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State funding cut hits Clemson again

As University officials adjust to this cut, legislators warn more could be on the way.

WILL SPINK
News Editor

The South Carolina Budget Control Board issued a 3.73 percent across-the-board cut for state agencies Tuesday. This funding cut, which is on top of the five percent cut in December, will cost Clemson over \$5 million.

University Budget Director Alan Godfrey, who said the cuts were larger than he had hoped or expected, explained that these are "tough times" for the South Carolina economy, and thus for state agencies like Clemson.

The University will lose about \$3.74 million from a proposed amount of just over \$100 million for educational and general funds and nearly \$1.7 million from a proposed total of nearly \$45 million for public service activities.

"(Budget cuts) are getting to be too frequent an activity down there. . . We will try to balance things out without placing too big a burden on the students," said Godfrey, who admitted a tuition increase is possible, although definitely not certain, if the cuts become permanent as expected.

State representative B.J. Skelton from Pickens County has Clemson and Southern Wesleyan University in his District 3. Skelton says that while the situation is not great now, it will be "serious" for the next fiscal year, too. In fact, Skelton projects another eight to nine percent cut around July 1 "unless some more revenue turns up." Godfrey agreed that there could be another cut in the future.

The only thing that can prevent the currently proposed cut from becoming effective is an alternative legislative proposal by Tuesday. Godfrey, Skelton and Mike Sponhour, spokesman for the Budget Control Board, all agreed that this legislative intervention will

not happen.

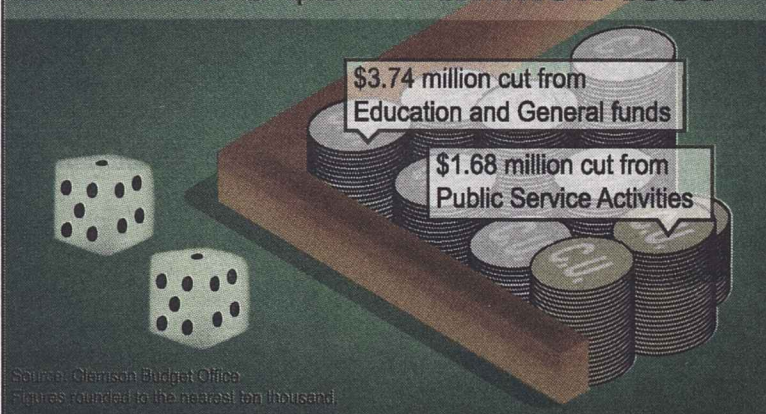
"I don't believe the legislature is going to do that," Skelton said. "For the legislature to get involved would require going back through every agency and right now doing next year's budget."

Skelton further explained that the

reason it is so hard to protect higher education from these across-the-board cuts is that public education makes up 52 percent of the state budget; therefore, if legislators protect public education, everything else has to be cut double.

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Clemson's \$5.41 million loss



STINGY STATE: The portion of Clemson's funding from the state is shrinking.

Zubrin visits on way to Mars

Space expert will address the Columbia tragedy and the future of U.S. space program.

WILL SPINK
News Editor

In the wake of the Columbia shuttle tragedy, one of the nation's top space experts is visiting Clemson next week. Dr. Robert Zubrin will speak on "Mars Direct: Humans to the Red Planet Within a Decade" at the Strom Thurmond Institute at 7:30 Monday night.

"Space travel clearly is being questioned by everyone right now," said Dr. Peter Cohen, associate director of Calhoun Honors

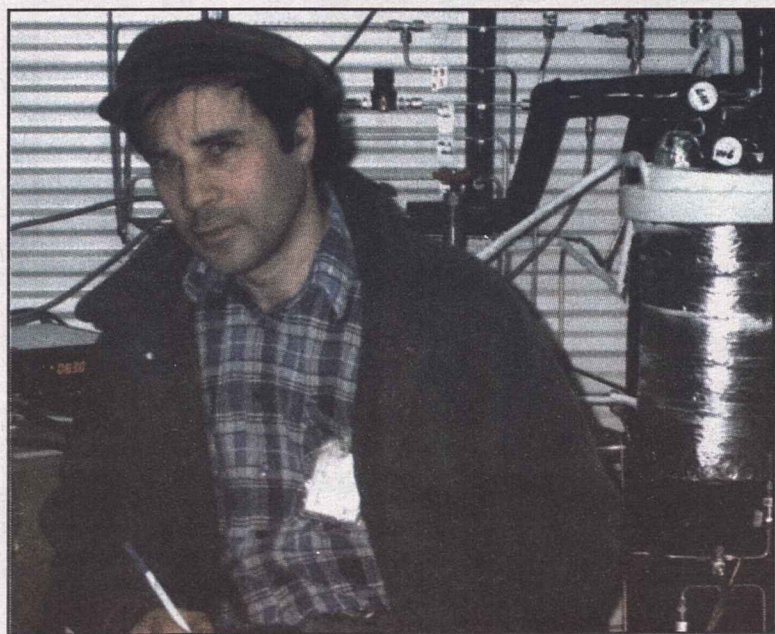
College, which is sponsoring the event. "The chance to talk to someone who's been so involved with this for so long is a great opportunity."

While Zubrin's visit has been planned since this summer, recent events make his visit to the University of even more interest and benefit to students, faculty and community members, organizers said.

"A lot of the attention has shifted recently because people realize we need to jump forward technologically. America needs a frontier," Cohen explained.

Zubrin is the author of "The

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COURTESY OF ROBERT ZUBRIN

MARS MAN: Robert Zubrin has plans for men to visit the Red Planet soon.

Student organization plans peace rally for Wednesday

Community members are showing support for the event.

ADORA CHEUNG
Editor in Chief

With the possibility of war in Iraq looming, peace advocates in Clemson will assemble this Wednesday at 12 p.m. for a peace rally on Bowman Field.

Students and community members plan to stage a non-partisan gathering to encourage citizens to promote a peaceful resolution to the ongoing situations in the Middle East.

Rob Barnett, graduate student in power and rally organizer, hopes that this rally, headed by the Clemson for Peace organization, will convince University students to take a public stance in one of the year's biggest news-making stories. However, Barnett emphasized, "It's not a protest; it's a peace rally."

Jonathan Hayes, graduate student in economics and rally organizer, believes that there are many people in Clemson who are anti-war, and "we're hoping to get [that] silent majority," he commented.

Clemson for Peace will begin posting flyers around the community to encourage anyone to attend. "It's a complete grassroots effort, spread by word of mouth," said Hayes.

In addition, some area church

leaders have attached themselves to the rally and say that they will be encouraging their congregations this Sunday to attend the event.

Chris Heavner, the Lutheran campus minister, believes a majority of the community is against the war, and he hopes that this rally will help identify those people.

"Unfortunately, there hasn't been in this community a rallying place for people to come together to say [we're against war]," said Heavner. "The voices of reason of have been drowned out by the rallying cries for war."

Lane Glaze, United Methodist minister, says that as a church, United Methodists believe that "war is incompatible with Christian teaching."

However, he noted that while some clergy have encouraged peaceful options, the church is very diverse when it comes to the issue of Iraq. For example, President George W. Bush, the visionary behind the possible attacks, is a United Methodist. And at Clemson United Methodist Church, Glaze knows a few in the congregation who are also pro-war, and he knows that a "hawkish" few will not agree with the idea of peace.

In addition to gathering those with the same ideas of peace, Barnett hopes to attract those who have not yet made up their minds.

Kurt Mueller, a senior majoring

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Smoking, alcohol to disappear from dorms

Academic and social changes will affect many freshman residences this fall.

CAROLINE STONE
Staff Writer

In the fall of 2003, the nature of residential living at Clemson will experience "numerous positive changes," according to Daniel Karns, assistant director of Residential Life. In addition to academic changes, prohibition of alcohol in some dorms and smoking in all dorms will be in effect.

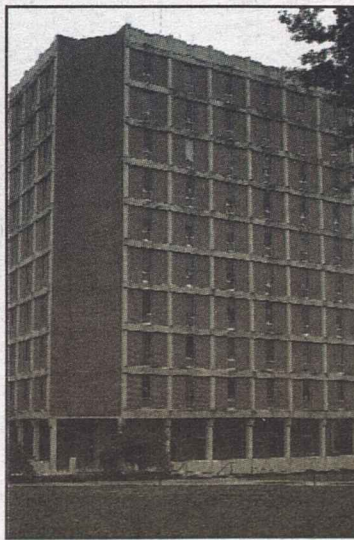
He explained that Young, Geer, Johnstone A section, the fourth floor of Mauldin, and the third, fourth, fifth, and 10th floors of Manning will "officially house solely freshman residents, residents who, in Clemson's effort to improve academic performance, will all participate in Clemson's First Year Experience Program."

Clemson's Housing Department, in collaboration with the Residence Hall Association and members of Clemson's Student Government, recognized the success that the First Year Experience Program in Lever and Byrnes and the First Class Program in Benet have already experienced.

"(These programs) have produced positive academic performance and higher levels of satisfaction in incoming freshman.... In order to replicate the same type of success that has been experienced in the past, we will be implementing several changes in freshman residential areas," said Daniel Karns Assistant Director of Residential Life.

Among these changes will be a lowered student to resident assis-

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FILE

DRY DORM: Byrnes Hall is one of the halls to see changes next year.

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Car crash turns tragic for “joyful” Ole Miss student

LAURA HOUSTON

Daily Mississippian (U. Miss.)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — Many people will remember University of Mississippi student Laura McCulloch Treppendahl's passion for life long after she was buried in Baton Rouge, La., on Monday.

Treppendahl, 19, of Baton Rouge, died at 1:47 a.m. Friday from injuries sustained after her vehicle collided head-on with Gregg Patrick Gibbs' 1997 silver Chevrolet Tahoe west of the old railroad overpass on West Jackson Avenue.

Her funeral will be at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, preceded by a 10 a.m. visitation, according to Rabenhorst Funeral Home East of Baton Rouge.

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Tahoe, carrying

at least eight

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Toyota, and

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travel west in

the east-bound lane until his vehicle met Treppendahl's before 12:58 a.m. when the Oxford Police Department responded, according to the police statement.

The department statement established alcohol as a factor in the accident. District Attorney Jim Hood said a blood sample from Gibbs, 19, of Laurel, were among those sent to Jackson for testing. Treppendahl died on the scene. The Tahoe's passengers were injured but in stable condition, and Carpenter was not injured.

Treppendahl's roommate Melissa Perkins was shocked, unable to believe what was happening even as she sat in Baptist Memorial Hospital's waiting room Friday night after the accident. "In the middle of all that is some degree of anger. I know that you can't blame anybody and that all of this is in God's plan. Before she

was even born, He knew that she would live exactly 19 years," Perkins, an English sophomore from Montgomery, Ala., said.

Perkins said she would never forget the love Treppendahl offered to everyone around her.

"The love that she had for people came straight from Him. I think that's what she'd want to be remembered for," Perkins said.

"All that she was was just God working through her. She wanted to learn how to make every minute of her life a ministry."

One of the ways Treppendahl, a family and consumer science sophomore, showed love was through creative projects, Perkins said.

From painting quotes on the walls of their house's kitchen to organizing a birthday scavenger hunt in Perkins' honor,

Treppendahl "could make stuff out of nothing," Perkins said.

"I have incredible love for Laura, but I'm not the only one," Perkins said. "A part of her is in so many different people."

LES NEWSOM

RUF Campus Minister

It was this genuine, contagious spirit that Ole Miss Campus Crusade for Christ staff member David Robins said he will recall when he looks back on the memories he shared with Treppendahl. He attributed this to the "joy that just radiated off her."

"She was consumed with one thing, and that was Christ," he said.

Treppendahl was also involved with Reformed University Fellowship, Campus Minister Les Newsom said, and there she was "delightful."

"Laura had a joy that came from knowing who she was in Christ, and that identity showed through in every single thing that she did," Newsom said.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, 763 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, La., 70810.

State: Teenagers need majors

High school students may have to choose emphasis areas in eighth grade.

JOHN ADAM WICKLIFFE

Staff Writer

Under a new program proposed by the South Carolina State Department of Education, students would begin planning for a future career with clusters of classes in high school, much like a college major.

The "Steps to Prosperity" program that will be introduced to the state legislature in March would begin during the student's middle school years, when they are considering several future career options.

State officials claim that this method of learning will better prepare students for college and a future career.

"Students are not exiting high school with as much focus as they should in regards to their career," said Bob Couch, the state Department of Education's director of career and technical education. "This is work-based learning."

Don Fuhr, education professor emeritus at Clemson and a former school superintendent, said the proposal is "what needs to be done to the curriculum."

"There's got to be alignment between what kids take and what they need to be prepared for after high school," he said. "It's a great step forward."

However, some legislators and parents are opposed to the program because it forces youngsters to make decisions about their future too early for the students to have any idea of what career they want.

"A significant percentage of college students don't declare a major until their sophomore year," said Senator Mike Fair. "How in the world can we move that back six years when students are still dealing with the onset of acne?"

Fair is a member of the Senate's education committee and has openly opposed vocational education programs in previous years because of the risk of young people's making bad decisions.

While lamenting that her daughter had trouble with figuring out what to wear each morning, Easley resident Lillian Mayes asked, "How can we expect them to decide what

they want to do with the rest of their life?"

However, officials note that the curriculum does not lock students into a certain career choice and allows students to explore their career ambitions by taking electives in areas that interest them. Rather than haphazardly taking random elective choices that have no bearing on a future career, students will take electives that allow them to be focused on a specific career goal.

The plan also helps blur the divide between higher and lower performing and, consequentially, higher and lower income students by removing the college preparatory and technical preparatory tracks and replacing them with individual graduation plans that would be tailored for the individual student.

The plan includes 16 different career clusters. Based on aptitude and interest, students would pick at least one, Couch said.

In collaboration with guidance counselors and parents, each student would pick core classes and electives that complement the cluster chosen. The new method of schedule construction maintains the state-mandated 24-unit requirement for high school graduation.

The program appears to be working at Walhalla Highschool, where senior Tom Pham will graduate in May with a "major" in pre-engineering, like those before him who graduated with a "major" last year.

Counselors often help students fill out these plans with pencils because they understand that these plans may change.

Sarah Simpson, a senior who is "majoring" in health and human services, said her eighth-grade career plan was to be a restaurant manager, following in the footsteps of her grandparents who own a restaurant in Seneca. She now plans on becoming a medical examiner — part of the health and human services cluster — using biology, anatomy and physiology classes she took as part of that cluster.

"When you think of majors, you think of college," she said. "But my major in high school required a lot of science classes and that helped get me prepared."

The state will pilot the program in three school districts next fall and would take five years to implement the program statewide.

Around the World

Sick animals may have licked shuttle debris

Three cows and two deer with swollen tongues, swollen heads and stiff necks are being tested to see if they were somehow sickened by debris from the space shuttle Columbia.

Carla Everett, spokeswoman for the Texas Animal Health Commission, said pieces of the shuttle were found in a property with the captive deer in Jacksonville, Texas.

Paraguay's president avoids impeachment

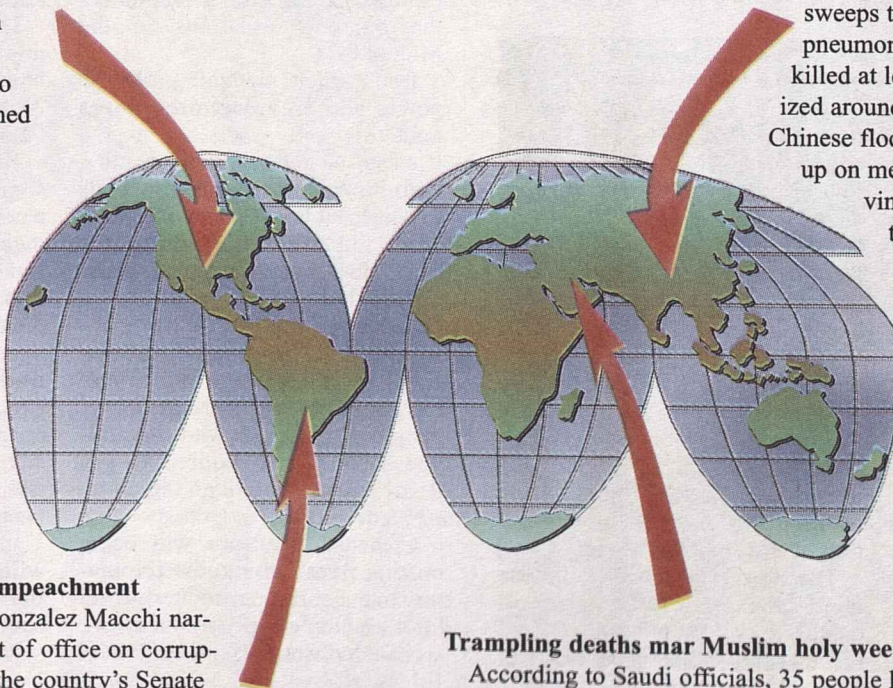
Paraguayan President Luis Gonzalez Macchi narrowly escaped being thrown out of office on corruption charges on Tuesday when the country's Senate acquitted him after a two-week impeachment trial by a margin of five votes. Gonzalez Macchi had been accused of misappropriation of funds, fraud, the torture of leftist militants and illegally buying a stolen BMW car.

Southern China struggles with unknown illness

Chinese and Hong Kong authorities are on the alert as a mystery illness sweeps through southern China. The pneumonia-like sickness has so far killed at least five people and hospitalized around 300, with panicked Chinese flocking to pharmacies to stock up on medicines. Many Chinese use vinegar as a disinfectant, and the surge in demand led to a 10 percent rise in the share price of a major producer on Tuesday, according to The Associated Press.

Trampling deaths mar Muslim holy week

According to Saudi officials, 35 people have been trampled to death during the Hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. Wednesday's 21 deaths occurred on a bridge as the throngs of pilgrims were heading to throw stones at one of three pillars representing Satan's temptation of Abraham, the officials said. The stoning represents a rejection of evil deeds. On Tuesday 14 pilgrims were killed in a similar incident.



RESEARCH

Tissue engineering comes to home PCs

Researchers can print living tissue on desktop printers with new techniques.

DANIEL LOWREY
Assistant News Editor

A computing tool, common in homes and businesses across the country, is revolutionizing biological tissue engineering.

Clemson scientists, in conjunction with researchers from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), are using desktop printers to produce three-dimensional living tissue. The work is the first step on the road to printing complex tissues or even entire organs, said Thomas Boland, an assistant bioengineering professor at Clemson.

"Instead of ink, we're substituting components such as a growth medium and cells — which, just like ink, can be directed through the nozzle onto the paper material," Boland explained. Meanwhile, for Boland and his fellow researchers, the "paper material" is actually plastic or glass that can be placed in a Petri dish for further study.

Like printing with different colors, placing different types of cells in the ink cartridges should make it possible to recreate complex structures consisting of multiple cell types.

Previous research has developed techniques for building up tissues layer by layer, but none has proven as simple and quick as printing. Most tissue engineers first create a degradable scaffold, or base, and then seed it with cells. This method has been used to create complex shapes, such as the infamous "ear on a mouse," but placing different cell types precisely is a complex operation.

By printing alternate layers of a scaffold-like gel and clumps of cells onto slides, Boland and Vladimir Mironov of MUSC have demonstrated that three-dimensional structures can be built. If the gel layers are thin enough, cells fuse when they come in contact with each other, and bits of tissue are formed. When the structure is finished, the gel can be removed, which leaves only the living material.

Large structures might not be strong enough to hold together if the gel is removed after a short period. However, Boland's team is currently experimenting with

adding substances such as the skin protein collagen to speed fusion and reinforce structures.

Other labs have printed arrays of DNA and proteins, said Boland. But he noted this is the first time scientists have printed living cells using ink jets. Boland also mentioned that although printing should make it easier to position cells, many other problems remain to be overcome before entire organs can be created. A huge challenge in tissue-engineering solid organs, for example, is supplying enough oxygen and nutrients to sustain cells deep within the structure.

"Basically, we're trying to find solutions to some of the problems in tissue engineering," Boland explained. "Currently, the limitation on creating tissue is at one millimeter thick. At any level beyond that, blood supply and nutrients cannot arrive at the cells."

Calling blood vessels the "\$50 million question," Boland further emphasized the necessity of being able to synthesize blood vessels in eventually building organs.

"Once we have blood vessels, to make an organ we will need only to place cells around those blood vessels. Then, the problem becomes an issue of scale-up. We would need a mechanism to allow for the larger size and thickness of an organ," he said.

Boland first stumbled onto the idea for printing cells while using the modified printer to create a kind of matrix to make proteins stick to cells. "I asked myself, 'Why don't we use cells directly and cut out the middleman?'" he said.

The printers were then tailored specifically for the researchers' purposes by cleaning out the ink cartridges and refilling them with

cells and supporting "scaffold" gels. Using a team of students with backgrounds spanning electrical engineering, polymer science and bioengineering, Boland's group altered the printer's feed systems and reprogrammed the software that controls the viscosity, electrical resistances and temperature of the printing fluids.

"If everything works as we hope it will, this could be a great contribution to personalized medical care," said Boland. "Every hospital would have a printer with the components to make a fully functioning organ."

Getting the science and technology to that point, however, could take up to 15 years, the researchers warn. "As exciting as this is, it's still in the very earliest stages," said Mironov.

A much quicker application could harness the technology to develop tissues for rapid drug screening.

"Instead of testing on animals, scientists could do preliminary tests with tissue made especially for the purpose," said Boland. "Right now companies test pre-market drugs in cells or in animals. An animal doesn't tell you much: it just dies or doesn't die. Now, companies could use these printed tissues to test products more quickly and accurately."

The tissue work is partly funded by grants from NASA and the South Carolina Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. It will be published in "Trends in Biotechnology" in April. Authors are Mironov, Boland, Roger Markwald and Thomas Trusk, both of MUSC, and Gabor Forgacs of the University of Missouri.



TINY TISSUE: A U.S. quarter reveals the relative size of the printed tissue.

CAMPUS LIFE

Career Fair to offer record number of internships, jobs

This year's fair will occur Tuesday and Wednesday in the Hendrix Center.

MELISSA NICOSIA
Staff Writer

As the economy has been an increasing concern over the past year, it has become harder to find jobs available with desirable wages. However, Heather Karns, assistant director of recruitment and employment for the University, said that college graduates should remain optimistic because they "have the best opportunities out there."

The Spring Career Fair, taking place on Feb. 18 and 19 in the Hendrix Student Center, is a prime example of the opportunities available to college students. Over 100 companies come to the fair to offer internships, part-time employment and full-time employment.

"Attending the Career Fair (last year) showed me all of the possibilities that there are out there and gave me a glimpse of the real world," said sophomore Sara Beth Curtis, a nursing major.

This year the Career Fair brings more internships than it ever has before. Although the spring is the high season, it is rare that nearly half of the companies attending the fair are offering internships to students as they are this year.

"Being a graphics communications major, I am required to have two internships to graduate. The Career Fair gives me the convenience of finding an internship without having to travel or make a lot of phone calls," sophomore Rebecca Copelan said.

Companies are interested in networking with younger students for when the economy does get better and the funds are not as tight. They are very eager to make connections to achieve long-term goals.

Out of the many companies attending, the fair is always heavily weighted on the side of engineering because engineering companies normally respond the quickest, organizers said. However, this year brings a more well-rounded fair encompassing more majors than usual. More companies than usual are also offering opportunities to all majors, which is beneficial to the underrepresented majors.

For those students who are still undecided about their major, the



JOB SEARCH: Students looked for jobs and internships at a past fair.

Career Fair may help to narrow the choices.

"The career fair is a great way to get a first look at the jobs you might want in the future," said sophomore Justin Hellwig, a financial management major.

Karns and Deb Herman, Assistant Director of Internship Program, were responsible for organizing the fair along with the major supporters who give additional funding: Coty US, Crown Cork and Seal Company, General Electric, Harris Corporation, Michelin North America and Milliken & Company.

According to these directors and companies, there are three main things students can do to improve their chances in getting a job offer: presentation, background research and ability of the candidate to promote himself.

Presentation is important in conveying to the employer that the candidate knows how to dress for the job and that he can effectively communicate, especially explaining how he will fit into the company.

Many employers look for students who have done even a little research about the company. When students have not done any research, it becomes the employer's focus and gives the employer the idea that the student is not serious about the position. A student should also be able to promote himself with good communication skills and be confident in his ability to perform the tasks of the available position.

Although college students have the best opportunities available, Karns stressed that these opportunities are not just thrown at the students. "You have to stand out from the crowd," she said.

U-WIRE

Fake diplomas have invaded Internet programs, officials report

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(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — A diploma with a degree verification service is easy to purchase on the Internet, according to an investigation by the U.S. General Accounting Office. The downside — it's fake.

Sen. Susan Collins requested the report from the GAO because she was concerned about how easy it was to get a diploma on the Internet and wanted to know what people were doing with the degrees, GAO Senior Special Agent Robyn Stewart said.

The GAO went undercover as Susan M. Collins and bought a bachelor of science degree in biology and master's of science degree in medical technology from the nonexistent Lexington University. The "premium package," which also came with honors distinctions and a telephone verification service, cost \$1,515. Before giving the degree, the company asked Collins to provide references who could

verify she had experience in biology and medical technology, but it never actually called the references. The degrees, along with transcripts, arrived in about three days, Stewart said.

The report said the owner of Degrees-R-Us was a disbarred lawyer living in Las Vegas who began the business two years ago, after watching a television expose on another diploma mill.

Stewart said they targeted Degrees-R-Us for investigation because, unlike many degree mills, it is based in the United States, which makes the possible prosecution of the company easier.

The GAO searched a government-sponsored Internet resume database and found about 1,200 resumes that included degrees from 14 of 43 diploma mills identified by the Oregon State Office of Degree Authorization. They contacted four people from the search.

Stewart said one woman she spoke with repeatedly changed her story. The woman said she bought a phony degree as a joke and to see

how it could be done, but that she didn't actually plan to use the diploma.

"We don't have any information to refute that, but the fact that she paid like \$400 or \$500 for it gives us an indication that more than likely she's not telling the truth," Stewart said.

The GAO sent the issue to the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Postal Service for further investigation. "We just kind of learned that people who do that kind of thing are just losers," Stewart said. "We didn't identify anybody who was in a real position of responsibility who was using those degrees, so I guess the bottom line is, at this point, I don't think we have anything to fear."

The Degrees-R-Us Web site is still operational and the company still answers its phone. The operator, however, declined to comment and no one else returned The Daily Aztec's calls.

ODA Administrator Alan Contreras said: "The problem, of course, is you end up with people

in positions of responsibility using degrees that aren't real. Do you really want your roads designed by engineers with mail order degrees? Do you really want your children treated by a pediatrician with a fake degree?"

The ODA lists unaccredited colleges and diploma mills who's degrees are unacceptable in Oregon on its Web site, http://www.osac.state.or.us/oda/diploma_mill.html.

Some fake degrees are available with the names of actual universities. The Daily Aztec received one such degree for San Diego State University. That diploma came with transcripts that listed classes that were not even offered at SDSU and the phone number for a "transcript office" based in Washington, D.C., to verify that the holder of the degree attended the school on the transcript.

Executive Director of Enrollment Services Sandra Cook said to distinguish whether a person graduated from a school, someone would have to call the univer-

sity's actual Registrar's Office.

"You just have to be careful that you don't take a diploma as proof of graduation — you don't call a phone number that's not a legitimate place," Cook commented. "It's hard for me to believe that anyone could actually take this fake diploma and not think that they'd get caught somewhere down the line."

To tell the difference between a degree mill and a reputable university, Treacy Lao, the principal coordinator for distributed learning, said to beware of schools that promise too much and to watch out for hype in a school's advertisements. She said SDSU offers distance-learning courses, but they are distinguishable from a degree mill's courses because they have a lot of student-teacher interaction included in them.

Foods and nutrition junior Ashley Harpst said she would be angry if someone used a fake degree because it's not fair to people who actually worked for their degrees.



OPINIONS

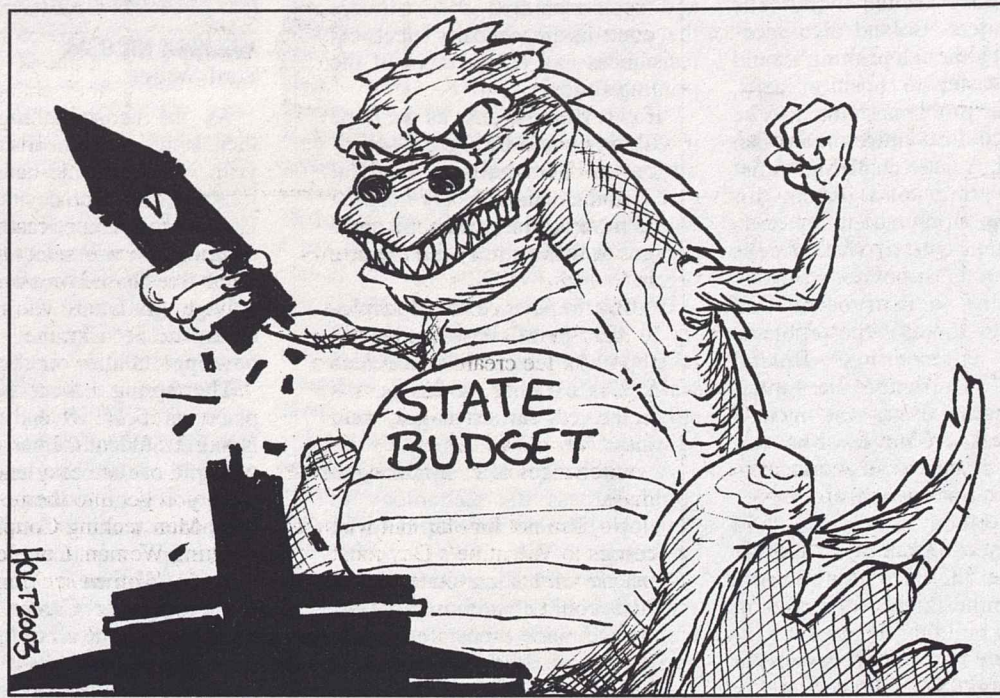
STAFF EDITORIAL

Public universities suffer as budgets diminish

Another round of blanket budget cuts to state agencies on Tuesday has left many wondering when and where these extensive reductions are going to end. Tax revenues over the past few months have come up \$120 million lower than expected, leaving the Budget and Control Board with no choice but to make "the biggest cuts that we've had in modern times," according to House Ways and Means Committee chairman Bobby Harrell. The board ultimately approved an immediate cut of 3.7 percent, which will generate a total savings of \$170 million.

South Carolina's public institutions of higher learning are among the most drastically affected of all of these with the University of South Carolina tightening its belt by \$6.4 million and Clemson cutting \$1.1 million from its budget. Previous cuts to these institutions were damaging enough, but schools were able to compensate for them through planning and preparation. Tuesday's decrease, however, has not left schools in such a position.

At this point, blows to the budgets of South Carolina's institutions could be felt very deeply in the form of adverse effects. Such negative consequences as reduced services to students, increases in tuition and fees, reductions in faculty and staff, fewer classes offered, much larger class sizes and even declines in public service programs will be just a few of the outcomes in store for public colleges and universities including Clemson. Such negative effects will be at best incon-



venient and at worst devastating to members of the University communities. The possibilities do not end there because these ramifications could cause ill effects of their own. These problems could multiply further by spawning a host of other side effects as they continue to affect schools. In other words, severe reductions in funding to S.C. schools are just the beginning of a vicious cycle that

could bring more harm to educational quality and economic status in the long run than they do help in easing the budget crisis short-term.

Many politicians are using the new South Carolina Education Lottery to justify shuffling public dollars out of education and into other programs. As any in-state student can tell them, this excuse is completely unfound-

ed. Money from the lottery is used to fund scholarships for qualified in-state students rather than going to colleges and universities directly. Increases in state scholarships have only kept up with the rise in tuition necessitated by budget cuts. So, students who receive these scholarships are breaking even rather than seeing more benefits from their hard work. Students who don't qualify for these scholarships are simply paying more each semester. Furthermore, there is not currently enough money being generated to fully fund these scholarships because more students have qualified for them than expected. Between the LIFE and Pametto Fellows scholarships, there is a total shortfall of \$15.9 million. This funding gap contributes to the already aggravated revenue situation.

In the end, budget cuts will not be enough to keep the budget balanced. Shuffling money around, cutting corners and removing needed funds only worsens the economy overall. Legislators are simply going to have to find some alternate ways to earn revenue. While there are many possibilities for doing this, one of the most practical examples would be to raise the tobacco tax. Hopefully, they will find a solution before the situation escalates to a devastating level.

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SPEAKING OUT

What are some ways for the state to raise money beside cutting higher education?



Allen Pendarvis
pre-med
freshman

"Increase the sales tax, increase lottery promotion, reduce anti-drug campaigns. This is something that should not be under funded."



Cheri Cook
english
senior

"Have a bake sale and quit cutting important programs. Do some house cleaning and see what we are funding that is actually useful."



Scott Stellern
engineering
sophomore

"Increase sales tax; 5 percent is nothing. Promote tourism of South Carolina to bring in more money."



Lori Layne
mathematical
sciences
freshman

"Increase sales tax and taxes on tobacco products."

Valentine's Day is not just for couples

It's no secret that Valentine's Day is my favorite holiday of the year. There are many people, however, who do not share this sentiment. They view the holiday as a reminder of the fact that they don't have a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or whatever. By their calculations, this single status means they are without love and therefore inferior to couples who use this single date out of the calendar year as an excuse to indulge in way too much P.D.A., chocolate, staring deeply into each others' eyes and so forth.

I agree with these Cupid haters who feel the need to pooh-pooh the day of love on one point: after about 10 years of age, too much of the emphasis of this holiday is placed on lovebirds and romantic relationships in general. I also agree that that's pretty icky, for lack of a better term. However, my opinion of Valentine's Day takes this one step further. I think that not only is this definition supremely icky, but it is also very constraining.

Ok, so Hallmark says you should have a date, a dozen roses and a bottle of champagne waiting for you at the end of this special day, and if you don't, then you must be some kind of heartless, sub-human love leper. But come

on, we're smart enough to know that that's not true. So why are so many reasonable people still bothered by it?

It is my belief that in order for something to upset you, you have to give it the power to do so. In this case, that simply means believing that Hallmark is right; that the lack of a warm body to rub up against really is an indication that you are the unloveable loser you have suspected yourself to be all along.

So, in keeping with this theory, all you have to do to learn to appreciate Valentine's Day is to change your point of view. Take a cue from Webster's Dictionary, which has 2 separate entries and 15 definitions of the word "love" and expand your interpretation of this multifaceted term.

You might argue that this is an oversimple solution to a problem that doesn't really matter that much in the scheme of things, but you would be wrong. All of this anti-Valentine's Day sentiment is just an indicator of a larger issue. We live in a world where people live from day to day without stopping to appreciate, not just what they have, but who they have as well. Of course everyone loves their friends and families, but what about the acquaintances we see

everyday? Maybe the modern suburban culture is to blame, but somehow we have all acquired the unfortunate skill of being alone in a crowd and distance ourselves from the people we are closest to proximity-wise. We have built walls between ourselves and the others we see daily.

What does this have to do with Valentine's Day? I guess not much, directly, but it certainly contributes to the sense of loneliness and inability to form relationships that become amplified leading to feelings of dejection on this day of love.

Instead of moping around your apartment or dorm room because your crush didn't ask you out, try organizing a party for your friends or distributing elementary school-style Valentine's cards to the people you see everyday. Not only will these expressions of affection, esteem and plain old friendship (all forms of love, by the way) be appreciated by everyone included, but they will also generate love in return. No, a cartoon valentine is not going to win you the man or woman of your dreams, but it can brighten your day and someone else's simultaneously.

Valentine's Day is about more than just roses and wine. It's about friendship and appreciation, too.

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Letters to the Editor

Most dangers of marijuana are related to its illegality

The Clemson chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) is to be commended for raising awareness of the senseless harm caused by punitive marijuana laws. Marijuana prohibition has done little other than burden millions of otherwise law-abiding citizens with criminal records. The University of Michigan's Monitoring the Future Study reports that lifetime use of marijuana is higher in the U.S. than any European country, yet America is one of the few Western countries that uses its criminal justice system to punish citizens who prefer marijuana to martinis.

Unlike alcohol, marijuana has never been shown to cause an overdose death, nor does it share the addictive properties of tobacco. The short-term health effects of marijuana are inconsequential compared to the long-term effects of criminal records. Unfortunately, marijuana represents the counterculture to misguided reactionaries in Congress intent on legislating their version of morality. In subsidizing the prejudices of culture warriors, the

U.S. government is inadvertently subsidizing organized crime.

The drug war's distortion of immutable laws of supply and demand make an easily grown weed literally worth its weight in gold. The only clear winners in the war on marijuana are drug cartels and shameless tough-on-drugs politicians who've built careers on confusing drug prohibition's collateral damage with a relatively harmless plant. The big losers in this battle are the American taxpayers who have been deluded into believing big government is the appropriate response to non-traditional consensual vices.

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FACULTY/STAFF COLUMN

Be your own Valentine, practice self-care

In America, two diseases of choice, smoking and obesity, are the leading secondary causes of death. But why, in a nation where health information and the opportunities to protect our health are so abundant, do we increasingly choose to engage in hazardous behavior?

I believe it is because taking good care of ourselves is a misunderstood priority. I take my cue from how Jesus responded when asked, "What are the greatest commandments?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Most people focus on the "Love your neighbor." Few seem to notice the "as yourself." As I have grown older, I have made discoveries that have broadened my understanding of this axiom.

The reasons we fail at caring for ourselves are as varied as the individuals who choose to engage in destructive behavior. It is partly because we are often addicted to activity, achievement and socializing. And even if you have avoided these, you may still be in danger of ignoring your internal needs for the sake of the world around you.

A common cry is the phrase "I just don't have the time to take care of myself." In an age where technology has reduced the demands of time-consuming menial tasks, it has conversely revved up demands in other areas. Deadlines are sooner. Distractions have increased exponentially. And, in short, the treadmill is moving faster and faster. To deliberately slow down and take the time to care for one's self has become counter culture, even as our culture promotes the image of the healthy body and soul as ideal.

Somewhere, we must chose to STOP and make time to practice self-care. Yet this is a somewhat intimidating prospect given that we find so much of our fulfillment and security from trying to be everything to everyone. We are inclined to feel that saying "no" reeks of weakness and selfishness.

There is a social security in having a long list of incoming email and full voice mail box. Demands on our time and attention offer us tangible

evidence of our worth. We fear that if we disengage, even for a cause as noble as self-care, we may become less popular, miss opportunities or be seen as anti-social. A few souls in history have escaped this plague. The most famous is Henry David Thoreau, who went to the woods and found the solitude much to his liking. May his tribe increase. And may others who followed the same path find ways to share their wisdom with members of a harried population that needs to emulate them. We must learn that the

true source of success and security is an inside job. When it comes to building achievement and security, external circumstances are shaky foundations.

Finally, as Oprah says, "It is all about the 'LUV!'" For at its core self-love is a marker for interaction with our surrounding environment. If we truly love ourselves, we will constantly evaluate how we are treating ourselves. We will be willing to dig deep inside and experience the pain of self-discovery that is needed to change. We will engage in a love affair with ourselves that leads us to make consistent choices of self-care that ultimately can produce joy, contentment, health and an expressive quality of life. The beauty of this discovery is that, by choosing self-love and self-care, we can better love our neighbors. To neglect self-care is to rob yourself and others by shortening your life and ability, because of illnesses of body or mind, to be fully engaged in important activities and relationships. In my view, to neglect caring for yourself is the ultimate selfishness.

So if we have been unable or unwilling to make this change so far, where do we find this road to self-care? I have found that it really is "all about the love." As I have sought to know God, He has helped me know myself and practice better self-care. So this Valentine's Day, why don't you be your own Valentine and practice a little self-care. After all, loving yourself is a pretty good gift with great rewards!

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COMMENTARY

Internet personal ads can help

Ah, Valentine's Day. Sighs will be heaved. Kisses will be planted. Twister will be played. The stock prices of latex manufacturers across the country will jump like a jack-in-the-box on Viagra.

You'll no doubt be fed some crockery about how V-Day is the work of some defunct Catholic saint, or worse, defunct Roman god who couldn't keep his arrows in their proverbial sling.

But, really, who am I kidding?

Ah, Single's Awareness Day (S.A.D.). Ice cream will be eaten. Pajamas will be worn. Chess will be played. The price of Marvin Gaye records will plummet like your chances of ever finding a soul mate.

No, I'm not bipolar, but when it comes to Valentine's Day most people tend to gravitate towards one of these two extremes—and until recently, there was no hope for the downtrodden masses: those unfortunate many unable to find the person of their dreams in time to have a happy Feb. 14.

But now, friends, I say there is hope! Behold the beauty of the Internet Personal Ad!

Personally, I think that if you waited until now to start looking for that special Valentine, you'll get what you deserve — another desperate person. It's really not all that bad, though. At the very least, you'll get some combination of pity and desperation that is likely

to end in gratuitous hooking-up.

Rule No. 1 of the Internet

Personal: you have to categorize

yourself. Are you Black or

Nubian? White or

Caucasian?

Apparently, "white"

sounded too plain, so

they changed it to

something exotic,

and voila.

"Caucasian" was

born.

Now that you're ready for all the

people who will select the love of

their lives based on skin color, you

have to say where you're from.

This way, if "Ukraine" pops up,

your potential suitors will know

that you're in it for the green card.

Next, decide what you want. Are

you a MSW, WSM? MSM, WSW?

Okay, those are easy enough, but

then you get into the real special-

ties: Men seeking Couple. Couple

seeking Woman. Couple seeking

Couple. Women seeking Dogs.

Men seeking teenagers to chain in

the basement. Personally, I think

the FBI should read these adver-

tisements just to keep tabs on all

the freaks out there.

Now, let us examine some clas-

sic personals to see what you're

really up against. You know, to

scope out the competition.

"I want marriage immediately! I

need your cuddles! I need you

immediately! Baby, I need you

very fastly! Need you now!"

Man, she totally understands

me! "Very fastly?" Yeah, she doesn't

even sound desperate.

Then we have the real winners.



Daniel Lowrey
columnist

"Vegetarian, Celtic, Shaman, Pagan. Am a dominant female looking for submissive or switchable male. Monogamy, serious relationship prospects only. Must like children, have 8-year-old daughter, no ex involved."

When she says 'must like children,' does she mean to eat? Guess not if she's a 'vegetarian.' And I'm sorry, but I don't know what a 'switchable male' is. And I don't think I want to. I feel very dirty all of a sudden.

After the description comes the picture, and as we all know from eBay, it will sell a lot better if it has a picture. But, for the love, please don't cut your pictures out of magazines. Or, at least do a good job of it. Why? Because I can see the page number in the corner, and I'm pretty sure that Tyra Banks wouldn't be looking for love on "Match.com."

In the end, what you get is a lot of 14-year-olds messing with people's heads, and a lot of 40-somethings with hair plugs trying to trick people into thinking they're 30. None of which makes sense because the jig is up if you ever have to actually meet this person. And if the whole point is to find someone who loves you for who you are, aren't you just screwing yourself anyway?

My opinion? People are like pants. They're meant to be picked out in person.

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COMMENTARY

Let's update student activities

The "Clemson experience" is only half of what it could be; student life is a major part of this. There has always been something unique about student life here, but it now seems to be faltering. Currently, many programs are suffering; some have deteriorated in the last few years, while others need innovation and vision for growth.

Intramural programs were once an integral, impressive part of student life. Universities across the country would come to observe our operations and see the programs we had developed. Today, we have lost the strength and quality we once had. At our height, 150 basketball teams would be registered to play each semester. Now, we are lucky if basketball, or insert-your-favorite-sport-here, is even offered. Games are cancelled or rescheduled an hour before they are to begin. Some sports are lucky to play a few games, and if so, they might even be forced to play them all within one week. Students are increasingly frustrated with the quality of intramural programs. This has nothing to do with the Fike renovations; it has everything to do with our commitment to quality.

The problems arise from lack of resources, poor management, and lack of emphasis. Each sport needs to have semester long schedules with games that are reliable. Every semester, our intramural fields have something wrong with them.

Bowman field is fixed within a week after homecoming, but our intramural fields are unusable most of the year. Years ago, we had quality programs, with more teams and more games. Why can't we do this now? Countless students look forward to playing intramural sports, but this simple request is not

being fulfilled. We need to solve this problem now.

Student centers should be a center for student life. Our student centers are split between two sides of campus. And within them, there is little for a student to seek out in the first place. Between both centers, there is very little seating (couches and comfortable chairs), no real meeting rooms, few organization offices, and one small computer lab. They are not places that are pleasant for students to use and interact within. Let's think outside of the box; heck, in Tulane's library, they have thirty plus couches and chairs all boxed in together; students can sit and chat; it's something creative and unique. Let's find our touch. Something needs to be done to increase the quality of the student centers. They need to be more accessible and inviting, have more features, and have the ultimate goal of creating a center point of campus life.

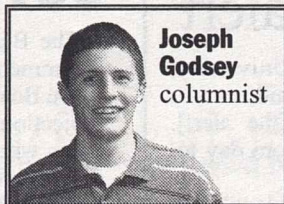
Diversity has become a buzz word, but has it become something of action? Impressively, the University seems to be dedicated

to improving diversity on campus. However, something appears to be missing. Diversity is a broad term. It spans race, gender, geography, sexuality and background. Students learn from each other as much as in the classroom. Too often it seems, we focus on the quantitative aspects of diversity, rather than the qualitative and the larger picture. Diversity can and will be a major part of student life; let's keep working towards that goal.

Students need to feel a vested interest in student activities. Many universities offer a plethora of activities each week. Students attend them in mass; it's part of the culture. In some schools, the students have voted for increases in student activity fees to build new buildings and offer new programs. I am not recommending that we raise any fees, but we should rethink our programming options to adapt to the needs of students. And as a side note, years ago, we had big name bands come on a regular basis. Have we lost that touch too?

The bottom line is that student life and student services are not to the standard that Clemson students deserve. We can take and mold the Clemson experience into something unique and memorable. Student life needs to become a priority; we need to dedicate the resources, think creatively and take definitive steps of leadership.

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Joseph Godsey
columnist



"Nothing takes the taste out of peanut butter quite like unrequited love."

— CHARLIE BROWN

CAMPUS LIFE

Student body gets "eaten alive"

Actress presents thoughts on anorexia during individual performance.

JESSICA BRIT
Staff Writer

Clemson welcomed Broadway actress Eva van Dok to Tillman Hall auditorium last Tuesday. van Dok, a recovered anorexic-bulimic, performed a one-person theater piece that explored the emotional impacts of eating disorders. The event, which lasted approximately an hour and a half, was sponsored by UPAC, the Panhellenic Council and Redfern Health Center.

Having performed in New York both on and off Broadway, van Dok has also shown her talent in hundreds of colleges and conventions around the country, as well as in numerous theaters in Europe. Her inspiration for the program, "Eaten Alive", came from her own bout with eating disorders when she was a chubby, inactive 12-year-old.

The event of growing into a new body during puberty compelled her to become an anorexic/bulimic, and as a result of this behavior, she shrank to 68 pounds. Her war with eating disorders lasted through her mid-20s, and at times she would get so desperate that she would take a single curdle of cottage cheese, cut it up and eat it, feel horrifying guilt, and then make herself purge.

She has since received help and has been free from eating disorders for six years. Hitting close to home for van Dok, "Eaten Alive" is the story of five women who all share the common thread of being victims of eating disorders.

The scene of the play was set with a lone wooden coat rack placed in the middle of a barren stage. The first character portrayed by van Dok was an overly busy mother full of anxiety. "You are

not hungry," she scolded herself, pretending to look into a mirror, "you've gotten fat. You have no discipline."

She then transformed into a college sophomore who placed a heavy emphasis on appearance and tried to persuade her friends to splurge and purge, telling them that "gaining weight is worse than dying."

Character 3, a woman tennis-player, was not only picky about her choices in food, but she also believed in the stigma that being small equaled being adorable. In contrast, character 4 was a woman battling obesity. Sitting in her doc-

"The struggle women deal with is frightening. [It is a] societal problem."

EVA VAN DOK
Actress

tor's office, she said that she had tried too many weight loss programs and none of them worked.

The last persona van Dok took on was that of a woman who claimed to be allergic to all food; she wanted to be just like Barbie—to have the perfect body with the perfect life.

After her performance van Dok was joined on stage by a health-care panel from Redfern Health Center that included a physician, a psychiatrist, a nutritionist and a clinical psychologist. The panel of women then took questions and comments from the audience, including what percentage of students on Clemson's campus has eating disorders.

The healthcare panel replied, "Those who choose to get help [are mostly] women, 0.5 to 1 percent who get help are anorexic ... 3 to 5

percent [have] bulimic behaviors. There is not a day that goes by that we do not [see] an eating disorder."

When asked if junk food was the next tobacco in our ever-growing toxic culture, the health-care panel said, "The struggle women deal with is frightening. [It is a] societal problem." Added van Dok, "Our society tries to make anorexia cool. It all comes from the same place by looking for the norm. Magazines are much the un-norm in society."

When van Dok was asked how the people closest to her reacted to her disease, she said that her immediate family members did not want to deal with it and they were unhelpful by constantly saying that she had to keep eating. The negative stigma associated with eating disorders makes victims feel separated from society.

The health-care panel commented that "so much shame is associated with the behaviors," and van Dok explained that a person's eating disorders sprang from much larger internal issues as she added that she has never met anyone with an eating disorder who does not "have an underlying problem of depression."

The first and most helpful step a victim of eating disorders can take is to realize that he or she needs to get into therapy, according to the panelists. When confronting the victim, one should gently ask questions about depression, family life and any other underlying issues, and only then encourage her to seek help. If the victim is over 18, she can only receive professional help when she is personally ready.

van Dok admitted that her own recuperation was a bit of a rocky climb until she began celebrating the idea of eating again: "You don't realize that you're killing yourself ... A part of the recovery process is falling back and going up and falling back," she commented.

U-WIRE

Eating disorders create growing health problem

KARA GIVENS

Daily Mississippian (U. of Miss.)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — College students fall under increased pressure in American society to fit into a defined mold that requires a certain dress size or a perfect physique.

This pressure can result in eating disorders, such as anorexia, bulimia or binge eating, leading to emotional and bodily damage.

"What we've learned is that these various eating disorders are more than just about food and weight. There are many emotions and issues of self involved," said University of Mississippi Counseling Center staff psychologist Billy Barrios.

Eating disorders vary from person to person and do not affect everyone in the same way. The disease can start at different points in life, but they all result in serious damages to the body.

"For some, the pattern may have had its onset during college. In that case, you would see certain things to bring that about, like a change to a new environment or a new culture to some, a culture in which physical appearance is more emphasized or there is more stress in comparisons," Barrios said.

Anorexia is caused by self-starvation to lose an unnecessary amount of weight. Hunger is often denied and combined with intensive exercise brought about by an extreme fear of becoming fat.

Decreased heart and blood pressure levels cause the heart to change, kidney failure, osteoporosis,

muscle loss and hair growth called lanugo that covers the whole body in an effort to keep the body warm.

Anorexia has one of the highest death rates of all mental health conditions. Between 5 to 20 percent of patients will die, according to the National Eating Disorders Web site.

Bulimia occurs when a person eats a large amount of food and then purges it in secret without regard to whether they are hungry or full.

Constipation, chronic irregular bowel movements, teeth stains, pancreatitis, peptic ulcers and unusual swelling of the jaw and cheek areas are just some of the effects that bulimia has on the digestive system.

Binge eating is recognized by frequent episodes of eating large quantities of food in a short period, often alone with feelings of shame or guilt due to overeating.

Binge eating occurs in about 25 percent of obese people; it causes high blood pressure and cholesterol levels, heart disease and diabetes.

"These patterns are typically the most reported and studied among college students; obesity is also in this category," Barrios said.

"We try to put out the message that we are here, we're concerned and we wish to help," Barrios said.

The center offers year-round counselors and a support group to help students adopt a more satisfying, rewarding and healthier lifestyle.

U-WIRE

Officials respond to terror alert

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Daily Collegian (Penn. St. U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Federal officials raised the nation's terror alert level from "elevated" to "high" on Friday, calling on authorities and citizens to have increased vigilance against a possible terrorist attack.

The alert is the second-highest level on the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System and marks only the second time since Sept. 11 that it has reached such levels.

The "high" alert extends down to state and local officials. Pennsylvania responded to the heightened awareness by activating its State Emergency Operations Center, April Hutcheson, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman, said.

The center's purpose is to direct county and local agencies in the event of an emergency, Hutcheson said. She added that because of the raised terror alert, the operation center will be partially, but not fully, staffed 24 hours a day.

As for local responders, Hutcheson said the state fire marshal has not issued any additional orders to the state's fire departments, but added first responders are always on a high alert.

"They are always going to respond whether we are in red, orange, green, or yellow," she said.

Penn State Police Services had no specific plans to change any procedures or policies when the alert was issued, Steve Shelow,

Pennsylvania State University police deputy director, said.

"I really don't see [the alert] changing what we do from day to day," Shelow said.

Basically, the alert for local law enforcement means they should be extra sensitive about certain information that could be related to a possible act of terrorism, he said.

Shelow said areas the Federal Bureau of Investigation asks to be monitored during these times, such as tall buildings and railway centers, don't exist on campus.

Security at large venues such as the Bryce Jordan Center should remain the same. Changes such as checking bags and not allowing large backpacks inside venues were already made after Sept. 11, Shelow said.

"Regardless of where we are at on the warning level, we would be doing this anyway," he said.

As is the case with other first responders, Shelow attributes the static level of security to a constant effort to be as prepared and vigilant as possible for acts of terrorism, he said. He said policies are constantly being reevaluated at all levels of law enforcement.

"You couldn't go to a Big Ten law enforcement conference and not have this come up," Shelow said.

Deputy Federal Security Director Ken Schleiden said security at the University Park Airport will also stay at the same level because screeners are already supposed to be as alert as possible. No new security precautions are planned as a result of the alert, he added.

CUTS

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The Budget Control Board's cut recommendations came in response to the Board of Economic Advisors' projections on Monday that revenues would fall \$120 million short of expected levels. The Budget Control Board added another \$50 million that they felt was necessary to keep the budget in balance to total \$170 million in cuts statewide.

The additional \$50 million took into account a nearly \$20 million deficit in the Department of Corrections and more than \$25 million of obligations associated primarily with the LIFE and Palmetto scholarships.

The Budget and Control Board's only option constitutionally is to make the across the board cuts, legislators said. The legislators are the

only ones who can propose an alternative means of making up the deficit by protecting some agencies and hitting others harder.

Godfrey said Tuesday that he had spoken with President Barker and that they and other University officials will meet Monday to determine the "specific direction to take in response" to the cuts.

Godfrey did acknowledge, however, that the University had already developed a contingency plan for dealing with budget cuts because officials knew the possibility for this cut was significant.

He said that this plan, while it is not necessarily the final decision, calls for \$5 million from the central resources that have not yet been allocated this year, but rather set

aside for this purpose, first be used to alleviate the extent of the cuts. Godfrey said that the University had already "frozen" these funds for this situation.

The second proposed stage would take money from support units outside the University's five colleges. These groups could include the president's office, student affairs, facilities and finances, according to Godfrey.

Two other areas that have been identified for possible cuts are auxiliaries (up to \$1 million) and academics (up to \$2.5 million). Monday's meeting will begin discussion of the best way to deal with the cuts, and the University will implement its plan soon after that, Godfrey said.

DORMS

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tant ratio of approximately 25 to 1, which Karns feels will "increase the amount of intentional positive interactions between resident assistants and students." Students will be provided with academic resources, such as writing centers within their residence halls. Clemson University 101 will also be held within or near these living areas to "provide convenient access to a course that increases academic success," explained Karns.

While CU 101 is currently taught in Lever for those enrolled in the program, next year sections will "hopefully be held in Sirrine for freshmen living in the shoeboxes and in Tillman for those living in Johnstone," said Karns.

In addition, Karns noted that Clemson's residence halls will be

changing their policies of substance use.

He pointed out that Lever, Byrnes, Benet and Johnstone A are currently non-alcoholic residence halls and explained that in the fall, Geer, Young and Manning will be added to the list of alcohol-free living areas. In the fall, all residence halls will also become designated as non-smoking.

"We made this move towards substance-free living areas in an effort to increase student satisfaction and student performance. With all aspects of the changes implemented, we feel that the environment will be more conducive to learning," Karns said.

Karns also emphasized that the First Class Program for engineering and business majors will remain in

Benet, and that Tiger Fitness, a "subset of FYE," will continue to be in Byrnes and Lever.

"Programs such as Tiger-Fitness emphasize the wellness aspect of residential life. We hope to eventually open up Tiger Fitness to all students living in Lever and Byrnes and possibly other areas of campus," he said.

In reference to the implementation of FYE for freshmen, director of Housing Verna Howell said, "I am very excited about the changes. Though in one sense we are only making formal what has been de facto — making residence halls like Young and Geer freshman living areas — we are also expanding a program that has made a significant difference in the academic performance of those enrolled."

CAMPUS LIFE

New studies reveal Valentine's Day indulgences may benefit consumers

Right amounts of chocolate may be anti-aging and improve one's mood.

WILL SPINK
News Editor

With chocolate in all shapes and sizes seeming ubiquitous on Valentine's Day, many worry about the negative effects and extra pounds the sweet treat brings with it. But studies are now saying that the right amount of chocolate can have beneficial effects on one's health, too.

Chemistry professor Melanie Cooper, an admitted chocolate lover, explained the ideas behind the new theories.

"Chocolate, especially dark chocolate, has a lot of phenols, which are anti-aging and supposedly very good for you," she said.

The phenols "scavenge radicals in the body," which tend to cause aging. In addition, chocolate makes those who are eating it feel good because it has mood-enhancing compounds that are similar to those found in marijuana, Cooper explained.

"However, I think most of the 'feel-good' comes from fats and sugar," she laughed and said.

While many people will certainly use this news as an excuse to consume an extra chocolate heart or another candy bar this Valentine's Day, Cooper still cautions that the results should not be exaggerated.

"You're fooling yourself if you think you're getting health benefits from eating lots of it," she stated. "It's a surefire way to put weight on if you eat a lot."

In fact, according to Cooper,

almost everything in the chocolate is fats. The fats in milk chocolate are particularly bad for people, she said.

Cooper likened the recent studies on chocolate to those released last year about red wine's positive effects on health, which were recently broadened to include all alcoholic beverages. She said that every week people are coming up with new findings in relation to various foods because that is currently the trendy area to be conducting research.

"There has been a lot of interest recently in the way people eat But I would bide my time and see what happens three or four years down the road," she said.

Cooper discounted another myth about chocolate when she explained that the much beloved candy actually does not harm people's teeth.

"People think eating chocolate is bad for their teeth. In fact, it isn't because it coats your teeth with a layer of fat and protects them while you eat it," she explained.

Some students plan to take full advantage of their temporary license to indulge, while others are not quite so convinced.

"I usually think I shouldn't eat chocolate because it's not good for me, but this (study) gives me an excuse to eat and enjoy," said sophomore Keelen Happ.

Sophomore Paige Blake, on the other hand, described herself as "skeptical" of the studies and said, "I am a huge fan of chocolate, but I don't think these studies will make me eat more."

How can one eat chocolate and stay healthy, according to Cooper? "Stick with dark chocolate and only eat small amounts of it," she advised.



HEALTHY TREAT?: Chocolate could be beneficial in small amounts.

CAMPUS LIFE

Speakers share views on sex

UPAC brings two entertainers to campus for Valentine's Day events.

THOMAS SMALLS
AND MATT WILLIAMS
Staff Writers

UPAC brought two speakers to the University as a part of its Valentine's Extravaganza. Comedian Maria Falzone spoke Monday evening, and columnist Harlan Cohen addressed students Wednesday night.

Falzone, who has appeared on A&E's "Evening at The Improv," NBC's "Friday Nite Videos" and Showtime's "Full Frontal Comedy," is one of only two women ever to make the finals of the San Francisco International Comedy Competition.

"A lot of times people ask me, 'How does that qualify you to talk about sex?'" Falzone said. "I don't have a Ph.D. in sex. I don't have a degree. I consider myself a sexpert, and what makes me a sexpert is that I have amazing sex." She joked that in getting a Ph.D. in sex, "pulling an all-nighter would've been part of the course work."

Falzone described the pressures college students are under with regard to sex. "We live in a society where sex is really thrown upon us.

Everyone wants us to do it, but no one ever tells us how to do it. Who ever tells us how to have really great sex?" she asked.

Falzone communicated several personally formulated rules for "great" sex. "The first rule is know yourself because sex starts with you. You cannot love somebody until you love yourself. Same thing with great sex - you can't have great sex with someone else until you can have it with yourself. So start thinking, what do you want to do with someone? What do you want someone to do to you? What are your preconceived notions and ideals? You want to enjoy sex, enjoy that part of your body. How can you expect someone to love and respect it if you don't?" she said.

Falzone also trumpeted the use of condoms and performed several demonstrations involving condom use and abuse. Bob Pan, a senior economics major and president of UPAC, was chosen from the audience to assist Falzone in one demonstration. A condom was stretched over his head to just below his nose, and he was then asked to blow it up around his head.

"The condom on my head, I didn't expect that. I didn't think you could get a regular condom over someone's head," Pan laughed.

In another demonstration, an audience member smeared chapstick on an inflated condom. It popped after several seconds. "Now you see what oil will do to a condom," Falzone remarked.

"If any guy has a condom in his pocket or in his wallet, throw it away. You're not going to be walking around on campus and someone is going to say, 'I want it right here, right now.' Store them in a cool, dry place," she added.

While not all the students in attendance completely agreed with Falzone's view of sex, most seemed to feel that she at least presented it in a humorous fashion.

"I wish there were more people here to hear what she had to say because she had a great message and a lot of it is practical sense stuff that people don't think about. If

people thought about themselves and thought about sex in a more open way, I think it could really help a lot of people," said Pan after the performance.

Falzone does her "Sex Rules!" presentation at colleges across the United States, and even performs at freshman orientation at the University of West Virginia, Indiana State, U.C. Davis and other schools.

Harlan Cohen followed on Wednesday with a lecture that combined humor, music and an interesting approach to dating. Like Falzone, he noted that while people often advise each other to date, no one knows quite how to start a dating relationship.

"Dating in a room is an accident. Dating in a room with alcohol happens much faster," Cohen joked, "but nobody really knows how it happens."

To illustrate how ineffective dating tips can be, Cohen, using "The Shy Men's Guide to Dating" workbook, acted out a grocery store encounter with an audience member. He failed to win the woman's affection but used this example of rejection to explain how dating actually works according to his "universal rejection truth."

"What the universal rejection truth simply says is ... everyone that you desire will not desire you,"

Cohen said. During a self-imposed "dating hiatus" after several bad experiences, Cohen "found clarity" and could finally see through "this dating and rejection matrix."

Cohen listed three types of

rejection. There is random rejection, which is when people simply fail to notice the attracted person. Often people are rejected by circumstance, since the situations surrounding a possible relationship hinder its progress. Then, there is raw rejection, such as the cold, slap-in-the-face "no" people get when they ask out attractive people. People who are not aware of different types of rejection tend to blame themselves whenever they are rejected, he argued.

However, rejection of all sorts, Cohen asserted, is "part of the process" of dating. "Rejection is as unavoidable as breathing," he remarked. College, he said, is a good time to train for rejection. He likened dating to boxing, in that one should be both physically and emotionally prepared and should also have people in one's corner for encouragement and advice.

Fear of taking risks keeps many from pursuing relationships with others. Cohen illuminated this point with a self-written song, "Girl Walks By," as he accompanied himself on guitar. Later, he performed another song called "Change Me," about outlandish changes a guy went through at his girlfriend's insistence.

He ended the presentation with a humorous spoken word performance about a man who, because of fear of rejection, misses the chance to date a girl who, he stressed, "was so completely beautiful!"

Jen DeCosta, a UPAC member who helped bring Cohen to Clemson, saw him perform at a National Association of Campus Activities convention. She said that the lecture tied in well with the "Sex Rules!" lecture, since both touched on topics concerning rejection and having a healthy self-image.

Dubbed "the 'Dear Abby' for college students," Cohen is the writer of the nationally syndicated dating advice column "Help Me, Harlan!"



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CAMPUS LIFE

New organization to protect campus environment

Student involvement will be essential in success of new group.

SARAH FAIN
Staff Writer

For people who wonder what they can do to make Clemson more environmentally friendly, the new Clemson University Environmental Committee (CUEC) is one option to check out.

The CUEC had its first organizational meeting in April 2001. Since then it has met once a month during the school year to discuss and seek solutions for environmental issues all over campus. The committee was formed from President James Barker's mission to move Clemson forward by addressing sustainability and environmental matters.

Barker named Alan Elzerman from the Environmental Engineering and Sciences department to be the committee's first chairperson. CUEC is comprised of representatives from all the colleges, from offices on campus, from members of the Clemson community and from faculty and student groups. Donna London, a senior research associate at the Strom Thurmond Institute, is the project coordinator for the new organization.

"A lot of times when people think of the environmental committee, they think of it as the recycling committee, but it is much

more than that," said London. "While recycling is very important and necessary, there are a number of other issues."

One of the projects is the "Lighten Your Load" project, which works to encourage students to deposit their recyclables when moving out of dorms rather than trashing them.

The committee invites one student to serve as the CUEC Intern for each year. This year's intern is Erika Hartwig, a senior biological sciences major. She is the founder of the Clemson Sierra Student Coalition.

"I'm really optimistic about what the committee can do for the community," said Hartwig. "It is an excellent vehicle for environmental change."

Elzerman encouraged students to become involved with CUEC. "This committee is up and running, and we are looking for student participation and input," said Elzerman. He hopes that students will bring questions, issues and suggestions before the committee, and he believes that many of the issues the committee is confronting can be of great interest to students.

"I wouldn't be surprised if Clemson couldn't save half a mil-

lion dollars or more in electricity," said Elzerman. He suggests that this money could be used during this time of budget cuts to fund other programs that have lost funding.

Elzerman and London agree that the University is a leader in the realm of environmental sustainability among South Carolina universities.

"There is a responsibility for us to be a model," said London.

"People will look to us and at how we are doing things."

Elzerman added, "Our responsibility of being a model applies not only to the other universities but also to being a model for the

students and the citizens that live in this area."

The idea of being a model for the community is echoed in the mission statement of the CUEC, which is "to further an environmental agenda for the Clemson University campus by seeking ways to minimize needless consumption of materials and energy, coordinating information, education and research related to the campus environment, and to establish Clemson University as a national leader in incorporating environmental principles into campus operations and designs."

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ALAN ELZERMAN
CUEC Chairperson

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Case for Mars: The Plan to Settle the Red Planet and Why," which outlines his very detailed plan for landing men on Mars in the near future.

"This book shows how a flight to Mars has progressed from fantasy to... a reality that can be achieved by us. Zubrin is showing the way," said famous astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

The idea of sending humans to Mars has been a hot topic with national leadership in recent weeks as the future goals of NASA and the U.S. space program have been debated. In fact, NASA has accepted Zubrin's proposals as its plan to get to Mars.

While Zubrin has recently focused much of his attention on Mars, Cohen did indicate that Zubrin, who has been a prime source for national media outlets for opinion on the Columbia tragedy, will also address the issues of the crash with the most current information.

"I'm sure he'll be well armed and excited about answering those inquiries (on the Columbia)," Cohen said.

Zubrin is also a recipient of the prestigious Robert A. Heinlein Award for "lifetime achievement in promoting the goal of a free spacefaring civilization." Other recipients of the award include Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Arthur C. Clarke.

Junior Jeremy Stovall is working on part of a NASA rocket project and has "always been interested in space."

He said of the Heinlein award, "The fact that they've only given a few of these awards - and I know all the other names on the list - that makes him pretty impressive."

Stovall, who has been reading

Zubrin's book, feels that NASA has had no clear plan or goal since reaching the moon and that Mars could very well be the next big hurdle. Junior Joe Ziska, who is also working on the rocket project, agrees.

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JOE ZISKA
Clemson Junior

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"Being able to land people on Mars to study it is the most cutting edge area of research in atmospheric physics," Ziska added. "This is the leading research area, and (Zubrin) is the leading researcher in it."

Ziska has read Zubrin's book and calls his ideas "pretty revolutionary." However, he says, Zubrin makes them attainable.

"He's done a very good job of explaining how it's possible and desirable to get to Mars within 10 years," Ziska said.

The Columbia tragedy has, in an ironic way, given seemingly new energy and focus to the U.S. space program, according to Stovall and Ziska, which is exactly what they say the deceased astronauts would want.

"It made people realize that (astronauts) really are risking their lives," Stovall explained.

"It's very unfortunate that it had to happen - it was a tragedy," Ziska commented. "But the repercussions from a science and research perspective should be very good."

Mr. Jody Tinsley, a lecturer in the Clemson geology program, and his wife, April Childress, are planning to visit Zubrin's Mars Desert

Research Station in Utah to do "simulated Mars missions" for two weeks this spring.

Tinsley, who describes Zubrin as a "very dynamic speaker," said he first became interested in the man to Mars idea through a class project.

"We were looking at the resources necessary for a self-sustaining colony on Mars, and one of the students cited this project as a source," Tinsley said.

Zubrin will speak with University physics students and a local radio program during the day Monday. Monday evening's address is free and open to the public, and Zubrin will be signing copies of his book following the presentation.

Tiger Briefs

Clemson begins relationship with Japanese university

The presidents of Clemson and Japan's Fukui University formally agreed Tuesday to establish an exchange program between the two schools.

President Shinpei Kojima spent the day touring the campus and Clemson Research Park, before sitting down with Clemson President James Barker to sign the exchange agreement at the Madren Conference Center at 6:30 p.m.

Clemson already has formal relations with four other Japanese universities: the University of Tokyo, Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Chukyo University and the University of Hiroshima.

Aerobics group meets tonight

Clemson continues its celebration of Black History Month with "Move and Groove Aerobics" at 6 p.m. in the Hendrix Student Center meeting rooms. Personal trainer and former Clemson football player Kenya Crooks will offer tips for getting in shape for the spring. For details, contact Melissa Shivers (656-7625) or Angela Nixon (656-0382).

Famous musical comes to Clemson

The University's performing arts department will present the award-winning musical South Pacific in the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 20-23.

This production combines the theatrical talents of the Clemson Players with the talents of some of the best singers and musicians from the department's choral and instrumental music programs. It will also showcase the technical abilities of faculty scene, lighting and sound designers.

Curtain times for South Pacific are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 20-22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

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National gas prices increase for first time this year

HABAB MOHAMED

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Vir. — Weather patterns and international events have caused the nation's gas prices to rise for the first time since June 2002.

The Lundberg Survey, an independent market research company

specializing in the U.S. petroleum-marketing industry, released a nationwide survey Sunday concluding that gas prices raised an average of 11 cents per gallon nationwide.

American Petroleum Institute analysts attributed this jump in prices to several major factors, including both the nation's prepara-

tion for war against Iraq and the nation's current economic situation.

University of Virginia Economics Professor Jason Taylor however, said he believes that the price hike is not because of the United States' economic situation but rather is a product of the world's oil suppliers who are anticipating a war against Iraq. He explained that suppliers are limiting supplies now in order to sell them during the crisis for a higher value.

"The market tends to move in advance of a crisis," Taylor said.

The uncertainty of war is not the only reason for the current price increase. Continuing oil strikes in Venezuela and cold weather

also are major contributors. According to the institute, Venezuela was the nation's third largest supplier of oil in October 2002. A current month-long oil strike has decreased Venezuelan crude oil supplies, which has added to the rising price of crude oil.

Prices jumped from \$28 a barrel in January to over \$35 a barrel this month. Ultimately the increase in crude oil has led to an increase in gas prices at United States pumps, in-home heating oil and natural gas.

The institute's analysis and statistics conclude the nation's inventory of distillates, which includes heating oil and diesel fuel, is down

18 percent from what it was at this time last year.

Unusually cold weather patterns across the nation also have led to increased demand for oil.

Taylor said he does not expect an immediate effect on the economy, though problems could arise in the future. Increases "won't have a big macroeconomics impact," he said. "If prices stay up for periods of up to six months a year then that could quite possibly have an impact on the nation's economy."

Despite Taylor's analysis, gas station owners in Virginia say they are starting to feel the effect of price increases already.

Gas prices have gone up an average of 12 cents in the Charlottesville area. Some owners say their business is

already starting to slow down.

"I wonder if it is going to be like back in '73," commented Roger Morris, manager of a Wilco Gas station in the Charlottesville area. He said that he fears that this situation could eventually have the same effect as the OPEC oil embargo that occurred in 1973 had on the industry.

Taylor, however, was hesitant to compare the current price jump to past events.

"This generally occurs during military incidents," Taylor said. "Whether a real crisis occurs or not, prices tend to go up anyway in anticipation."

PEACE

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in computer science, believes the United States should be at war with al Qaeda but is undecided on the Iraqi issue. Mueller plans to attend the rally to gain more perspective on the debate.

"I think [peace is] a compelling argument and since I'm borderline on the issue, I'd really like to learn more about it," said Mueller.

This will be the first known peace rally in Clemson since the 1980s. Barnett feels that this is a place for students finally to come out and express their opinions on war and peace. "We all really agree on this issue, and we want to try to put out a message," said Barnett.

Mueller, a student senator, has criticized students in the past for their general apathy. He is excited that students are pulling together to bring exposure to such a big issue.

"There's too much complacency in student body, and this allows a liberal marketplace of ideas, which is good because we can see how they compete with each other and take a stance," said Mueller.

Clemson for Peace will bring in several speakers for the event, and signs will be displayed during the rally. They will set up a public address system and platform for people's remarks. Organizers say that the affair will occur rain or shine.

While there is no set time frame for the rally, organizers say that they plan to continue it throughout the lunch hour so that people who are working can come and express their views during the work day.


COOL DEALS


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Spring Break is just around the corner and as usual most college students don't have any money to spend on the Spring Break of a lifetime. For those of you not going to Hawaii or the Caribbean here are some Spring Break places that are sure to be rockin' and won't break your wallet.

Viva las G-Vegas

By Bruce Morrison

Creditors calling you day in and out? Insufficient funds when you visit the bank? Short on cash and have no place to go for Spring Break? Well, look no further than Greenville or as it is known on the street as G-Vegas.

Visit the bustling metropolis of G-Vegas for an action packed spring break adventure. Upon arriving at historic downtown G-Vegas, you are presented with almost culture overload. After spending an entire day traversing up and down the main strip (Main Street), you'll be ready to get some good cultural food. The Hotdog King can serve up a local delicacy, or you can always try Subway for a more ethnic meal. But what other sights and sounds are there in G-Vegas? Well, read on to find out.

G-Vegas has a state-of-the-art arcade: world famous Frankie's Fun Park. Located in the heart of G-Vegas, Frankie's Fun Park is a place to spend an entire day, relaxing on their full 18-hole miniature golf course, or cooling off with the bumper boats. And for the adventurous, the sci-fi futuristic laser tag

can delight anyone. Not to mention the accurate simulation devices that let you experience what it is to be a NYC firefighter in the heat of a crisis.

For the sporting enthusiast, why not enjoy some world class "AA" baseball with the Greenville Braves. Experience the thrills and chills of baseball in Greenville Municipal Stadium. Or perhaps Hockey is your sport of choice, head off to the Bi-Lo center for some action packed hockey with the Greenville Growl.

By now your ready for the nightlife, and G-Vegas offers a hot and happening nightlife. In fact, G-Vegas's nightlife is so happening, you can even buy beer in a restaurant on Sunday! So head on down to the different bars on the main strip and experience the unique local brews. Take in a pizza or some chicken wings.

And when it's all over and time to come home, you can take the historic and scenic I-85 back to reality here in Clemson. No matter what you do in G-Vegas, if its experience their huge shopping areas, take in the cultural shows, or experience their fine dining, your bound to have a budget conscious and wonderful Spring Break.

St. Patty's in Savannah

By Marie Glenn

What better way to spend your spring break and St. Patrick's Day than "The Hostess City of the South," Savannah, Ga.? With some careful planning, you can join over half a million people in the second largest St. Patrick's Day festival in the United States, while still maintaining a reasonable budget. The festivities begin on March 15 and extend to the 17, but you can stay and catch some of the other great points of Savannah after the festivities are done.

The first thing that you need to do in planning your trip is to gather as many friends as possible. As they say, "The more, the merrier!" The more people you have, the less you will have to pay for the hotel and for the gas.

Next, find a hotel ... NOW! Most of the hotel rooms near River Street, where all the fun happens, are already booked. There are still some further out, but they are going fast, so get online and get your room booked pronto.

Now that everything is booked, get ready to head to Savannah for the largest single-day celebration in the Southeast. First, be sure to wear your green, so you don't get pinched! Revelers of the celebration participate by dying their hair green or wearing beads or extravagant St. Patrick's Day hats. Of course, other green articles of clothing are also worn.

All weekend, people will be celebrating to prepare for the big day on Monday. The festival will take place on

River Street along the waterfront. Festivities will include live music, beer stands, and food tents. Music and entertainment is free and will be held on three separate stages along River Street on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Entertainers will be announced when the festival draws closer.

Along with beer stands, bars and restaurants abound in the historic district of Savannah. In order to drink outside of the restaurants and bars, though, you must buy a wristband for \$5. Be sure to have your ID with you as well, to prove that you are of age. The www.savannahnow.com Web page provides additional information for those drinking during the festival. Be sure to check this out for information on the proceedings of the festival so that you do not get into any trouble that could have been avoided.

All of the festivities culminate into one huge parade that is held on Monday at 10:15 in the morning. An annual tradition that has been held nearly every year since 1824, the St. Patrick's Day parade will feature over 250 floats and marching units from local Irish clubs. People in the parade include Irish pipe bands, local and regional celebrities, local politicians, and military units.

After the parade is over, most people usually leave, but of course you are always welcome to stay and visit other area attractions that Savannah has to offer. The town offers museums, historic homes, sites and forts, and art events that you can enjoy. You and your friends can also take a

number of different tours, from a ghost walk to a casual tour of the city. If you are up for some sand and surf, Tybee Island is located a few miles down the road as well.

Aside from the alcoholic drinks, most of the entertainment offered in Savannah is free or fairly cheap. If you set a budget before you go, you should be able to make it home without taking out a loan.

If you would like to find more information about what you can do to prepare for your trip, you can visit www.savannahgeorgia.com. The sites offer more information about the St. Patrick's Day festival and about other points of interest in the Savannah area.

Baseball by the beach

By E.V. Wall

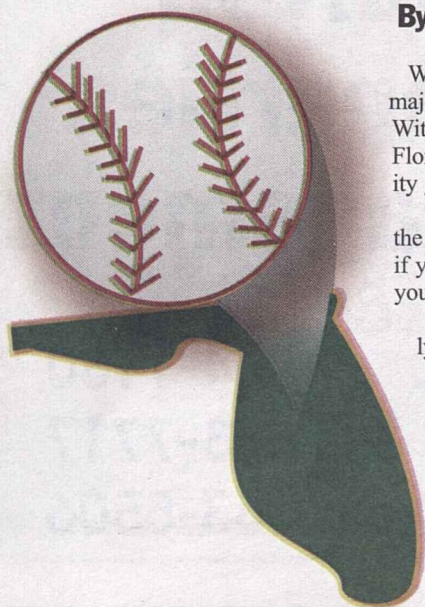
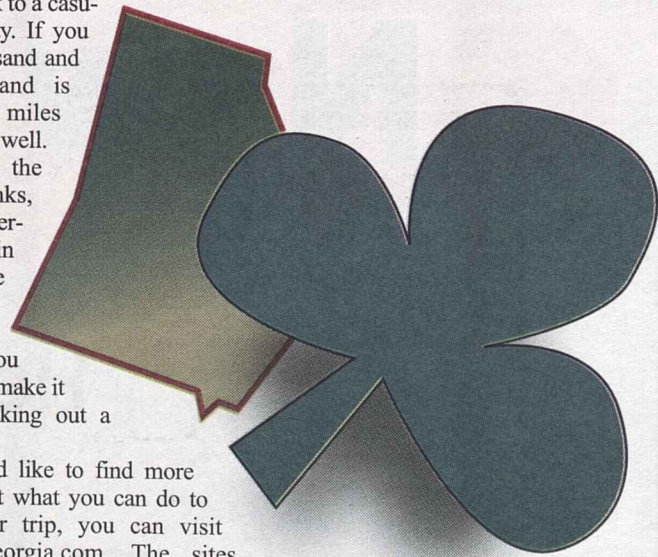
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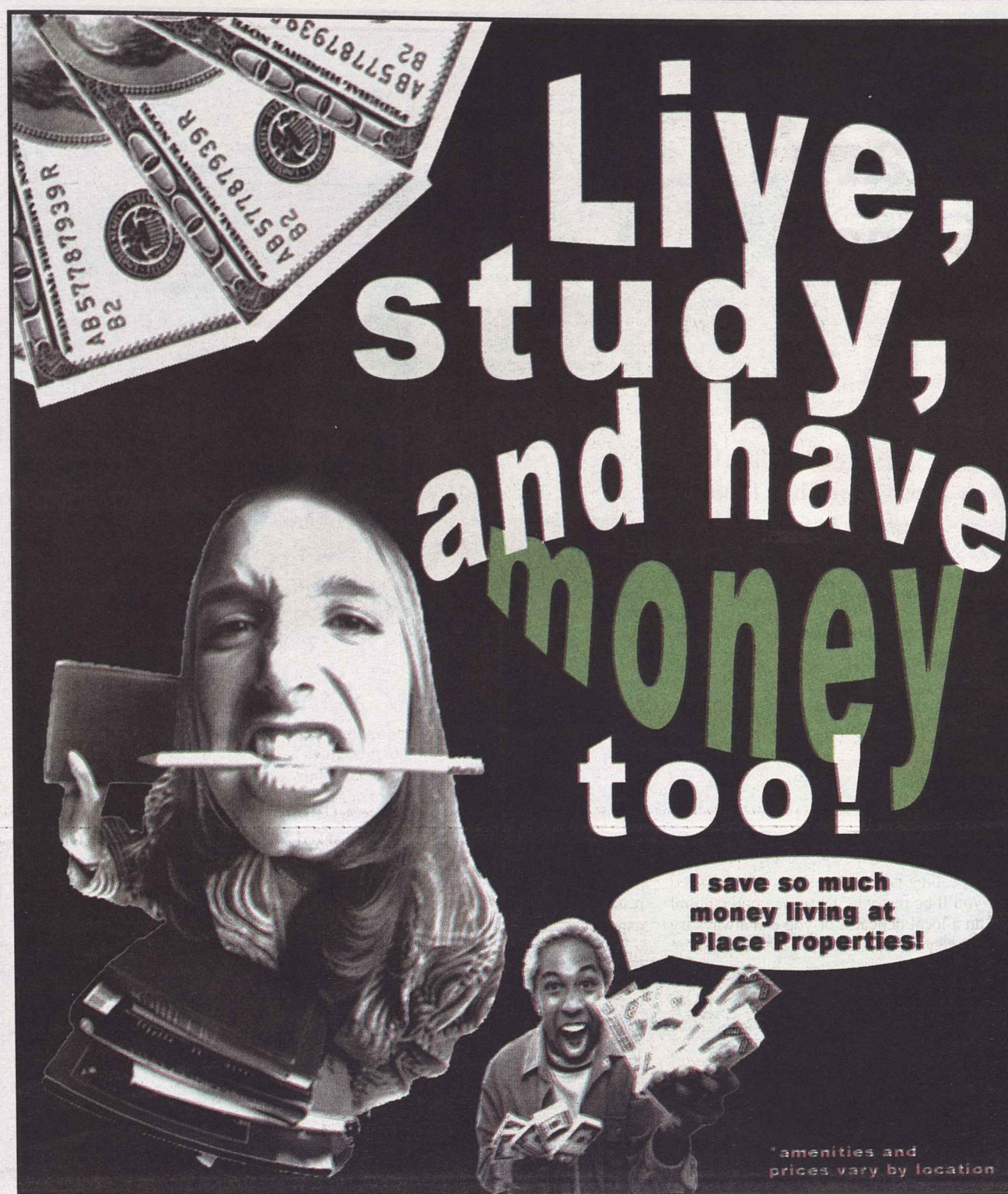
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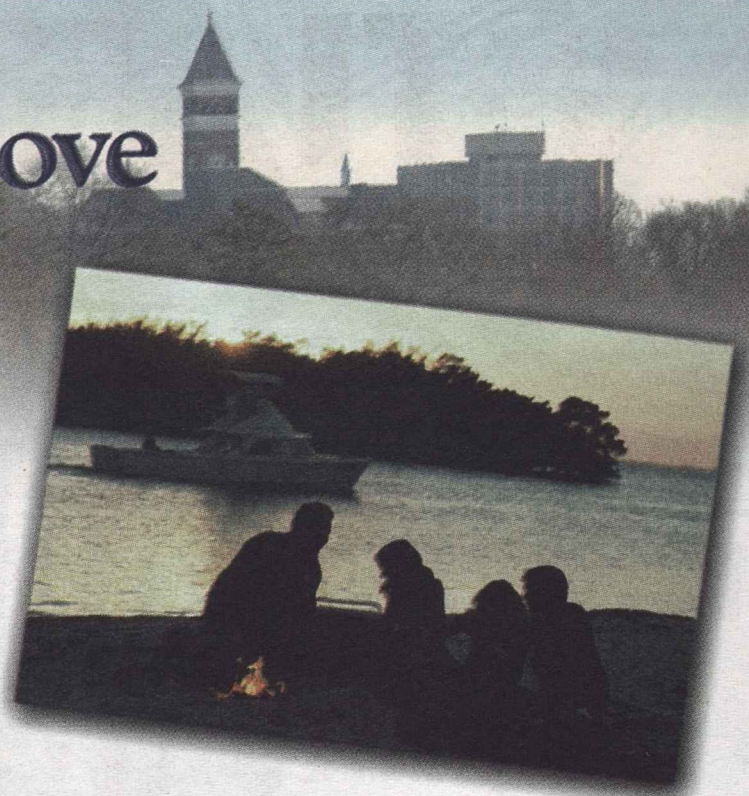
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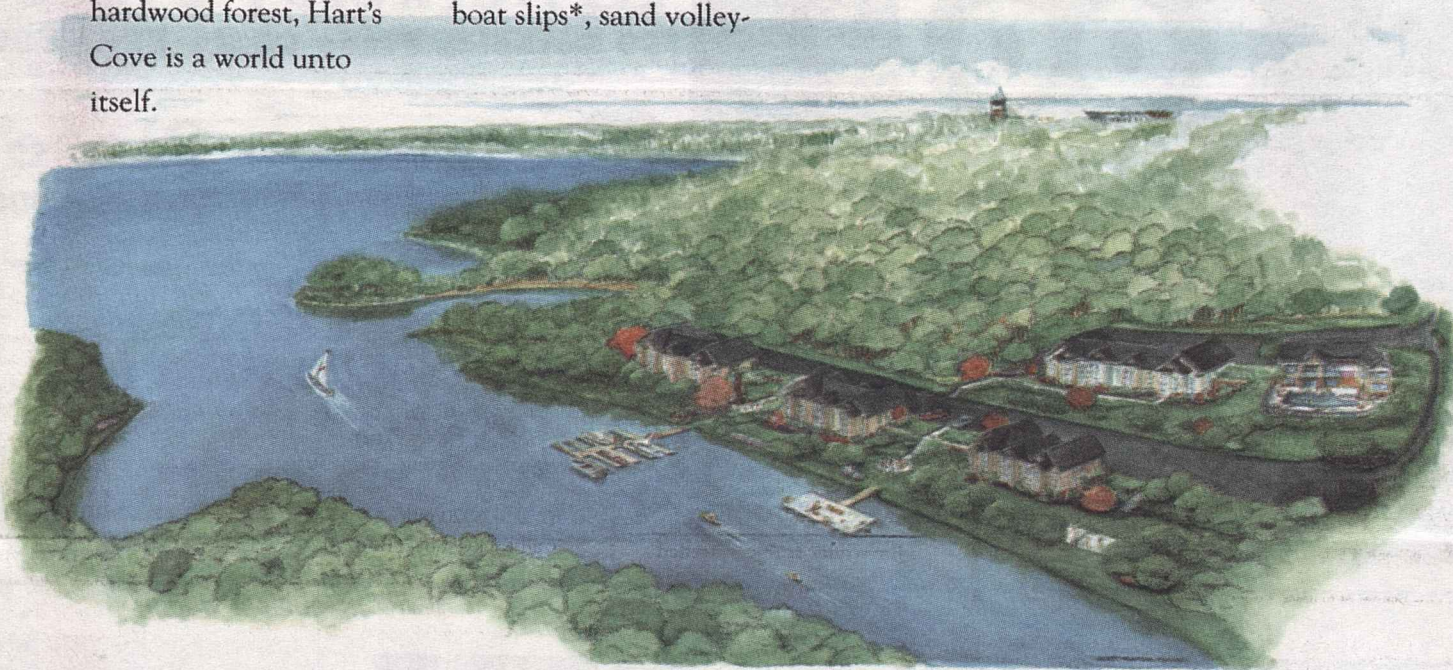
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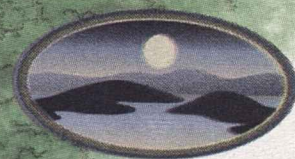
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Lady Tigers split pair of games on hardwood

Clemson falls to Duke but heats it up against Maryland.

MEGAN CULPEPPER
Staff Writer

The Clemson women's basketball team played host to Duke last Thursday in Littlejohn Coliseum. Going into the series, Clemson held a 32-23 advantage, but the Blue Devils have won the last four meetings, with the most recent being a 69-53 decision at Duke earlier this season. It seemed that Duke had all the luck along with the win in this game as well.

With a church bulletin crowd present, the Lady Tigers took on the Maryland Terrapins in Littlejohn Coliseum on Sunday. After falling to Duke on Thursday, the Lady Tigers

revved it and played hard against what Coach Davis called "a must win" game. Maryland is not an easy opponent, but they are beatable. The Lady Tigers celebrated their third straight win over the Terrapins.

Since losing to No. 1 Connecticut, Duke felt Clemson needed to be a sure-fire win. Alana Beard of Duke said to the press, "We wanted to limit her touches and keep her from scoring", talking about Chrissy Floyd. "She is so strong coming off screens and curls." Beard felt that by limiting Floyd's time with the ball, they could control the game. Although Floyd usually scores 16-20 points per game, she only hit 11 points for the Tigers.

Beard and the Blue Devils took advantage of Clemson mistakes and took the game; however not right away.

Leading 10-5, the Lady Tigers got the game going. Although it took the Blue Devils a while to get started, Beard's three-point play gave Duke the lead they needed 22-21. She then added two foul-shots and a layup to further their lead. Beard was definitely on key. Starting the second half, Amanda White cut Duke's lead to 55-47 with foul shots.

When asked about Clemson offense, Coach Davis said, "We just struggle so badly offensively. We've tried everything under the sun to get better."

This was Duke's 33rd win in a row against ACC teams and fifth straight over the Lady Tigers. This loss takes Clemson to 11-10 overall, and 3-7 in the ACC, while Duke stays at the No. 2 spot.

Heading into the Maryland game, the Terrapins held a 28-22 lead in the series. The Lady Tigers defeated the Terrapins earlier this season at College Park, Md. Maryland enters the game with a 9-12 overall record, and a 3-7 mark in the conference.

Senior Chrissy Floyd is now one point away from tying for second place in Clemson history for career-high points. She is standing at 1794 points.

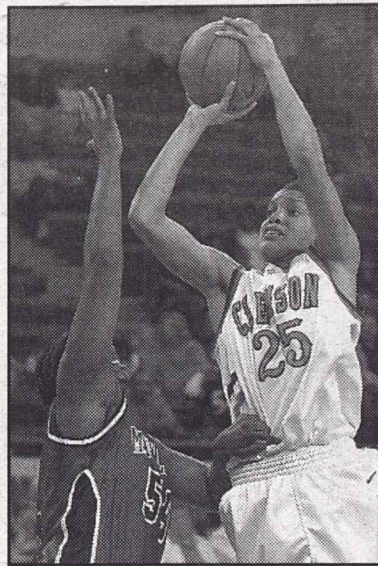
Starting out the game, the Lady Tigers were on top right away. With a ten point lead midway through the first half, Amanda White kept her team alive.

White scored a career-high of 21 points as four other ladies scored in the double digits as well. With White being 9-5 from the field and three for four on free throws, Clemson had the extra plays they needed to take the game.

At the half, the Lady Tigers led only by five, 38-33, over the Terrapins. Taking their first lead of the game, Maryland lead the Tigers by only one point. It was only a matter of seconds before Clemson was back in the driver's seat with a 47-42 lead.

With 15:45 minutes remaining in

the game, White once again pulled through and hit a three-point play at the free throw line. Maryland cut the margin by one again, but Clemson held on tightly. Needing a wider margin, Clemson had important plays by Leah Roper and White. Roper had a steal and gained points from a layup off it. At the buzzer, Clemson saw that they had dominated, and they took the game, 85-67.



FOR THE SCORE: Khaili Sanders attempts a shot against Maryland.

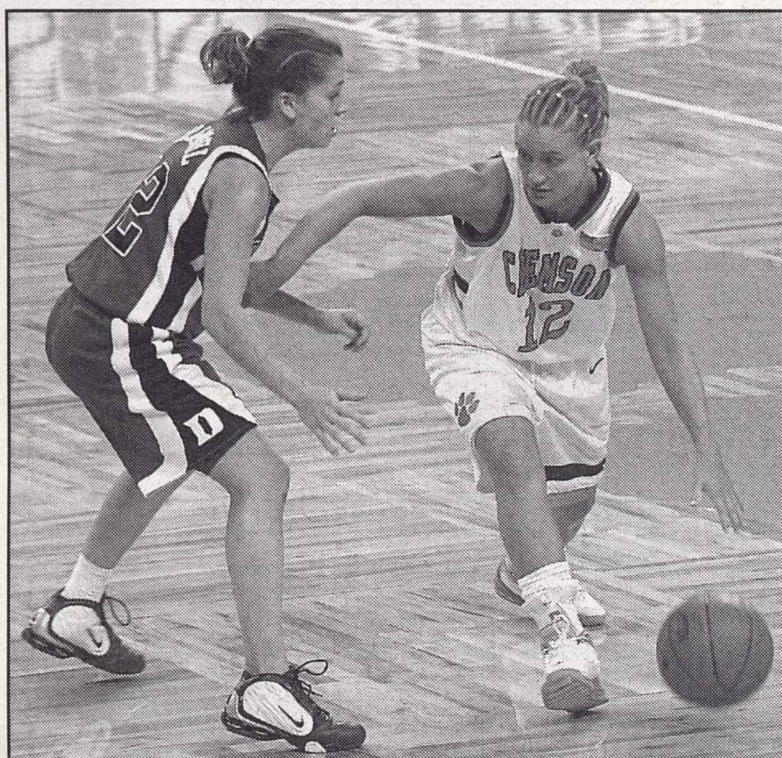
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games played combined.

With solid defense, reward usually follows. Unfortunately in the case of this year's Clemson team, the players have been unable to capitalize on the hard work. Tiger defenders have forced 275 turnovers from the opposition. The Tiger offense though, has turned the ball over 270 times. "Turnovers have been the great equalizer for us this year," said Shyatt. "They are a general concern. We have certainly negated good defensive play with bad turnovers. We weren't having this problem early, but the ACC games have been different."

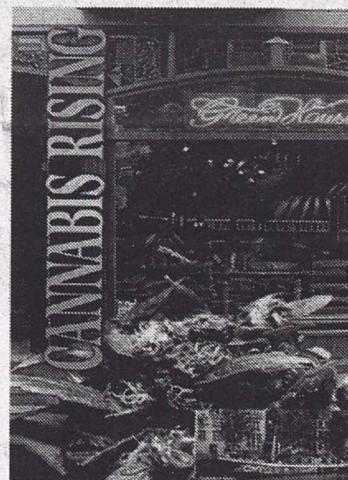
Though it is an area of weakness, the Tigers are in good company. This season the ACC has become a turnover-happy conference. In fact, Clemson's 14.2 turnovers per game are the second fewest in the league. The recent trend in conference play is sloppy, fast-paced action.

Few teams have found the composure to slow the offense down in an effort to avoid an inordinate amount of turnovers. In Clemson's case, the turnovers seem drastically disappointing, given the exceptional effort displayed on the defensive end of the court.



BACK OFF: Julie Talley keeps an arm's length from Duke's Vicki Krapohl in the Blue Devil's 61-49 win on Thursday.

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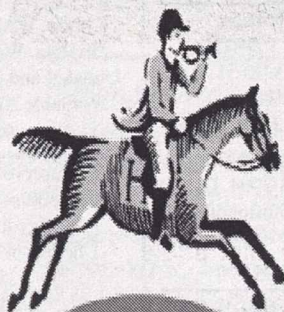
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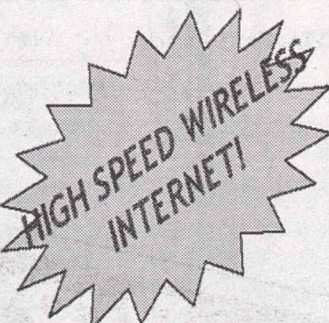
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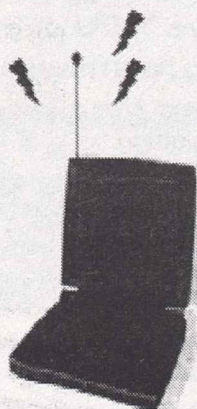
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Tennis takes on top teams at Harvard

Tigers come away with one win and two losses at Harvard Classic.

DIMITRI NAJIM
Staff Writer

The Clemson men's tennis team competed at historic Harvard University in Boston, Mass., this past weekend in the Harvard Classic, facing three solid teams from around the country: 11th ranked Minnesota, 73th ranked Boise State and 29th ranked Harvard. Clemson was victorious against Boise State only, winning 5-2 on Saturday. The Tigers fell to Minnesota 4-2 and Harvard 4-3, coming away with an overall 1-2 record for the weekend. The men's tennis team now stands at 6-2 for the season.

"After our close losses, I learned that it's easy to stick together when we win, but this weekend proved that even when we take a loss we're still a unit."

ASH MISQUITH
Sophomore, Men's Tennis

The highlight of the Harvard Classic for Clemson was junior Damiisa Robinson, who went 3-0 at No. 5 singles. Robinson defeated Avery Tiger of Minnesota 7-6, 6-3, and Matras Silva of BSU 6-1, 6-1, on Saturday, then picked up where he left off on Sunday by downing Chris Chiou of Harvard 6-3, 3-6, 7-6. The rest of the team didn't fare as well against Minnesota or Harvard, however. While sophomore Nathan Thompson was able to notch a victory against Thomas Haug of Minnesota 6-3, 6-4, Sander Koning, Jarmaine Jenkins, Ash Misquith, and John Boetsch all

suffered defeat against the Golden Gophers, forcing the Tigers to default the doubles matches after a 4-2 singles record on Saturday morning. Said Misquith of the competition, "Minnesota was a solid team that came prepared. But the atmosphere and playing environment was really good, with Harvard University being such a prestigious school. It was my first away match of the season, and I could definitely feel the difference in playing at home and playing on the road."

The Tigers fared a little better against BSU, with Jenkins knocking off Guillaume Bouvier 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, Micah Thompson overcoming Mahmond Rezk 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Robinson's victory. Koning and N. Thompson both suffered defeat, with Koning dropping his match with Thomas Schoeck 6-4, 7-5, and N. Thompson losing 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, to Marcus Bernston. In doubles play against the Broncos, the number No. 2 team of Koning and Boetsch was victorious over Schoeck and Silva 9-8 (7-5), while N. Thompson and Jenkins won their No. 3 doubles match by default. Robinson and Misquith lost at No. 1 doubles to Bernston and Bouvier 8-5.

"Boise State competed really well. They were a tough team to handle," said Misquith. "We would have liked to have come away with three wins (for the weekend), but things don't always fall the way you want them to. As long as we continue to prepare and take care of the little things, the rest of the season looks promising."

The host team gave Clemson a rude welcome, with Jenkins getting downed by Mark Riddell 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, Thompson falling to Cliff Nguyen 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, and Boetsch going down to Oli Choo 6-1, 6-0. In doubles action, all three Clemson teams suffered defeat with the No. 1 doubles tandem of Thompson and Jenkins losing to Riddell and Dave Lingman, the No. 2 doubles team of Koning and

Boetsch losing to Choo and Nguyen 8-1, and the No. 3 doubles team of Misquith and Robinson falling 8-5 to George Turner and Chiou. On a high note, Clemson notched three victories in singles play Sunday, with Micah Thompson defeating Lingman 6-4, 6-3, Koning knocking off Turner and Robinson beating Chiou.

"After our close losses, I learned that it's easy to stick together when we win, but this weekend proved that even when we take a loss we're still a unit. One of our strongest points is that our team's chemistry is really good, because we have complete respect and trust for one another," said Misquith.

The Tigers will travel to Seattle, Wash. this weekend to take part in the Great Northwest Shootout at the University of Washington to challenge the 13th ranked Huskies and 32nd ranked Tulane Green Wave. The Clemson men's tennis team is ranked 33rd in the latest ITA poll.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Retains Top Ranking

The Clemson golf team is ranked No. 1 in the latest Golfweek/Sagarin poll. The Tigers are ranked ahead of UNLV, TCU, Florida and Wake Forest according to the computer poll published by Golfweek.

Individually, Clemson has three of the top 10 players in the nation according to the latest Golfweek/Sagarin rankings. Senior D.J. Trahan is the top ranked Tiger as he holds down the No. 4 position. Junior Matt Hendrix is ranked ninth, while sophomore Jack Ferguson is ranked 10th. All three will be in the Clemson lineup at the Mercedes Collegiate next week. They will be joined by senior Ben Duncan and junior Gregg Jones. The Tigers start play on Monday.

Women's Soccer Spring Schedule Announced

The Clemson women's soccer team will participate in five exhibition events this spring as announced by Head Coach Todd Bramble Monday afternoon. Clemson will play three events at home during the month of March and will play on two Saturdays in April.

On Sunday March 2, Clemson will play host to Limestone College at 2:00 p.m. On Saturday, March 8, Clemson will play host to two club teams. The Lady Tigers will play Norcross Magic U-17 team at 10:00 a.m. and the Greenville Futbol Club U-18 team at 7:00 p.m.

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DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding, and if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term, injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use the method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		
Combined	0.1	3
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD		
Progestasert	2.0	3
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol*. 1990;76:558-567.

*From Norplant® package insert.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

Birth control you think about just 4 x a year.

- if you have had cancer of the breast
 - if you have had a stroke
 - if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
 - if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
 - if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients
- What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
- You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:
- a family history of breast cancer
 - an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
 - kidney disease
 - irregular or scanty menstrual periods
 - high blood pressure
 - migraine headaches
 - asthma
 - epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
 - diabetes or a family history of diabetes
 - a history of depression
 - if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications
- This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.**

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; if it happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unplanned Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects

In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, rashes, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions

Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers

Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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Two-sport stars excel in competitions

Football players showcase speed on track team.

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It is a rare quality for athletes to excel in multiple sports. Everyone knows Deion Sanders ruled both worlds of football and baseball, and he is unique in his own. Can college athletes do the same on top of their schoolwork and personal time? Tye Hill and Airese Currie have proven that it is possible to participate in two different sports during one school year. These two athletes have excelled in football and track, and had demonstrated that it is possible to enjoy the best of both worlds.

Hill and Currie proved themselves this past weekend in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Adidas Track Classic. Hill, a sophomore from St. George, SC, finished second with a time 6.80 in the 60m dash. Currie, a sophomore from Columbia, SC, finished fifth with a season-best time of 6.86. In the 200m, Hill's time of 21.79 placed him seventh, and Currie had a time of 22.15.

Obviously, football practices and games have paid off for these two when it comes to being in top shape for track season. Currie has had a great career in both football and track. In 2002, he was voted most improved wide receiver of spring practice in football and also a 2002 All-American as a member of the 4x100m relay team as a freshman. He scored a touchdown on an 18-yard run on a fumble-rooski against Louisiana Tech in the 2001 Humanitarian Bowl. Then, in the 400m relay he finished second in the nation at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Baton Rouge, La., setting a school record time of 38.86. Currie feels so confident in his performances at Clemson that he even changed his football number from 9 to 1. This is a bold move considering he took one of Clemson's greatest players, Woodrow Dantzler's, former number and wears it with pride.

Another player who has switched his number from 13 to 8 has very positive expectations for the Clemson football and track teams. In football he is expected to give Clemson an explosive running back position, which Clemson has lacked in the past few years, and



SPEED TO BURN: Dual-sport star Tye Hill sprints past the Ball State defense last fall at Death Valley. His speed has also helped better the track team.

running is this athlete's forte. In track he recorded a season best time of 6.94 in the preliminaries of the 60m dash at the Virginia Tech Challenge. He was a high school All-American in the 100m as a junior and senior, which gives both

coaches Tommy Bowden and Bob Pollock high hopes for this young man.

These two athletes have proven a lot to their Clemson fans and hope to accomplish much more in their two remaining seasons at Clemson.

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minute 52.85 seconds, while Derrick Wyatt and Scott Shaw also posted season-best times of 1:56.54 and 1:57.48, respectively. In the mile run, Shaw turned in a season-best performance of 4:12.58 to finish 10th, while Mike Barton, Wyatt and David Adams also posted the best times of their careers.

Jason Meany finished sixth in the 3000-meter, completing in a time of 8:27.46. Ryan Fenton placed 11th in 8:37.11, and Matt Pimentel completed the race in 8:53.93. The Tigers' distance medley relay team of Barton, Rick Hill, Garrick Copes and Adams placed fourth with a time of 10:28.67.

In the 4x400-meter relay, Clemson's top team of Harper, Bolling, Eure and Gardner recorded a season-best time of 3:15.13, placing them fourth.

George Kitchens was the high finisher for the Tigers in the long jump, finishing fifth with a mark of 23-4 3/4. Kai Maull also placed fifth for the Tigers, posting a season-best mark of 48-1 3/4 in the triple jump. Derek Gilson registered a distance of 47-11 3/4 in the shot put. In the pole vault, both Ryan Hunter and Andrew Kessler cleared 14-11.

For the women who competed at Notre Dame, Marquita Dortch set a season-best time of 8.84 in the 60 hurdles, placing her fifth in the Mayo Classic. In the 60, Silja Ulfarsdottir clocked a time of 7.72, good enough for an eighth-place finish, while Shannon Murray recorded a season-best time of 7.60. Ulfarsdottir led seven Lady Tigers in the 200, posting a time of 24.64 to finish sixth.

Six other Lady Tigers set season-bests in the event. Murray placed seventh in 24.74, while JaToya Moore was ninth, completing in 24.84 seconds. Shakirah Rutherford was 10th with a time of 25.02, while Danielle Whaley was 11th in 25.06. Denise Cruse and Angela Thomas also posted the best times of their season, completing in 25.64 and 26.16, respectively.

In the 400, Ulfarsdottir clocked a season-best 54.73 for a third-place finish, while Rutherford was 11th in 56.72. Cruse placed 12th (56.83), while Angela Thomas and Dortch finished close behind with times of 57.83 and 59.14, respectively.

In the 800, Jennifer Barton and Laura Ann Rukat also recorded season-best times, finishing in 2:24.86 and 2:27.81, respectively. Top distance runner Casey Phillips posted a time of 3:07.30 to place ninth in the 1000, and Barton placed 11th in 3:18.46. Phillips also competed in the mile run, clocking a time of 5:02.01 to place 11th.

The Lady Tigers' 4x440 yard relay team of Ulfarsdottir, Murray, Cruse and Moore finished in sixth place with a time of 3:52.57. In the same race, Dortch, Rutherford, Whaley and Thomas finished eighth in 3:57.38.

In the pole vault, Joana Costa cleared 12 to place third, another season-best mark. Thomas notched a 12th place finish in the long jump, leaping 17. Katie Pickett cleared 5-3 3/4 to finish in a tie for sixth in the high jump. Allison Bradshaw set a season-best in the shot put, recording a mark of 41. In the weight throw, Mary Gosselin placed seventh with a distance of 49-9, while Bradshaw recorded a throw of 34-8.

Up next for the Lady Tigers is the ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 21-22 in Chapel Hill, N.C., while the men return to action this weekend in Blacksburg, Va., for the Virginia Tech Challenge.

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FROM THE PRESSBOX

Time to put the Tigers back on top

Well we didn't win the recruiting battle this year. Things are not looking bright for Clemson football. Last season's team seemed to consistently get worse game by game while the rest of the nation improved.

The season was capped off by a humiliating loss in a mediocre bowl. Without the South Carolina win, many fans would probably given up all hope right now.

Donations to IPTAY and season-ticket holders will both significantly decline over the next year. Every person who has ever touched a football will be calling for Tommy Bowden's head 10,000 times before the first play of the season is run. The ironic thing about it is, changing coaches still won't fix the problems in Tiger Town.

Less season ticket holders, lower attendance, smaller donations to IPTAY and a possible contract buyout all equal to less money to spend fixing facilities. Clemson will fall further behind in its athletic renovation time table and the state's top high school will continue to look at schools they think put more value on their football programs — the schools that have every amenity possible for them.

Like it or not, that's the way things are today. You can't bring in the best on tradition alone. Miami is one of the few schools in the country that can compete with lesser facilities. Clemson could too — if we had a South Beach nightlife. Also don't forget the players coming in now remember more about the Ken Hatfield/Tommy West days than the Charlie Pell/Danny Ford days, and we all know those

weren't pretty.

One other thing we fail to forget when looking back on many of our great teams, is that we cheated to get them. Granted everyone cheated in those days (and having your rival's AD, Vince Dooley, as the head of the NCAA Ethics Committee gets you caught more than most), but the "arm's race" of today is just a legal way of cheating. Can't give them cash under the table and a new car? Just throw in a few extra leather couches, big screen TVs and Playstation 2s in the players lounge. Make a newer, fancier looking weight room. Catch my drift?

In Clemson we claim to be die-hard football fans. Now it is time to back up our claim with our checkbooks. North Carolina State, one of those teams way ahead of us in recruiting this year, is putting the finishing touches on a \$100 million field house and renovation of Carter-Finley Stadium. Georgia Tech is pouring \$70 million into stadium changes. Just two years ago, Virginia (who incidentally has been a force on the recruiting scene for two straight years) shelled out \$82 million for their football program. Heck, even Duke is putting together a \$22 million dollar field house.

Atlantic Coast Conference schools invested over a half-billion dollars in the past four years to facility upgrades. These are just the schools in the ACC, which is not typically a football-oriented conference. The Southeastern Conference teams are doing the exact same thing, as is the rest of the country. If we are going to claim to be a football powerhouse, or much

less a football school, it's time to put our money where our mouth is.

A design has just been created for the new West End Zone/Heritage Center project to put our football facilities and Death Valley back on the map. Inside are new weight rooms, locker rooms, coaches' offices, position meeting rooms and a museum celebrating great moments in Clemson athletics. Club level seats will adorn the top of the new addition and be the closest of their kind in the country. All that is needed for this project to go forward is the financial support of Clemson fans.

Imagine a high school senior seeing all of the new amenities provided to a Tiger student-athlete with an entrance that leaves Clemson's main attraction, Memorial Stadium, in the background. The Wolfpack, Tar Heels and Cavaliers may have the better facilities right now, but they will never have The Rock, The Hill, "the most exciting 25 seconds in college football" or 85,000 die-hard football fans packing their games. Once we are even in other places, those advantages will again put Clemson over the top.

What can the average poor student do? Talk up these projects around old alumni. Speak positive on the direction of Tiger athletics. Encourage others to do the same. Join the IPTAY Collegiate Club. Buy a brick for Tiger Pride (what better graduation gift than to get your name on the sidewalk around the stadium for \$250.) Let's all make the future bright for Clemson sports. Go Tigers!

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Second half of ACC play shows no improvement

Blue Devils send Shyatt Tigers home with tails between their legs.

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In a night characterized by struggling offenses, it was evident that a player from either team could rise up and single-handedly win the game. That's exactly what happened as Dahntay Jones scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half Sunday and the ninth-ranked Blue Devils beat Clemson for the 15th straight time, 65-55.

The Tigers committed 26 turnovers on the night, their largest number of giveaways this season. The loss drops Clemson to 12-7 overall, 2-7 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Blue Devils scored 20 points off the Clemson turnovers, while the Tigers managed 10 points off Duke's 16 giveaways.

The victory moved Duke (16-3, 6-3) one-half game behind ACC-leading Wake Forest and into a second-place tie with Maryland, which lost at Georgia Tech earlier Sunday. The Blue Devils play the 14th-ranked Demon Deacons in Winston-Salem on Thursday night in an ACC season in which the home team has dominated.

"Our kids have done a real good job and we can get better," said Coach Krzyzewski. "That's what we need to do in the month of February. The competition will make you better." Duke had just one double-figure scorer on the evening — Dahntay Jones who finished with 15 points. Casey Sanders added eight points and a career-high 14 rebounds for Duke, which won despite shooting a season-low 33 percent. A key to the game was that the Blue Devils were able to attempt 13 more shots than the Tigers (62-49) because of Clemson turnovers. Duke also received enough scoring throughout the lineup to overcome the Tigers' trio of players to hit double digits.

Chey Christie led Clemson with 17 points, with Ed Scott adding 11 and Chris Hobbs chipping in 10. Despite the poor offense, Clemson turned in another strong defensive game, holding the Blue Devils to just 33 percent shooting on the night.

"We had a real good opportunity

that they could have knocked us out very early and it was our defense, our ability to get five people back and dig in that kept us in the game the entire first half," Clemson head coach Larry Shyatt said. "We survived that run with a couple of shots by Chey Christie and the about five or six straight stops defensively."

The Tigers opened the second half with a 9-2 run, the last basket by Scott pulling his team within 35-34 with just over 17 minutes left in the game. The game was stopped for about 15 minutes with 17:59 left when a Duke student collapsed in the stands. Krista Shirley, a freshman from Seattle, received medical attention and appeared OK when she left the court on a stretcher, smiling and waving to the crowd. Less than a minute later, Clemson pulled to 35-34 as Duke started the half 1-for-12 from the field.

But the Blue Devils answered with a 11-0 run over the next six-plus minutes as Clemson went six minutes without a point. Dante Jones extended the lead to 47-34 with 10:49 left, and the Tigers never recovered. Four minutes later, a layup by Duhon pushed the Duke lead to 15 and Clemson never trimmed it to single digits down the stretch.

Clemson had lost by an average of 17.4 points during its drought against the Blue Devils, but none started worse than this one. The Tigers managed just seven points in the opening 11 minutes, missing 11 of 14 shots with 10 turnovers. At one point, Ray Henderson had a shot from the foul line that missed the rim by 2 feet as Clemson's offense looked non-existent.

Duke's biggest lead of the half was 12 points, but the Tigers closed within four before the Blue Devils avoided their lowest first-half output at home with two baskets from Sean Dockery over the final 47 seconds, giving Duke a 34-25 halftime lead.

The Tigers next ACC opponent will be this Saturday when the North Carolina Tarheels come to town.

Following an out of conference loss to South Carolina, the NCAA tournament is out of the question and the game against the Tar Heels is a must win if Clemson has any shot of making the National Invitational Tournament at the end of the season.

NCAA bans popular energy drink

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(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — NCAA athletes who drink the Red Bull Energy Drink in excess amounts could possibly test positive in a drug test. The NCAA bans the supplemental use of caffeine for all sports.

According to the NCAA Web site, there is a list of banned-drug classes such as stimulants, anabolic agents and street drugs that are prohibited for NCAA athletes to use.

The stimulant guarana, added to the list for the 2002-2003 academic school year, is an herb that is used to make the stimulant caffeine. Red Bull is not a sports drink like Gatorade or PowerAde, but an energy drink.

Red Bull is a stimulant energy drink loaded with high amounts of caffeine to boost energy, concentration, physical endurance, reaction speed, vigilance, emotional status and to stimulate metabolism.

In comparison, one can of Coke contains about 35 milligrams of caffeine per 12-ounce can. Red Bull contains 80 milligrams of caffeine in one eight-ounce can. Diet Coke has a caffeine content (47 milligrams) greater than Coke by 12 milligrams of caffeine per 12-ounce can.

If athletes were tested with a concentration in their urine that exceeded 15 micrograms/ml, a positive drug test would be produced.

"One Red Bull would not cause a positive drug test," said Rachel Olander, a specialist with the resource exchange center. "This is only excess amounts."

Olander works in the Resource Exchange Center for the National Center for Drug Free Sport, the outside company the NCAA hired to conduct all random drug testing.

According to Olander, there is a gray area with caffeine intake. The amounts of caffeine you consume, the time you intake it and your body composition can all be factors to consider. Drug Free Sport based out of Kansas City, Mo., has a resource center that provides free, confidential and accurate information for athletes to call if they have any questions regarding supplements they are taking.

The National Center for Drug Free Sport Resource Exchange Center works closely with the NCAA and is a great source to assist athletes with questions in order for them to gain knowledge and avoid harsh NCAA penalties. According to the Red Bull Web site, "It is recommended to drink one can of Red Bull Energy Drink about 30 minutes before the start of a concentration task or the start of a race or game in sports. This is about the time for the ingredients of Red Bull Energy Drink to become effective in the body."

However, if you drink Red Bull in excess amounts, an athlete could be jeopardizing their eligibility.

There are two types of drug test-

ing procedures BYU athletes go through. First, the NCAA conducts one random drug test; second, the University Drug Testing Committee administers multiple drug tests throughout the season.

"Large amounts of caffeine add additional energy and can enhance performance levels," said Dr. Bruce Woolley, a member of the University Drug Testing Committee who helps drug test BYU athletes.

According to Woolley, when a positive drug test occurs for a member of the football squad, it means a one-year suspension plus missing a potential postseason bowl game. For basketball, it might include a one-year loss of eligibility.

All-American Nikki Hughes, a track sprinter and hurdler said it is important for the NCAA to conduct random drug tests for athletes.

"Track is one of those sports where everyone is trying to find that extra little edge," Hughes said.

The key is to be smart when consuming these drinks and supplements in the body. Products such as caffeine can be abused, but can also serve a functional purpose.

Caffeine is a great healing agent used in green tea and in many medicines including the over-the-counter headache medicine Excedrin.

The NCAA and National Center for Drug Free Sport is there to warn and help athletes perform to the best of their ability without having to consume harmful substances into the body to enhance performance.

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2. Louisville
3. Kentucky
4. Florida
5. Oklahoma
6. Texas
7. Pittsburgh
8. **Duke**
9. Kansas
10. Notre Dame
11. Marquette
12. Creighton
13. Oklahoma State
14. Illinois
15. Wake Forest
16. Maryland
17. Syracuse
18. Xavier
19. Mississippi State
20. Georgia
21. Missouri
22. California
23. Connecticut
24. Stanford
25. St. Joseph's

number game

17 Consecutive wins that the Louisville Men's Basketball team had going into their game with Saint Louis Wednesday night

13 Consecutive wins that Louisville's arch rival Kentucky has going into tomorrow's game between Kentucky and LSU

62 Straight victories for Connecticut women's basketball team after defeating Syracuse.

say what?

"I was going to try to forget my jersey in the locker room. That way (Jordan) had to go out there."

-NBA All-Star on wanting Michael Jordan to start in last weekend's NBA All-Star game.



STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Overall
Wake	6-2	16-3
Duke	6-3	16-3
Maryland	6-3	14-6
Virginia	5-4	14-7
NC State	5-4	12-7
GA Tech	5-4	12-8
UNC	3-6	12-10
FSU	2-7	11-9
Clemson	2-7	12-7

No streak here, Tar Heels come to town

Two battered ACC teams look forward to changing their fortunes in Tiger Town.

ROY WELSH
Assistant Sports Editor

On Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., the Clemson men's basketball team will take on the Tar Heels of the University of North Carolina. The contest presents a crucial opportunity for two teams that have struggled to gain some momentum heading down the stretch. The Tigers stand at 2-7 in the conference heading into the game, and the Tar Heels stand at 3-6 in the conference. The winner of tomorrow's game may have a chance to get back on track and regain NCAA hopes.

The Tigers have struggled through the entire series with the Tar Heels, with only a 17-111 record against UNC. The last time that the Tigers pulled off a win against Carolina was a 75-65 upset February 2001 when Clemson toppled a No. 1 UNC club.

Although Clemson's 2-7 conference record may not show it, the Tigers brand of basketball has improved some of late. Although the Tigers had 26 turnovers the last

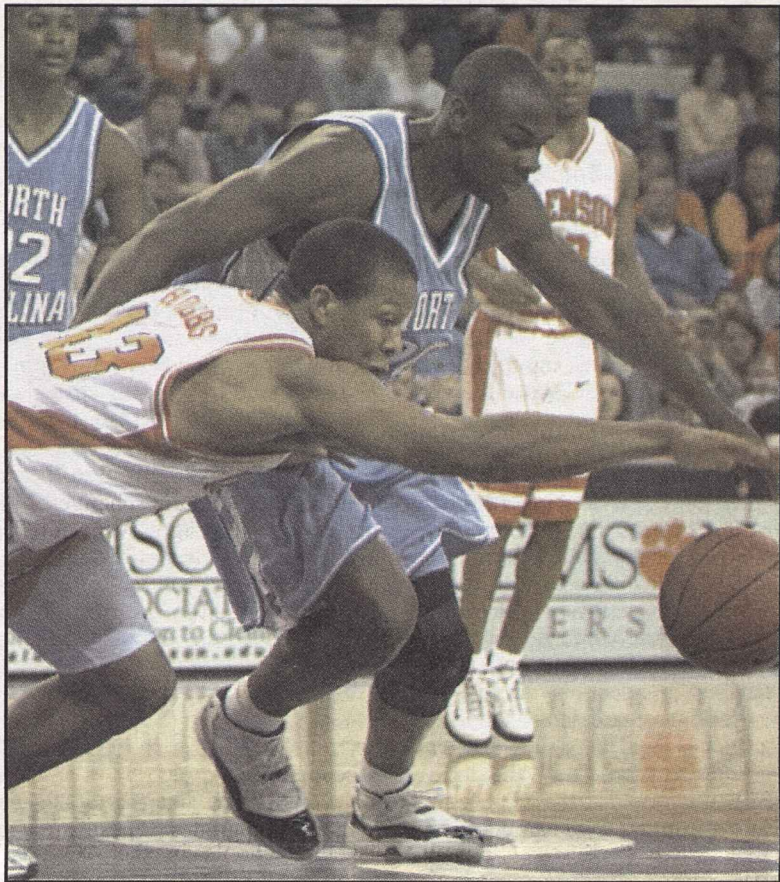
time out against the Blue Devils, Clemson was able to avoid the defensive breakdowns that have plagued them during the past few years.

The Tigers were able to hold Duke to 65 points and .339 field goal percentage on Sunday. Although no one finds happiness in moral victories, it is comforting to know that Clemson has shown some promise on the defensive side of the ball lately.

It is difficult to predict which style of play the Tigers will bring to the table on Saturday. After considering a slow, defensive style of play to be their forte for most of the year, the Tigers sped up the tempo in their victory over Georgia Tech, and it will be interesting to see what style of play the Tigers bring to the floor tomorrow afternoon. If the Tigers continue to play a more upbeat style, they will rely on the guard play of Ed Scott and Chey Christie.

Regardless of how the Tigers approach the Heels offensively, Clemson must play good defense and the Tiger big men must not allow UNC to gain an advantage on the inside.

In a game that is always anticipated by Clemson fans, the Tigers will look for what could be a big



FULL EXTENSION: Chris Hobbs dives for a loose ball against UNC last year.

win against a young, but talented team. Clemson will look to slow down Rashad McCants and Raymond Felton, who scored 20

and 15 points, respectively for the Heels during the first face-off between Clemson and UNC earlier this season.

Chey Christie
Height: 6' 4"
Position: G

Notes: After killing Tech, he scored only five points at USC. His scoring totals have reflected team's success.

#14

Olu Babalola
Height: 6' 7"
Position: F

Notes: Defensive specialist will be needed off bench to slow down North Carolina superstar Rashad McCants.

#12

Raymond Felton
Height: 6' 5"
Position: G

Notes: The Latta, S.C. native scored 15 points against the Tigers in Chapel Hill earlier this season.

#2

Rashad McCants
Height: 6' 4"
Position: G

Notes: The freshman has been the Tar Heels go-to guy this season. To beat UNC, the Tiger guards will have to stop him.

#32

Tigers, teammates and "Big Mo"

Building Momentum

We just want to go out there and try to win one game at a time. It is very possible for us to beat North Carolina tomorrow. If everybody shows up on a particular night to play a team, to play as one unit, we have a great chance to win. I think the way we have to look at the game tomorrow is we have to have drive, no matter who we are playing. The motivation should be to find a way to get a "W," no matter who we are playing. If we are going to think about a postseason tournament, we have to win some games.

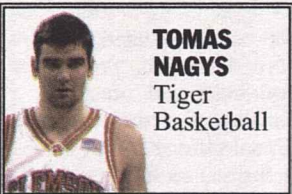
Duke

I think we played fairly good half-court defense against Duke, except for a couple of

breakdowns. I think in their minds, they were in such hurry to score, and get ahead of us. They thought it would be easy to go ahead and beat Clemson early and get ahead of us by 50 points. I think we played fairly good defense. They didn't score many points.

Chey Christie

He is a great guy and a good team player. A lot of people may not see that. He will always sacrifice for the team. He is just such a good guy, and I think he is going to be tremendous in the next two years — not just as a basketball player, but as a person. He is not one of those egotistical types of guys. He is not worried about himself at all. He has a lot going for him.



TOMAS NAGYS
Tiger Basketball

Deciding on Clemson

I think the deciding factor was that a couple of my friends had already played at Clemson in the past.

Andrius Jurkunas, who played here in the past, had a big influence on my decision. I thought it would be easier coming here already knowing somebody. I knew that there was someone that would help me and Jurkunas did that during my freshman year. He is like my big brother.

There are lots of great things about Clemson. I have met a lot of great people down here, and I have learned a new culture down here. I learned how to live the college life. It is tremendous to get your education and your diploma, and to improve your basketball skills while playing in a great conference. Overall, I am very happy.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Women's Tennis
vs. UNC-G, Friday, 2:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball
vs. UNC, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Track
at Va. Tech Inv., Saturday, All Day
Women's Basketball
at UNC, Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Woes Continue

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Gamecocks' late run drops struggling Tigers

Clemson loses first out of conference of the season in 76-59 defeat in Columbia.

ADAM BURLEY
Staff Writer

This year's in-state rivalry against the South Carolina Gamecocks would have a similar result as most other games in the second half of the Tigers' season — another one in the loss column.

The Tigers lost 76-59 to USC this past Wednesday before a record crowd of 17,010 at the new Carolina Center in Columbia. This was the largest audience to ever watch a basketball game in the state of South Carolina.

With just under six minutes left in the second half, USC's leading scorer Carlos Powell hit a 3-pointer to spark the Gamecocks to a 15-1 run that left the Tigers reeling.

This game's second half proved to be no different for the Tigers, as their opponent scored more consistently and played tougher defense to pull out a victory. Clemson's offense looked to be a little better in this game, using good ball movement and low-post play to get some points on the board. However, late in the game, the Tigers suddenly shut back down offensively and defensively, as they let the Gamecocks score bucket after bucket and eventually pull away with the lead. This

trend has started to be the story for this basketball team — not hitting shots late in the game to keep them within reach for a victory at the end.

Senior guard Ed Scott led the Tigers with 21 points. Scott seemed to score every big bucket, as the sluggish Tiger offense failed to produce another scoring threat besides Scott.

Olu Babalola was the next highest scorer for the Tigers, as he chipped in 12 points. The Tigers failed to score over 60 points for the seventh time in eight games. Coach Larry Shyatt's ball club has had no real leadership on the offensive end of the basket, and tonight was no different. Scott scored but continued to commit turnovers along with the rest of the Tigers.

As the Tigers went down nine points at halftime, they struggled and survived on poor shooting by the Gamecocks. USC opened the game on a 12-0 run before the Tigers marched back to cut the lead to nine points going into the half.

The Tigers came out in the second half by scoring four quick points, and although they seemed to have some sort of promise, it wasn't to be.

The Gamecocks answered every time the Tigers would draw close — something the Tigers haven't been able to do this whole season.

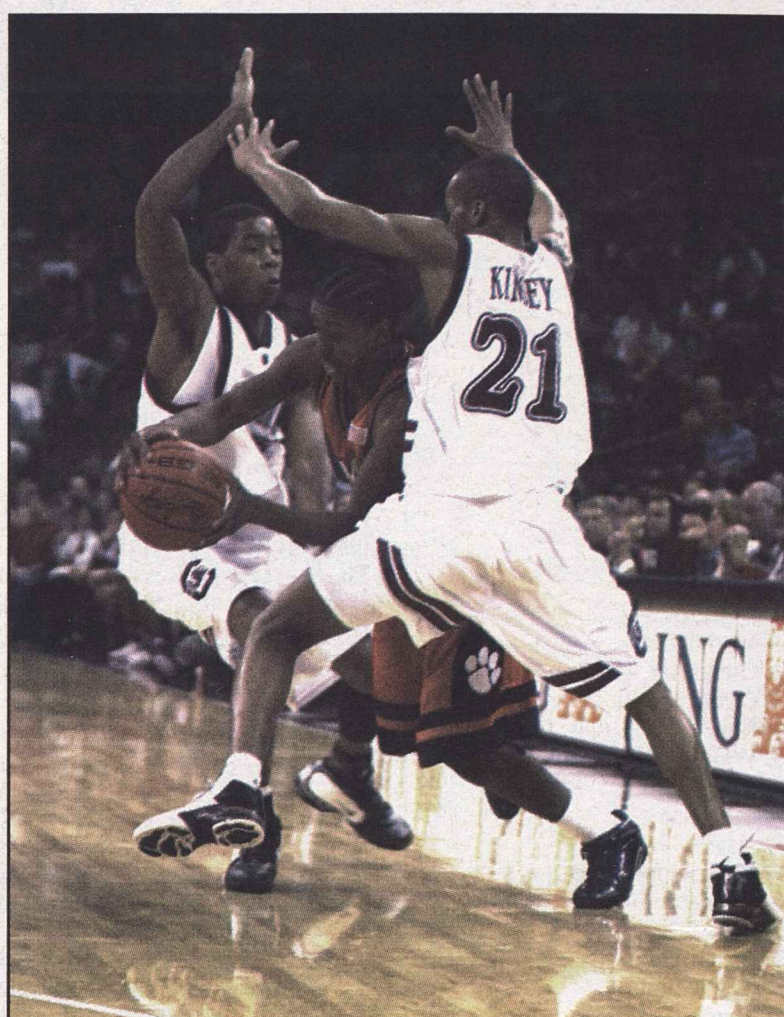
Led by Chuck Eidson with 20 and Chris Warren with 17 points, the Gamecock offense was powerful.

Four South Carolina players ended in double-digit scoring for the evening.

The Tiger defense had been the strong point for this team all year. It kept high-flying Duke to a season low 65 points last week, and seemed to keep the Gamecocks at time scratching their heads. But the Gamecocks found the tiniest holes in the defense, exposing the Tigers weaknesses and capitalizing on their mistakes. Even in the second half, Clemson's defense kept them close, drawing to within one point after Ed Scott's free throws made it 43-42. But the Gamecocks would not look back this time. USC went on to score its third highest point total of the season, capped by Warren's season high performance and the key shot by Powell late in the second half.

The Tigers have only come away with two victories since the start of the ACC season. In those games, they played up to their true ability, holding off Virginia and Georgia Tech to get the victory. It is frustrating to see the Tigers lose it in the end, as all enthusiasm and emotion seems to be drained in the last few minutes. If the Tigers look to go anywhere in the postseason, they need to address the issue of keeping their composure in the late minutes of the ballgame.

Clemson's next game is Saturday versus the North Carolina Tarheels at Littlejohn Coliseum at 1:00 p.m.



TIGHT SQUEEZE: Chey Christie attempts to split a pair of South Carolina defenders. Christie was held to five points by the Gamecock defense.

Tiger defense remains tough

Offense fails to keep pace with ACC's second-best defense.

NICK CONGER
Staff Writer

The Clemson Tiger men's basketball team can play defense. While the offense has been sputtering all season, Clemson defenders have worked hard to keep games close and to even win a few.

In last Sunday's 65-55 loss in Durham, the Tigers held the Blue Devils, the ACC's most prolific offense, to 19.5 points below their season average. Two weeks earlier Clemson held defending national champion Maryland to 52 points, 29 points less than their season average.

So how, given their struggles at the other end of the floor, are the Tigers the third best defensive team in the ACC? "We play tough, solid team defense," said head coach Larry Shyatt. "In today's game it is tough to put the team above self, but these guys do." The Tigers give up 66.2 points per game this season.

Coach Shyatt demands team unity on the defensive end. Though at times he implements a match-up zone, the team plays man to man defense for the majority of the game. On the floor, the defenders are constantly moving, switching and calling out screens. "Everybody should be responsible for somebody on the court," Shyatt stresses. "It's tough, but our guys are up to the challenge."

Moreover, Coach Shyatt believes that performance in practice carries over to the game situa-



GET ON UP: Clemson senior Tomas Nagys skies to pull down a rebound against Georgia Tech last week.

tions. His coaching staff has a unique and systematic approach to defense. "We grade everything statistically," said Shyatt. When reviewing tape from the previous game, the coaches pay close attention to significant plays that may not appear on the stat sheet. They are concerned with the hustle and determination showed on the defensive end. They grade highly for those who sacrifice their bodies and take a charging call. If a player misses a rebound that

should have been collected, that play is recorded as such. "You're (the players) evaluated on your effort statistics rather than your production," said Shyatt.

While the quickness of Clemson guards Chey Christie, Edward Scott and Olu Babalola undoubtedly fuels the team's offensive success, it goes a long way on defense as well. The three have 83 steals this year in 19

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Season bests mark weekend track meets

Men and women host 1952 season best marks in Nebraska and Notre Dame.

TONY BROERIG
Staff Writer

The Clemson men's and women's track and field team completed competition at the Nebraska Adidas Track Classic and the Notre Dame Mayo Classic, respectively. The men set 33 season-best marks, while the Lady Tigers posted 19 season-bests.

Leading the men were Roy Cheney, Tye Hill, and Jacey Harper who each turned in top-three performances. In the 60-meter dash, Hill finished second with a time of 6.80. Harper placed third, with a season-best time of 6.84, while Airese Currie was fifth with a season-best time of 6.86.

Larry Griffin finished 6.87 seconds, putting him in sixth place. In the 60-meter hurdles, Cheney placed third with a season-best time of 8.04. In the 200-meter, Harper had the high finish of the day for the Tigers with a second-place finish in 21.62, another season-best. Hill added a seventh place in the 200 with a time of 21.79. Griffin was 10th in 22.06. Ronald Richards notched a season-best time of 22.07. Also competing in the 200 were Robert Ibeh (22.14), Currie (22.15) and Grafton Ifill (22.31). Michael Bolling's time of 48.43 in the 400 gave him a fifth place finish. Meanwhile, six other Tigers posted season-best times in the event. Marcus Hodge improved his season-best time in the 800 to one

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: A Tiger hurdler works on form as he is timed in the hurdles at practice.



Selecting a gift for that special person in your life can sometimes become quite a daunting task. The present that you choose depends on how long you have been dating the person, how romantic they are, and other characteristics of your relationship that are specific only to your relationship. In order to take some of the stress out of trying to pick out that last-minute Valentine's Day present for your sweetie, here are a few gift ideas that can give you a headstart to a thoughtful present and a wonderful night.

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Multisound talent harmonizes at Edgars

MARCIA K. MARTIN
Staff Writer

What do the Indigo Girls, Shawn Mullins and John Mayer have in common? All are recognized artists that got their start at Eddie's Attic, an acoustic music venue in Decatur, Ga. Claire Kettlebelle, vocalist for the band, hope for agoldensummer, and seasoned performer at Eddie's Attic, might one day join the ranks as a nationally acclaimed musician too. Don't miss your chance to see her band play live alongside Leslie Helpert at 10 p.m. tomorrow night at Edgar's Pub in the Student Union.

Born and raised in the heart of Atlanta, Ga., Kettlebelle has "always sung a song," as she poetically puts it. Do not be mistaken, however. Not only has Kettlebelle been blessed with a naturally beautiful voice, but she has also mastered a wide variety of musical instruments, including the slide and bowed guitar, the singing saw, the clarinet, the accordion and the kazoo, as well as foot percussion (which includes tambourines, cackles, and desk bells). During her childhood, Kettlebelle fooled around with the viola and piano, taking up her first serious instrument at age 16: the guitar. Two years later she broadened her

musical horizons even more and began writing songs.

Even at this early stage in her life, Kettlebelle was already accustomed to performing before people. She had gained plenty of experience by sitting in on performances with her father's various R n B cover bands over the years, strumming her B&W Fender Telecaster and singing harmonies. Her first band was a trio in high school amusingly named The Git Krunk Band. Her next band, a duo called Claire & Santiago, was followed by yet another double act: Claire & Bain's Maple Yum Yum. After performing continuously for some time, Claire & Bain's Maple Yum Yum amassed a strong and loyal following in the Southeast. Despite the band's local success, however, the duo chose to split up last summer.

Kettlebelle emerged from the split in July 2002 as the lead vocalist in her latest project, hope for agoldensummer, a quintet that is composed of Kettlebelle, Deb Davis, Jamie Shephard and Will Taylor. According to Kettlebelle, the band's mission is to "create beautiful, dynamic sounds by way of multi-instrumentalism and soaring vocals." Each member contributes his or her own instrumental expertise to the band's eclectic sound.

Davis, a hardcore vegan pacifist and former lead guitarist of The Josh Joplin Group, plays guitar, xylophone and accordion for the band. Shephard, drummer for the Atlanta band, Solaar, primarily provides the drumbeat, but also plays the coke bottles, bells and guitar. Taylor, a member of the Athens Chamber Music Society and three orchestras, is the violoncello expert of the group. With Kettlebelle's lyrics and vocals, hope for agoldensummer produces music so unique that it is difficult to classify it. Until Kettlebelle settles on a new genre name, the group desires to have its music referred to as "eclectic acoustic, grotesquely beautiful."

The members of the band found each other and are held together by their mutual admiration and respect of each other's musical genius. They also connect because of their cause, which is, in Kettlebelle's words, to "align ourselves with positivity in the midst of disgruntled, disillusioned complacency." At their shows, the group usually hands out political literature.

The band is currently working on a full-length album that will be released at some point in the future. According to Kettlebelle, the upcoming album is currently on an "indefi-



Courtesy of Claire Kettlebelle

BELLE'S RINGING: Claire Kettlebelle, of Atlanta, Ga., plans to bring her unique blend of music to Edgar's Pub for a concert.

nite pause" because of her constantly changing ideas. Anyone anxious to hear a sample of the sublimely raw, heart-wrenching music that hope for

agoldensummer creates, including the group's hit song, "Malt Liquor," should drop by Edgar's Pub tomorrow night at 10 p.m.. ☺

Lightning quick love strikes

ALLISON CANTRELL
Business Manager

A little love, a bit of mystery and a big Bad Apple combined this week to create a magical and romantic atmosphere for 30 single Clemson students searching for Mr. or Miss Perfect.

Made up of males and females, the students participated in 10 five-minute free dates this past Tuesday at the new downtown bar The Bad Apple. Sponsored by UPAC and a fast-flying cupid, participants, made up of an even number of males and females, spent five minutes getting to know one another in a relaxed environment.

Jen DeCosta, a senior who works as the Lectures Chair for UPAC, headed the Speed Dating event. "The first time I saw it was on 'Oprah,' and I got really excited because I thought it would work well in a college environment," DeCosta says. With help from "Oprah" and the Internet, DeCosta continued to research the idea.

With the help of campus advertising, mass e-mails and word-of-mouth, DeCosta got the word out to campus about the speedy pre-Valentine's Day event.

The event was split into two rounds, and the guys were in the hot seat. With women seated around the room, the guys were charged with seeking out and talking to five girls for five minutes. After their five minutes, guys were signaled (or saved) by a bell to move to another table.

Following each "date," the love-birds indicated if they wanted to speak to that person again by circling "Yes" or "No" on their sheet. If both people received a "Yes" vote from the other, they received an e-mail from the UPAC matchmaker with some contact information and the message that they have made a match. The rest is left up to fate.

Some students participated reluctantly, and others were not sure what to expect from the event. Monica Guertin, a sophomore, who attended the event with her friends, says she was not sure

what kinds of guys would be there, but, to her surprise, she met some interesting guys. Her friend, Erin Moorhead, also a sophomore, added, "Even if it's not romantic, at least you've met a couple of new people." Jonathan Davis, a junior, added "It was better than I expected. I was scared that you would come in here and have awkward silence and be searching for things to say, but it was good."

"I think it's a good environment; it's safe to meet new people," Decosta said. "It's really hard when you're on campus and you get stuck in the same group. This is a way to meet people on

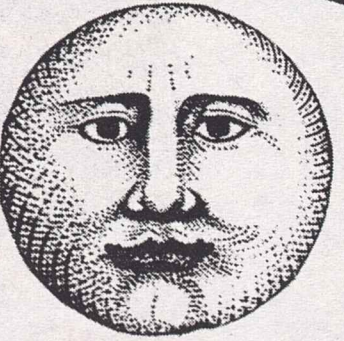
campus that you probably would have never met before, and it's in a good environment."

Although some students may have made love connections, others were thankful for the five-minute time constraint.

"I think five minutes is good because it's long enough to where if you like the person, you'll know, and then if it's way too long, you think, 'If it's any longer, I'm going to die,'" Moorhead says. DeCosta says she hopes this first-time event will become a Valentine's Day tradition for Clemson. ☺

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Single male's survival guide for Valentine's Day: how not to be a loser

BRUCE MORRISON
Staff Writer

No matter what you believe the purpose of Valentine's Day is, be it a day of love or a fake holiday created by greeting card companies, there is one universal truth — being single on Valentine's Day sucks.

Nothing is worse than being a single male on this most foul of days. Women have it much easier: they will tell you otherwise, but don't trust them. It is the men who are left to forge the flower shops for the mythical "perfect" gift to give to a woman. And thanks to women's constant pickiness, many guys go single on Valentine's Day. So, without further ado, here is the guide to surviving this wretched day.

First we must cover a few "Don'ts" in the "Dos and Don'ts" of Valentines Day. Don't listen to R.E.M.'s "Everybody Hurts" over and over; you'll just get sad and depressed. Also avoid all "romantic comedy" movies. Besides being the most pathetic and useless film genera in existence, the complete lack of realistic conditions will have you ready to send a heavy object through your TV. Also, don't expect any kind of rational

thought from a woman within a week of Valentine's Day and up to a week after. Something in those little "Kiss Me" candies messes with their brains causing unpredictable behavior and spontaneous crying.

So, now that you have the "don'ts" down pat, how do you go about getting a date for Valentine's Day? First of all, don't be desperate. Women can smell this a mile away. You have to act like if you have time, maybe you

But, for journalistic reasons, lets assume you do not have a date. Ignoring the obvious, like sitting in your room in the dark in a fetal position, what can you do? The bars are a nice suggestion; nothing says romance like pitcher and after pitcher of beer. Just you and the boys — that is, single boys. But maybe a night of drinking and swearing isn't up your ally. That's why you head up to your local Blockbuster, for some movies that show women as they really are.

The Single Male's Movie List:

"Species," "Porkys," "American Pie," "Revenge of the Nerds" and "Showgirls." These movies can easily paint a picture of the Valentines woman at her best. But mostly, as the single male, you just need to remember all of those lonely housewives who call into radio talk shows and cry. And if all of this doesn't help, just keep telling yourself you're "above the hype." If you say it enough, you'll believe it, and then you can tell all your friends that you don't celebrate the holiday because your against corporate America. Or you can always just cry in the fetal position. ☹

*"Women have it much easie:
they will tell you otherwise, but
don't trust them."*

can go for dinner, you guess. Keep them wanting more, which is not easy. You must embrace your teenage angst. A good way to achieve instant angst is to listen to the song "She Hates Me" by Puddle of Mud. This will allow you to achieve instant angst. Only once you have a firm unliking of women will they be magnetically drawn to you.

the redneck corner

DANNY PHILLIPS



If there's one thing that Southerners love, it's racin'. There's just something about turnin' left. When I mention racing you probably think of the pre-packaged network coverage of the Daytona 500 (or the Indy for you Yanks). If you do, I am willing to bet you're a Gordon fan (I'm callin' Earnhart Jr. to take it Sunday). What you may not know about is that there is a whole subculture in the south that spends Friday nights at the track. Local tracks are strung together in divisions and "leagues" of their own. These are the recruiting fields for high profile racing industry.

There's a song by comedian Tim Wilson about a boy born in the stands at Talledega, it goes, "They call me, Dale Darrel Waltrip Richard Petty Rusty Awesome Bill Irving Gordon Earnhart Smith Johnson, Jr." Where do you think these guys came from? These drivers weren't just picked by a sweepstakes; they had to work up through the ranks from go-karts to dirt tracks and then to small road tracks before a real sponsor even notices them. These races are going on all over the South. The size of the winnings determines the number, and usually the quality of the racers. One of my favorites to attend has always been the dirt track.

They come in all lengths. Some short dirt tracks are banked so much that they don't feel a need for walls on the outside of the curves. I have heard a tale of a guy whose tie-rods snapped and sent him up, over and into the boughs of a pine tree. He didn't get hurt because his pinto got hung in the tree. The longer tracks are where you see those oversized dunebuggies with wings racing on television. Any local track can be substituted.

I'm not sure if it is the sound of motors purrin', the smell of cold beer, or just the constant inhalation of fumes denying oxygen to the brain which bring about the emotions and tempers of a Redneck. I have personally worked on a pit crew for a dirt car team in the stock division. Anything that you can imagine happening in the infield of a half mile track was possible on any given day. Before the races while everyone is getting their car ready

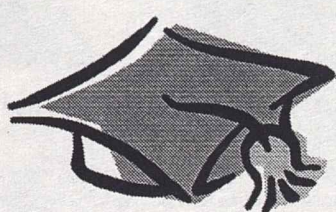
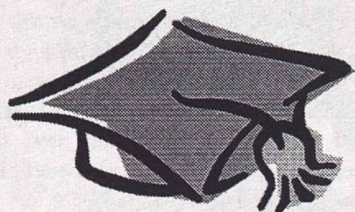
the general attitude of the mullet majority is usually upbeat and positive. Of course there is always some poor shmuck that worked all day on his car to only get in and it not crank. Watch out for him when the final races start — he'll probably be the guy trying to climb the Grand Marshal's flag stand with Budweiser in hand.

Before the first heat races, most of the drivers will be out doing hot laps trying to pack the wet dirt left behind the water truck. Conversations among the pit crews vary from tire size and density to car stagger. Once the heat races start so does the action. Every team becomes its own little nation, trying to make allies for advancing its position. The drivers are usually oblivious to the war fought between the walls. They do, however, contribute to the tension in the pits. Everyone knows that rubbin' racin', but when a couple of cars seem to always find each other, words start getting exchanged in the pits. Things get even worse when someone gets wrecked.

Once the main events start, the air in the infield seems like it could be cut with a knife (mostly because of the exhaust fumes.) From the stands, you have an up-front and personal view of bumpin' and rubbin', spins, wrecks, and everyone's favorite — the fight on the track after a wreck. You gotta get into the infield for the real battles though. If you thought those Blackcats that blew-up in your hand when you were eight years old had a short fuse, then you have never seen a barley and hops influenced pit crew with a warped up Camaro that they have to beat back into shape for next week. If you happen to catch the right track on the right night you may see the infamous Mullet Kwon Bo style Tire-Iron-Cold-Cock. ☹

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Valentine's Day is infamous among those "in love" for flowers, candies, and romance. But in some student's memories, cupid's arrow got a little off track. Freshman, sociology major Justin Brock still thinks about his fourth grade heart break. He and his girlfriend had been "going out" for some time and were "pretty serious" for elementary school. He had picked out the perfect stuffed animal, flowers and candy and couldn't wait to give them to her at school on Valentine's Day.

When it was finally time he got out her present and proudly presented it. She gave him a present too. The only problem was the card on the front had his best friend Carson's name instead of his own. "I found my friend and told him I had a present for him from Mary Kathryn and it turned out he had a present with my name on it.

My girlfriend actually had two boyfriends and had accidentally gotten the gifts mixed up," he said. Needless to say, maybe Justin's relationship wasn't quite as serious as he had thought.

Stephanie Black, senior Spanish and international trade major, can relate to Valentine's heartbreak. In ninth grade none of her friends had dates so they had decided to set each other up with "crushes." She bought a new outfit and everything to prepare for the big event.

That morning the girls were going to ask Stephanie's boy of choice to go out with her that night, but before they had a chance he asked her best friend out. Even worse, she went, and Stephanie sat home alone!

Sophomore Cathy "Chatty" Wood had a similar story from the fifth grade. She and her "boyfriend" never talked because they didn't want anyone to know that they liked each other but when Valentine's Day came around, he sneaked a tiny figurine in her desk with no card. Cathy found the figurine but never suspected her boyfriend would do such a thing, so she immediately turned it into the lost and found.

Two weeks later Cathy's boyfriend broke up with her and sources say it was because he was so embarrassed about the figurine incident. Oops!

For freshman education major Courtney Kramp, the story was just the opposite. Her junior year in high school she had been dating a boy for a few months when Feb. 14 hit. He went to another school, so she brushed it off when she hadn't heard from him that afternoon. However, by evening she decided to give up on the date and went over to a friend's house for some girl time. Around 7:00 her boyfriend called her cell phone and asked where she was.

He was furious to find out she had gone out and hung up with no explanation. Courtney spent the evening at home and later found out that her "date" had to pay a fine to cancel expensive dinner reservations, given her dozen roses to his mom, and sent his parents out with the play tickets he had for her.

Talk about overreacting! "I guess I didn't really have a bad Valentine's Day," she said, "more like a bad Valentine!"

Creativity was key for senior,

psychology major Justin Amburgey on Valentine's Day his senior year in high school. His girlfriend had warned him not to give her a boring traditional gift, like roses, but to think of something different.

She probably should have been more careful what she asked for because Justin ended up surprising her with a cactus! "I went to the flower department and saw the cactus, I thought it was sort-of like flowers, but more creative," he said. His girlfriend was pleased with his creativity, but not exactly thrilled with the cactus itself — go figure!

At least Justin put some thought into his gift. Freshman wildlife biol-

ogy major, Jen Thompson remembers her junior year Valentine's Day when her boyfriend's mom did his shopping for him. "My boyfriend gave me my present and said it was from him, but really he had no idea what it was," she said.

When she opened the box, she found the ugliest necklace she had ever seen. "All he could say was 'I'm sorry' and it was obvious that he had had nothing to do with it." Busted!

Hopefully this year's special day will be all smiles and sweethearts. But remember: Roses are red, violets are blue, don't laugh too hard, this could happen to you! ☺

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Years ago something happened to me that changed my life forever.

"Back then I was in little league baseball when I hit my first home-run in Rochester, Indiana. That was one of the few games my mother ever missed in my athletic career. She was in the hospital having back surgery for her pinched nerve in her low back. Fast forwarding to my high school years, my Mom began to have excruciating headaches and low back pain again. These would cause her to go home from work and lay in a dark room. These headaches would cause vomiting at times. My Dad told me when Momma's not happy nobodies happy.

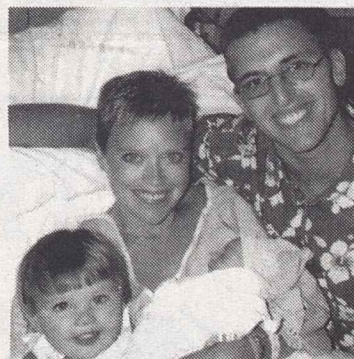
Fortunately, our family medical Doctor referred my mom to another doctor because he was out of possibilities, after having surgery and trying multiple drugs. My mother was willing to try anything at this point but was definitely not having surgery again. He sent her to a Chiropractor who performed an exam, took some films, and then "adjusted" her spine. The adjustment didn't hurt; she said it actually felt good. She got relief. It helped my Mom so much it inspired me to become a chiropractor.

Now for Hanna, who is the taller of the two children in the photo. A year ago she had her first ear infection. She was not a happy little girl. Imagine, a little girl pulling on her ears looking at Mommy and Daddy to help. After I started to adjust her the earache started to improve immediately, and now, her earache has not returned. Lately she asks Daddy if he needs adjusted. She adjusts her Daddy and her baby dolls almost every day. That seems like a small thing, but it makes a huge difference to her and Mom and Dad.

The other little one, Clayton, doesn't know enough to speak but he gets regular adjustments just to stay "tuned up." This is for helping him fight colds and sickness and keep his immune system strong.

As for my wife Kathy, chiropractic was very beneficial during pregnancy. She experienced episodes of low back pain and by regular adjustments her pain was managed and under control.

It's strange how life is, because now people will come to see me with their headaches and low back problems. Also they come to me with their migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few.



Here's what my Mom and Kathy had to say:

"I could hardly get in and out of the car and had extremely bad headaches and low back pain but today I am enjoying life. My son will treat all his patients as if he was treating me." (Cherri Calhoun, Mom)

"I really believe chiropractic has been the most beneficial to me during pregnancy due to the relief of my low back discomfort." (Kathy Calhoun, wife.)

You know it is my goal that patients come to me and thank me for "curing" them for this or that, but I have a confession. **My confession is that "I've never healed anyone of anything".** What I do is perform a specific spinal adjustment to remove nerve pressure, and the body responds by **healing itself**. We will get tremendous results. It's as simple as that!

Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there's a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That's just incredible!

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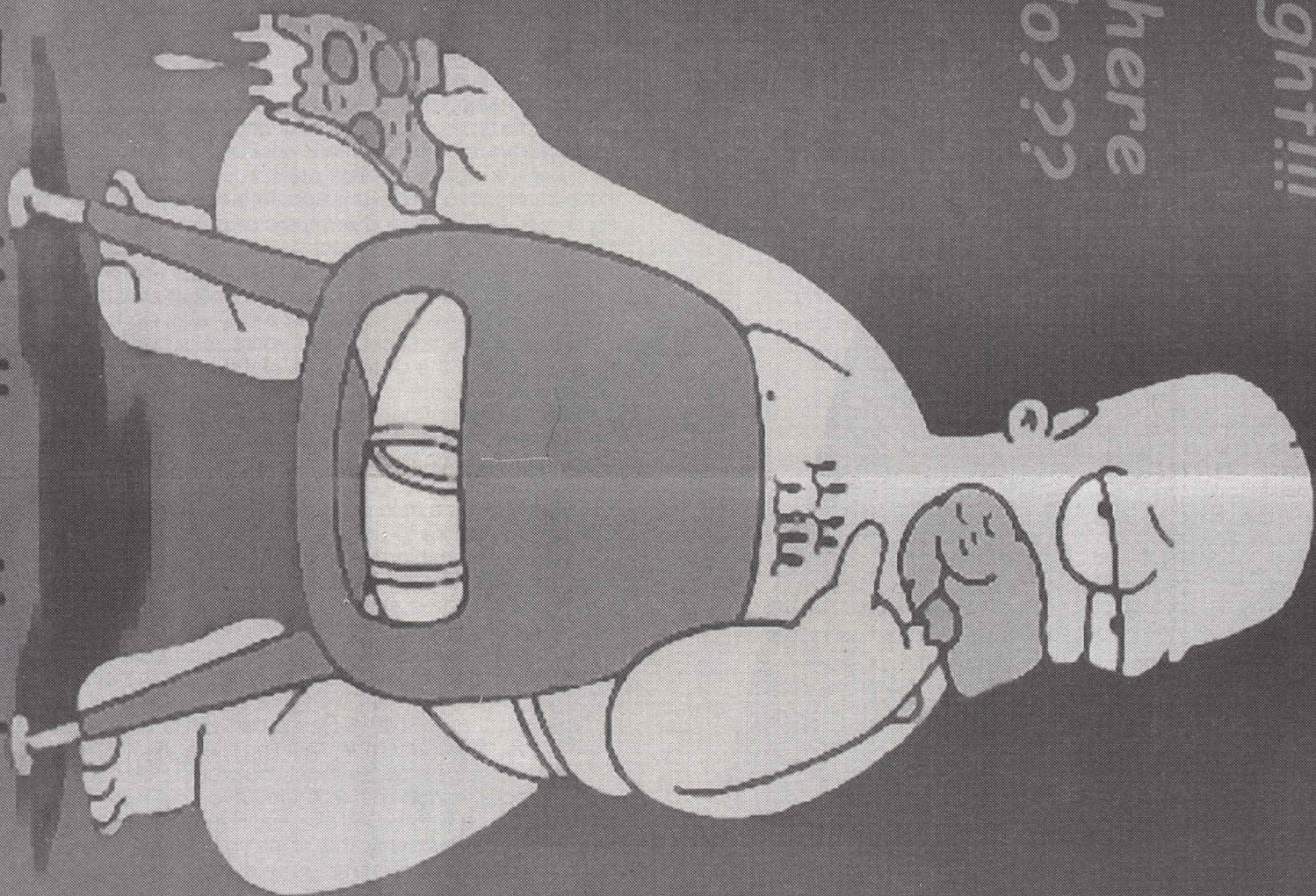
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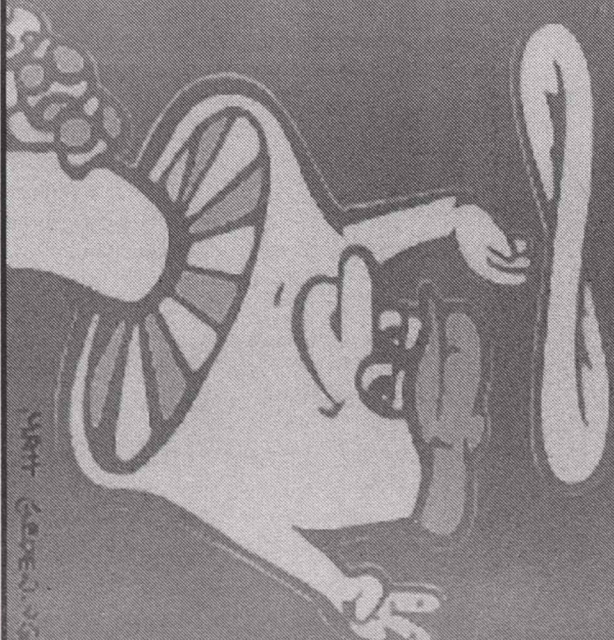
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Be my Valentine

GIFTS THAT WILL MAKE Y

By Marie Glenn

Before deciding on the present that you want to give, consider how long you and your beau or belle have been dating and how close you have become in this time span. This plays a crucial factor in the selection process because you do not want to give something too personal if you have not been a couple for too long.

A note to guys, before you even think about it: no chocolates or candy. Why would she want something that she can't keep and that will do nothing but help her put on the pounds? There are plenty of other ideas without succumbing to the candy.

If you are searching for a present for someone who isn't exactly your significant other yet, think of ways that you could let that other person know how you feel to make that relationship spark. Flowers are always a nice choice for the beginner. Roses are popular this time of year, but why not try to jazz things up a bit and show your creative side. There are definitely more choices out there besides the usual dozen roses – not that there is anything wrong with roses of course. Another present that is perhaps more daring is to buy two tickets to a concert, play or other form of live entertainment. Try to find out what kind of music or entertainment that your heartthrob is into. Does he or she like the theater, rock concerts, orchestras or sporting events? When you ask the person out and show the tickets, he or she is sure to be impressed. Just be sure that the person does not already have plans for the night.

If you have made it between a day and eight months, there is some potential for that blossoming relationship of yours. It is now time to move on to bigger and better things. Some of the classic gifts of the holiday include cologne, clothing and watches. Cologne or perfume is a nice little gift for your first Valentine's Day together. It never hurts to help your honey smell nice. Clothing such as nice shirts, boxers, ties or pajamas are also goodies that your beloved will cherish. Before choosing the articles of clothing though, be sure that you know your significant other's style of dress. You want to be sure that he wears what he receives. Another gift idea is a nice watch. Everybody loves a nice watch, and at least with this gift, you know that your boy doesn't have an excuse to be late.

If your relationship has endured eight months or more, your sweetheart deserves the good stuff. If you would like to give a personal touch to your present, give her a Build-A-Bear stuffed animal. To obtain a Build-A-Bear, you must go to a Build-A-Bear Workshop and create it yourself (you can go to www.buildabear.com to find locations). While there, you pick an animal, then you stuff it with cotton, kiss a heart and put it inside, clean and fluff it, and then dress it in the appropriate attire. You can also put a voice box inside the bear with your own voice on it saying, "I love you!"

Although these Build-A-Bears can run a high rate, if you still feel as if you need more ideas, then remember that lingerie and jewelry are always a plus with the ladies.

Lingerie shows how personal you would like to really get with your honey and a ring is an especially good choice if you have long-term obligations in mind. A weekend getaway would be a fun idea as well. Even if you and your guy simply head to a place only a few minutes away, this gives you two the chance to be alone without the annoying interruptions of roommates and other people that may be hanging around your place.

Remember that practical gifts are just as great. Give that special someone something that he needs or something that he will be able to use in the future. One student mentioned that she is giving her graduating boyfriend a nice leather portfolio and name cards for his new professional job when he leaves school.



Valentine

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And if you ever run into a position where you guys both want the same thing for Valentine's Day, then by all means, go for it. There is nothing wrong with giving each other the same gift — in fact, there is even a name for it: reciprocal presents. This just reinforces the fact that you have a great deal in common with each other and that is why you are together, among other things. If you both want to go to a concert, simply give each other a ticket to the concert. You not only get the gifts taken care of, but you also are able to enjoy the event together at a later time.

All of these presents sound great to give, but what about for those of us who can't afford all of the jewelry and pizzazz that is often associated with the big day seeing as this is a college campus? If you run into this problem, why not be creative? If you have enough pictures, you could make a scrapbook of the time that you have been together. It can include pictures of you together, concert stubs that you attended together, little phrases that you say to one another, or any other little tid bits that remind of your awesome relationship. Even if there are not enough pictures of you two together, you can always use one and put it into a picture frame that you create. Write a poem or a song for your sweetie and recite it to her. You can also give him the Valentine cards that we all remember from elementary school and write little poems or phrases on the back of them. Give them to him sporadically throughout the day to make his whole day bright.

And if these ideas alone are not enough for that special person in your life, you can always create a combination of all of the ideas that have been given.

When making your decision about what to give, don't fret too much — your special someone loves you for who you are and will love just about anything that they get from you. *

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Disney releases videogame set in world of wonder



KINGDOM HEARTS Play Station 2

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"Kingdom Hearts" by Squaresoft represents one of the more ambitious celebrations of game crossovers. In "Kingdom Hearts" you play as Sora (voiced by Haley Joel Osment), a child who wakes up to find himself away from his small peaceful island in a strange land. At the same time, universes away, Donald Duck and Goofy have discovered that King Mickey is missing. They travel via interdimensional spacecraft to the same world that Sora has found himself in. It does not take long for Donald and Goofy to realize that Sora has the "Key" that they require to defeat the Heartless taking over the different worlds.

"Kingdom Hearts" combines two very distinct worlds into one game; the first is the world of Disney, featuring just about every Disney character. From your two right hand men, Goofy and Donald Duck, to Hercules, Jafar and the Queen of Hearts to name a few. The characters just interacting with each other is enough to make a fan delight with joy, but then you combine these Disney icons with those from the Final Fantasy universe (owned by Squaresoft). Video gamers delight at seeing such Final Fantasy characters as Cloud, Squall and Sephiroth in addition to many others. In fact the list of characters for this game is through the roof. Featuring an impressive list of voice actors, fans are in for a real treat seeing all of their favorite characters in new adventures.

One thing rather interesting about this game is even though it is by Squaresoft, it is not a turn-based role based game. Instead all battles happen in real time, allowing you to dodge in 3rd person. As Sora, you wield the

might keyblade. One thing Squaresoft's Final Fantasy games are known for are the odd swords characters wield (such as the gunblade from "Final Fantasy VIII," or Tidus' waterblade from "Final Fantasy X"). As the holder of the keyblade, the fate of more than just your world, but all worlds is at your mercy. All of the dark powers, from both universes have teamed up to take over and crush the worlds to gain ultimate power.

As Sora, you will have both magic

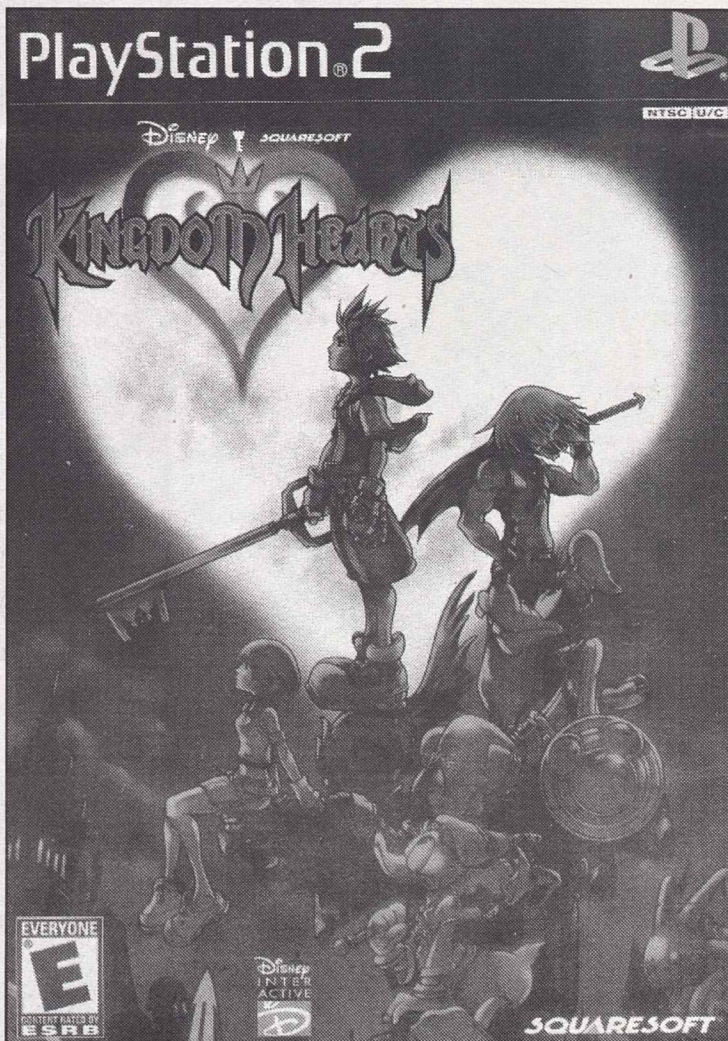
and physical attacks. It takes some time setting up magic attacks and they do not do enough damage compared to the damage a physical attack can make. Fortunately, Goofy and Donald are by your side. Goofy is a strict physical attacker, while Donald is a magic caster. They are computer controlled and

can do a fair amount of damage, but they rely on you to do most of the work. Attacking is relatively easy, and that comes around to hurt the game. For any experienced video gamer, the game plays very easy. In fact the game play is incredibly easy; the puzzles, however, are not. This is a thinking game; unfortunately, enemies spring up constantly and can become just annoying.

The game play is average and simplistic, and the puzzles really don't offer anything new, so why is this game so good? The answer is in three parts: first the huge cast list, including honestly about every Disney character, even characters you may not think of, such as Jack from "The Nightmare before Christmas" (and all the other characters from Halloweentown), Piglet from "Winnie the Pooh" and even Flounder from "The Little Mermaid." The second reason this game is so popular are the voices. Major Hollywood talent lent their voices to this game. Haley Joel Osment ("The Sixth Sense," "A.I."), David Gallagher ("7th Heaven"), Dan Castellaneta (voice of Homer Simpson) and Gilbert Gottfried ("Problem Child," "Aladdin") are just a few of the award winning voices in the game. With such familiar and respected voice talent, the game sounds great, and is pleasing to the ear. The third reason gamers flock to this game is the great environments. Each world in the game is a section out of Disney lore. Each wonderful movie has locations rendered in colorful 3D.

"Kingdom Hearts" for both the fans and the casual gamer. For avid fans of either Disney or Final Fantasy, there is a surprise around every turn. To see Donald Duck talking to Cloud is enough to put a fan into overload. And for the casual gamer, "Kingdom Hearts" is entertaining and easy to learn. The only drawback to the game is it can be too easy, and too short for the avid gamer. In addition the game play is a bit simplistic, making for rather routine play. ☺

"The characters just interacting with each other is enough to make a fan delight with joy..."



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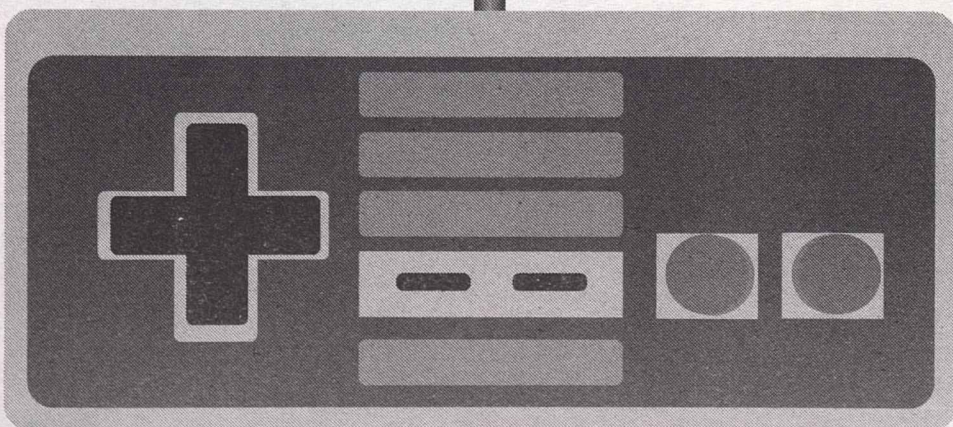
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MOVIE REVIEW



BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING
Rated: PG-13

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Staff Writer

Most readers have heard of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the independent comedy that came out of nowhere to smash records and exceed expectations to become the highest-grossing romantic comedy of all time. Star and screenwriter Nia Vardalos garnered an Oscar nod for Best Original Screenplay, and it's easy to see why — "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" is a smart belly-laugh of a movie with a big fat heart.

Frumpy Greek-American Toula has spent her whole life an outcast. As Toula explains in the first few minutes of the film, she is expected to do three things in life: marry a Greek man, have Greek babies and cook for everyone until the day she dies. She works at her family's restaurant and expects to do so

forever, until she meets a handsome stranger, Ian Miller (John Corbett, "Sex and the City") who inspires her to enroll in a community college and become the woman she's always wanted to be. Serendipitously, she and Ian cross paths again months later, begin dating, fall in love, and decide to marry. The only potential problems with their relationship are the differences between Ian's WASP-y family and Toula's loud, overwhelming, enormous family.

This film's charm lies not in its straightforward, no-surprises plot, but in its loving characterizations, broad humor and realism. This movie is believable because the characters and situations don't feel synthetic. It does not take place in some alternate universe populated by artificially beautiful people in unrealistic relationships, like so many romantic comedies. The characters look like real people, and the family depicted could be any family. Whose family doesn't have eccentricities that balloon into hilarious quirks in the retelling? In the case of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," Toula's father firmly

believes that a squirt of Windex will cure any ailment and that every word has its root in Greek, including "kimono."

Despite the broad humor, this film depicts a family that truly loves one another. In quieter moments, the audience gets a glimpse of their deep devotion and their earnest desire for Toula's happiness. While efforts to help the couple to the alter go awry, their eventual acceptance are proof that their hearts are in the right place.

This film is appealing because of the universal nature of the subject matter. Instead of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," it could be "My Big Fat Italian Wedding," "My Big Fat Jewish Wedding," or even "My Big Fat Southern Wedding." Everyone who sees this movie will be reminded of some wacky relative, some boisterous family gathering, or some horrible bridesmaid dress they suffered through out of love. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" is a hilarious, heart-felt confection that audiences will get a kick out of. Opa! ☺

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Sweet singer earns awards



COME AWAY WITH ME
Norah Jones

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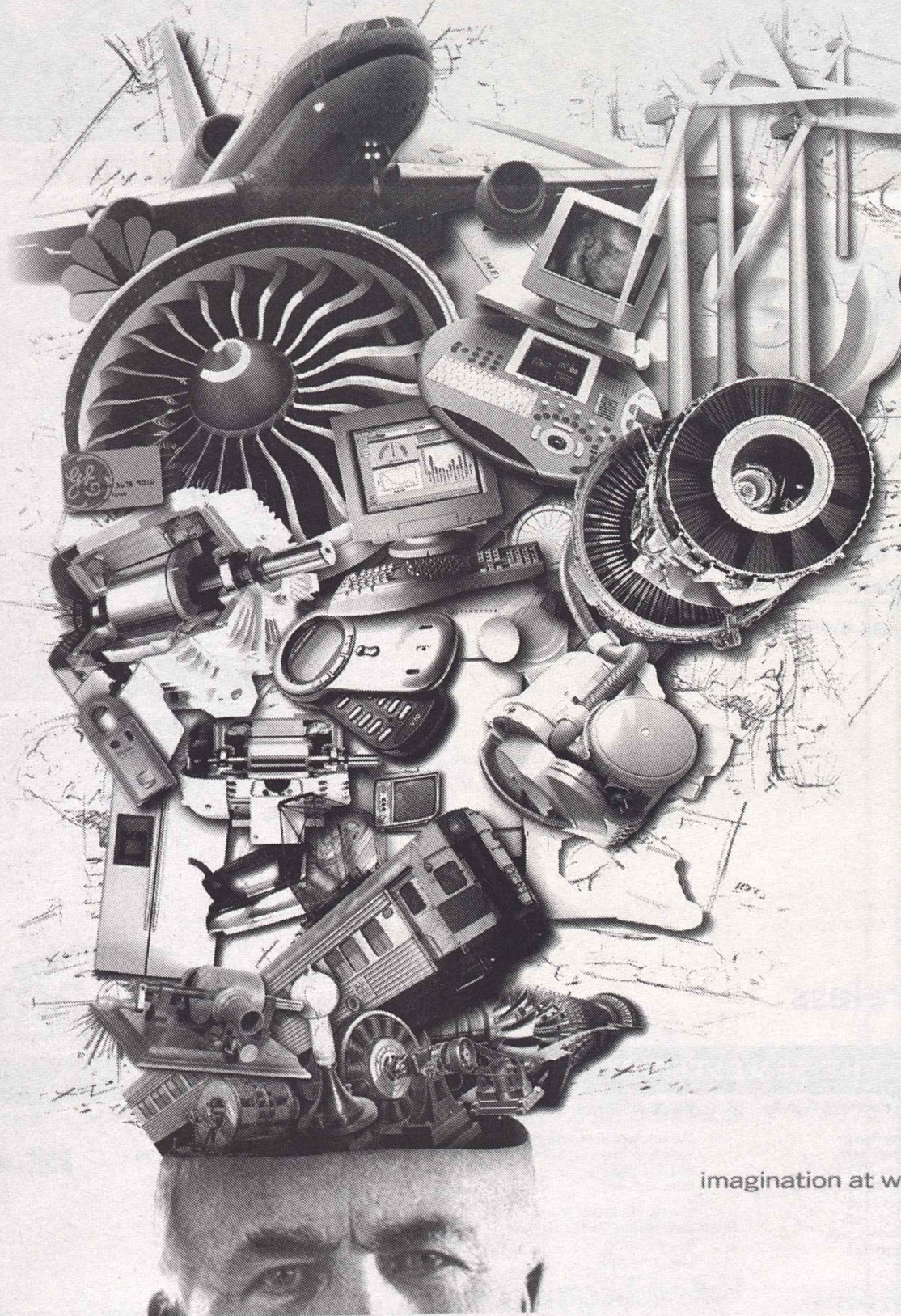
If you ever wondered how some chick named Norah Jones nabbed eight Grammy nominations, including Best New Artist, then go get her album titled "Come Away With Me." Norah's blend of soul, blues and jazz along with her distinctive voice and piano skills leaves a classic album for all collections. "Come Away With Me" is a perfect CD to chill out and relax to, for a car ride on a rainy day or really anytime. While listening to her album, one can imagine strolling into a smoky jazz bar with Norah Jones sitting at a piano spouting off song after song.

The album can attribute much of its success to the first single, "I Don't Know Why I Didn't Come." The song is a sweet melody of Norah's vocal range and original piano compositions. Her original lyrics also mirror the image of a confused love. "I've Got To See You Again," is another gem off of Norah's album. The song, with its slow violin and piano intro leads into a Latin feeling beat. The slow beat and blend of the instruments created a salsa dance feel to the song that makes you want to get out of your seat.

Jones also sings a few old remakes of songs, including Hank Williams' "Cold, Cold Heart." Jones' blue-sy songs have a old school feel to them, like you discovered some unknown singers. Norah Jones' unique and beautiful voice is always the center of attention in her songs. Her voice blends with the upbeat tempo of "Feelin' the Same Way Again" to create a another hit song. In addition, her blend of voice, lyrics and piano composed an original CD that everyone needs to pick up for those days when good music is needed to revive the soul.

For a sample of her music, check out Norah Jones on the Grammys this year where she is nominated for eight grammys and will be performing as well. ☺

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sights and sounds

Plenty of love to go around for Patty Griffin



1000 KISSES
Patty Griffin

SISSY MCKEE
Staff Writer

One of the rare singer-songwriters of our generation, Patty Griffin, not surprisingly, penned another incredible album. New England born, Griffin's raw and colorful emotions wind and bend throughout her soulful writing. Graced with a voice the size of Texas,

Griffin projects with the likes of Bonnie Raitt. Her male counterpart could easily be Bruce Springsteen. She masters telling you what you do not want to hear and employ language that is distinctly spirit. Her third album "1000 Kisses," released on ATO Records, is an excellent follow up to her electrified second album "Flaming Red." The sound of "1000 Kisses" is more closely linked to Griffin's first acoustic album, "Living With Ghosts." The lyrical elements and stylistics of the music seem to be sustained by her incredible voice. It seems the music

industry cannot get their minds around her talent. Griffin had a falling out with her label, A&M, after "Living With Ghosts" did not have the same sales as A&M's darling Dave Matthews Band. In the falling out, Griffin lost the rights to "Silver Bell," by far the best album never released, since it was recorded on A&M time.

"1000 Kisses" is full of incredible writing including Springsteen's "Stolen Car" which Griffin fantastically covers. "Making Pies," the only song from the lost "Silver Bell" album to make it on the album, invokes the

wisdom of age and experience: "Did I show you this picture of my sweetheart taken of us before the war? We tied our ribbons to the fire escape. They were taken by the birds who flew home to the country as the bombs rained on the world." Yet Griffin slips a moral into the story: "You could cry or die or just make pies all day. I'm making pies." Emmy Lou Harris sings harmony on the star of the album, "Long Ride Home" which opens with the lines: "Long black limousine, shiniest car I've ever seen."

This song accounts the first day spent alone by a widower: "I said goodbye to you and I threw my roses down. Ain't nothing left at all in the end of being proud with me riding in this car and you flying through them clouds" — beautiful and hauntingly uncomfortable. ☼



Valentine Wishes

from the lovable Tiger staff...

Dear Dan,
You will always be my Big Bear! I love you so much and I can't wait to marry you.
Love, Alex

To Kellie, my sweetheart...
Your eyes say it all when you look into mine — you are the one. I love you with all I am.
Forever yours, Mike

Dear Meredith,
Just wanted to tell you that I love you, sweetheart. Hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day.
Love, Heath

To the Best Boyfriend Ever,
Thanks for all the errands you did this week while I was busy. You always make my day brighter when I see you.
Love, Whitney

CeCe,
Thank you for being my lady fair. Marriage doesn't suck at all.
Love, Garrett

Sarah, you, the Catalyst:
A welcome relapse into my character of "romantic irresponsibility" which has introduced me to what love can truly be.
Love, Will

Danny,
Thanks for being my down and dirty lovin' redneck.
Love, Renée

Sweet Greenville Rose,
Your grateful trellis wishes you a Valentine as rosy as dawn sprinkled with dewdrop kisses of youthful morn. T.S.

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That frickin' comic

by Garrett Holt



Horoscopes

by Miss Tique

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) Try to keep your Valentine's celebration simple. Extravagance for an Aquarius can lead to a disastrous outcome. Play it safe and rent a movie and order in some pizza.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) Since Pisceans are romantics at heart, go all out for the romantic holiday. Dozens of roses, a candlelit dinner and romantic music are your thing. Oh, and skip the wine — go all out and get the champagne!

Aries (March 21 – April 19) Skip the Valentine's date with your sweetie and go out with your friends instead. The night will be lighter on your emotions and you will end up enjoying yourself more.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Be creative for Valentine's day. Have a picnic in the living room complete with flowers, the moon and stars. You can do this with your honey or with friends.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21) A group date is so much fun for you. After all, the more, the merrier! Go bowling or have a competitive, but fun darts or pool tournament. The most important thing is to make memories.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22) You don't need a holiday to profess your love — you are a lover 365 days a year. Valentine's Day is just another day to you, but you are planning on being romantic anyway.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Leos want to be adored. Unfortunately for your better half or your friends, you want Valentine's Day to be all for you — but you deserve it. Prepare to be treated like royalty.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Quit being so practical, Virgo. So Valentine's Day is commercialized. Just try to be a romantic and make the most of it. You might be surprised at the outcome.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 23) Don't think about yourself today. Go out of your way to make your loved one or friends know how important they are to you. Flowers, dinner, cards and music are a good start.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 21) Use Valentine's Day to do something productive. Think about helping out with a charity or service organization to show your love for yourself and your love for others.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) Let your adventurous spirit guide your holiday celebration. Go hiking or horseback riding to celebrate your love for nature. Take time to appreciate the sunset.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) Do what you feel like doing for Valentine's Day. If you think you should spend money on others, go ahead. If you have trouble throwing away money, just consider it your Capricorn instincts.

The Puzzler

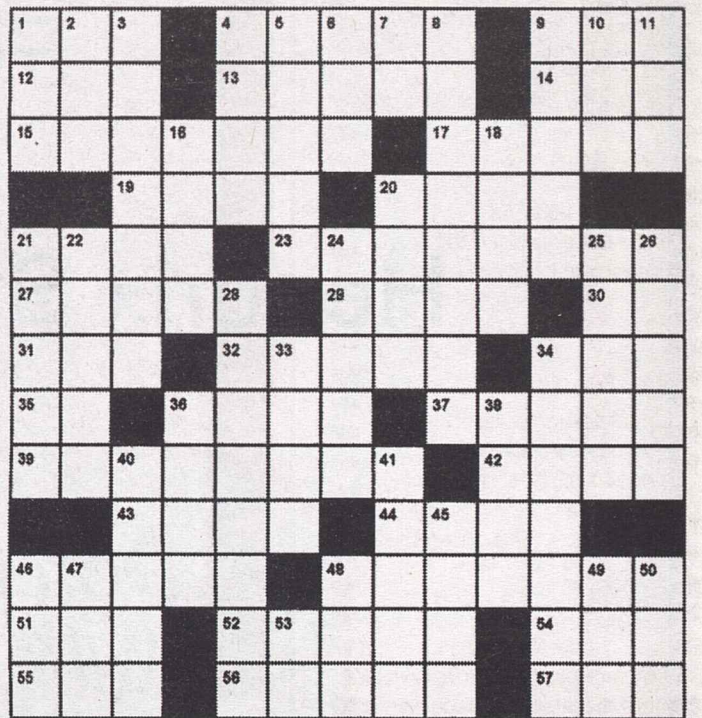
ACROSS

- 1 ___ Aviv
- 4 Remedy
- 9 Belonging to (suf.)
- 12 Is (p.t.)
- 13 Amphitheater
- 14 Give approval
- 15 Sedative
- 17 Correct
- 19 Wan
- 20 Taro plant
- 21 Aquatic animal
- 23 Engine cooling device
- 27 Danger
- 29 Window
- 30 Box Office (abbr.)
- 31 Order (abbr.)
- 32 Smell
- 34 Second smallest U.S. state (abbr.)
- 35 Southern New England state (abbr.)
- 36 Wide-mouthed pitcher
- 37 Rent
- 39 On the same team
- 42 Gr. god of war
- 43 Clock face
- 44 Melodious song bird
- 46 Record keeper
- 48 Behaviors
- 51 Policeman (slang)
- 52 Muse of lyric poetry
- 54 Bring action against
- 55 Small bed
- 56 Measured
- 57 Number

DOWN

- 1 Flap
- 2 Mistake
- 18 Family names in zoology (suf.)
- 20 Cheese
- 21 Game
- 22 Scary
- 24 To the left (naut.)
- 25 Fat
- 26 Positions
- 28 Senator
- 33 In fact
- 34 Blackest
- 36 Prince (Arabian)
- 38 Deserve
- 40 Good at doing
- 41 Make happy
- 45 Head movement (two words)
- 46 300 (Roman)

- 47 Card game
- 48 Cushion
- 49 Feel remorse
- 50 Chinese currency
- 53 Egyptian sun god



Answers to last week's puzzle

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D	U	N		L	E	V	E	R		E	N
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February 15, 3:30 p.m. Central Spirit Oyster Roast
Lot 4 near Doug Kingsmore stadium

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February 17, 7:30 p.m. President's Honors Colloquium
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