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## Posts function with remote control

*New hydraulic goal posts come down within five seconds.*

**CAROLINE STONE**  
Editor in Chief

This Fall, the University may have claim to the most exciting five seconds as well as the most exciting 12 seconds in college football. Appropriately, the 12 second title is owned by Clemson's game opening tradition of running down the Hill, and the five second title may now be claimed by the University's new end-game routine of remotely collapsing the goal posts.

In an interview with The State, associate athletics director, Robert Ricketts, said that the University recently purchased hydraulic posts from S5 Sports of Bridgeport, West Virginia.

In an interview with NCAA News, James Snider, owner of S5 Sports, said he decided to design the new posts after attending a West Virginia football game.

The posts, which are operated with a remote-control, can be collapsed within five to six seconds. As opposed to two other models the University previously considered



**HIGH TECH:** University officials prepare the field for the new season. The new posts, one of the first of their kind in the country, will not be taken down every game.

which had to be manually folded or disassembled down, these new posts

will allow the operators to be out of harms way.

Memorial Stadium will be one of  
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## Competition enters sandwich market

*Firehouse Subs moves to downtown, offers a new twist on an already popular good.*

**CAROLINE STONE**  
Editor in Chief

Move over Subway, a new sandwich shop is now doing business downtown. Firehouse Subs opened this July next to Clemson Wireless; Firehouse's owner, Donovan Carr, recognized the potential of another sub store in Clemson.

Firehouse's manager, Marc

Alexander said that he wanted to work for Firehouse because of their "high standards like quality food and customer service."

Alexander said that he and the other employees of Firehouse are "really excited about being here to feed everyone's fire."

The name Firehouse implies two of the chain's characteristics — its signature steamed or "fired" sandwiches and the restaurant's fire station theme. For first time customers, Alexander recommends either the Hook and Ladder, a sandwich with turkey, ham and Monterey Jack, or the meatball

sub.

Clemson's Firehouse currently has around 25 employees who make between six and seven dollars an hour. According to Firehouse's website, brothers Chris and Robin Sorenson started the chain ten years ago in Jacksonville, Florida. Both longtime firefighters, the two knew how to make subs that would "satisfy even the most heroic of appetites."

Inside Clemson's Firehouse Subs, pictures of firefighters decorate the walls, a yellow jacket and helmet hang on one wall, and Dalmatian spots even adorn the cups.

Menu items reflect the theme as well. Patrons can treat themselves to the "Hero" Sub, a combination of roast beef, smoked turkey, Virginia honey ham and melted provolone or the Engine Company Sub, smoked turkey, sautéed mushrooms and melted Swiss cheese.

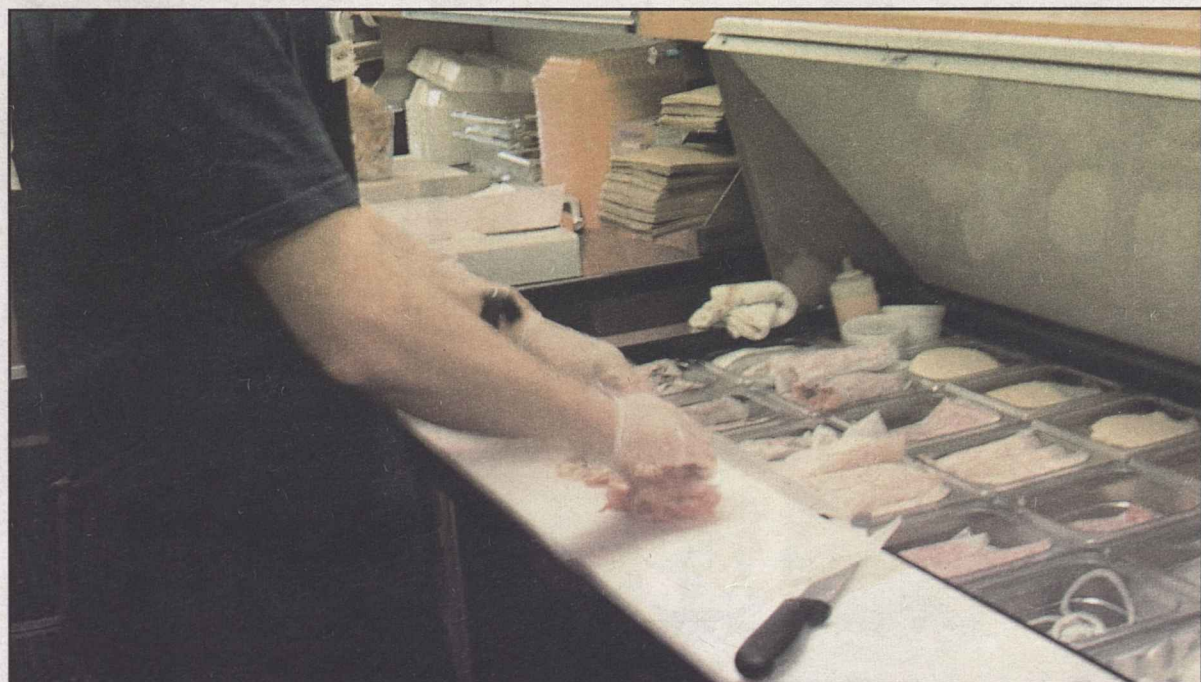
Additionally, Firehouse's menu explains to "all you rookies" that most of their subs come "fully involved," with mayo, mustard, lettuce, tomato, onion and a Kosher dill pickle.

Medium subs at the store are eight inches long; Subway's medium sandwich is six inches. Both chains offer a large 12 inch sub. However, the most apparent differences between the two downtown stores are their sandwich styles and their prices.

While both restaurants offer hot and cold subs, Firehouse is primarily known for its hot sandwiches, Subway its cold. At Firehouse a medium meal deal — an eight inch sandwich, chips and a soft drink — costs \$6.44, \$5.04 at Subway, but Firehouse's price does include those two extra inches of sandwich and a Kosher dill pickle.

Firehouse also offers a kid's meal for \$2.99. Junior customers can choose either turkey, peanut butter and jelly, Virginia honey ham, roast beef or grilled cheese. The sandwich is served on white, wheat or a sub roll with a kid's beverage and Oreo cookies. The meal also comes with a free fire hat.

Time will tell if Carr truly recognized a golden opportunity in the sandwich market. Until then, people will have a tasty time deciding where their preferences lie.



**SANDWICH ARTIST:** Firehouse Subs employees use fresh products to prepare sandwiches for customers, who lined up in the first few days of opening for the new restaurant.

### FEATURE



Check out some of the shots taken at this week's Welcome Back Festival. Maybe you or your friends made it into the issue, **C4**

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**SATURDAY:** Possible storms

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# Energy-saving helps lower cost of utilities

**RACHEL HOILES**  
FSU View & Florida Flambeau  
(Florida State University)

(U-WIRE) — Ever been reluctant to open the latest utility bill for fear of the disturbing amount that could be lurking inside?

The recent increase of energy service rates has left many Tallahassee, Fla., residents with this monthly feeling of dread, and the notoriously impoverished student populace is by no means an exception. Many students are left distressing over why their utility costs are rising despite the fact that their reported energy usage is not necessarily mounting with it.

According to Energy Services Representative Bob Seaton, energy costs in the states of Florida, Texas and California are the highest due to a heavy reliance on natural gas, and the increase doesn't seem to be letting up.

"The electric billing rate for Tallahassee has increased by 24 percent since last February," Seaton said. "That's the biggest year-range difference I've seen after 20 years of working in energy service."

Seaton added that many steps could be taken to lower the cost of a power bill, including annually checking for ceiling duct leaks to ensure that air from the furnace is being properly vented to all rooms of the house. He also suggested that energy conserving residents turn off their thermostats before going out, and since central heating and air depend entirely on thermostat settings, close attention should be paid to the temperature inside the home.

"As a general rule, the recommended setting for your thermostat is 68 degrees during the winter months, and 78 degrees during the summer months," Seaton said. "Now if you're using a heat pump during cold times,

it's a good idea to drop the temperature down to 65 or lower during the night, but if you're using a gas furnace, oil furnace or electric strip heating, it's best to drop it down to 55 or 60 degrees at night."

Free energy audits offered by the city of Tallahassee are another way for residents to learn how to keep their power costs to a minimum, although the waiting list is usually about four weeks long.

"An energy audit focuses on the specific needs of the customer," Energy Services Representative Ken Hochstetler said. "The auditor first comes to the home with a record of electric, water and natural gas consumption to give the resident an idea of their usage rates."

Then the auditor will check the condition of heating and air conditioning units, water heaters and refrigerators, and will look for leaky duct work." Hochstetler also recommends residents turn off heating and air conditioning units when not at home, and suggests using fans as much as possible. Other money and energy saving methods include using the washing machine, dryer, and dishwasher more sparingly, and some students even employ quasi-scientific methods to conserve power.

"Since my last utility bill I've been taking colder showers and putting aluminum foil on my windows as a radiant heat barrier," FSU sophomore Grant Jacobs said. "Seriously, it works."

While these technical measures may be taken to regulate energy costs, practical energy conservation is the consumer's most valuable tool. Others, however, prefer the absentee approach.

"If you really want to save your money, just spend a lot of time away from home," FSU senior Hayden Gellar said. "If no one is there, then no one can use up electricity."

**"The electric billing rate for Tallahassee has increased by 24 percent since last February."**

**BOB SEATON**

Energy Services Representative

# UCF avoids storm damage

**HEIDI A. DE VRIES**  
Central Florida Future (U. Central Florida)

(U-WIRE) — University of Central Florida suffered minor cosmetic damage but nothing worse from Hurricane Charley, which veered from its predicted course and scored a direct hit on Orlando, Fla., as it sliced across the state Friday, violently uprooting trees, flooding streets and leaving many in Central Florida without electricity.

Neighborhoods near campus were among those where fierce winds whipped off roof tiles, tore siding from walls and trees crushed parked cars.

The retail and commercial corridors of University Boulevard and Alafaya Trail still were largely without electricity and phone on Sunday afternoon, as were the residents of Lake Claire and Greek Row.

Orange County officials were predict it could take up to one week for all residents in the area to have their power restored.

Although the hurricane struck southwest Florida on Friday morning -- a Friday the 13th -- as a category-four storm, Charley had been downgraded to category two by the time its eye rolled over Orlando about 9 p.m. with winds gusting up to 105 miles per hour.

Hardest hit with winds up to 145 miles per hour was the harborside community of Punta Gorda, north of Fort Meyers in Charlotte County, where several people died and many were missing.

On campus, the only significant damage reported was in the Recreation and Wellness Center, where winds tore a hole in the roof that allowed water to seep in, Jose Vazquez, of the Environmental Health and Safety division of the UCF Physical Plant, said.

Damage elsewhere at UCF will be easily remedied. A flattened fence that separated the Lake Claire community and Greek Row was ripped out of the ground.

While fallen trees had mostly been cleared from roadways in the area by Saturday afternoon, an exception was University Boulevard, which remained blocked by a tree sprawled in the middle of the street. Two trees had fallen on

Millican Hall and were leaning against its frame Saturday, but didn't appear to cause any permanent damage.

Yet across campus, bicycles that had been left in racks overnight were twisted and crushed from the combined force of wind and flying tree limbs during the storm.

"You could see metal pieces fly by here," said Vazquez, who ran the UCF shelter in Sumter Hall that housed essential employees and their families during the storm. The group of about 70 people could see outside through the large glass windows, and watched a variety of broken signs and siding whipping around outside.

Like schools throughout Orange and Seminole counties, UCF shut down at 7 a.m. Friday in anticipation of the storm's likely arrival, and remained closed for the weekend.

Orange County Public Schools and the Orange County Courthouse, among others, planned to remain closed today and asked people to stay home while cleanup and emergency repairs in the area continue.

Vazquez credited the lack of serious damage at UCF to basic precautions taken by the Physical Plant — turning tables upside-down so they wouldn't fly up and emptying trash cans to prevent trash bags from littering the campus.

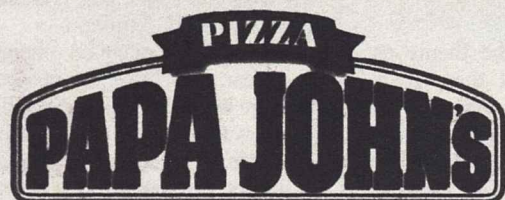
"Some of these guys have been out here since 8 a.m. (Friday)," he said Saturday afternoon.

In addition, emergency backup generators that kept the science labs cool, electricity running, traffic lights working and even powered a television with a VCR to play videos for the 23 children who spent the night in the campus shelter. "We did really good," Vazquez said.

Phone lines all over the county were still mostly unusable, and cell phone service was unreliable.

Current estimates for complete cleanup and restoration of power are in the five-day range.

Orange County has an estimated \$3.2 billion worth of damage from Hurricane Charley.



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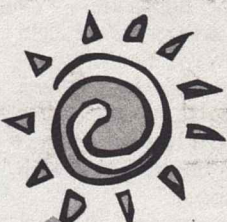
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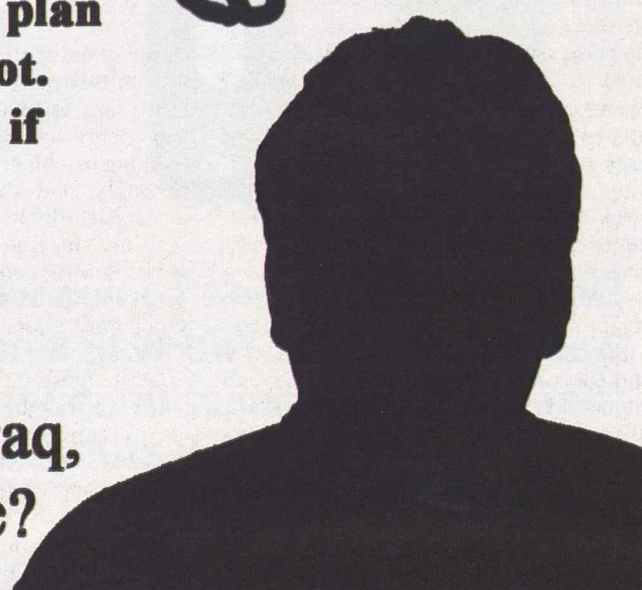
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# National survey studies alcohol use

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(U-WIRE) — About 9 percent of American adults have an alcohol abuse disorder, according to a recent nationwide survey by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institutes of Health questioned 43,000 adults about alcohol, drug and personality disorders to determine the cause of these behaviors. This is the largest such survey ever done on the topic.

The survey does not specify the ages of its participants, nor does it distinguish between those who are alcohol dependent and those who are abusers.

Steve Shetler, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) addiction specialist, said the center helps students who are both dependent and abusers of alcohol.

"An alcohol abuser is someone who practices behavior that has actual recurring negative consequences and doesn't alter their behavior but repeatedly returns to old behavior," Shetler said.

He added that a person with alcohol dependency or alcoholism is "someone who cannot control their drinking despite motivations otherwise."

Shetler said no statistics regarding the number of students seeking counseling for alcohol abuse currently exist at CAPS, but added that data might be available next year.

"We certainly try to accommodate anyone we can," he said. "My guess is that we're only seeing the tip of the iceberg. Those who abuse (alcohol) are hard to locate ... they don't want to participate in any type of survey."

Shetler said the students he counsels for alcohol abuse primarily begin drinking before coming to the university, but the problematic drinking habits are often developed at college. Students complain that the nighttime social scene at Penn State does not offer enough alternatives to drinking and students are not trying to become dependent on alcohol, he added.

"People are looking at alcohol to

enhance social life," Shetler said. "An (alcohol) abuser isn't looking for a problem."

Alcohol Intervention Program (AIP) director Diana Ramos said she believes alcohol abuse is taking place at the university because students are not fully aware of the consequences of drinking on their bodies, behaviors and personalities.

AIP is the program required for students cited for underage drinking at Penn State.

"Students are experimenting with their identities and certain groups are more widely accepted and having fun," she said.

AIP employee Linda LaSalle said she believes the local social scene is inundated with alcohol abuse because it is associated with having fun during college life.

Ramos added there are many reasons why a person might abuse alcohol.

For example, students may learn unhealthy attitudes regarding alcohol from within their family, she said.

Shetler said freshmen and sophomores are most at risk of developing an alcohol disorder while at college.

Juniors and seniors might drink less because they already have established friendships, are trying to bring up their grades and are working or looking for a job, he said.

Ramos said men and women might use alcohol for different reasons. She said some women might drink alcohol to feel more assertive toward men, while in actuality they lose some of their assertiveness.

Men who drink, however, might show more possessive behavior regarding women, which reinforces their "domineering" role in society, Ramos said.

Despite the survey's results showing that nearly one in 10 Americans abuse alcohol, a February 2004 Penn State Pulse survey found that about a third of students drink between one and five drinks each week.

"Data shows that most of our students make smart, healthy decisions about their drinking, LaSalle said.

# Nominee attends University

*Democratic candidate for vice president has roots in Clemson.*

**ISAIAH TRILLO**  
News Editor

Just about everyone has heard the story of Senator John Edwards. Born in Seneca, South Carolina just miles down the road from Clemson.

The son of a mill worker. First in his family to go to college. He completed his undergraduate degree at North Carolina State University and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

But, what many don't know, is that his first semester of college wasn't spent at NC State. It was spent at Clemson, in the fall of 1971. Edwards had moved to the town of Robbins, North Carolina several years earlier with his family, but came back to Clemson for college, which was his father's favorite school. Edwards' campaign biography doesn't list his time at Clemson, but he has mentioned it in several speeches.

In high school, Edwards played football, basketball and threw the

discus. At Clemson, he tried to continue his athletic traditions by going out for the football team. Edwards wore number 24 and was listed as a 6-foot, 156-pound safety.

Edwards apparently did not stand out during that season, according to an AP article, but one of his teammates, Jimmy Ness said, "He stood in there and ran the drills like all of us. He practiced hard, just like we all did."

Edwards wanted to remain at Clemson, but after being passed over for a football scholarship, he wasn't able to afford to stay and transferred to NC State, where he did not try out for any sport.

After graduating law school, Edwards began a career in the courtroom, racking up millions in settlements and in 1998, ran for the junior Senate seat in North Carolina, defeating a Republican incumbent.

Earlier this year, he declared his intent to run for the Democratic Presidential Nomination, competing against the eight other hopefuls from across the country.

Though he only won one primary — South Carolina's — Edwards was the last of the major candi-

dates to drop out of the race and admit defeat to Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts.

Many have compared Edwards to former President Bill Clinton; both are considered good speakers and have a southern charm that helps them poll well among female voters. Edwards struck a strong chord with his "Two Americas" theme during the primary season.

Just before the Democratic National Convention, which took place in Boston in July, Kerry announced that Edwards would be his running mate, a selection that was made official at the Convention.

Kerry and Edwards face incumbent Republican President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney in this year's presidential election.

It is unlikely that Edwards' time at Clemson will change the minds of many voters, but Kerry, who is from New England, will take all the help he can get in the South.

Both sides have polled roughly dead even since Edwards was chosen as the Vice Presidential candidate for the Democrats, and the election this year is shaping up to be as hotly contested as 2000.

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have in endowment has not produced as much income. So, the net effect of charitable giving has gone down," he lamented.

In order to minimize the \$22.5 million expense, the administration decided to try some internal shuffling to prevent or lessen a raise in general fees.

Through internal reallocations, the University was able to shave \$7.5 million off this amount. In other words, departments were able to save money by leaving job openings unfilled, downsizing programs, or cutting funds to research. Two million dollars alone was saved through deferred maintenance, the largest single internal cut in the University's system. The tuition fee increase itself will cover the external mandates (state budget cuts, etc.) and the competitive advantage investments (Top 20 effort, recruiting).

In addition to the 12.7 percent increase, President Barker proposed three other numbers: a 9.8 percent increase, 7.4 percent, and 6 percent. He strongly felt that in order for the University to continue operations with the students' best interests at heart, a 12.7 percent increase was necessary. Kirby notes that though tuition has increased, students may actually pay less in out-of-pocket expenses.

"Ninety-eight percent of South Carolina freshmen have a \$5000 or more scholarship," he explained.

"So, with a tuition cost of \$7,840, only \$2840 will be out-of-pocket."

In fact, the average cost of tuition for an in-state student since the inception of the LIFE scholarship program has never exceeded \$1,400.

Both Barker and Kirby are optimistic that this year, no South Carolina freshman at Clemson will pay full tuition.

Some Clemson students were not so optimistic. Michael Campbell said that he would be happy if he actually saw the benefits of the raise.

One student remarked that when he had to pay more for school, he was not quite as pleased, but acknowledged that it could be a good thing if the money could be used responsibly. Some students were also worried that some of their poorer comrades would not be able to attend with rising fees for tuition and meal plans. Kirby did not think that this was a major issue.

"Our statistics in the past suggest that we do not lose students with a tuition increase," he said.

Kirby also said that next year we can expect a much smaller rise in general fees, as long as the state does not cut the budget any more. But will the state ever return to paying as much of Clemson's expenses as it was four years ago? Kirby seemed unsure but optimistic. "I don't know. Gradually they will, but whether they ever go back to paying that much in current dollars, I don't know."

## FAST

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the first places in the country to use the new technology.

Ricketts said the posts will not be taken down every game; instead the decision will be made on a game to game basis by athletics director Terry Don Phillips.

The posts will cost the University approximately \$70,000 total. The technology costs \$50,000, and the department will need to spend \$20,000 to prepare the field under the posts.

At approximately \$5,000-a-pair, in the past two years the University has spent roughly \$10,000 replacing the previously torn-down standard-type posts.

Associate Athletic Director Katie Hill previously explained to The Tiger that the University considered the change after the 2002 Carolina Clemson game year.

After the game, fans tore down the goal posts, and, among others, Anderson County deputy Homer Booth was injured. He suffered a broken collarbone and several broken ribs.

Hill noted that after the incident, a University-wide task force was developed to deal with safety concerns.

Subsequently, officials reduced the number of fans allowed onto the hill, increased the number of security personnel present at games and implemented measures to reduce fans' alcohol consumption.

She said the task force decided not to purchase the collapsible goal posts out of "a hope that we wouldn't need to take it to that level ... that the changes we had made would be sufficient."

Additionally, at the beginning of the 2003 season, officials implemented "Gathering at the Paw." The initiative allowed fans to interact with the coaches and players on the field after the game while the Tiger Band played the Alma Mater.

According to Phillips, "Gathering at the Paw" was intended to "enhance the fan-friendly atmosphere that Clemson is known for."

However, after the Tigers defeated Florida State, Clemson fans failed to simply "gather."

They rushed the field, and in the process of removing the goal posts, several individuals were injured.

Hill pointed out that, while these injuries were "not as severe" as the ones fans incurred at the previous season's Carolina game, the fan safety issues raised at the FSU game helped move officials in the direction of collapsible goal posts.

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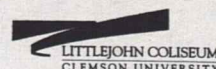
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# IPTAY legend retires

*Executive Director retires, but continues to work with athletic department.*

**ISAIAH TRILLO**  
News Editor

Every student is familiar with the firing of the cannon after a score. Every student has seen the thousands of bricks throughout the University's athletic facilities marked with donor information. The beginning of traditions have a way of becoming lost over the years, but many of the ones most known by Clemson students, past and present, can be traced back to a single man: George Bennett.

In 1954, Bennett was an undergraduate student at Clemson, as well as head cheerleader. In that position, he instituted the firing of the cannon after a score at football games. Since then, Bennett has devoted his life to Tiger athletics, beginning as an alumni field officer in the '60s, until he was made Executive Director of IPTAY, a position which he held for three terms.

He is particularly proud of the endowment program he created while Executive Director, because it made "such a significant impact on the total athletic program, particularly on the west end zone."

"I am also very proud of the Tiger Cub program, which will be great for the future of Clemson, with so many young people involved with Clemson and IPTAY at such an early age."

On June 30, Bennett officially retired from the position of Executive Director. However, not even retirement appears to be able to keep Bennett from continuing to support Clemson and the athletic department. He will stay on as an ambassador for the athletic department, continue to manage the Brick program and will coordinate many Athletic Hall of Fame activities.

Retirement for most people means less work, but Bennett doesn't seem to be slowing down.

"The big difference is that I get here at 8:30, instead of at 6 or 7," said Bennett. "For the first time yesterday, I went with a bunch of guys and had coffee at about 10 a.m. and solved all the world's problems."

Bennett isn't completely certain what his role as "ambassador," a position he was given by Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips, will entail, but, even after 27 years, he is still eager to support the Tigers.

In April, Bennett went to Houston for 42 radiation treatments for prostate cancer. While there, he "spread the word of Clemson."

"I wore a tiger paw shirt every day. People would come up to me and say, 'Oh, you're from Clemson?' I guess that was part of my ambassador job."

Bennett is confident that his checkup visit in Houston, which will coincide with a football away game at Texas A&M, will confirm his belief that he is completely cured.

In 2001, Bennett was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award in South Carolina. This past June, he was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Athletic Development Directors. He is also a member of the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame.

As part of his role working with the Hall of Fame program, Bennett is responsible for coordinating the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, which will take place this year on September 3.

# Following directions expedites aid

**RACHEL WORTHY**

The Vermilion (U. LA-Lafayette)

(U-WIRE) — University of Louisiana at Lafayette students who run into long lines and confusing forms in campus offices like financial aid and scholarships should seek advice from "someone who knows," said Director of Scholarships Adele Bulliard.

Additionally, Dean of Enrollment Management Dan Rosenfield emphasized that students should read any communications that financial aid sends out.

"Don't blow us off (and) don't throw them in the garbage," Rosenfield said. "Read them, understand what it is you need to do, contact us immediately if you have questions and make sure that you meet deadlines."

"In 90 percent of the cases where a student has got an issue, students (are) not doing what we have told them they needed to do in a timely fashion. Perhaps 5 to 10 percent are our errors. When we find out that a mistake has been made, we will, as quickly as we can, correct it."

Deadlines, Rosenfield said, "are not arbitrary, and we never try to be punitive, but if people miss deadlines they're gonna wind up having to stand in line."

They're gonna wind up with delays."

Bulliard said another way to avoid problems with financial aid is to "talk to someone who knows," not students.

"The key is to know who we are and to ask us questions," she said.

Rosenfield stressed the importance not only of corresponding with and understanding financial aid, but of keeping good records.

He said if a student's house is on fire, they should leave everything but take those documents.

"It's something people really need to pay attention to," he said. "They need to copy all of their financial aid documents and put them in a file."

"Lots of people do not keep good records, and good record keeping also enables us to, much more quickly, correct any errors that a student has made or any errors that we made."

Bulliard said students also should keep the publications handed out at freshman orientation. She said contact information and student handbooks are a convenient way to find the right offices and the right people with whom to talk.

"This is a large university, but we are a responsive university," Bulliard said. "If students make sure that they get to the right office, there will be people to help them."

Rosenfield agreed, adding that students should also document who they spoke with from which office.

"When students have a question or a problem, they should take note of the office and the person with whom they spoke," Rosenfield added. "It's very difficult for me to help them if I don't know with whom I need to start."

Rosenfield said university-student communications are a

vital part to a successful college career.

"We want students to contact us if they have a problem or to make a suggestion," he said. "That's what we're here for. Our doors are always open. Sometimes you're not the first person in an office, but nobody is gonna refuse to see you; nobody is gonna refuse to answer questions. Nobody is gonna refuse to help."

Despite students' perceptions about financial aid hassles, Rosenfield cited student opinion surveys that rated UL Lafayette above average among Louisiana universities.

"Our students are more satisfied with our financial aid office than students at other universities in this state," he said. "We mostly do a good job. When you're working with 14,400 undergraduates and 1,500 graduates, there are always going to be some number of problems."

We seem to have fewer of them than most institutions," Rosenfield attributed other university improvements to an active student government.

The development of the new ULink Internet portal, he said, is an example of making things easier for students by giving them access to transcripts and other important information.

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# Even with injuries, team ready, eager

*The Clemson Tigers open their 2004 season on Sept. 4 against Wake Forest.*

**KEVIN BARNES**  
Staff Writer

The Clemson University football team started their preparations for the upcoming season off on the wrong foot.

Literally. Junior tailback Duane Coleman suffered a broken foot during a drill on the first day of full contact practice on August 10th and is expected to miss six to eight weeks. The Naples, FL native was listed as the starting tailback going into this season, and started seven games last season en route to being named the Offensive Rookie of the Year by the coaching staff. He led the Tigers in rushing with 615 yards and two touchdowns while averaging 4.6 yards per carry. He was also the team's fourth-leading receiver by hauling in 34 receptions for 309 yards and three touchdowns.

The running back position now rests on the shoulders of senior Yusef Kelly, redshirt junior Kyle Browning and redshirt sophomore Reggie Merriweather.

Kelly was Clemson's leading rusher in 2002 as a sophomore and has the most career yards (888) and touchdowns (11) of any current Tiger running back. He had an injury-plagued season in 2003 that hindered his effectiveness and limited him to only 37 carries for 125 yards. The

230-pounder did get extensive playing time in the overtime win over the University of Virginia, in which he carried the ball 25 times for 88 yards and a touchdown.

Browning, from Union, SC, was recently moved back to the offensive side of the ball after spending all spring in the defensive secondary. Browning is the smallest of the three backs, at 5'7" 172 lbs., but is the strongest player on the team pound-for-pound. He started two games at tailback last season and scored a touchdown in the Peach Bowl against Tennessee. He also averaged an impressive 5.2 yards per carry in 2003. Merriweather was named the most improved running back during the winter off-season workouts and had an impressive spring practice as well. He appeared in all 13 games last season, mostly on special teams, but did carry the ball 16 times for 56 yards.

Another key loss for the Tigers is defensive end Vontrell Jamison who suffered a broken arm on the last play of practice the same day of Coleman's injury. He is expected to miss up to six weeks and will have to undergo surgery, but may be healthy enough to play in the season opener. The 6'7" 280 lbs. fifth-year senior is listed as the backup to Charles Bennett but was expected to see plenty of playing time. He played 298 snaps in 2003, and had 27 tackles (19 solo) ten quarterback pressures and two sacks.

"I like Vontrell's attitude, we will just have to see how he progresses after this surgery," said head coach Tommy Bowden.



**FOOTBALL:** Russell Triplett connects on a pitch in Clemson's 9-4 win over the South Carolina Gamecocks on Wednesday.

Other injured Tigers include junior wide receiver Michael Collins, who injured his leg on Monday, August 9. He had four receptions last season but did play in every game. He will

be counted on to use his 6'4" frame to help replace graduated receiver Kevin Youngblood. The injury is probably going to keep him out of the first game on September 4 against

Wake Forest. Junior receiver Curtis Baham has been limited because of a separated shoulder, and senior tight end Kevin Burnette is still recovering from a torn ACL.

## Crawford holds Olympic hopes

*Clemson graduate looks to win track and field gold in Athens.*

**ROY WELSH**  
Sports Editor

While Clemson fans impatiently wait for the start of college football season, they may struggle to find anything to whet their sports' appetites. The 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece should provide Tiger fans with a little excitement, particularly in the track and field events.

Shawn Crawford, a 2000 graduate of Clemson University, is the favorite to win a gold medal in the 200 meter dash. After winning the 200m at the US Olympic Trials in July, many view Crawford as the favorite in the 200m.

Crawford also won the 100m at this year's Prefontaine Classic with a time of 9.98 seconds, and will compete in that event as well. He is also in the pool for the men's 4x100m relay.

The first heat of the men's 100m will begin on Aug. 21, while the 200m and the 4x100m relay will begin on Aug. 24 and Aug. 27, respectively.

Crawford had quite an illustrious career at Clemson, winning National Championships in the 1998 and 2000 Indoor 200m and the 2000 Outdoor 200m. Crawford won 11 ACC championships during his career at Clemson.

Crawford walked onto the football team in 1999 and practiced with head coach Tommy Bowden's first Clemson team, but he later quit so he could focus on his track career, a move that has seemed to pay off.

While Crawford is known for

his blazing speed, he has recently gained some notoriety from his antics on the track as well. In January 2003, Crawford appeared on a FOX's "Man vs. Beast" and raced a giraffe and a zebra — he beat the giraffe but lost to the zebra.

"Tell the zebra I coulda whooped him," Crawford later said in an interview with ESPN the Magazine.

In a race in Italy in 2002, Crawford decided to false start on purpose, saying that he had never done it before.

As luck would have it, Crawford accidentally jumped the gun the next time and was disqualified. US Track fans and Clemson fans alike will hope that Crawford refrains from any such antics in Athens.

But perhaps his most bizarre incident on the track occurred in Milan, Italy in 2002. Crawford decided just minutes before his 200m race that he would run wearing a Phantom of the Opera mask, which he had tested for wind resistance by sticking his head out of a car window while en route to the race.

Unfortunately for Crawford, the mask twisted during the race, impeding his view. Crawford proceeded to run out of his lane and was subsequently disqualified.

Duane Ross, another former Clemson track and field standout, will also compete in Athens this summer.

Ross won a National Championship in 1995 the 110m meter hurdles and will compete in that event after finishing second in the high hurdles in July's US Olympic Trials. The first heat of the 110m hurdles will begin on Aug. 24.

## NCAA passes new regulations

**JOHN VOMHOF JR.**  
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) — When recruiting season begins this fall, prospective student-athletes will find fewer perks on college campuses.

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors approved a major recruiting reform package Thursday. The new rules take effect immediately.

The changes are intended to eliminate the celebrity atmosphere surrounding recruits on official visits and make the recruiting process more representative of student life on campus.

"What we're really trying to do is cut down on the amount of competition between institutions for a prospect and also the sense of entitlement, or sense that there are certain perks that come automatically with being a student-athlete," said Robert Hemenway, chairman of the board of directors.

NCAA President Miles Brand commissioned a recruiting task force in February in response to high-profile scandals at Colorado University, the University of Miami and the University of Minnesota.

Though the reform took shape quickly, Brand said the changes were not merely a knee-jerk reaction.

"It is true we acted rapidly when problems came to the surface through media reports and some of our institutions, but the problems are there and needed to be addressed," Brand said.

A key component of the reform requires all universities to develop written policies specifically prohibiting inappropriate or illegal behaviors such as the use of alcohol, drugs, sex or gambling in recruiting.

Policies must receive approval from campus presidents or chancellors by Dec. 1.

Most importantly, a university cannot bring recruits to campus for official visits until its policy is on file with the conference office.

"Your first official visits usually happen around the start of school, so I'm assum-

ing that realistically we have to have something on file with the conference office within the next two or three weeks in order to meet that requirement," said Frank Kara, the University of Minnesota's athletics compliance director.

But Athletics Director Joel Maturi said finalizing the policy should not take long.

"We are in pretty good shape with this because we've been working on this for some time," Maturi said.

The athletics department began developing its policy earlier this summer, before the NCAA man-

dated it do so, he said.

In addition to the NCAA requirements, Big Ten institutions have agreed to include a curfew of no later than 1 a.m. in their policies, Maturi said. The University has not yet determined its curfew, he said.

Another new rule bans lavish accommodations during official visits, requiring institutions to provide "standard" meals and lodging "similar to those offered on campus."

"Meals and lodging should be within a realm of common sense, and not be some fancy hotel or some incredible meal of a lifetime," Hemenway said.

But what constitutes "standard" remains unclear, Kara said.

"They didn't put a mile radius in there, they didn't put a dollar limit in there, so how are we supposed to tell what's standard?" Kara said.

Kara said he has asked the Big Ten Conference to organize a conference call for member compliance directors and representatives from the Big Ten and NCAA to better define "standard."

The most hotly contested aspect of the reform package was a rule limiting airfare to commercial coach fares.

Some officials think the requirement puts rural institutions at a disadvantage because they do not have commercial airports nearby.

In fact, there was enough debate on the matter that it was considered separately from the rest of the reform package.

The board voted 11-3 in favor of the rule.

Despite concerns about competitive equity, Hemenway said there was a general feeling that the use of private jets had con-



## From the PRESSBOX

As another fall in Clemson rapidly approaches, it is only appropriate to stop for a moment and discuss all that is yet to come.

For those of you in your first fall here, buckle your seatbelts and prepare for the most wonderful time of year. Changing leaves, autumn sunsets, 12-hour tailgating, a Thursday afternoon at the Esso, Death Valley, the Rock, the Hill, 81,000 rabid fans, Solid Orange Fridays, enough fried chicken to feed a small country, cold beverages, and of course Southern hospitality are just a sample of the things that make a fall in Clemson so special.

From the sea of orange that appears on Saturdays to afternoons on Bowman and boating on Lake Hartwell, this is more than just your generic college town. To pinpoint exactly what it is about Clemson that separates it from everywhere else is near impossible.

Find me a better game-day atmosphere than right here in Tiger Town, and I will call you crazy. It just simply does not get any better than we have it here in Clemson.

For many, Clemson football is a year-round sport. Sure, the season officially runs from September-

January, but the remainder of the year is spent preparing for the coming season. Between recruiting, spring practice, and August two-a-days — there is more than enough to keep the armchair quarterbacks among us chatting year-round.

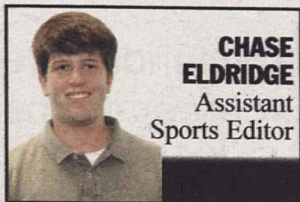
And football is the focal point of the fall. Excitement is in the air on campus as Heisman hopeful Charlie Whitehurst and All-American Leroy Hill lead the charge for the Tigers.

My prediction for the early part of the season — look for the Tigers to be 3-0 going into a September 25th matchup with Florida State in Tallahassee, which more than likely will be a battle of two top-10 teams. Can the Tigers make it two in a row against Bobby and the 'Noles? Only time will tell.

Depending on the overall health of the team, as well as a few questionable positions being firmed up, Bowden and Co. could prove themselves as a national power.

Nonetheless, this place will come alive starting in the early part of September, and if I can offer any advice, savor every minute of a great time of year in an even great-

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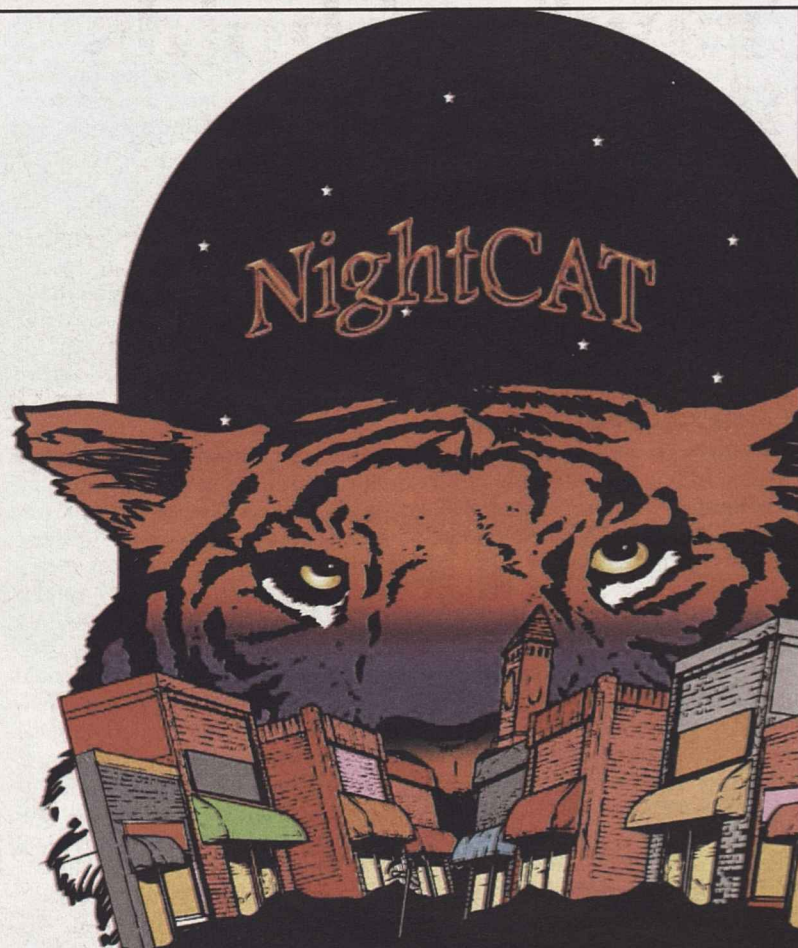
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# Ivies limit their schools' recruiting

**SAMANTHA LANE**

*The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)*

(U-WIRE) — Over the next four years, fewer student-athletes will be recruited to each of Dartmouth's 27 "Ivy Championship" teams thanks to new recruiting limits instituted at the Council of Ivy Group Presidents' 2003 annual spring meeting.

In addition to limiting the number of student-athletes that each Ivy institution may enroll during any four-year period, the Council increased the minimum qualifications required for admission -- typically measured by secondary school rank and standardized test scores. The average academic qualifications of students recruited each year must now meet the average qualifications of all students at the school.

For the first time, the admissions standards have been extended to the entire cohort of incoming "Ivy sport" athletes, as opposed to only the students recruited for football, men's ice hockey and men's basketball.

When the decisions were made, presidents James Wright of Dartmouth and Hunter Rawlings of Cornell said they were pleased that the new policies upheld academic standards.

"These actions ... renew and deepen our long-standing commitment to the principle that students who are recruited as potential athletes at each Ivy institution should be representative of that institution's overall undergraduate student body, especially as the credentials of those student bodies continue to improve," Wright and Rawlings said in a joint statement.

"Ivy Championship" sports, of which there are 33 in total, consist of men's and women's sports in which five or more Ivy League universities participate. Each institution's four-year limit on the number of students it recruits will be based on the specific sports it sponsors.

While football players are not included in the four-year limit, recruiting restrictions on the Ivy football programs were also recently heightened.

The Dartmouth football team witnessed a decrease in the number of recruits, from 35 to 30 players per year, beginning with the Class of 2007. This will result in a total loss of 20 players over a four-year period that could be harmful to the team, according to coach John Lyons.

"Raising the (academic) standards

has narrowed the pool as to who you can recruit and, more importantly, has made it so that you can't afford to make any mistakes in recruiting," Lyons said.

The changes require coaches to be much more precise in their projections for where their teams will be in a year, Lyons said.

Also, there is much less room to account for injured athletes and for athletes who might need time to develop.

For all of the other "Ivy Sports," the Class of 2008 has been the first to be affected by the academic and recruiting changes.

"Good thing I got in when I did," Class of 2006 varsity lacrosse player Casey Hazel said.

The new regulations are part of a larger movement instituted by the Council of Ivy Group Presidents in

response to two books written by William Bowen, the former president of Princeton. Bowen's books, "The Game of Life" and "Reclaiming the Game," took a critical look at the role of athletics in institutions of higher education. Bowen found that too often admissions standards are lowered for athletes and that student-athletes are over-represented in the matriculating classes.

Bowen pointed out that Ivy League athletic programs prevented athletes from pursuing other extracurricular and personal activities. As a result, in June 2002 the Council of Ivy Group Presidents limited the number and frequency of offseason practices and required that there be at least 49 offseason days free from required or coach-supervised activities. While this "time-off" scheduling benefits student-athletes, it also has its down sides.

One varsity athlete who wished to remain anonymous, said, "We always had the unspoken pressure of, 'Well, you guys are on your rest period but you can come to these optional things' — optional meaning pretty much mandatory or else we will think less of you, and you won't get as much playing time."

Nina Fulmer of the varsity field hockey team said she felt disadvantaged compared to other Division I programs.

How Dartmouth will fare against Division I schools that are not subject to the new Ivy League recruiting policies remains to be seen. Athletic Director Josie Harper and Deputy Athletic Director Bob Ceplikas were not available for comment.

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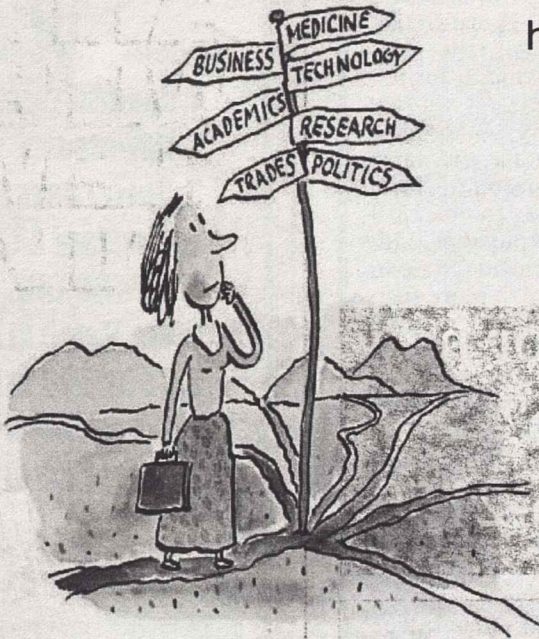
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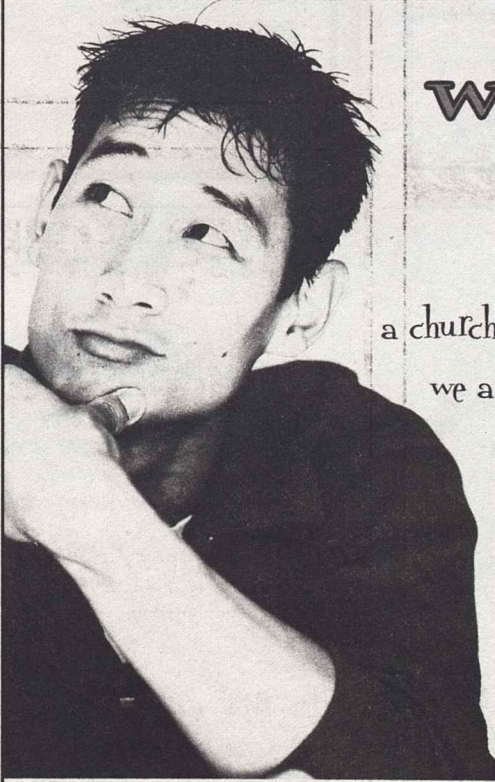
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## NCAA

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tributed to the sense of entitlement in recruiting. The board also wanted a clear standard without the need to grant special waivers based on individual circumstances, he said.

Though the University has a commercial airport nearby, it has other disadvantages, Kara said.

"We don't have to deal with being hard to fly into, but when we bring in a football recruit in December, it's cold," he said. "Everything tends to balance out."

The new standards also call for using standard vehicles to transport students on campus.

Kara said the rule will have little impact for the University because it generally uses the coach's car or a vehicle from fleet services. Taxis are sometimes used, he said.

The Big Ten Conference has always banned using limousines and vehicles with televisions, Kara said.

A rule prohibiting the use of personalized recruiting aids such

as jerseys or scoreboard presentations will change how the University conducts official visits, Kara said.

Some teams place jerseys with recruits' names on them in the locker room when touring facilities, Kara said.

Under the new rule, teams could no longer do that, he said.

The last component of the reform requires that student hosts be student-athletes on the team recruiting the prospect or a student who conducts tours for the admissions office.

The rule means Go-pher Gold must become part of the University Ambassadors program if it continues in the future, Maturi said.

"Go-pher Gold as we know it cannot exist," he said. "Whether those people do something with the admissions office and help with athletics 'recruiting would not be up to me. The group can no longer be part of the athletics department.'"

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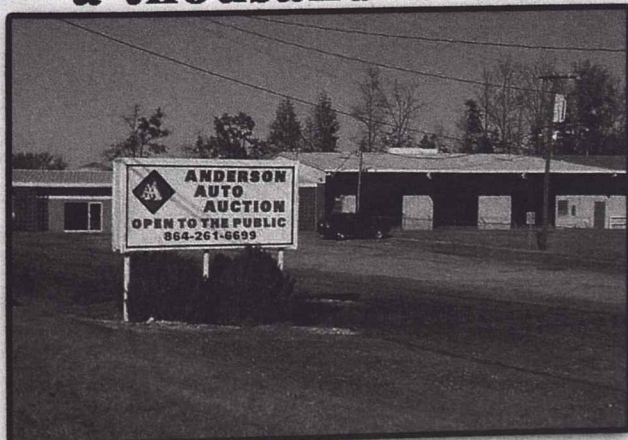
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# South Carolina athletes strive for gold

**STEPHEN DEMEDIS**  
The Gamecock  
(U. South Carolina)

(U-WIRE) — While South Carolina has been known for athletic excellence in both the SEC and NCAA, the school is hoping to make a name for itself on the world level as 22 talented individuals with USC ties from nine different countries compete in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, this month. The athletes and coaches will represent their countries in five different areas: track and field, swimming, diving, basketball and tennis.

Carolina's presence will be felt most in the track and field competitions, and rightfully so. USC's track and field program, considered to be one of the best in the nation, is comprised of top athletes from around the world.

The most recognizable is 2003 USC graduate Aleen Bailey. The Jamaica native will represent her country in the 200-meter, 4x100-meter relay and the 100-meter, which is her best chance at gold. Bailey was a co-captain at USC and led her team to the 2002 NCAA national championship while achieving eight All-American honors.

Also representing Jamaica will be USC junior Shevon Stoddart. The four-time All-American will be run-

ning the 400-meter hurdles.

Competing against Stoddart will be USC teammate junior Lashinda Demus, an American. Lashinda was a key member of the 2002 national championship team and won a 2004 title in the 400-meter hurdles this past season.

The only other current student competing in Athens this year will be sprinter Adrian Durant of the Virgin Islands. The USC junior will be running the 100-meter, 200-meter and 4x100-meter relay. Durant was Carolina's top 100-meter runner this past year and ran the 4x100 in the NCAA's this past season.

Otis Harris, Durant's teammate of a year ago, opted to turn pro instead of returning for his senior year. Just like he did at Carolina, Harris will be running the 400-meter and 4x400-meter relay for the U.S. This will be his first Olympic appearance. Harris set a school record in the 400-meter when he took second in the 2003 NCAA's.

Like Harris, this will also be the Olympic debut of graduate Otukile Lekote of Botswana. The five-time SEC champ will be running the 800-meter and 4x400-meter relays. Lekote was the National Scholar Athlete of the Year while running for the Gamecocks.

Two USC graduates will be making a return to the Olympics this

year. Both Terrence Trammell and Tonique Williams-Darling ran in Sydney. Trammell, running for the U.S., won the silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles and is considered to be a top contender to win the event again. Williams will run for the Bahamas in the 400-meter and 4x400-meter relay.

Carolina's past success at the highest level has attracted other top-class athletes to the sports program. Two cases in point include Melissa Morrison and Allen Johnson. Both are past medal winners for the U.S. who came to USC to train and coach the Carolina track team. Morrison will compete in the 100-meter hurdles and won bronze in that event in Sydney. Johnson won gold in 1996 in Atlanta in the 110-meter hurdles and will give it one last run in Athens.

Three Carolina graduates will compete in the field competitions this month. Canadians Michelle Fournier and Brad Snyder will return for their second Olympics. Fournier finished 13th in Sydney in the hammer throw, and Snyder will look to improve on his seventh-place finish in his qualifying group in shot put. Lisa Misipeka, "Somoa's Golden Girl," will also compete in the hammer throw. As a Gamecock, Misipeka was a 10-time All-American and is now ranked in

the top 10 in the world.

One main reason for the success of the Carolina track program in seasonal competition and at the Olympics is the instruction of USC head coach Curtis Frye. In his nine years at Carolina, Frye has led the school to its first NCAA championship and brought the track program to prominence. For his accomplishments, Frye was honored with being named the U.S. women's assistant track coach. He will train and prepare America's explosive sprinters and hurdlers, including some of his own Gamecocks.

In the pool, USC will be represented by four of its best swimmers from the past decade. The foursome, composed of Istvan Bathazi, Tamas Bathazi, Zsolt Gaspar and Tamas Szucs, swam with and against each other in their native Hungary before being recruited by Carolina. Istvan Bathazi, a senior, is no stranger to the Olympics as he competed in 1996 and 2000. This year, the former All-American will swim the 800-meter freestyle relay. Szucs will be paired with Istvan Bathazi in that event. His brother Tamas is entering his second season as a Gamecock, and this will be his first Olympic appearance. He will swim the 800-meter free style.

Gaspar, a USC graduate, will carry a large load for his country

this month, swimming four different events: The 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter fly, 400-meter freestyle relay and 400-meter medley relay. His best chance for gold is the 100-meter fly. In Sydney four years ago, Gaspar finished second in his heat, sixth in qualifying, but fell to 11th in the semifinal. At Carolina, he won two SEC championships, posting a fly time of 46.55 seconds.

In the diving competitions, Carolina's lone representative is junior Tracey Richardson. Diving for her native England, Richardson will be competing in the 3-meter board dive.

This has been her most successful event in collegiate competition as she won the SEC championship in her second year with a score of 523.55. Richardson later took 10th in the NCAA's that same year.

Turning to the hardwood, the U.S. women's basketball team will be bolstered by the presence of USC graduate Shannon Johnson. The former Gamecock guard has won five international medals, including four gold, but never at the Olympics. The Hartsville native is a four-time WNBA All-Star and plays overseas in Russia.

Also coaching in Athens will be USC graduate Maxxy Jimenez. He will coach the Venezuelan women's tennis team.

## Recruit shot, killed

**ALEX TAM**  
Oregon Daily Emerald  
(U. Oregon)

(U-WIRE) — Oregon football recruit Terrance Kelly was shot and killed in his hometown of Richmond, Calif., shortly before 11 p.m. on Thursday night.

Kelly had planned to come to Eugene, Ore., on Saturday, in time for fall football camp beginning this week. Oregon's first football game of the season is at home against Indiana on Sept. 11.

Kelly, an incoming freshman who was a star football player at De La Salle High School, had been playing basketball Thursday and went to pick up his 16-year-old stepbrother, Brandon Young, who was at a friend's house.

When Kelly pulled up to the house to pick up Young, Kelly was shot four times in the chest and was found lying the street with his legs still in the car.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. Kelly was 18.

"We all mourn and send best wishes to his family, friends and teammates," Oregon football head coach Mike Bellotti said.

"Certainly, it's very difficult to begin the season with this type of thing, but the most important people are Terrance's family, friends and his grandmother, who is in the hospital. Our prayers go out to them in this time of loss."

Richmond (Calif.) police have arrested one suspect and are searching for a second suspect. The motive is still not known. On Saturday, police arrested 18-year-old Lary Pratcher at home. He is being held on \$2 million bond and is being charged with murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Police are looking for Pratcher's younger brother, 15-year-old Darren Ray Pratcher, the second suspect. Officials are asking for help from the community in finding the younger Pratcher. According to The Oregonian, Sgt. Enos Johnson of the Richmond Police Department said that the community was the main source in helping police track down the first arrest in the case.

Kelly's 28-year-old cousin, Malik Carr, told the Contra Costa Times that he blamed the Richmond area for the shooting and the death of his cousin.

"He was the best person to come out of here ever. I never would have His death is the first of an Oregon athlete with remaining eligibility since basketball player Jesse Nash drowned in the Willamette River in a swimming accident in May of 1987.

## Intramural SPORTS

### Fall 2004 - Schedule of Sports and Special Events

Sports/Special Events	Fee (if applicable)	Registration Dates	Play Begins
Sand Volleyball Tournament	NO FEE	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 28
Softball +	\$25.00	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 30
Ultimate Frisbee	\$25.00	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 30
Tennis (Team Format)	\$15.00	Aug. 23-25	Aug. 30
Dodgeball Tournament	\$5.00	Sept. 27-29	Oct. 2
7-on-7 Flag Football Tournament +	\$10.00	Sept. 27-29	Oct. 9
7-on-7 Flag Football +	\$25.00	Sept. 27-29	Oct. 11
6-on-6 Indoor Volleyball	\$25.00	Sept. 27-29	Oct. 11
3-on-3 Basketball	\$15.00	Sept. 27-29	Oct. 11
Racquetball Singles/Doubles	\$5.00	Sept. 27-29	Oct. 11

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Sport	Clinic Date(s)	Time
Softball	August 25	4:30pm
Basketball	September 15	4:30pm
Flag Football	September 29 & October 6	4:30pm

### GET INVOLVED!

Clemson University Intramural Sports is proud to announce for the first time, The Intramural Sports Campus Council and Judiciary Board. The Council and Board will be comprised of Clemson University Students, Faculty and Staff who develop, organize, and promote Intramural Sports and Special Events/Tournaments on the Clemson campus. Meetings are fun, informal and a great place to find people with common interests. The Council and Board are great ways to get involved and make a difference. Call or stop by the office for more information.

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[STAFF EDITORIAL]

# New goal posts protect, keep celebrations unique

Across the nation goal posts will be falling at the end of college football upsets again this year — it's become a fact of life. Clemson's goal posts will be down on the field on a regular basis, too, but not because excited students are tearing them down.

The new hydraulic goal posts being installed will collapse toward the football field with little more than the pull of a pin and the push of a button. While some students may be disappointed with the change, it is actually a wise decision and one that should be an improvement for post-victory celebrations rather than a damper.

Just think about all the other Clemson football traditions: Running down the Hill, touching Howard's Rock, chanting C-L-E-M-S-O-N around Death Valley. All of these traditions are unique to Clemson and make Saturdays in Death Valley unlike any other campus in the nation.

Why should the post-game celebrations be any different? Tearing down goal posts after an upset victory or a big win over a rival may seem like a college football tradition, but it is really becoming commonplace these days. Chances are that five to 10 sets — or maybe even more — will fall somewhere around the nation in this coming season.

Let's face it: Anyone can tear down a goal post. It doesn't take particularly dedicated fans or even a particularly remarkable victory. At the rate goal posts are falling these days, it no longer marks a special win and certainly does not set the school's fans apart as passionate or enthusiastic about their team. More likely, the adjective "drunk" would lead to more goal post collapses than "passionate."

Clemson can do better. It may take some



creativity, some thought and some passion, but Tiger fans can celebrate the close of a game just as uniquely and just as well as they do the start.

Secondly, the hydraulic collapsing of the posts before the final buzzer will allow the post-game festivities to be focused on the players and coaches, rather than on the parts of the field.

How about carrying the hero of the game off on the shoulders of rowdy (but careful) students instead of the heroic goal posts? Unless

they help bank a field goal in, goal posts don't deserve too much attention for a big win.

The Clemson tradition of allowing fans on the field with the players is special and unique, if not exclusive. Even in the controversy over the goal posts, administrators have been careful to preserve this family-friendly practice. Clemson fans should never take it for granted.

Finally, there is of course the issue of injuries. Granted, most of the injuries suffered at Clemson and elsewhere have been relatively

minor, but imagine what happens when one freak accident turns an upset victory over Florida State into second-page news because of a post-game injury or death.

People are much more important than being able to celebrate in a particular fashion, and the chance of overshadowing a big moment for the team with a small mistake by some fans — even if minimal — is too great.

Some will object that the new goal posts are too expensive and a waste of money. They may not be cheap, but over the long haul, if they hold up and work properly, they may save the school money.

Even if they don't, they're worth the price if they save one injury or life. There's no way to begin putting a price on that.

With Clemson moving steadily up the national rankings to a preseason No. 16 this season, and with Miami or Florida State, two perennial top 10 teams, coming to Death Valley about once a year, chances are there will be some wild celebrations after some huge victories in coming seasons.

All these celebrations should be safe, team-centered and unique to Clemson like every other Clemson tradition. Maybe the Gathering at the Paw is not the final answer, but it's a start. Sure, it hasn't caught on completely yet, but maybe with the attention now off the goal posts, loyal Tiger fans can focus on finding a Clemson way to celebrate that will stick for generations.

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## Another year, reflections on past achievements

Dear Clemson Students:

The beginning of the new academic year is always filled with anticipation, especially for the freshmen and transfer students who are just starting their Clemson Experience. But, it's also a good time to reflect on the year we've just completed, which may be remembered as one of Clemson's most significant. Consider all that has occurred since this time last year.

We broke ground for a 400-acre automotive research campus in

Greenville, a project that has already generated commitments of more than \$114 million in public and private funding. We announced plans to invest \$70 million over the next five years at the

Clemson Research Park to support the advanced materials industry cluster, and we will occupy a brand new laboratory there this fall. We dedicated a state-of-the-art biosystems research complex on campus, which will be the focus of research supporting the growing biotechnology industry. Clearly, Clemson has claimed a major role in building a knowledge-based economy for South Carolina.

In academics, our students and faculty continue to earn national recognition. Four students won nationally competitive Goldwater Scholarships, the most a university can receive in a single year. A faculty member was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and another faculty member was named a Hoover Fellow.

The faculty also completed work on a new curriculum that will focus on learning outcomes and should increase four-year graduation rates. By reducing the number of hours needed to earn most degrees, the new curriculum can give students more opportunities to engage in service projects, research and international studies.

But, what's amazing is that this year promises to be even more remarkable. We have just enrolled the third freshmen class in a row with an

average SAT above 1200. Clemson continues to be the number one choice of the state's Palmetto Fellows and Byrd Scholars. By every measure of student quality, Clemson ranks among the nation's top 20 public universities. Specifically, you rank at #12 in SAT scores and #19 in graduation rates.

Outstanding students demand outstanding academic programs, and Clemson is responding. Under the leadership of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dori Helms, plans are under way to implement a new undergraduate research

program that will make Clemson nationally distinctive. The concept is to guarantee that every undergraduate student, starting in the sophomore year, will have an in-

depth, three-year research experience, working in small teams guided by a faculty mentor. The program builds on Clemson's traditional research strengths, as well as, our focus on the undergraduate and close faculty/student interaction.

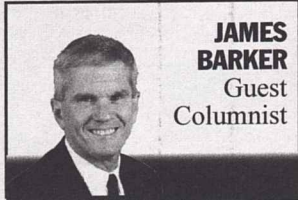
All research universities offer such opportunities to some students, but to our knowledge, no other institution extends the offer to every student. We often say that Clemson is a **student-centered research university**; this program will prove it. Pilot programs will start this year, and we hope to begin phasing in the first full class in the fall of 2005.

The undergraduate research concept is the latest in a series of new initiatives designed to give you the highest quality academic experience possible.

Along with the summer reading program for new students, the electronic portfolio, the academic support center and the class of '41 writing studio, it is more evidence of our commitment to academic quality. You demand — and deserve — nothing less.

Have a great year!  
Sincerely,

James F. Barker



**JAMES BARKER**  
Guest  
Columnist

## Beware of hurricanes, work

Well, it's that time again — welcome back to another thrilling year at Clemson University, this year with 50% less carbs and 12% more vitamins and minerals!

And by "vitamins and minerals," I of course mean "tuition." After several years of tuition hikes that have left students reeling and have me ready to hock my seed just to pay my bills, Clemson is well on its way to the "Top 20" — Top 20 most expensive public schools, that is.

But thankfully, another nasty tuition increase wasn't the only big summer event here in Clemson. The times they are a changin', as evidenced by startling summer progress that includes a new downtown stoplight, several new businesses, a revamped library computer lab, and Tuesday/Thursday penguin races on Bowman! (Just kidding about the penguin races, freshmen.)

All jokes aside, I really am excited to be back for my senior year with a lighter schedule and more time to do the things I want to do, like vegetate. But sadly, the summer days weren't always as bright this summer as they have been in the waning moments leading up to students' return to campus and the first day of class.

That's right — this summer, I, like many of you, had to get a job. It's a terrible precedent, I realize — working during the summer — but in the interest of earning money for such luxurious amenities as food and shelter, I had to do it.

I decided to put my valuable engineering acumen to work and managed to land an internship with an engineering

company in Greenville. Over the course of my internship, I learned a variety of valuable lessons: I don't like wearing khakis on a daily basis. Cubicles are not conducive to

workday naps. Commuting to and from Greenville everyday is almost as much fun as being accosted by a gaggle of hungry geese. And most importantly, engineers, by and large, don't do anything even remotely resembling my conception of "engineering."

Instead, they attend meetings. Lots of them. In these meetings, they spend tremendous amounts of time talking about engineering. They point at graphs and mumble key engineering phrases like "data," "wear," "fatigue failure," or even "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah." Other engineers silently shake their heads in agreement, and then they all disperse to create exciting PowerPoint presentations for management that reduce key engineering design considerations into bulleted items like "wheels round" or "flame hot."

Naturally, I was crushed. The startling realization that my entire career choice was based on a terrible misconception made it clear to me that working for a living may not be

the way to go, and after much soul searching, I'm now toying with the ideas of either being a househusband or, better yet, homeless.

After all, why work for a living? Can't the LIFE scholarship live up to its namesake and keep me in college for life? Is professional student not a valid career choice? And who came up with this whole "work" thing, anyway?

All of these questions nagged me throughout the summer, so last week, I decided I desperately needed an escape to contemplate my future — I needed a vacation.

I found a terrific deal on a four day trip to the Florida Keys, and was to leave for Key West just last Thursday.

I woke up that Wednesday morning, thrilled about my purchase, only to discover hurricane Charley was predicted to wipe Key West off the map.

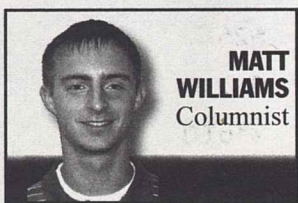
Now, a week later, I think there is a very important lesson we

can take away from this unfortunate situation.

Hurricanes, much like work, will ruin your life.

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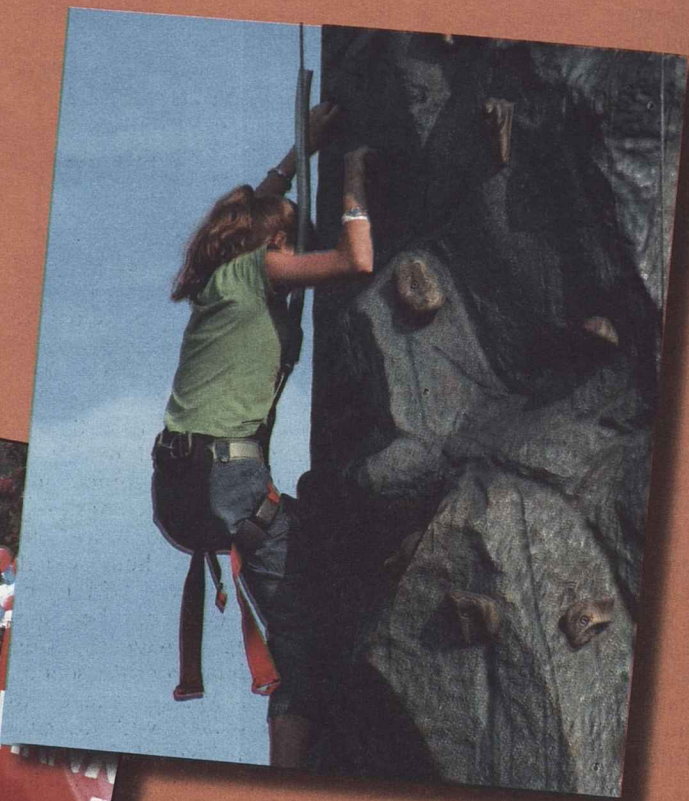
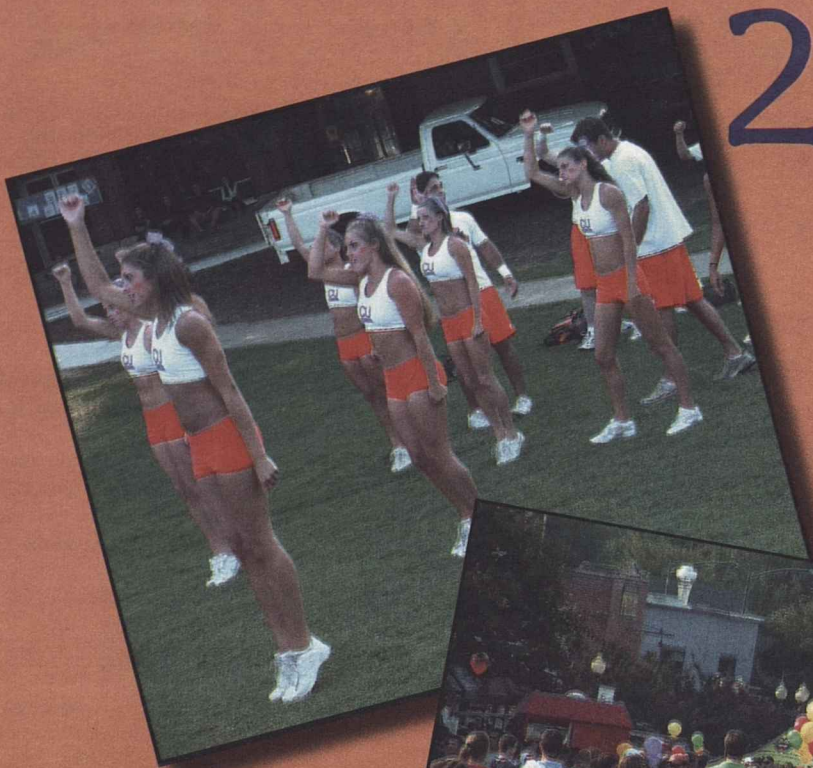
**Matt Williams** Matt is a senior in house husbandry who would like to say hello to Allison and Emily, fellow SC Poultry Fest attendees. Email comments to letters@thetigernews.com.



**MATT WILLIAMS**  
Columnist



# WELCOME BACK 2004!!!



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DANIEL MCCORD





## THE TOP 5

### Top five movies you probably missed this summer

**DANIEL MCCORD**  
TimeOut Editor

Movies come. Movies go. Sometimes it happens so fast that you never get a chance to see what's out there. And in many instances, certain movies avoid the Clemson area like the plague. Luckily for everyone, there are those of us who strategically place ourselves in a geographic position where catching nearly every summer release is possible. So here's a short but sweet list of those flicks that likely went right by without catching your attention this summer.

#### "Coffee and Cigarettes"

Jim Jarmusch's string of vignettes loosely connected by the titular items was one of the most interesting flicks of the summer. Shot in black and white basically over the last two decades, the film follows conversations between pop-art celebrities over cups of coffee and of course, cigarettes. With a huge cast (Tom Waits, Meg and Jack White, to name three) recognizable by any knowledgeable hipster out there, "Coffee and Cigarettes" wins the celebrity-filled-art-film award.

#### "Napoleon Dynamite"

"Gosh, idiot!" For those who saw it, "Napoleon Dynamite" was probably the most quoted and quotable flick of the summer. The film, made by a handful of Brigham Young University students and graduates, goes to show that anybody can make a hit indie film (that is, anyone with a kitschy, off-kilter sense of humor and a glorious red quasi-afro). For anyone who ever thought they just didn't quite fit in back in the glory days of high school, this film is evidence that there are definitely those out there who are much less fortunate. Directed by BYU grad Jared Hess (who apparently also dozed through classes at the Wes Anderson school of film), the film isn't much more than a handful of hilarious sketches strung together with a weak plot. While not the greatest film of all time, "Napoleon Dynamite" is a worthy pick for the offbeat-comedy-with-a-llama award.

#### "Maria Full of Grace"

An absolutely wonderful foreign language film (for those into that sort of thing) about a confident but confused young girl's struggle to make a better life for herself (by smuggling huge amounts of cocaine from

Colombia into the United States), "Maria Full of Grace" stars the sublime Catalina Sandino Moreno as the breathtaking Maria. Not much can be said about the film without giving away crucial details of the plot, however, this coming-of-age-buddy-film of sorts pleases the viewer in almost every way possible. With suspense on the level of any film in recent memory, "Maria Full of Grace" wins the must-see-for-foreign-film award.

#### "Saved!"

For anyone who ever attended religious school growing up, this parody might hit a bit close to home...which is probably a good thing. While mocking many practices of church schools, the film always laughs with rather than at this strangely shaped bubble of a subculture. Mary (coincidental name, I think not!) becomes pregnant while trying to "cure" her boyfriend's alleged homosexuality because she was told to by Jesus in a vision. While her mom is busy trying to have an affair with the headmaster of the school, Pastor Skip, Mary manages to hide her pregnancy with the help of the few outcasts of the school (including a paraplegic Macauley Culkin). With Patrick Fugit (of "Almost Famous" fame) and the incredibly talented Jena Malone, "Saved!" gets the satire-with-a-message award.

#### "Garden State"

Zach Braff ("Scrubs") wrote, directed and starred in this wonderful gem about going home... for the first time in seven years. Though most of us have not been away from home long enough to have this type of experience, this film is excruciatingly easy to relate to. Natalie Portman and Peter Sarsgaard act alongside Braff with stunning allure. Of course, the film only opened at about six theaters in July. However, I was lucky enough to catch an advance screening (at the cost of moving out of my apartment and across the country). The film opens "wide" today, including appearances in Charlotte, Atlanta and Columbia for those of you looking for a reason for a short road trip to start off the school year. Lacking the traditional structure of 99.9% of narrative films, "Garden State" is a must-see for anyone who has ever felt detached from life and wins the must-drive-several-hundred-miles-to-see award.

### BRIEF PAWS

Almost all of the roads around campus have been repaved, even though it took much longer than it should have.



Classes are back in session, which includes fighting parking services and other students for a place to park. The prices at the bookstores are not getting any lower, either.



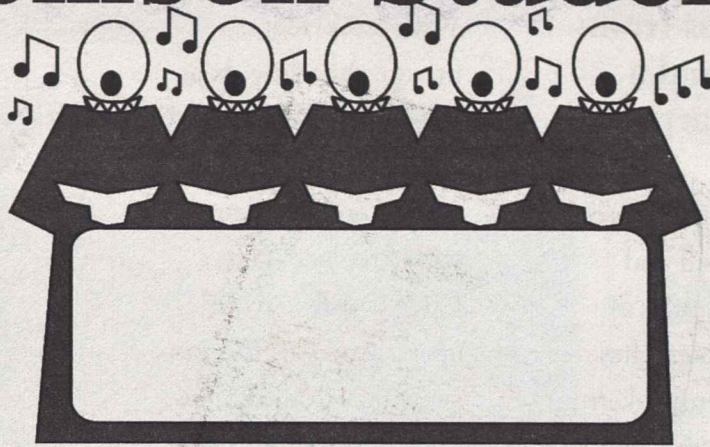
Michael Phelps is on track to medal in all eight of his events, but won't be able to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals.



Hurricane Charley wreaks havoc across the southeast after coming ashore near Tampa Bay, Florida killing at least 19 people.



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