-up pickups that had been passed down through the family for the purpose of getting some good use. You could easily fit a month's worth of firewood in the back of Uncle Jessie's white Ford. Today the only thing that your urban redneck uses the back of his truck for is carrying around a cooler and sitting on the tailgate ... or maybe picking up his new 96-inch television from Best Buy. If the old truck's starter didn't want to turn over, people used to actually think about trying to fix it themselves instead of immediately calling the dealer. Oftentimes, all you had to do was pull out one of those firewood scraps buried in the bed under the dirt and leaves and give the starter a good WHACK to free it up. How about the stickers on people's back glass?

Granddaddy sure did hate Fords but he wouldn't have put up a sticker with Beetle Bailey doing his business all over the emblem. You can bet that he wouldn't have let you know that he "Ain't Skeered." The shotgun in the back glass and the .357 in the dash confirmed that fact. What ever happened to the CB in the pickup? You rarely see whip antennas any more (Best reason for making tennis balls yet!). I also wonder why today's Z-71s are all jacked up on anabolic oil with tires big enough to hold a 100 lb catfish. The sickening part is that most of them never even get off the pavement. One of the best mud trucks I ever rode in was an '82 Dodge 2WD with street tires on the front, and mudders on the back. Ol' man Keel's motto was, "If you don't stop, you won't stick!" And I don't think he ever did get stuck. Who remembers the old pickups with enough dash space to plant a garden? Before tilling though, you would have to clear off the shotgun shells, squirrel tails, turkey calls, handkerchiefs and that corn dog on the heater vent that was forgotten about after it stopped smelling.

Not only have trucks changed, but so have the general preferences of today's good ol' boys. Khakis surely would have been stamped out the first time you had to get under the truck. Denim was the fabric of the past. You can hide quite a few drops

of oil on your best blue jeans. The flannel and T-shirt have given way to plaid collars and Izod alligators. We don't even drink the same beers any more. Budweiser, PBR, and Old Milwaukee have moved aside for Natty Light, Busch Light, Bud Light and Corona (if it's payday). This may be partially due to our observations of so many 50-year-old maintenance men with portable pony kegs under those shirts. We figure that if we keep to the light stuff, we may only end up with a case.

The music of today sure hasn't kept up in quality when compared with the sound systems that are in today's trucks. All I can hear from most of those oversized speakers is bass and some type of screaming. As long as we never forget one thing, Redneck's of some sort will always exist: "If you want to play in Dixie, you gotta have a fiddle in the band." ☺

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Bluegrass steers toward the Handlebar

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Staff Writer

bluegrass is cool, because of the energy."

If you are looking for a live band and a good time this weekend, then head over to The Handlebar in Greenville, where the two great shows are sure to cure your fix. The weekend kicks off on Friday night with The Handlebar's debut of the Lonesome River Band, with special guest Hickory Flat. The Lonesome River Band, a modern bluegrass band is led by banjo player Sammy Shelor, who said that when he and other members first began the band, they wanted to "make a record of traditional bluegrass with a rock'n'roll edge to it." Since then, the band has kept up with that style of music and has seen some definite payoffs.

When the Lonesome River Band released their album "Carrying the Tradition" in 1991, it became a huge success and was named the International Bluegrass Music Association's Album of the Year. Since then, the ensemble has released four more albums and remained at the top of the bluegrass music industry. The band has also worked with other musicians such as John Fogerty and Joe Diffie. They have also appeared at the alternative country festival, Twangfest.

Recently the Lonesome River Band signed with Doobie Shea Records. With this new fellowship, the band hopes to bring back the high energy level that was present in their music when the band first began. Shelor says of the band, "I want to get back to the roots of what really got us started. It's all a matter of outlook and attitude toward what you are doing. Our whole philosophy is to involve young fans and to bring in new fans by creating a spark that gets them saying, 'well,

For more information on The Lonesome River Band and its members, or for a schedule of shows, go to their Website at www.lonesomeriverband.com. The band will be at The Handlebar tonight at 8:30 p.m., with ticket prices set at \$12.50.

And, don't forget that on Saturday night, Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men will be taking stage at The Handlebar. Their special guest will be former lead singer of V-Roys, Scott Miller.

Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men "christened" The New Handlebar in May 2001, and they are back again to give another rocking show. Dave Alvin began his singing career in the 1980s and has since worked the music industry solo, as well as with other bands like the Blasters, X and The Knitters, just to name a few. Dave Alvin creates music that can only be characterized as a mix of rock'n'roll, blues and roadhouse music. The newest release by Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men is entitled "Out in California," which was released just last year.

Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men will be at the Handlebar at 9 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets run at \$16.25 a piece. Check it out because it looks to be a great show. You can get more up to date information on Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men by going to www.blastersnewsletter.com.

The Handlebar features live bands every week. It is located at 304 East Stone Avenue in Downtown Greenville between Main Street and I-385. To receive any more information about the shows or about the bar itself, check them out online at www.handlebar-online.com or give them a ring at (864) 233-6173. Enjoy the shows! ☺

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Additional Notes

- The May ceremonies will occur on Friday, May 9 in Littlejohn Coliseum.
- Anyone applying after the announced dates will be charged an initial fee of \$25 with an additional charge of \$5 each day thereafter.

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HIGH SCHOOL RENUNION

The WB is also featuring another reality show entitled "High School Reunion." The show reunites 17 classmates for the first time in 10 years to give the former students a chance to take care of any unfinished business with former classmates. This unfinished business could be in relationships of love, friendships or rivalry. The show promises a wedding proposal, two knockouts, three new loves and five stunning transformations. The show airs on Sundays at 9 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 p.m. on the WB.

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AMERICAN IDOL 2

The search is on for a new "American Idol" starting next Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m., followed by another episode Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. All of the judges, Paula, Randy and, of course, the always "polite" Simon, are back in search of that one star to be the next "American Idol." Look for the same bad singing with new surprises as well.



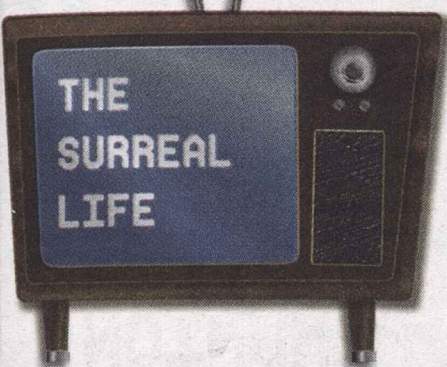
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UPCOMING REALITY SHOWS

There are also new reality shows that are still in the making that you should look for in the upcoming year. Fox is looking at airing a new show tentatively titled "Married by America," where the television viewing audience and family and friends will pick the contestant's husband or wife in a type of arranged marriage. Also UPN will possibly be putting on a new show called "Supermodel," which will be like the hit show "American Idol," but with contestants competing to be a supermodel instead. CBS is taking on a new show called the "Real Beverly Hillbillies." In this show, a lower income family will be placed in a mansion for a year, where they will receive upper-class treatment, such as maid service and personal assistance. The family will include five or six members, with a granny, of course. On the flip side, Fox is hoping to find a rich family to move to the country for their new reality show based on the late 1960s sitcom "Green Acres." Enjoy your season of the newest reality television shows!

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THE SURREAL LIFE

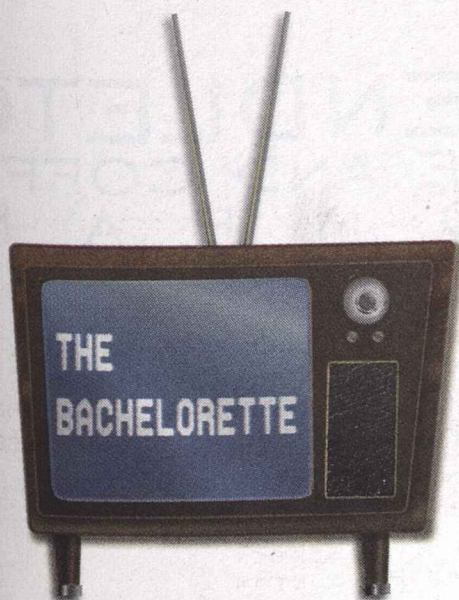
Not only are the new reality shows about dating. The new show "The Surreal Life" is like "Real World" with old superstars thrown into the mix. This new show features such entertainers as Corey Feldman from the ever-popular "The Goonies"; Gabrielle Carteris, from the '90s hit teen show "Beverly Hills 90210"; Emmanuel Lewis, from the '80s sitcom "Webster"; and the man no one could forget because he is "2 Legit to Quit," MC Hammer. These four superstars along with three others, including Brande Roderick of "Baywatch Hawaii," Vince Neal of Motley Crue, and Jerri Manthey of "Survivor," will try to live together in one house for 10 days and 10 nights with no communication with the outside world. They must cook and clean and share bedrooms with each other as well. See how this fiasco turns out on Thursday nights on the WB at 9 p.m.



JOE MILLIONAIRE

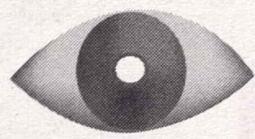
Another reality show that has caused quite a stir in the world of reality television is Fox's new "Joe Millionaire." The show, which premiered on Jan. 6, follows the basic plot of "The Bachelor," but with a twist. In this version 20 women are taken to a chateau in France, where they are told they are going to meet their bachelor, a young man named Evan, who has recently inherited \$50 million. What the women do not know is that it is all a lie. The young millionaire that they think they are falling for is actually a construction worker that makes only \$19,000 a year. The women will not find out that Evan is not a millionaire, unless Evan mistakenly reveals his true identity. On the premiere episode, the butler of the chateau attempted to show Evan some of the ins and outs of maintaining the status of a millionaire. Evan learned everything, from what wines go with what food to ballroom dancing lessons. He finally received the chance to meet and talk with the ladies at a ball later on in the night. At the end of the episode, Evan gave out 12 pearl necklaces to the women that he chose to keep. The show airs Monday nights on FOX at 9 p.m.

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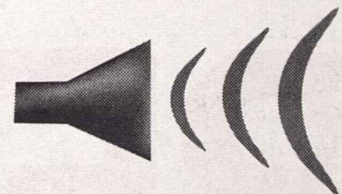


THE BACHELORETTE

Based on the hit series "The Bachelor," the new show "The Bachelorette," which began on Jan. 8, gives 25 men the opportunity to meet and date a woman, whom one could possibly marry by the end of the show. The woman that the men are fighting for is a 29-year-old pediatric physical therapist named Trista Rehn. Trista appeared on the very first season of "The Bachelor," where she battled other women to compete for the love of one man. Now she finds herself as the woman that the other men are battling over. Throughout the season, Trista will eliminate 24 men and possibly ask the 25th man to marry her. A man may eliminate himself at any time if he does not want to be involved anymore. In the premiere episode she eliminated 10 men, and gave 15 others a rose boutonniere to show that she wanted to keep them. On this week's past episode, she eliminated seven young bachelors. Check in next week to see who will be the next to go. The show airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on ABC.



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MOVIE REVIEW



RED DRAGON

Rated: R

MIKE McDONALD
Staff Writer

Who could fail to be enthralled by the third film in the sequence of grisly Lector tales, "Red Dragon"? Like its predecessors, "Red Dragon" is a horrific and gruesome tale of an unspeakable monster, but unlike both "Hannibal" and "Silence of the Lambs," "Red Dragon" benefits from past experience. Director Brett Ratner seems initially unqualified for his role having achieved only modest distinction in the past. Ratner's credits have included "Family Man" and "Money Talks," some with their merits, but none suggesting he was qualified to be Lector's next director. However, Ratner was able to draw upon and in some respects improve the original 1986 version of the film, "Manhunter."

Film direction aside, "Red Dragon" is perhaps more like "Silence of the Lambs" than "Hannibal," in that, at its core is a crime thriller rather than a horror flick. Where "Hannibal" had shocked and even repulsed some audiences with its violence, "Red Dragon" has no such effect. To be fair however, Ridley Scott, director of "Hannibal," was working with a Thomas Harris novel that itself went so far over the top that much of it could not be filmed. But this movie, based on Harris' first novel, has studied "Silence of the Lambs" and knows that the action comes second to general creepiness and the audience's perception of the scenes as dark and foreboding.

Perhaps the most significant achievement of "Red Dragon" is that which made both "Silence of the Lambs" and "Hannibal" so remarkable: the cast, and more specifically Anthony Hopkins. As he did in both of the previous two Lector films, Hopkins brings an initially brilliant literary character to life in brilliant and unforgettable color. Hannibal

Lector is one of the most wicked villains in movie history, and one of the most beloved. We forgive him his trespasses because they are forced upon him by his nature; he is droll and literate, dryly humorous and elegantly mannered. In these days of movie characters who obediently recite the words the plot requires of them, it's a pleasure to meet a man who can hold up his end of the conversation. Thus, despite the relatively modest role that Hopkins plays in the film, his scenes are still a delight.

The other significant contributor to the film is Edward Norton. Norton stars as detective Will Graham, who puts Lector behind bars after a thoroughly satisfying and dramatic opening scene.

The essential goodness of Graham through Norton brings a striking juxtaposition of good and evil to the screen. Norton's scenes alongside Anthony Hopkins could well be considered the acting masterpieces of the film.

UPAC kicks off a Hannibal Lector marathon with "Red Dragon" at McKissick tonight. ☺

THE TIGER'S RATING GUIDE

Five Paws

So good that we would experience it sober.



Three Paws

Not stellar, but worth checking out.



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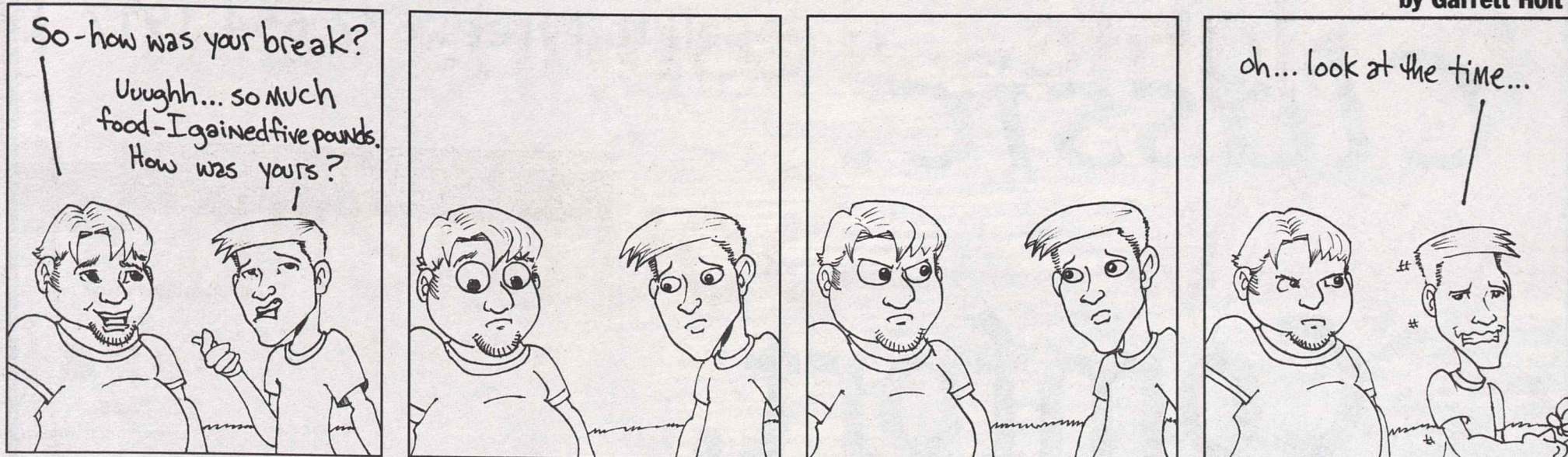
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That frickin' comic

by Garrett Holt



Horoscopes

by Claire Voyant

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Ok, say it with me: Ego. This week you will think yourself unbeatable and courageous. As far as you are concerned, you're top dog. Claire's advice? Don't flatter yourself!

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Remember those awkward middle school dances where you hugged the wall until your mom came to pick you up? Well, that's what this week will feel like, but hang in there because better times are coming.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) We both know that you aren't stupid, but this week just keep your ideas to yourself. Give your brain a few days to regenerate from the cosmic vacuum in which it is trapped.

Aries (Marh 21 - April 19) You have set some high goals for yourself and you're almost there. Do not lose heart in the final steps; they will be the hardest, but also the most rewarding.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) The bad news: Everyone will think you are cracking up for the next few days. The good news: If you manage to avoid the straitjacket, everyone will eventually see that you are actually a genius.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Prince or Princess Valiant, someone near you is in need of some major protection this week. Step up to the challenge and help them slay their dragons. It's just good karma.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Don't worry. You aren't shrinking. I know you feel right now like you are withering away to Oompaloompa size, but it's all in your head. Really. Maybe you should try therapy.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) There are many schemes in the works just behind the scenes. Avoid the urge to spin around in circles trying to see over your shoulder like a deranged puppy. Things will become clear soon.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) This week should be like one successfully rubbed genie lamp after another. Things will be going your way and all the frogs you kiss will turn to princes/princesses. Live it up!

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) It's time to hit those books before they hit you, and you know they fight dirty. There will be plenty of time to watch "Friends" reruns, but for the next few days, make academia your main pursuit.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Don't move. There's a spider on your shoulder. No. Seriously, it's best that you avoid making any drastic changes or moves in your life this week because they will all prove to be wrong.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) All right, Jerry Lewis, the French may think you're the greatest, but the rest of the world knows the truth. Don't perform at any comedy clubs this week unless you like rotten tomatoes.

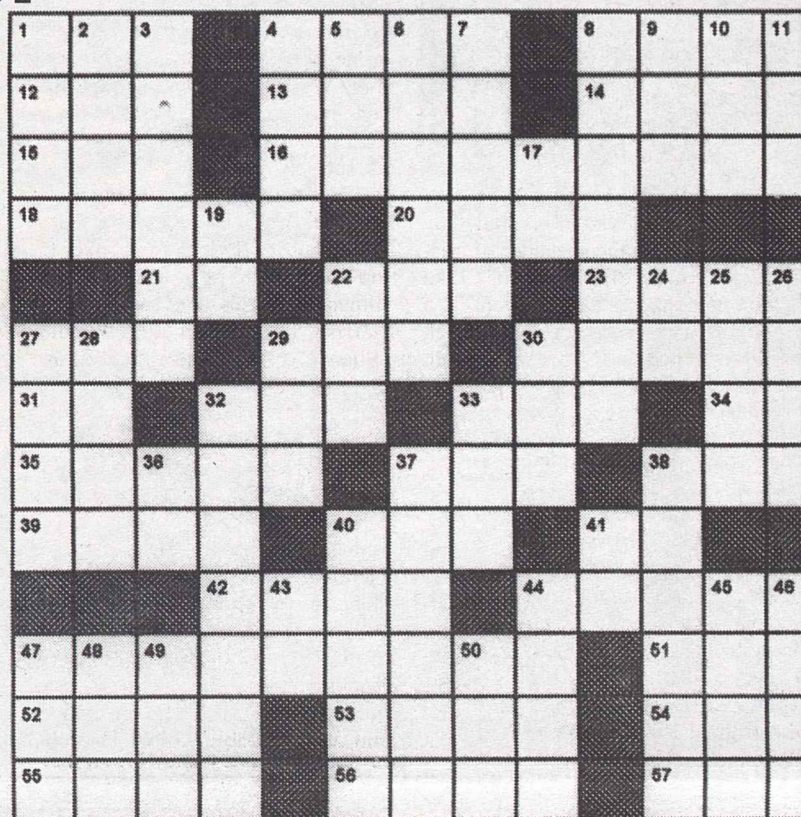
The Puzzler

ACROSS

- 1 Noah's boat
- 4 One who mimicks
- 8 Funeral stand
- 12 Hawaiian necklace
- 13 Outer garment for women (India)
- 14 Leeward side
- 15 School of whales
- 16 Wanderers
- 18 Smell
- 20 Design with intricate figures
- 21 Never
- 22 Moist
- 23 Clinched hand
- 27 Though (Inf.)
- 29 Auricle
- 30 Windy
- 31 Exclamation
- 32 Pig pen
- 33 Slippery fish
- 34 Press service (abbr.)
- 35 Field of conflict
- 37 Tree
- 38 Time
- 39 Was (p.t.)
- 40 Black fluid
- 41 Ante meridian (abbr.)
- 42 Formerly
- 44 Drama set to music
- 47 Frightening
- 51 Neither
- 52 Unencumbered
- 53 Great lake
- 54 Condition of being (suf.)
- 55 Undesirable plant
- 56 Distance (pref.)
- 57 Female saint (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Aquatic plant
- 2 To the back
- 3 Japanese robe
- 4 Thin Man dog
- 5 Equal
- 6 End of pencil
- 7 Bolt
- 8 Fateful
- 9 Capability of (suf.)
- 10 Ever (poetic)
- 11 Point in law
- 17 Print measurement
- 19 Midwest state (abbr.)
- 22 Method; direction
- 24 Island (abbr.)
- 25 Adult male deer
- 26 Sort
- 27 Defrost
- 28 Rabbit
- 29 7th Greek letter
- 30 Opal
- 32 Smirked
- 33 Large N. American deer
- 36 Person who lives in (suf.)
- 37 All
- 38 Corrects
- 40 Very small island
- 41 News agency (abbr.)
- 43 Route (abbr.)
- 44 S-shaped, double curve
- 45 Base
- 46 Johnson
- 47 Stitch
- 48 Prong of a fork (Scot.)
- 49 Indicates an enzyme (suf.)
- 50 None



Answers to last week's puzzle

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On Tap

January 20, 9 a.m.

MLK Day Blood Drive

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January 20, 10 a.m.

MLK Day Food Drive

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Non-perishable foods will be accepted.

January 21, 5 p.m.

MLK March

Cox Plaza

Join friends in this walk from Cox Plaza to the Brooks Center.

January 21, 8 p.m.

CU Faculty and Guest Artists Recital

Brooks Center for the Performing Arts (Room 117)

The recital series continues with flutists Caroline Ulrich and Kate Steinbeck, and pianist Lillian Pearsons performing. The recital will feature works for solo and duo flute with piano accompaniment. Free.

January 23, 8 p.m.

Wihan String Quartet

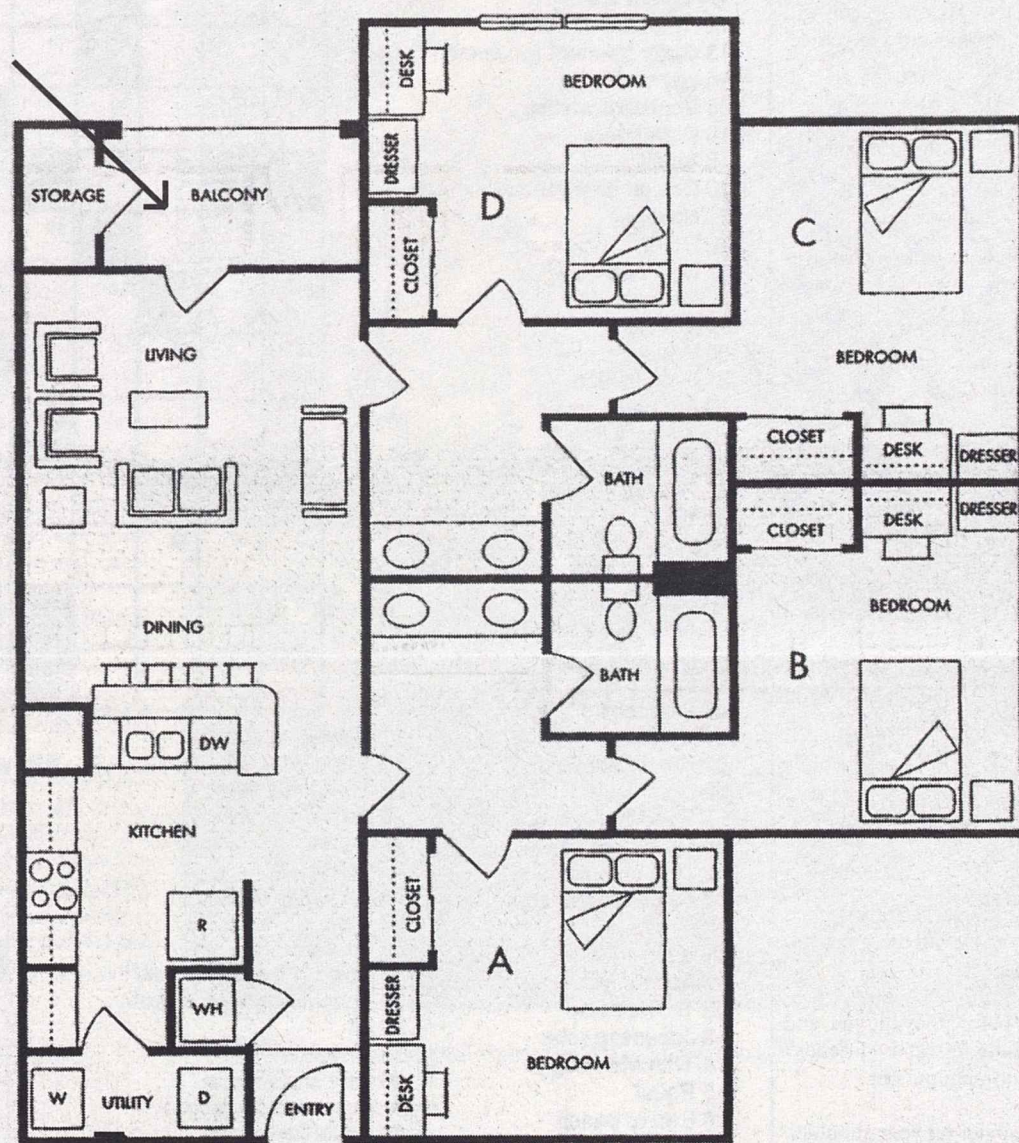
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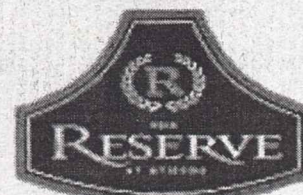
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