



Tigers ranked No. 20 after win over UL Monroe.

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## Inside OPINIONS

“  
My first real

paycheck- and I  
lost \$350 of it

on a bet.

-BRYAN COCKFIELD  
ON THE BENEFITS OF FAIRTAX

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## TIMEOUT



Country Star Jo Dee  
Messina to perform at  
Littlejohn Coliseum  
Friday, Sept. 14.

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Graduate Record  
Exam becoming  
more of a challenge.

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## WEATHER

FRIDAY: Scattered T-Storms



SATURDAY: AM Clouds PM Sun  
Hi 84 Lo 60

SUNDAY: Mostly Sunny  
Hi 82 Lo 59

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# CUPD investigates area bomb threats

Investigators search for clues that  
will lead to perpetrator  
of false alarms.

**ANNA REID**  
STAFF WRITER

Clemson University and local law  
enforcement agencies are working  
around the clock to take necessary  
precautions in response to the recent  
bomb threats on campus.

According to a statement released  
to the university, Sikes Hall, Clemson's  
main administration building, was  
evacuated on Monday, Aug. 27, in  
response to the first threat.

A week later, the College of  
Business and Behavioral Science's  
Sirrline Hall was targeted on Monday,  
Sept. 3, a university holiday.

Faculty, staff and students were  
again alerted to the situation, and a  
sweep of this building found nothing  
of concern.

Despite the fact that Clemson

University Police Department  
(CUPD) and the South Carolina Law  
Enforcement Division (SLED) found  
no explosives, they still consider this  
matter very serious that no explosives  
have been found the university.

“We treat the threat as real until we  
know differently,” said Chief Police  
Officer Johnson Link.

The matter poses such a concern to  
the university that the CUPD is not the  
only organization getting involved.

“SLED, FBI, and Anderson City  
Bomb Task Force have all assisted  
with these threats,” said Link.

“Additionally, we have spoken  
with many of the other colleges that  
have received the same type threat.”

Clemson is among more than a  
dozen universities in the United States  
that recently received similar threats.

These have come in the form of  
anonymous e-mails, but no explosives  
have been found.

The University of Akron, University

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**SNIFF AND SEARCH:** Corporal John Stokes and his K9 team search Sirrine Hall for new explosives.

DAVID STEWART/staff

# Black Dog music store closes doors

A local music store's closing  
is reminiscent of The White  
Rabbit's departure.

**WHITNEY FARROW**  
STAFF WRITER

Many students have begun to  
notice the disappearance of several  
local stores and restaurants in the  
downtown area.

Also noticeable is the fact that  
none of the businesses that have  
closed down are big name chains.

What's happening to Clemson's  
unique businesses?

Places like Black Dog Music,  
Acropolis Pizzeria, The White  
Rabbit and The Bad Apple, Non-  
chain stores that are personal and  
have a lot of character once flour-  
ished in our community, were all  
once landmarks in Clemson.

But they also have something  
else in common: they've gone out  
of business.

One of the most notable losses  
is that of Clemson's last music  
store, Black Dog Music. Black  
Dog was a popular place for buy-  
ing mainstream, underground and  
even local music.

Many of you will remember  
“BDM” as a friendly store that  
did everything it could to satisfy  
its customers' musical appetite.  
And, if you couldn't find what you  
were looking for, the BDM work-  
ers would order it for you and have  
it delivered to the store within a  
couple of days.

However, the store officially  
closed its doors on August 21,  
2007.

David Leininger, a former  
BDM employee of four years and a

junior at Clemson, mourns the loss  
of his workplace.

“It was a great place to meet  
people and discover new music,”  
said David about his former work-  
place. “For me personally [the day  
it closed] was the saddest day of  
the year... handing in the key was  
the hardest thing.”

About two years ago, Black  
Dog Music moved from its loca-  
tion downtown, now occupied by  
Duke's Sandwich Shop.

It moved to a small shopping  
center further down College Ave.,  
in which The Bearded Tiger is also  
located.

Later on, the owner of Black  
Dog Music, Laurie Jordan, moved  
to Florida and actually opened a  
store there, which was not con-  
nected to the Black Dog.

She left David and Brian  
Moroney, a five-year employee, to  
run the place.

“She gave us enough money  
to pay rent, and that was it,” said  
David.

So why did the only music  
store left in Clemson fail?

“It was really due to lack of  
advertisement,” David explained.

“We just didn't have enough  
money.”

David and Brian did all that  
they could to get word of their  
store out.

They put out flyers, word of  
mouth and concert events.

Sadly though, little revenue and  
failed attempts to bring in more  
customers led to the closing of  
BDM.

And while there is still a  
Black Dog Music warehouse in

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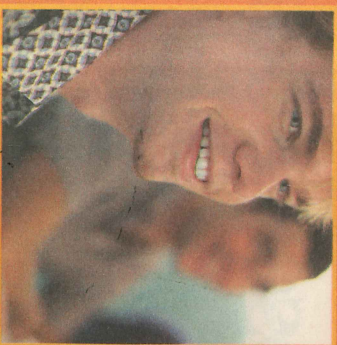
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## THREAT: CUPD searches all of campus buildings *from page A1*

of Alaska/Anchorage, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Iowa, MIT, Middle Tennessee State, University of New Hampshire, Oregon State, and Princeton and William & Mary are some of the other colleges that have received the same type of threat.

The concerned members of Clemson University include both students and workers.

"I thought the threat was very serious when they evacuated us from class, and when class was cancelled for the rest of

the day.

"I was very apprehensive to return to the building the next day," said Allison Lanzzi, a senior who was in Sirrine when the first bomb threat was issued.

Workers in Sikes Hall also voiced their concern.

"When the police came to the building we took the threat just as seriously as they did," said Administrative Assistant Ron Willford.

"We weren't apprehensive to go back into the building, because the police searched for hours and even brought in the dogs, so we believed it to be safe."

"In each incident, members of the Anderson City bomb task force, including an explosives-detecting dog, were called in," said Link.

The bomb-squad experts and dogs have taken a part of Clemson's game-day procedures since the attacks of 9/11.

They serve by checking the stadium and nearby parked cars before each home football game.

The CUPD are doing everything they can to ensure the safety of the University and the community from now on.

"We have communicated to the campus community through Inside Alerts and the local media the need to be more aware of our surroundings and to report unusual activity to the police," said Link.

"The Building Security Coordinators have received information to help secure buildings and to be alert for suspicious objects and packages."

"Officers have increased foot patrols and overtime has been authorized for additional patrol officers."

ALLISON FRANKLE/graphics

**NOTICE:**  
Building Closed for Investigation

## BELL: CU musicians play variety of instruments and sing *from page A1*

Dzuris, who is the University's official carillonneur, will perform "Music in the Air V," a collection of several contemporary pieces written specifically for solo carillon.

Dzuris will play a wide variety of compositions, including those from other carillon ceremonies.

Two of John Courter's pieces, "Toccatella Festival," first performed by Ball State University's carillon, and "Chimney's Whimsical Dances for Carillon," a piece played in Barcelona. Spain to commemorate the life of architect Antoni Gaudi, will also be sung by the Clemson Memorial Carillon.

Original pieces written by Dzuris will be featured as well.

"I finished 'Suite on a Mother Goose Poem' this spring," she said.

"The seven movements were inspired by a Mother Goose rhyme."

Among all the compositions to be played, the oldest piece is "Take Music," originally written in 1970 for Queen Elizabeth II's dedication of the Canberra Carillon in Australia's capital.

"Although this concert is far from Australia's Lake Burley Griffin where

the Canberra Carillon is located," Dzuris said, "the sounds of this composition will sound just as grand on Clemson's Lake Hartwell."

Though the music of the carillon can be heard up to a quarter mile away, the Military Heritage Plaza, the Carillon Gardens and Bowman Field are the prime locations for the best listening experience.

The Clemson community is encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and prepare a picnic dinner for the performance.

After the concert, listeners are invited up to take a look at the playing cabin that sits just below the tower's bells.

The performance will be the fifth of its kind since the Clemson Memorial Carillon was dedicated on Oct. 18, 1987.

Two years prior, six bronze bells were installed in the tower and christened the Clemson University Victory Peal.

These motorized bells were rung at the beginning of each school year and after every home football game.

The carillon's largest bell, called Big C, weighs 4,386 pounds and sits among the 46 other bells, whose sound at the Clemson Memorial Carillon, permeates the entire campus.

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DAVID JARRETT/STAFF

**HISTORY AT A GLANCE:** A plaque is presented at the Carillon Gardens to commemorate the celebration of history, song and achievement.





DAVID JARRETT / Staff

# The West End Zone

BY BLAIRE KOBLISKI

LAYOUT BY EMILY SPARR

Possibly more than hearing about the number 27 ranking, Clemson students have been bombarded even more so with the words, "the West End Zone Initiative," now better known as "WestZone."

While a majority of the students at Clemson understand the who, what, when, where and why of the number 27, a large percentage of the student body have been left in the dark about the large structure that has been added to Death Valley stadium. Ginger Lewjeski, a Clemson senior, said, "Yeah, I pass it every day riding on the bus from my car, but I really don't know much about it or what goes on in there."

"West Zone" is now dubbed by the athletic department as the "New Front Door" to the stadium. The West End Zone Initiative has been a project in the works for the last three years. While there is still a lot of work yet to complete, the WestZone has added fundamental growth to the Clemson athletic department.

"Clemson's athletic history is amazing, and its fan loyalty is known throughout the country," said Bill D'Andrea, the senior associate athletic director for external affairs. "Now, more than ever, we need to come together, so that we can give our athletic programs the possibility of greater success in the future. The WestZone is one of the best ways to accomplish that." The athletic department is on a feverish campaign to raise the 28 million dollars that is left on the zone's bill.

The building of the West Zone has been broken down into phases. Phase one has already been completed, and the 2.8 million dollars will go toward helping complete stage two. The estimated costs to cover stage two will total out to be 27 million dollars, but where is all this money coming from?

Funds for the WestZone have come from private donations, the assistance of IPTAY, existing athletic department funds and the issue of state bonds. D'Andrea is calling on the Clemson community to pull the efforts through. "We would like each and every one of you to participate in the WestZone initiative," said D'Andrew. "By giving to the WestZone, you show your pride in Clemson and our continuing mission to be one of the top athletic programs in the country."

Students around campus are stating that it's a lot of money, and a lot of them are wondering: what kind of bang Clemson is getting for their buck? What is all this money building?

The initial construction of the WestZone added approximately 142,000 square feet to the stadium on four levels. The building will house a football strength and conditioning area in its south-west corner. This area will consist of an open floor space on level one with a Mezzanine level on the west end of the open room. "The footprint for the football strength and conditioning facility is already there," said Clemson Associate Athletic Director Robert Ricketts. "We're just completing the facility."

The equipment room will be expanded to include new offices and a new laundry room. When completed the expanded equipment room and storage will occupy about 6,000 square feet of space. The training room will be expanded to include a new hydrotherapy room, new offices and examination rooms. The WestZone features a work area consisting of offices for the head coaches, assistant coaches and support staff, position meeting rooms and a 150-seat auditorium with a sloped floor and theater seating. A portion of the existing recruiting room will be used for the new offices and meeting rooms, requiring the existing recruiting area to be expanded to the north.

The third level of the complex will be expanded with the addition of football offices. This space, actually the roof of the new football offices, will be utilized for game-day marketing activities and provide fans additional space to gather inside the stadium.

What's the big deal with all this expansion: didn't we have great top-of-the-line facilities before? Yes, Clemson has always been dedicated to its athletic programs, but when the WestZone is completed, Clemson Athletics will be able to recruit better and nurture top-quality student athletes, attract and retain outstanding coaches and staff, provide recruits and fans outstanding facilities and promote Clemson school spirit. James Davis, 2005 ACC rookie-of-the-year, said that one of the biggest contributing factors in coming to Clemson was the university's commitment to

upgrading facilities. "Does Clemson want to be a championship program?" asked Davis when he was considering Clemson. "The WestZone initiative showed me that it does."

"It's not a coincidence that the quality of our recruiting classes has improved dramatically since we began moving dirt and pouring mortar in the West EndZone of Memorial Stadium," said Head Coach Tommy Bowden. "This is the first time we have had three Top 20 recruiting classes in a row."

Athletic director Terry Don Phillips, has made the completion of the WestZone a top priority for athletics and acknowledges the challenge in finishing the project. "We have a lot of work to do," he said, "but this is one of the universities in America that can get it done."

One of the athletic department's biggest arguments for finishing the WestZone is that it is going to benefit Clemson athletics as a whole, but so far it all seems to be about football. What does the WestZone do for other athletic teams at the university?

Moving all of the football operations to the WestZone will open up spaces for the other athletic teams all over campus. The Jervey and McFadden buildings will open up completely for the other 18 sports for recruiting, more office space, and training, as well as more space for conditioning and sport medicine.

"With football moving to the WestZone, the Jervey weight room will be completely devoted to Olympic Sports, providing a recruiting advantage that very few schools will be able to match. These sports will be able to expand into McFadden, providing considerably more room for the staff and coaches of every team," said Jay Crout, men's swimming and diving two-time team captain.

"These may seem like minor benefits, but these things can be small changes that help make the difference in our teams winning more conference championships."

While the WestZone undertaking seems to be a bit overwhelming and expensive, it is clear to see that the results will greatly benefit the Clemson athletic department, the Clemson football team, and the Clemson community on the whole.



## Weekly World Update

### National Report

■ **Elderly woman survives deep woods in Oregon:** Doris Anderson, 76, was found on Friday, Sept. 7, by a rescue team hours from death with a body temperature that had dropped 90 degrees from normal. Anderson wore light clothing and had no survival gear to protect herself from overnight temperatures in the '30's. The grandmother of 7 got lost on a bow hunting trip with her 74-year-old husband, Harold. Their sports utility vehicle got stuck, and Harold Anderson broke his wrist while trying to unload an all terrain vehicle (ATV) from a utility trailer. The couple became separated while walking to a United States Forest Service area. A hunting party rescued Harold Anderson. Search teams stumbled upon Doris Anderson while looking for scavenger birds. A flock of ravens led them to the woman. After Doris Anderson's rescue by helicopter, she was listed in critical but stable condition at the hospital. She was dehydrated, incoherent, cold and sustained an injured hip.

■ **Parents and child die in a murder, double-suicide:** Oregon Police are investigating an alleged murder and double-suicide in northeastern Portland. On Thursday, Sept. 6, police were called to a home after receiving a tip from the families' friends in California that the couple planned to commit suicide. When officers arrived at the scene, they found a hose attached to an exhaust pipe of a hearse parked in the driveway and hooked up to the air ducts of the home. The police disconnected the hose and entered the interior of the home. Police discovered Kuca and Lurray Hodder-Kuca, both 39, and Ruby Kuca, age 5, suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. John and Ruby Kuca were pronounced dead at the scene, and Lurray Hodder-Kuca died at an area hospital. According to a friend of the Kuca family, the couple had recently received news that Hodder-Kuca had cancer and that the family did not have health insurance.

■ **Steel beam begins national tour:** Relatives of victims and authorities, who responded to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks gathered on Monday in Columbia, South Carolina, as a piece of the Sept. 11 memorial to start a cross-country tour. Students from a Columbia-area school also raised more than half a million dollars after Sept. 11 to purchase a fire engine for the New York City Fire Department, which proudly flies a South Carolina flag. Over \$300 million has been raised privately while more than \$400 million is committed by the government for the construction of the 8-acre memorial. The museum will be located underground.

### World Report

■ **Police uncover neo-Nazi cell, arrest 8:** Israeli police discovered cell of young Israeli neo-Nazis accused of performing a series of attacks on foreign workers, religious Jews, homosexuals and drug addicts. Eight suspects from the former Soviet Union have been arrested in connection with at least 15 attacks. All of the suspects have Israeli citizenship and are in their late teens or early 20s. Police recovered photographs and films documenting the gang assaulting their victims. Authorities also found knives, explosives, spiked balls and other weapons in the suspects' possession. Isolated cases of neo-Nazi activity have been documented in the past, but this is the first time police have arrested such a large number of individuals who were members of a neo-Nazi group, according to police. Suspects charged with hate crimes towards Jews in the past have been tried as Holocaust deniers since Israel does not have a hate crimes law.

■ **America's Most Wanted Drug Smuggler Diego Montoya Caught in Colombia:** Deigo Montoya was on the Federal Bureau of Investigations' (FBI) ten most-wanted list, and the bureau had offered \$5 million for information leading to Montoya's arrest. On Monday, Sept. 10, he did not resist his capture by the U.S. army on a small farm in the cartel stronghold of Valle del Cauca state. Montoya leads the Norte del Valle cartel, Colombia's most powerful and dangerous drug organization in the world. In 2004, the U.S.-filed indictment said that in the previous 14 years, their cartel had exported more than 1.2 million pounds of cocaine worth more than \$10 billion dollars from Colombia to Mexico. Colombians view Montoya's arrest as the biggest victory in the drug war since Pablo Escobar, Medellin Cartel leader, who was killed in a shootout in 1993.

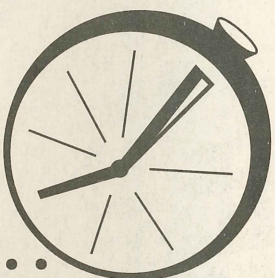
■ **Police charge Kate McCann with homicide:** Portuguese authorities believe they have enough evidence to charge the mother of missing 4-year-old Madeleine McCann with homicide for failing to prevent her child's death. She will also be charged with concealing the body. Early last week, McCann's lawyer met with the Portugal's Attorney General and the plan for Kate McCann to be charged was halted, infuriated Portuguese police officers. Madeleine's disappearance on May 3, sparked a high-profile campaign that attracted world-wide attention. Prior to returning home, the McCanns toured Europe with photos of Madeleine. The McCanns returned home on Monday, Sept. 3, on Friday, Sept. 7, and were formally named as suspects.

## News By Numbers

**22** age of a man in Oregon arrested for domestic assault after throwing a bag of Cheetos at his father.

**20,000** amount in dollars that a man allegedly extorted from his elderly mother by repeatedly threatening to kidnap her beloved cat and demanding ransom.

**106,000,000** amount in dollars the Supreme Court ordered *Time magazine* to pay in damages for defaming former Indonesian dictator Suharto by alleging his family stole billions of dollars during his rule.



:30  
seconds with...

**Jennifer Salane:** What subject do you teach?

**KW:** I teach CU 101 and a Keys to Biology course about reproduction. I'm also the pre-med advisor, so I "teach" a lot of one-on-one to medical school hopefuls.

**JS:** What's your favorite zoo animal?

**KW:** The Python. I'm also called the "Snake Man," because of my interest in snakes.

**JS:** What do you think makes your students like you so much?

**KW:** I try to remember what my undergraduate life was like and working in a downtown tavern gives me an ability to appreciate student life in Clemson. I try not to take myself very seriously.

**Ken Revis-Wagner**  
Clemson University Professor

**JS:** If you could be anything else other than a professor, what would you be?

**KW:** I'd be a professional sports car racer.

**JS:** If you could make one change to Clemson University, what would it be?

**KW:** I'd put a permanent CUPD police person at the crosswalks in front of Sikes and Mell Halls to arrest people who punch the walk button and then cross the street when traffic clears and leave me at the red light to wait for the walk sign to go off with no one walking.

**JS:** What's the hardest biology class you have ever taught?

**KW:** My very first one I taught, Introductory Ecology at Rhodes College in Memphis.

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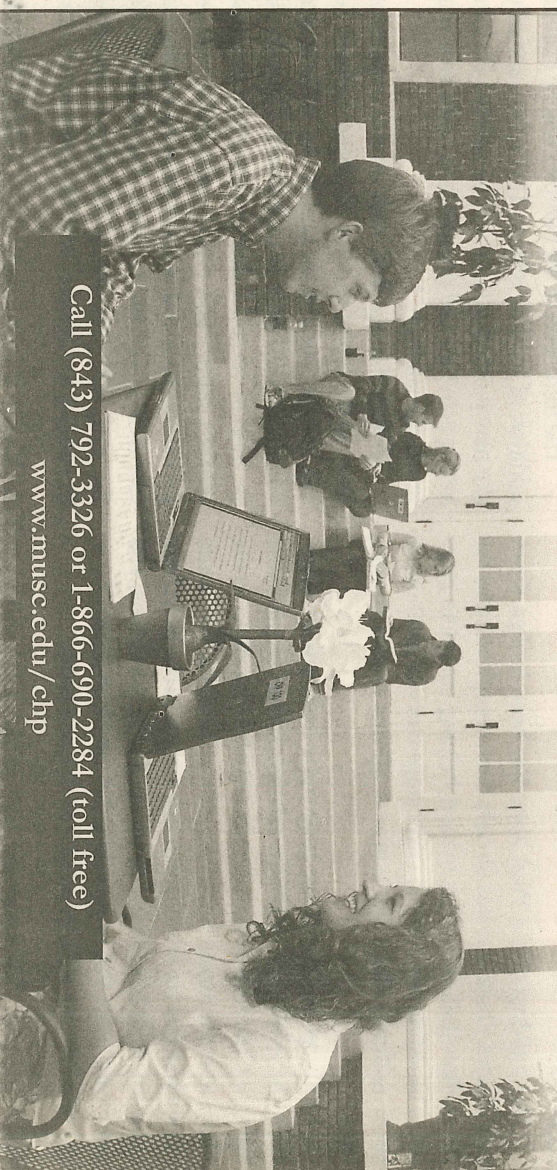
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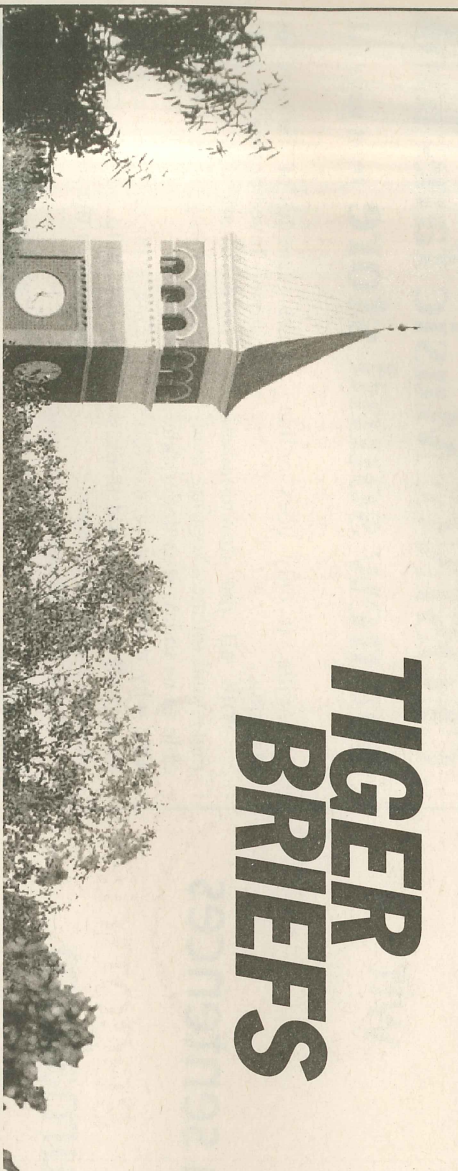


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# TIGER BRIEFS



## Clemson Players to perform classic tale, "Jane Eyre"

Clemson Players, the University drama company, will present Charlotte Brontë's, "Jane Eyre," at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts beginning Saturday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 7. Brontë's novel was adapted for the stage by British director and playwright Polly Teale in 1997. "Jane Eyre" chronicles the life of a destitute, plain and unloved orphan, Jane. According to the director of the production, Mark Charney, the story is reinterpreted by Teale in a feminist fashion. The Clemson Players will present "Jane Eyre" in the Brooks Center's Bellamy Theatre. Curtain times are at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29; Monday-Friday, Oct. 1-5; and Sunday, Oct. 7. There is a matinee at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30. For tickets and information go to [www.clemson.edu/Brooks](http://www.clemson.edu/Brooks) or call the box office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at (864) 656-7787. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

## New office opens to help students make good choices

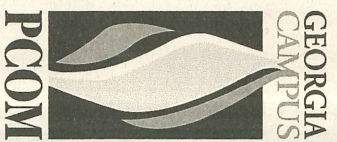
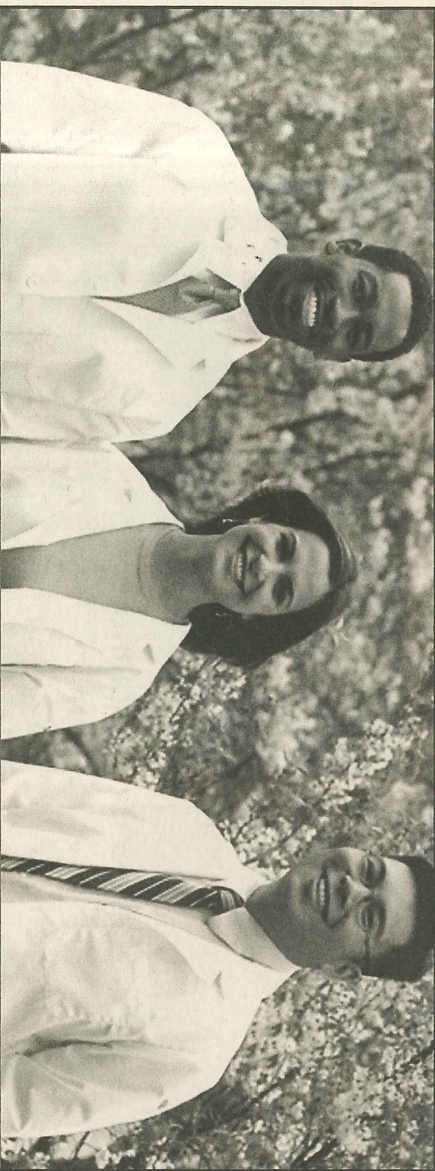
A new office in the Division of Student Affairs, EMpower Clemson, will combine existing on-campus alcohol awareness campaigns, focusing on planning and programming for alcohol safety. The organization will also focus on environmental management both on and off campus. The vice president for student affairs, Gail DiSabatino, said that alcoholism is not just a problem for students but a problem in society. DiSabatino envisions that Clemson

students will work with the community and also begin to shape a healthy environment for students. The EMpower center will be led by prevention specialist for alcohol safety, Kathy Cauthen and will be part of the Office of Municipal and Community Affairs. The office's name was taken from the student government's EMpower Campaign, which began last year. The student-led organization encouraged students to make responsible decisions and to take care of themselves as well as others.

## Clemson program promotes car-seat safety

The Clemson University Automotive Safety Research Inst. (CU-ASRI) and Clemson University Police Department (CUPD) are partnering to provide a free child seat restraint inspection. This inspection concludes CU-ASRI's second National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program which took place this week. Inspections will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, at Ace Hardware on U.S. 123 (Tiger Boulevard). CUPD staff, officers and an instructor team led by CU-ASRI will supervise their inspections. Class participants will be able to teach parents how to keep their children safe in and around vehicles once they successfully complete the program. CU-ASRI is a part of Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR). The Child Passenger Safety Program is an initiative of CU-ASRI, and its goal is to increase the safe use of child restraints in vehicles through research, teaching and outreach to the community.

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# In the Books

## Campus Arrests

The following are arrests that were made by the Clemson University Police Department from Monday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 10.

- Sept. 3**
- 2:42 a.m., Wilfred Ekersley, disorderly conduct, Bryan Mall, officer: Salisbury
- 3:19 p.m., Karenta Brown, disorderly conduct, Strom Thurmond Inst., officer: Cassell
- 5:23 p.m., Brandon Dodd, disorderly conduct, Lot 13, officer: Hughey
- 7:49 p.m., Christopher Bielat, disorderly conduct, Memorial Stadium, officer: Baxley
- 8:07 p.m., Henry Jones, disorderly conduct, Memorial Stadium, officer: Cheeks
- 8:20 p.m., William Hobson, disorderly conduct, Memorial Stadium, officer: Schutt
- 8:27 p.m., Kathryn Nazworth, disorderly conduct, Williamson Rd., officer: Cassell
- 8:30 p.m., Ashley Morris, disorderly conduct, Ave. of Champions, officer: Cassell
- 10:26 p.m., Courtney Smith, disorderly conduct, Centennial Blvd., officer: Lehmann
- 8:54 p.m., Brent Holden, disorderly conduct, Memorial Stadium, officer: Cheeks
- 9:23 p.m., Joseph Graves, disorderly conduct, Cherry Rd., officer: Cassell

## Crime Report

The following calls were among those that the Clemson University Police responded to from Monday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 10.

- Sept. 3**
- 6:57 p.m., petty larceny, West End Zone, officer: McAbee
- 9:07 p.m., personal injury, McGregor Impound, officer: Hughey
- Sept. 7**
- 9:21 p.m., disorderly conduct, P-3 Parking Lot, officer: Harrington
- Sept. 8**
- 4:14 p.m., petty larceny, Cooper Library, officer: Cassell
- 4:49 p.m., transfer wine/minor, Memorial Stadium, officer: Schutt
- Sept. 9**
- 1:40 a.m., Minor in possession, Johnstone Hall, officer: Durham
- Sept. 10**
- 8:18 p.m., Minor in possession, Mauldin Hall, officer: Harrington

## Fire & Rescue

The following calls were among those that the Clemson University Fire Department responded to from Monday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 10.

- Sept. 3**
- 4:50 p.m., fire, 315 Old Greenville Hwy., CUFDD
- 9:53 p.m., dive rescue, Mountain View Landing, CUFDD
- Sept. 4**
- 1:07 a.m. vehicle fire, Highway 93, CUFDD

Last weeks photos were attributed incorrectly. "Step Right Up" and "A Masterpiece in the Making" (A1; A2) bylines should have read "David Jarrett/staff". Feature photos "Can I Take Your Order" and "Have a Seat" (A3) bylines should have read "Rachel Glenn/staff" and the background photo byline should have read "Dia Zafetropulos/photo editor." The Tiger regrets this error.



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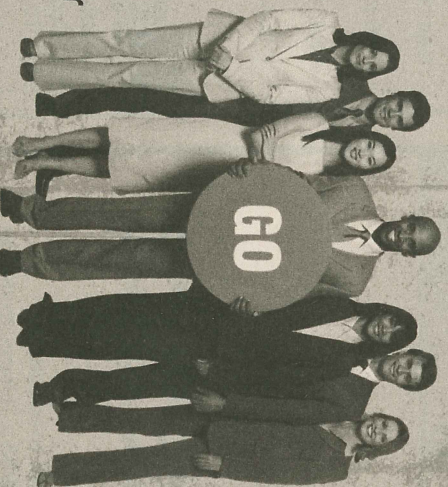
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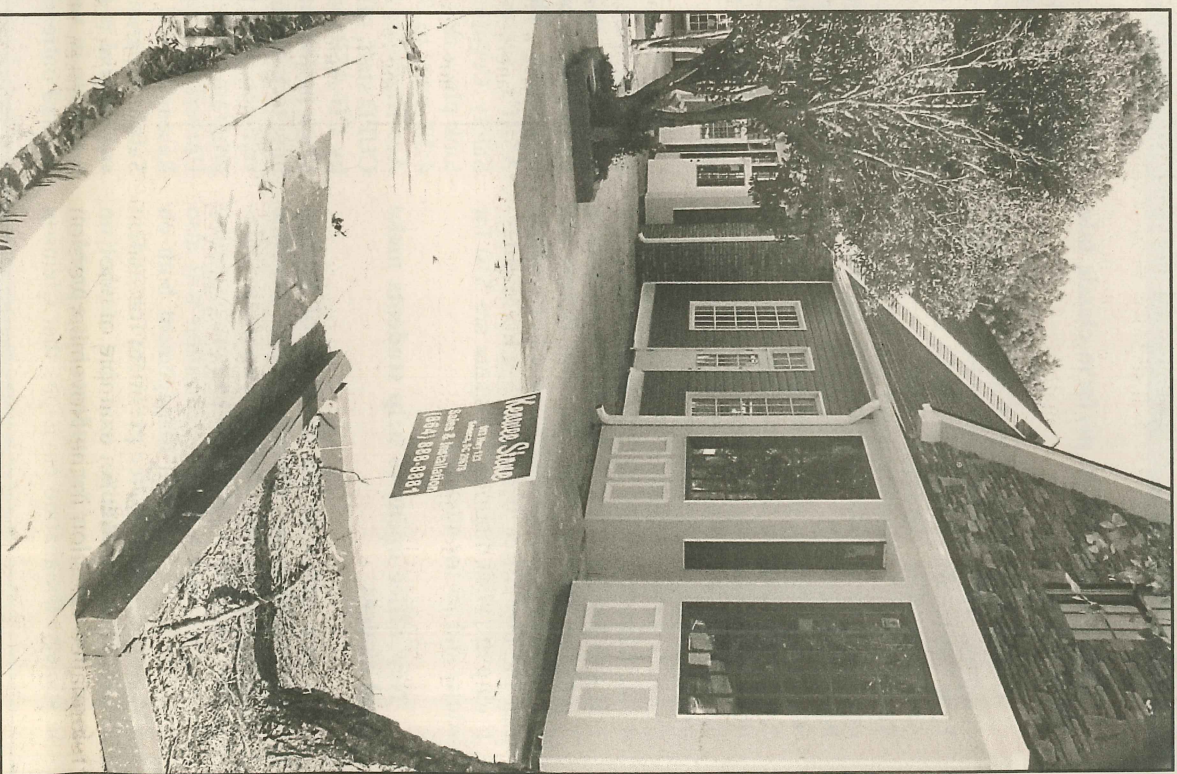
## CLOSING: Music fans look for new sound store

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Greenville, it only does online shipping. of the examples of Clemson losing a well-loved downtown stop. With all the downloadable music and online shopping available to us today, it is understandable why a music store wouldn't do as well as one would think so close to a college campus. Black Dog Music is just one

Students are left with questions about why these places have shut down.

One can only wonder how they can help prevent this from happening in the future.



CHESSON PARKER / staff

**VIEW FROM AFAR:** The Black Dog Music store relocated to an open building on College Avenue, but was unsuccessful.

## On this day in history... September 14

**1814:** Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the Star-Spangled Banner as he waited aboard a British launch in the Chesapeake Bay for the outcome of the British assault on Fort Mchenry during the War of 1812.

**1935:** American multimillionaire Howard Hughes sets the world's landplane record of 567.23 kph in an airplane of his own design.

**1959:** Luna II, a Soviet space probe, became the first man-made object on the moon when it crashed on the moon's surface.

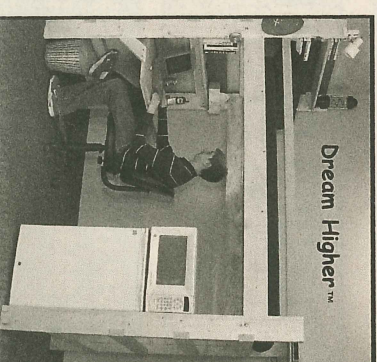
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# GRE will undergo changes for future tests

November brings new challenges for graduate students.

**RACHEL CARTER**  
STAFF WRITER

Planning on going to graduate school? Get prepared then, because the test you have to take is about to get tougher.

ETS (Education Testing Service) is adding two new questions to the GRE (Graduate Record Exam).

The exam consists of three sections: math, verbal and writing; math and verbal are each scored on a scale of 200-800, while writing is scored from 1-6 in half-point increments.

These new question types, "numeric entry" and "text completion," will be added to the math and verbal sections, respectively. The "numeric entry" question means that the math section will no longer be all multiple choice. Students will have to

work the problem out on scratch paper and plug in the answer themselves.

"Text completion" is a longer form of the "sentence completion" question with students filling in three blanks instead of one.

Each blank will have its own word bank, and no partial credit will be given even if only one word is missed.

"These questions are designed to be more challenging and statistically more difficult because you must choose the answer independently," said Katherine Lynn, the GRE program manager at Kaplan.

In November when these changes are set to take place, the student will either see one of the new verbal questions, one of the new math questions or neither.

It is indeed a concern that it may be considered unfair for one student to get a new question while another student does not.

It is not yet understood how the ETS prepares to address the issue, according to Lynn.

It is also important for students to note that, while Kaplan will underscore at first, "students should treat them as if they will be scored," said Lynn.

The GRE test typically lasts about two and a half hours.

It is available to be taken all year round, with



**DIA ZAFEROPULOS** / Photography editor

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the exception of major holidays.

The test costs \$140.

Kaplan offers tutoring, online courses, books and even the "GRE Express," a two-day training session which can be taken over a weekend.

Since the test scores are good for five years, students can take the test now, even if they plan on taking a few years off before graduate school.

"It is wise to take the

exam sooner rather than later," said Lynn.

On Sept. 20, Kaplan will host two free events: "Graduate School Admission" and "GRE Strategy Seminar;" the locations have yet to be decided.

Originally ETS planned on having one big test change by adding 2 hours to the length of the exam.

This meant having to reduce the test dates to three per year and increasing

the number of test centers. Due to the lack of availability to new test centers, this plan was cancelled.

The changes will continue over time.

The additions to the math and verbal sections are only the beginning of changes to come to the GRE.

ETS wants to create a test that is a "more accurate predictor of student success in graduate school," according to Lynn.

**RACHEL CARTER**, contributed photo

**New Verbal Type: Text Completion**

*Directions: Using the corresponding lists of answer choices, fill the blanks below in the way that best completes the text.*

1. The latest novel by Anderson demonstrates an unfortunate departure from her complex and impressive style. She has been a critical favorite for quite some time, but past \_\_\_\_\_ do not apply to this new novel, which substitutes \_\_\_\_\_ ramblings for her normally \_\_\_\_\_ juxtapositions.

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criticisms	prosaic	transcendent
diatribes	astute	hackneyed
accolades	exploratory	retractable

**TURN TO THIS PAGE:** An example of one reformatted question in the November version.

## Politics reach campus

Visitors come to campus to promote Democratic and Republican parties.

**JENN RAINS**  
STAFF WRITER

South Carolina, a state ranking low in education and high in unemployment, will soon be in the national spotlight—for something good.

In January 2008, South Carolina will host two of the earliest primaries for the 2008 presidential election.

The Republican primary will be on Jan. 19 and the Democratic primary on Jan. 29.

On the evening of Aug. 28, the Provost Seminar on the 2008 Presidential Election was honored by two prestigious guests.

Joe Erwin, former chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party, and Rob Godfrey, communications director for the South Carolina Republican Party, spoke on the importance of the early primary in South Carolina.

Both men stressed how significant the early primaries are for each party.

Also mentioned was how South Carolina is going to play a huge role in determining the candidates who make it on the presidential ballot.

This is a major feat for the state and its parties, according to Joe Erwin.

New Hampshire and Iowa traditionally host some of the first primaries.

South Carolina will join them in 2008 to become a "game-changer" state where candidates early on will move up or fade from the national limelight.

This means that presidential candidates will have to do extra campaigning and work harder to win over the residents of South Carolina.

How well they do in the early primaries will make or break their chances of winning a party nomination.

These early primaries will also make the views and issues important to South Carolinians known nationally and cause the candidates to put extra emphasis on appealing to the state's needs.

South Carolina has already seen much campaigning and coverage by the presidential candidates since the spring when it hosted debates by both parties.

South Carolina first welcomed the Democratic candidates for the 2007, 2007, at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg.

Then just a few short weeks later on May 15, the Republican candidates came together for a debate in Columbia.

These debates not only put South Carolina in the national spotlight, but also

set the stage for the role the state is going to play in the 2008 election.

This showcased just how important the early primaries are to South Carolina's Democratic and Republican parties.

The South Carolina Republican Party has held the first Republican primary in the South since 1988.

This has made the Republican primary in South Carolina very important for a number of years.

According to Godfrey, since 1980 every Republican winner of the South Carolina primary has gone on to win the Republican nomination.

This shows just how big a role South Carolina plays in national politics and how imperative it is for the state to hold early primaries.

The Democratic Party in South Carolina, although it does not have the distinction of having the first Democratic primary in the South, is very hopeful that an early primary in 2008 will bring great change.

Erwin is confident that having one of the first Democratic primaries in the nation, it will help boost the state's Democratic party.

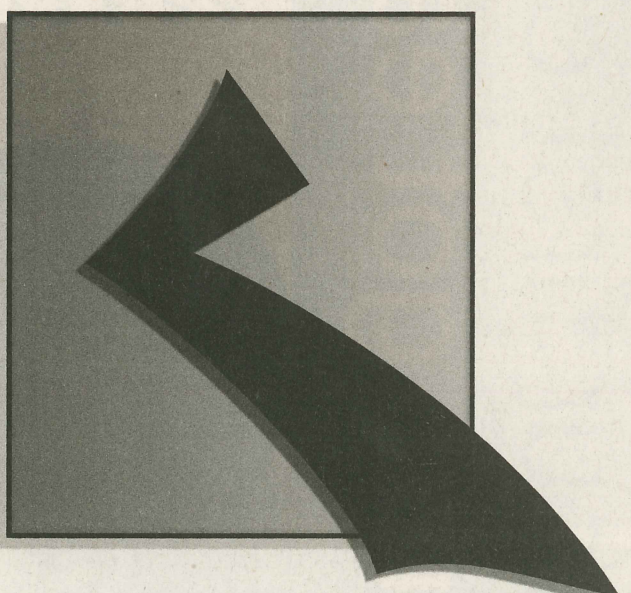
This will also make it more competitive at the state and national level.

It will all become clear in the coming months just how influential South Carolina will be in determining the next president of the United States.

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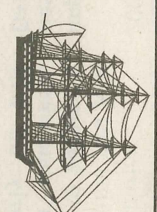
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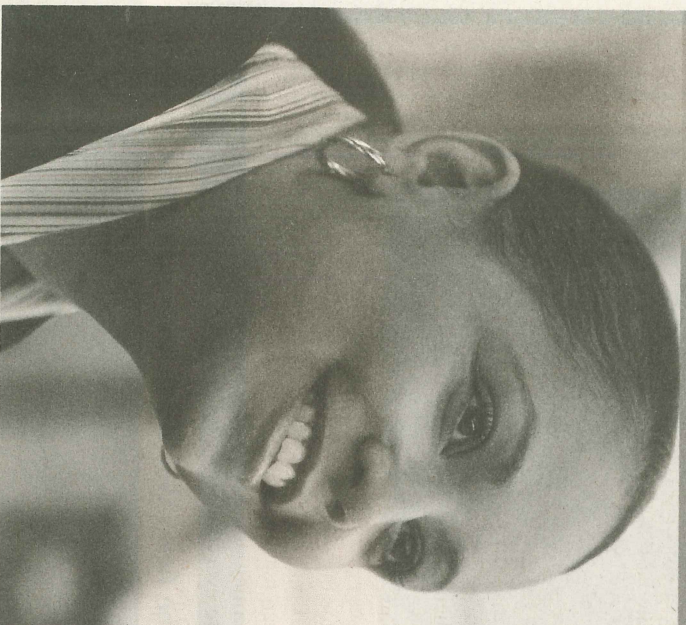
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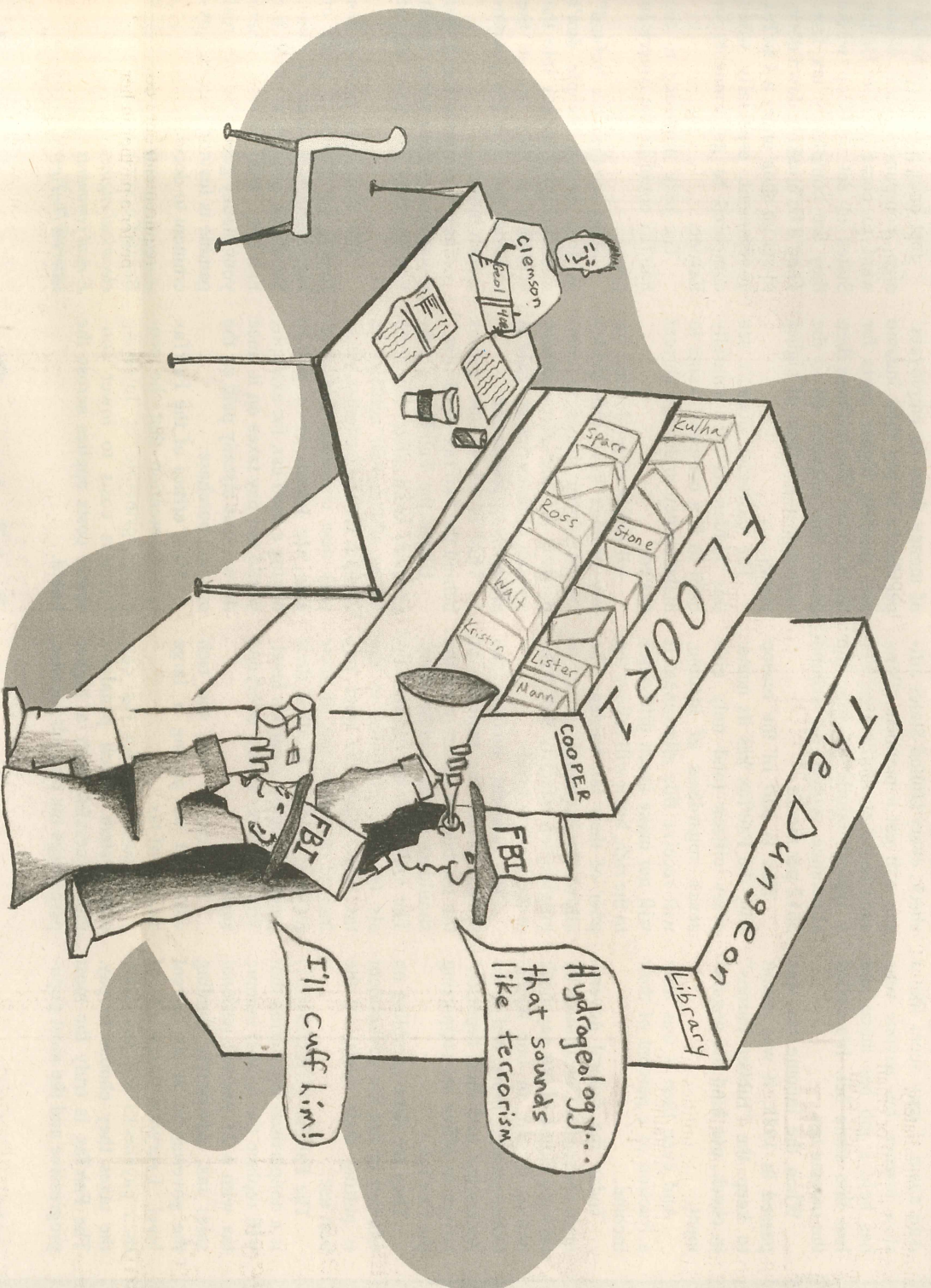


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# PERSPECTIVES

## Patriot Act conflict has cultural roots



The Patriot Act has been one of the most hotly contested pieces of legislation since the terrorist attacks of September 11, and the legal, political and ethical struggles involved in that legislation's career appear in all forms. Two particular events of late have revealed that this debate is no closer to resolution than it was at its inception.

Recently released records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicate that the bureau's late investigations into the phone records and contacts of suspected associates of terrorists stretched much further than was initially known, truth that was effectively hidden for much of the investigations' duration. The extent to which these investigations were carried out is the main point of concern: Not only were suspects and their associates monitored, but associates of associates (of associates?) were kept under surveillance, as well. Essentially, the web of "inquiry" was huge.

Around the same time that the FBI turned over its secret records to the public, other portions of society were grappling with issues that highlighted the Patriot Act's effects. In a lawsuit conducted by the American Civil Liberties Union, Judge Victor Marrero ruled that the portion of the Patriot Act that allowed the FBI and the Department of Justice to procure the telephone and ISP records of suspects without a court order was unconstitutional. In the program, national security letters (NSLs) issued by the FBI and the Department of Justice allowed

them access to these records while prohibiting the companies who provided the various services to inform the customers under suspicion of the federal inquiry into their activities. Judge Marrero ruled this portion of the Patriot Act unconstitutional on the grounds of the First Amendment, saying that the NSL program violates free speech and the need for investigators to have a warrant before taking the information.

It is easy to see why the Patriot Act has been such an issue. The legislation has far-reaching arms, which affect multiple layers of society. In a sense, no one is "safe" from its influence. But perhaps that is the point.

The touted end of the Patriot Act is safety. That was the goal of the entire bill when it first went through Congress, to make it easier for law enforcement and federal security agencies to track down the bad guys. It was supposed to make the American public safer. The Patriot Act breaks down the "red tape" that

so often holds agencies back from getting quick results, and in our world of Internet and information rushing at the speed of light, quick results are not only convenient but necessary. Many argue that we need this

bypass, this tape-slashing badly, especially with ever-present shadow of September 11. There is no way to beat terrorism if we continually roll over or are caught up in our own web of legislation. If the government decides that it needs this law to better protect its citizens, many of those citizens are inclined to trust its judgment.

But there is another side of the argument that says that "web of legislation" is exactly what we need. The Constitution, like

**THE ISSUE**  
RECENT EVENTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE CONFLICT INHERENT IN THE PATRIOT ACT: PERSONAL RIGHTS VS. GOVERNMENT NEEDS.

**OUR VIEW**  
IT IS EASY TO OBJECT TO THE LEGISLATION, BUT MUCH OF THE ATTITUDE THAT LED TO THE ACT IS SELF-CULTIVATED.

the Patriot Act, is also designed to protect its citizens, but it is a form of protection that often goes unnoticed or underappreciated. The popular lamentation seems to be that "red tape" holds the government back from completing its duties. However, that is exactly its purpose. Speed

and efficiency are not always the signs of good government; often, it is the painfully slow process of deliberation that is the evidence of an effective democratic model. The idea of a government with no checks scares people, and a piece of legislation that allows the federal agencies to shortcut those established checks appears to be like a step toward centralization, toward an eerie streamlining of government. History, that which is past

and that which is presently being made, gives us plenty of example of what happens when the needs of a government are placed above the rights of its people. And in this age of instant information, the possible ways in which those rights can be violated is mind-boggling.

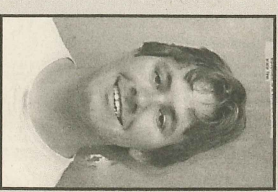
We assume our rights. We argue for personal liberties like the right to privacy, we commend any and every attempt at securing our personal freedoms, and we condemn the things that threaten to take those freedoms away. But we surround ourselves in a culture that is more and more self-involved in the very thing we decry. The speed at which information can be retrieved and the ease with which we can be observed scare us, but it is the culture which we have constructed. We gladly participate in it. Facebook, Google, Gmail and more — we thrive on these wells of instant information. Speed is everything. When things don't get done quickly, we have a problem.

In practical terms, this is not a bad thing: Businesses run on efficiency. But the need for the instantaneous has begun to affect our ideologies and beliefs, even the way we view the job of governing ourselves. We need immediate everything, but in our struggle to provide the fastest solutions, we are overlooking our most basic freedoms.

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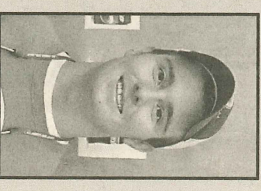
Should the government be allowed to enforce the Patriot Act in order to protect U.S. citizens?

## SPEAKING



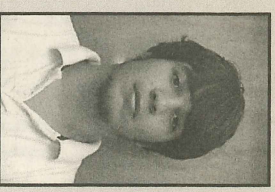
**Al Smith**  
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"In order to feel secure, you have to sacrifice some liberties."



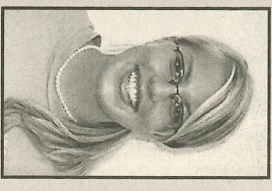
**Casey Johnson**  
electrical engineering  
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"If in interest of national security, then yes."



**Travis Rosche**  
mechanical engineering  
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"I understand why we have the Patriot Act, but people should still be able to have their basic rights."

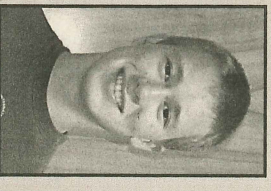


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"No, I am against the Patriot Act since I don't want it to get out of control."



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"No, our rights were created by our forefathers to protect US citizens from the possible tyranny of a strong centralized power."



## COMMENTARY

# FairTax makes sense on every level

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**BRVAN  
COCKFIELD**

*Columnist*

**M**y first real paycheck came on a bet. As much as I begrudged the loss, I did it again with the next paycheck. And again. I may seem like a slow learner, but anyone who has held a job has made and lost this same bet. It's called the income tax.

When the income tax was passed in 1913, it was meant to keep the "robber barons" in check, not fund the government. And even then it was only a fraction of a percent of their income.

Today the federal government abuses the Constitution by taking a chunk of our paycheck before it gets in our hands. Consequently, more and more Americans and their representatives in office are supporting the FairTax.

They are done gambling on whether or not the government is putting their money to the best use.

The FairTax (HR25/S1025) is a nonpartisan legislation that will replace the federal income tax with a 23 percent national sales tax, adequately funding the government at its current level. Everyone keeps all of their paychecks and pays only the taxes they choose to pay. The FairTax is truly the most progressive and the most popu-

lar option for tax reform.

When it passes, it will replace the tax code — around 61,000 pages of confusing legislation — with an approximately sixty-page tax code. Not only is it easy to understand, but it will benefit everyone regardless of income.

To start, it removes the tax burden on the poor. In addition to keeping their entire paycheck, every United States citizen will get a monthly allowance based on family size. For a typical family of four the allowance would be around \$512 per month.

This is part of the reason why the FairTax has its name: every citizen (and only citizens), regardless of income, will receive this allowance. It will not make much difference to the rich, but it will relieve the poor of their tax burden. The allowance is enough money to provide for a family that lives at the poverty level.

The current income tax system places the majority of the tax burden squarely on the shoulders of the middle class. The rich pay tax professionals to find loopholes in the tax code while the poor pay less of a percentage of their income, or none at all if their income is below a certain level. The FairTax treats everyone equally.

Needless to say, the rich will still be paying a large amount of tax. However, unlike the current system which penalizes the successful with a higher percentage tax on their income,

under FairTax the amount paid is proportionally equal to the very poor and the middle class. Across the board, this is truly a fair tax.

Not only will all Americans benefit from the FairTax, but businesses of all sizes will find sanctuary as well. Under the current system, a business of any size is required by law to withhold a certain amount of money from its employees' paychecks to pay their income tax, creating higher costs for the business. The business then passes this expense on to the customer in the form of higher prices.

The customer doesn't see this "hidden tax". It's naturally built in if a company wants to make money under the current system.

All levels of production for any product have this hidden tax of higher prices to compensate for the extraordinary amount of taxes that are paid at all levels of production.

This is where the genius behind the FairTax stands out. Under the FairTax, a new product, even after the sales tax is added, will actually be cheaper for the customer. Also, only new consumer-end products are taxed, so a person buying a used car, for example, would not pay taxes on it since the tax was already paid on the original purchase.

Most critics of the FairTax fail to mention that the economic principle of lowering business costs to lower consumer costs applies across the board.

The FairTax would pump up the economy and increase nation-wide productivity by keeping money in circulation instead of withholding it. Also, people and businesses would not be bogged down in complicated tax forms, and the United States will be able to set practical goals to increase its efficiency while maintaining all of its current operations.

Just imagine all of the foreign companies that would want to come to the United States to set up shop where they are completely tax free! They'd be breaking down doors to set up shop under a FairTax government, especially when compared to governments in Europe.

The only downside to the FairTax could be the American people.

Many see their tax "refund" as free money. People don't mind pumping money into the economy if they are in the mindset that it is the government's money.

They must understand that it was always their money; with FairTax they just lose less of it.

The American people can finally get behind a piece of legislation that earns its name. So place your bets with the FairTax, and choose where your money goes. The only real gamble is leaving it to the government to decide.

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# Hypersensitivity inhibits free speech

**STEPHEN PINEROS**

*Columnist*



**T**he United States today is a country in which failing to be politically correct in the work place or on the campaign trail can spell disaster.

The gay rights movement has advanced so far since it began in the "Summer of Love" that any sort of major public insensitivity to homosexuals hardly ever fails to incite immediate backlash.

What the gay rights movement has created, whether people want to acknowledge it or not, is a climate of fear. It is not a fear to hate, but a fear to express one's opinion because to do so risks the damage that peers can do to reputation.

Before I go any further though, I would like to clarify that I am not some hate-mongering, right-wing nut (and whatever other labels are placed on people who say anything against gay rights ad nauseum). I do not hate gay people, and I think it is ridiculous how people can picket a gay parade using hateful language and at the same time claim to be Christians. It was not until the movie "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" (starring Adam Sandler and Kevin James) came out, along with an avalanche of criticism, that I felt this climate was worth writing about.

Judging by trailers for "Chuck and Larry," it looked to be a pretty funny movie.

When I got around to seeing it, I thought it was hilarious. Most of the people in the theater laughed along just as much. However, you would be hard pressed to

find a critic's review of the movie giving it more than two out of five stars. I understand that comedies, no matter how funny (except for maybe "Superbad"), often are given a bad rating by critics. Of course, they are usually of the teen-movie type that has no redeeming value.

I had an inkling there was something more to the low ratings, though.

A quick look at <http://www.fandangocom>, a Web site featuring movie reviews, local show times and ticket purchasing options shows that of 2,519 user ratings, 83 percent gave the movie between four and five stars.

On <http://www.msn.com>, the average user rating is three-and-a-half, while the critic's rating is a two.

"They [the filmmakers] exploit the situational humor by deploying ridiculous stereotypes and the kind of language that got Isaiah Washington in trouble and then throw up a Hail Mary *mea culpa* by wrapping things up ever so neatly with a farfetched evolution toward understanding and acceptance," concluded Los Angeles Times critic Kevin Crust.

USA Today's Claudia Puig pronounces, "Unless you like your summer movies laced with a heavy dose of homophobia, sexism and racism, steer clear..."

Most other critics express similar sentiments.

Is it just me, or do they sound like they are avoiding any way in which they could possibly be accused of homophobia? It just seems like they give the movie a bad rating and denounce its insensitivity because it is the "right" thing to do. Speaking of homophobia, that word is just another example of how far gay rights have advanced.

"Homophobia" means having a fear of homosexuals, not hatred. How many people who are accused of homophobia are

actually scared of homosexuals?

It is a political tool the gay community has used to erroneously define and belittle people who speak against it or question its validity. Over the past few decades the gay rights movement has transformed the meaning of words. Not only does homophobia have a different connotation, but so does the word "gay."

Last year, Britain's National Health Service prohibited nurses from using words like dad, mom, wife or husband because they are potentially homophobic. What? Are you kidding me? But that is the direction America is headed.

It used to be that the gay rights movement was oppressed and therefore hardly existent. Now, in 2007, homosexuality is seen in mainstream media, and any voice speaking against it is oppressed. Gay rights appear to come at the expense of others' rights.

Over the last 30 years, gay rights have defined the line between what is acceptable and offensive, when in reality this is a very subjective line.

To what extent can the gay community lay down the rules for the rest of the population?

I am not against gays' right to stand up for themselves or to lobby for rights, but I am against them creating a social and political climate where certain free speech is condemned. "Chuck and Larry" was funny, period. It turns out stereotypes and fictional discrimination is funny to many people.

People have simply become too tense and oversensitive and have forgotten that a movie like "Chuck and Larry" is not going to set back 30 years of gay rights.

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COMMENTARY

# Painfully painted

**JULIE GERDES**

*Columnist*



I'm not sure how money is allocated for school repairs and maintenance, and I have no idea how the budget operates or where it is devised. But I do know that there are better things to spend our University money on than poorly selected paint.

As an English and Spanish double-major, I spend ample time in Daniel Hall. This semester, I have classes on three of the four floors, with the exception being the fourth, home to communication classes and the Multimedia Authoring, Teaching and Research Facility (MATRF). However, I was never asked or informed about any color decisions in my precious home until I gleefully returned to her beautifully overloaded outdoor staircase, donning her same pristine white exterior and cigarette butts, and went right on into my first class on the second floor. As I entered room 206, taking in a whiff of the abundant first-day-of-class perfume and musty, questionable odors emanating from somewhere in the floors or ceilings, I caught a smell of bad dealings. New paint.

I gasped. I might not have been so overwhelmed by the surprise of new furnishings had they not been so outrageous. Three walls worth of my previously off-white concrete bricks stood crying purple tears, while the fourth orange wall looked on with Pepto-Bismol empathy. Take that analogy however you like — either you need the medicine to calm the nausea associated with looking at this catastrophe, or you need it for a shade comparison — but there is a definite murky association lingering.

So I thought, "Oh well, school spirit. Way to try and be cute. You failed, but at least you tried. Maybe outsiders and freshmen will view the school as that much more fanatic." Glass half-full and all that...

It wasn't until the first day of Monday classes that I grasped

the full scope of the atrocity that was occurring in Daniel Hall.

Sure, I'd heard rumors. However, I didn't witness the third floor of the building with my own eyes until 10:10 on that morning in August. The walls in each classroom alternated between majorities of pink and green paint. This time, Pepto-Bismol was not just a shade but likely the name of the actual color used in this hallway. So much for school spirit — unless we are supporting Sweet Briar (Women's) College.

I feel betrayed.

My only consolation for the upset stomach and pulsating eyes that I am met with every time I enter one of these Easter Day classrooms is the hope that someone in the U.S. Postal Service made a very, very severe mistake and that somewhere a children's nursery is covered in prestigious, professional, fresh paint. Or that it's still the beginning of August, and I am still living through the nightmare of a cruel joke to which I will wake up any second and be able to breathe a sigh of relief for myself, for every other language major or professor, and for the poor walls of Daniel Hall.

As for the rest of the new furnishings, yes, they were overdue, and for their replacements I am grateful; however, I'm not sure why the University promotes "teaching with technology" and then gives us these plastic desks on which no laptop could possibly sit comfortably and safely. And via a loosely gathered departmental poll, I speak for all Daniel wanderers when I say, "Bring back the comfy rolling chairs!" Who wouldn't want comfort in 75-minute literature classes?

I've been wracking my brain for a positive aspect of these silly renovations, and I think I've got it. No matter what color gun a student chews during class, he won't have to resort to sticking it under the desk for the next kid's knee to discover; he can now easily locate a matching wall to ooze it on. Wintergreen and Double-Bubbies, third floor. Orange and Grape Bubbliciousers, second.

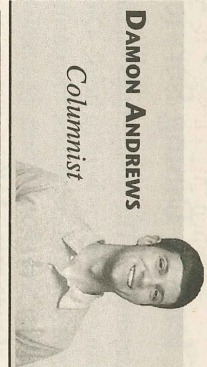
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# Why don't "Wii" see reality in our games?

**DAMON ANDREWS**

*Columnist*



Try to think back to early elementary school when the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) was the only gaming system available. There were two buttons, A and B. Remember sinking into the green pipes on Super Mario Brothers, or maybe shooting down birds in Duck Hunt?

Well, now think of video gaming systems today. They all nearly come standard with joy sticks, rumble packs and an abundance of different bells and whistles to enhance the gaming experience.

You can connect to the Internet and play users from all over the world, and in some football games you can even recruit high school athletes who are ranked using the star system to play for your college team.

In particular, Nintendo's Wii has turned gaming into physical exercise (well, to some degree) by allowing users to actually make the motion of what their animated character is doing in the game.

However, if there's one area where the Wii falls short, particularly in sporting-related games, it is how realistic it actually is.

Turn to the sports page of any paper and there is a good chance you'll find some sort of article on steroid use or illegal substances. In the steroid era of baseball and the illegal substance battles in which players such as Shawne Merriman of the San Diego Chargers have been involved in, I have to ask why Nintendo has not incorporated this gaming aspect into the Wii entertainment system to enhance the reality of the sport games.

Sure, players can train and lower their competitive age, but this is not reality — players in real life can't become younger, so they resort to steroids, which is the exact direction I see video games going.

Just think of the possibilities — in addition to coming with the Wiimotes and connection cable for the boxing game, the Wii system should also include injection needles for users who want to give his or her Mii (your self-made player) a little extra boost.

If people are willing to sit down and recruit players for a college team on some video games, never actually even playing the game, just recruiting, I'm sure they'd be willing to use some virtual steroids also.

The Wiimote could include a little slot or hold for the fake needle.

In addition, new games could offer an option where a competitor on the game could run so many random drug tests per a certain period of time to see if your Mii has been shooting up or not.

So it's very much like the professional leagues in that you use at your own risk.

If this seems outlandish, I assure you that it is. Let's face it — no gaming system is going to advocate steroid use, especially when there are eight year-olds playing them.

But with the direction of video games, it is certainly not completely out of the question.

Everything is becoming more like reality — Guitar Hero, for example, is evolving into a full band game called Rock Band in which a person can sing as well.

For decades Americans have been called fat for playing video games constantly instead of exercising; however, it appears that we can now kill two birds with one stone.

Getting a bad case of tennis elbow while playing video games indoors is no longer out of the question.

But don't you worry, because soon enough there'll be virtual steroids to fix that problem.

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## PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

Good parenting, here: While a repossession crew was towing a car in Aurora, Ill., a 4-year-old stumbled out of the back seat at a slow-moving intersection. Luckily, the boy was fine.

A California man was arrested for impersonating a firefighter and showing up at disasters like Hurricane Katrina and the September 11 attacks. Keep following your heart, buddy.

A man was found at the Atlanta airport with 30 dead snakes in jars inside his luggage. Fans were disappointed when they discovered that the man was not, in fact, Samuel L. Jackson.

Finland — Want to win a guitar worth \$3,400? You'll have to out-riff the international air guitar champ, Ochi Yosuke, the emperor of air rock.

Furious with her neighbor for stealing her keys, an Oregon woman decided to bump it up a notch by setting her neighbor's house on fire. Later, she found the keys in her pocket. Oops.

Doesn't this happen almost every week? A California pot dealer called the cops after his pot stash was stolen. Loss of points for unoriginality.

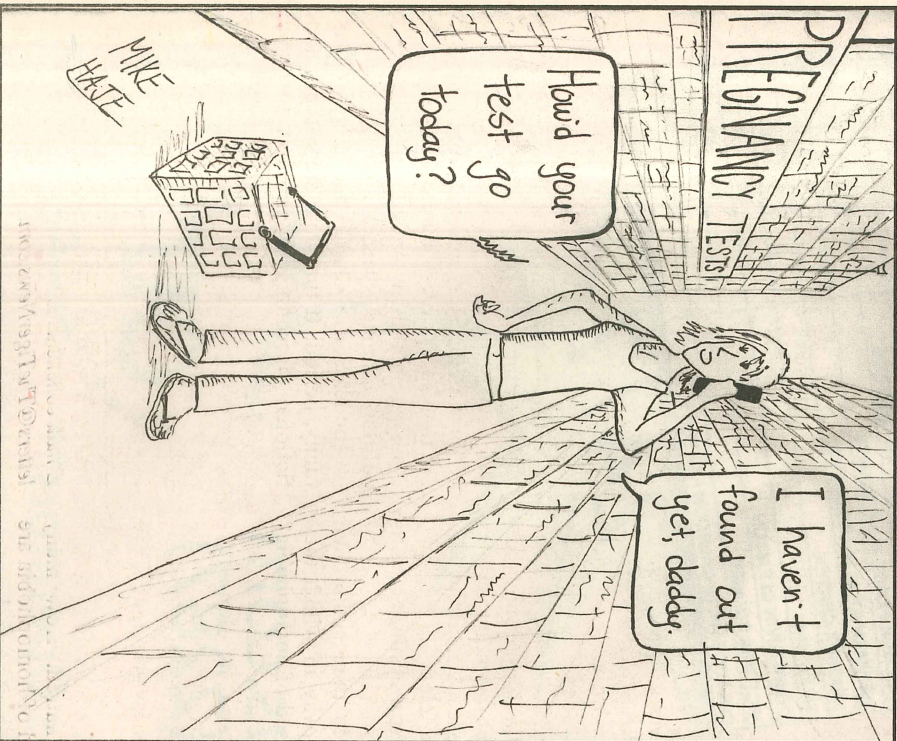


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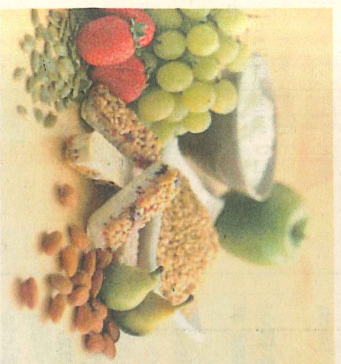
# Eating Healthy on Campus

By Jon Unsworth, Dietary Specialist  
Clemson Dining Services



Jon Unsworth  
Dietary Specialist

Have you ever made the statement, “The dining halls on campus just don’t serve healthy or nutritious food?” Don’t fret, because Clemson Dining Services is here to help! Did you know that all the dining halls, retail locations, and food courts on campus recently transitioned their margarine products and frying oil to contain no trans fat? **The Tiger Grill**, located in the East Side Food Court, is a new concept on campus, which offers several options that are low in fat and packed full of nutrients. At the **Canteen**, you can build your own salad; how healthy is that! At **Fernow, Canteen, East Side Food Court, and Snacks & Star**, six different types of sushi are available, as well as **Fresh on the Move** sandwiches, which feature lean meats and whole grain breads. **Loggia Latte**, in the old student union, offers smoothies that are loaded with flavor, antioxidants and are low in calories, which can help you to blast through your day! **Schilleter** provides a salad bar that boasts fifteen permanent healthy options, ten types of salad dressings (of which most are low fat or fat free) and specialty toppings that are both delicious and nutritious. The vegetarian dishes at **Schilleter and Harcombe** tend to be low in calories, low in fat, and very high in taste! **The Clemson House** now offers specialty sandwiches, of which most are vegetarian or can be made vegetarian, which reduces or eliminates calories, fat, sodium, and cholesterol. Just remember, as long as you watch your portion size and frequency of meals, you will find that our menus fall within the required/recommended amount of fat, protein, carbohydrates and calories for the typical college student (according to the ADA (<http://www.mypyramid.gov/>)).



- So what can you do starting today? **Here are some easy tips** to guide you in making healthy eating choices on campus and beyond:
- Watch your portion sizes. Many people overestimate true portion sizes, which leads to an intake of extra calories.
- Eat a salad and/or fruit with your meals. Not only are they extremely nutritious, they will help satisfy your hunger instead of eating more calorie and fat laden foods.
- Know your hunger cues; eat because you are truly hungry, not just because you want to.
- Choose lean meats and dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains more often than foods that are high in fat and/or calories and low in nutrients (i.e. sweets, chips, soda, etc).
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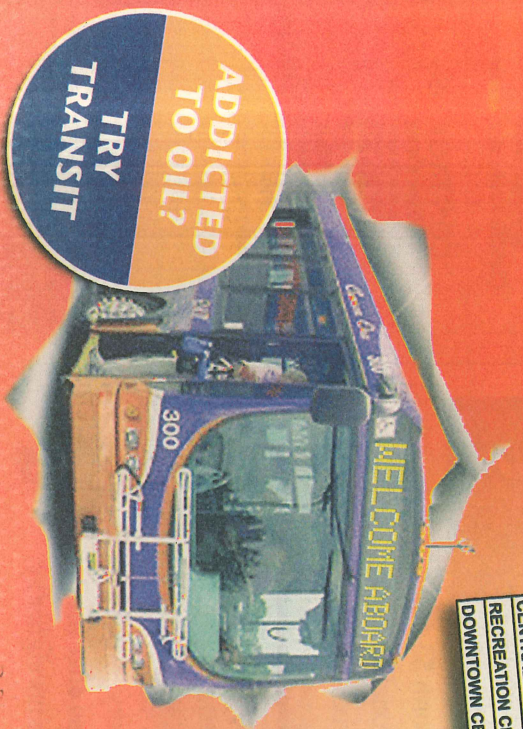
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# Harper heats up Warhawks

Clemson quarterback sets school record by throwing five touchdowns against Louisiana-Monroe

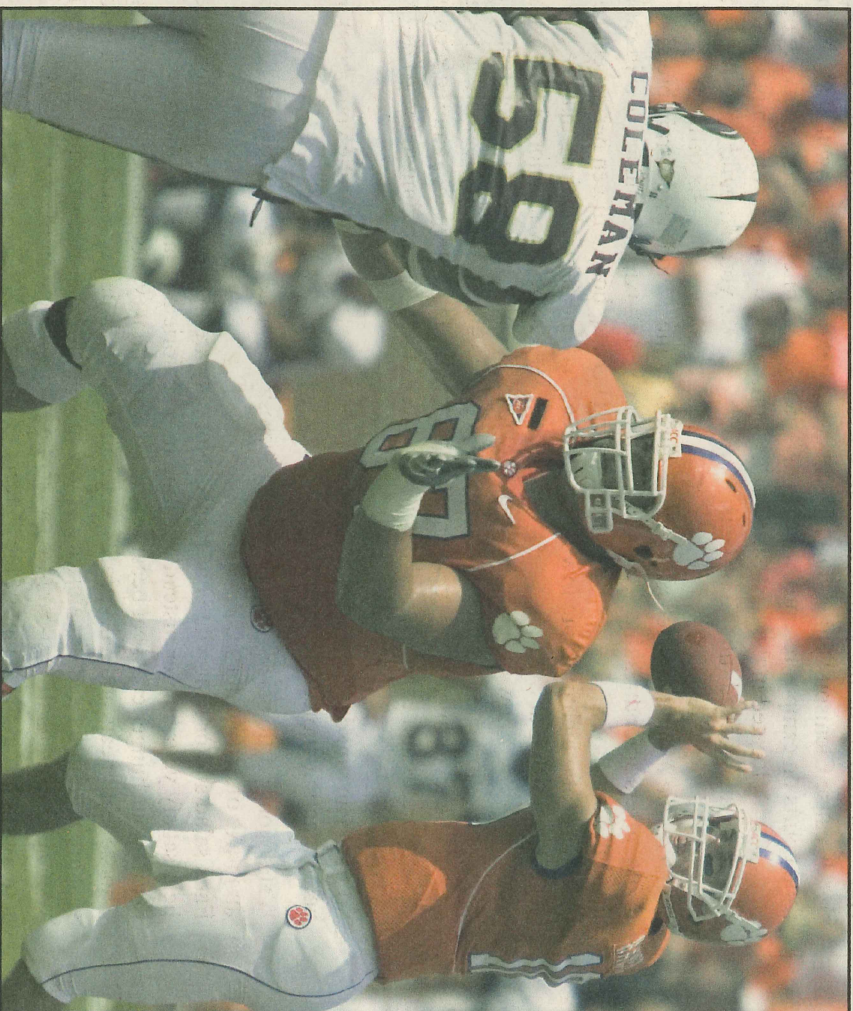
**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Playing amidst the likes of Lightning and Thunder, Harper that made it rain touchdowns last Saturday in the Valley. Clemson's quarterback led the way in a 49-26 rout of the Warhawks from Louisiana-Monroe. Only five days earlier, Cullen Harper became the first Clemson quarterback to defeat a ranked opponent in his first start, as the Tigers prevailed over No. 19 Florida State. It would take Harper less than a week to add another page to his Clemson history. Facing Louisiana-Monroe, the 6'4" quarterback tied the school's record for touchdown passes in a game—by halftime.

Following adjustments in the locker rooms, Harper took one play to break the record held by four other quarterbacks, slinging his fifth touchdown of the day with a 68-yard play to C.J. Spiller.

The Clemson offense stalled on its first two possessions, getting a three and out and a turnover on downs. However, Clemson quickly recovered and overpowered the Warhawks. The Tigers tallied seven touchdowns on their next eight possessions—all scores coming on drives of over 50 yards.

Harper ended the day completing 20 of 26 passes for 270 yards and no interceptions. His remarkable outing was accomplished without a breakout day by any one receiver; each of his five touchdowns was nabbed by a different player. Spiller, Tyler Grisham and Jacoby Ford each caught their first touchdown pass of the year, with Aaron Kelly and Brian Linthicum catching their second. Linthicum became the first tight end to catch two touchdown passes under head coach Tommy Bowden.



**MAKING A POCKET:** Christian Capote protects quarterback Cullen Harper during an offensive showcase against their opponents from the Sun Belt conference.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/STAFF

The potential to have a threatening passing game should be a relief to Clemson, who was completely dependant on the running game last season with Will Proctor under center.

One revealing drive against Louisiana-Monroe shows how this could be a different Tiger offense under Harper. Already ahead 21-10 towards the end of the second quarter, Harper commanded a nine-play drive that went 55 yards for a touchdown. Normally Clemson likes to pound their drives out on the ground, but this particular drive featured eight pass attempts

Clemson defeated two teams last weekend including No. 23 Long Beach State

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

This past week was a successful one for the No. 20 Lady Tiger soccer team, winning two games to improve their record to 4-0 on the season. The Lady Tigers have rolled over opponents in this early season, outscoring teams 13-1.

The first game last Friday was a top 25 matchup that featured No. 23 Long Beach State. Clemson prevailed 2-1 in the game, even though they only took three shots on goal. In comparison, Long Beach State attempted 11 shots in the game.

The first Clemson score in the game came when sophomore Molly Franklin fed the ball to senior Courtney Foster in the eighth minute.

Thirteen minutes later, Franklin set up the Lady Tigers' second goal. This time she set up another senior Nuria Zuffra, who blasted in a shot from 10 yards out.

Goalkeeper Ashley Phillips record-

# Lady Tigers roll on to fourth win

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ed four saves in the game, but allowed her first goal of the season.

After the game, head coach Todd Bramble seemed thankful. "Long Beach probably outplayed us, but we played with character and resilience and found a way to win despite the fact that we clearly didn't have our best stuff tonight," said Bramble.

Two days later, the Lady Tigers handily defeated Western Carolina 2-0. Star goalkeeper Ashley Phillips led the way as she has done her entire career, recording five saves in the game. Clemson's first goal came when freshman Samantha Fortier scored the first goal of her career in the twenty-ninth minute. Yet again, it was Franklin who gave the key pass for the goal, marking her third assist in two games. The sophomore midfielder now has six assists in the early season.

The second goal came in the thirty-third minute when Meghan Smith kicked in a cornerkick from Abby Lambert.

Head coach Todd Bramble insists the Lady Tigers still have more to offer. "We got the win and it's always good to get another win. As a team, we still haven't played our best soccer yet. We are still in search of that and

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# ACC still

## has far to go



**ALAN SMITH**  
sports editor

According to most preseason publications, this was supposed to be a year in which the Atlantic Coast Conference would improve substantially in football. But as we all know, preseason predictions tend to be about as accurate as Reggie Ball's completion percentage.

I have to admit that I thought the ACC was in for a rebound year, but just two weeks into the season, the conference appears to be no better than it was last year. Granted, there's still a lot of football left to be played, but once again, the ACC desperately needs a team or two to step up and become a national contender (get a clue, Tommy) in order to earn the league respect.

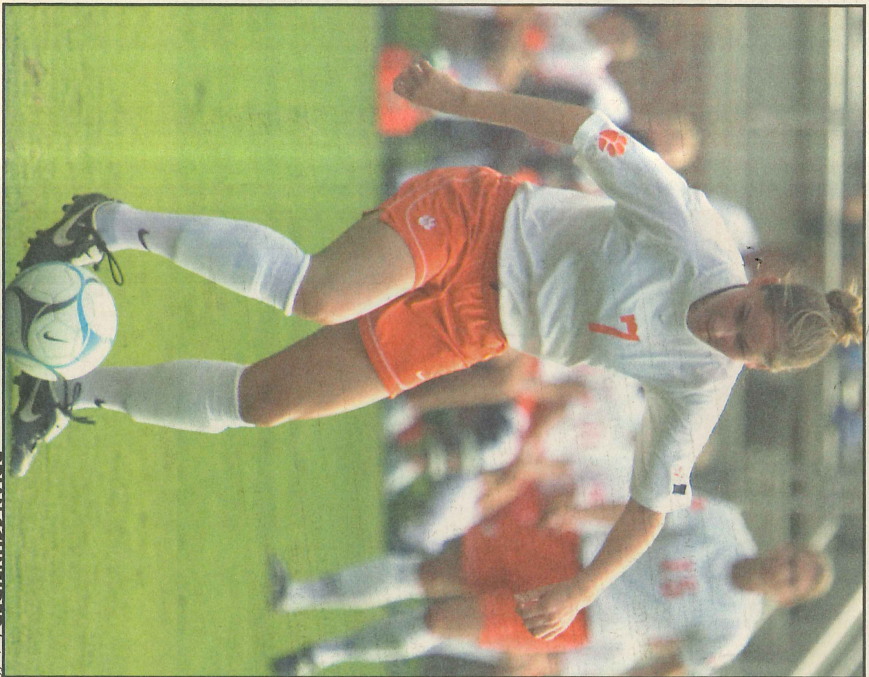
This past weekend turned out to be a complete disaster for the conference. There were two matchups in particular, Miami-Oklahoma and Virginia Tech-LSU, that every college football fan, including myself, had really been looking forward to. However, if you were to look at only the final scores, you would think that Oklahoma and LSU had just beaten two Sun Belt opponents.

I knew Oklahoma was a great team and that Miami would have a tough time beating them in Norman, but I felt like the Canes were a team on the rise with their stifling defense and sudden emergence of a running game (quarterback play is another story, though). Surely, Miami would at least keep it close with their defense.

Since the Canes and Sooners were playing while I was in Death Valley with 81,000 of my closest friends, I had my brother, a junior at Miami, keep me updated via text messaging. Not long into our game, I got a text letting me know that OU was up 14-3 at the end of the first quarter.

"Ouch," I thought to myself. The last thing Miami needed to do on the road against a team like Oklahoma was to dig themselves into a hole. A little while later I found out it was 21-3. Then, I managed to get a good laugh in when my brother's next message read, "S\*\*\*, they put Kyle Wright in." He was referring to Miami's former blue-chip quarterback recruit who had been demoted to backup after two sub-par seasons.

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BRIAN SCHNEIDER/STAFF

**ROLLING ALONG:** No. 20 Clemson has lived up to its ranking thus far, adding two more wins this week.

## TIGER SCHEDULE

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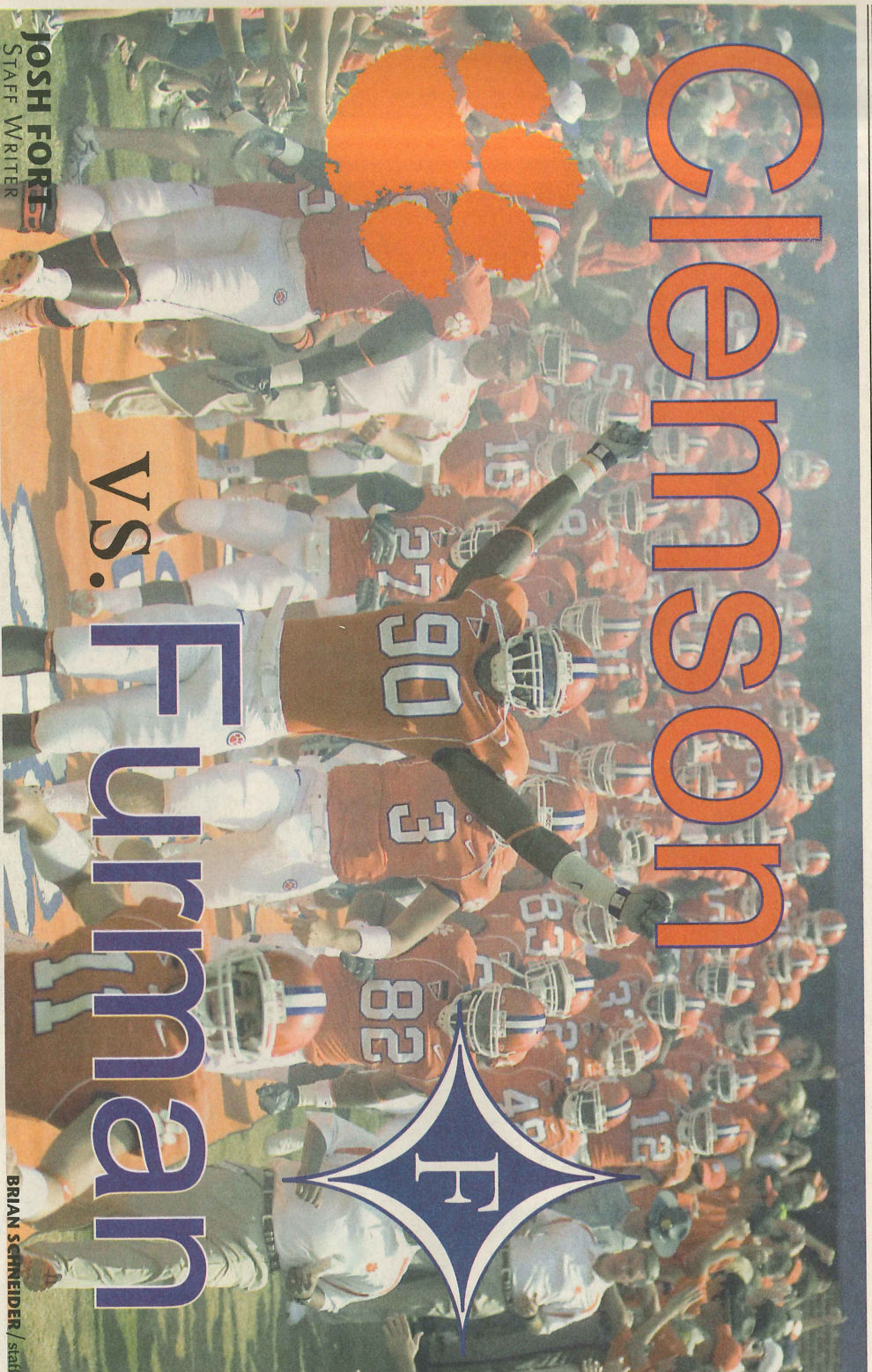
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**JOSH FORT**  
STAFF WRITER

During Tuesday's press conference, Clemson football head coach Tommy Bowden said "the parity is here (in college football), whether you like it or not." That statement has never ringed so true as it is during the 2007 college football season.

Appalachian State's upset of No. 5 Michigan in the Big House was followed up during week two with South Florida's 26-23 win over No. 17 Auburn, at Auburn.

The Tigers themselves stumbled out of the gate against Louisiana-Monroe before going on to win 49-26.

Tomorrow, No. 20 Clemson (2-0, 1-0), will look to prove that parity does not apply to them when the

Furman Paladins (1-1) make the short trip to Death Valley.

Furman is ranked no. 15 in the FCS and is coming off of a 32-17 road loss to Hofstra.

The Paladins play in the Southern Conference along with Appalachian State and will play host to the Mountaineers on Oct. 27. Furman has fallen just short of pulling off their own upset in the past few years, falling to North Carolina last year 45-42 and dropping a 41-38 overtime contest to Pittsburgh in 2004.

The Paladins' rushing attack is led by Jerome Felton (42 yards per game) and Cedrick Gipson (38 ypg). Leading Furman's passing attack is quarterback Renaldo Gray. He is tied for seventh nationally in passing efficiency at 174.89 and is averaging over 215 yards

of total offense per game.

The top receivers at Gray's disposal are split-ends Patrick Sprague and R.J. Webb. Sprague is a senior that is averaging seven catches a game, a figure good enough for fourth in the FCS. Webb, a graduate of nearby

Pickens High School, is second on the team with over five catches per game.

Defensively, the Paladins are led by free safety Thomas Twitty. Twitty is averaging 9.5 tackles per game and finished the Hofstra contest with 14 tackles, eight solo.

Also tackling well for Furman is linebacker Andrew Jones with seven tackles per game.

The men in orange are led offensively by a host of players, highlighted by junior quarterback Cullen Harper. Last week, Harper set a school record by passing for five touchdowns in the Tigers' victory over the Warhawks. Harper currently ranks eighth in the country with a passer rating of 186.44.

Look for Harper to have a big game, as the Paladins are giving up 296.5 yards passing per game.

On the receiving end of Harper's passes has been the trio of Aaron Kelly, Tyler Grisham and CJ Spiller. Kelly leads the way, averaging four catches and 57.5 yards receiving per game. A pleasant surprise to the Clemson passing game has been true freshman Brian Linticum who has two touchdown catches in as many games this year.

The Tiger rushing attack has been led thus far by junior running back James Davis. Davis is averaging 85 yards per game and is second on the team in scoring with six points per game.

Spiller's talents have effectively been utilized by the Clemson coaching staff as he currently leads the team in all-purpose yards with 148 yards per game. Spiller is averaging three

catches per game for 45 yards and 43 rushing yards per game. He has also been actively involved in the Tigers' return game.

Bowden and company seem to have found a proven kicker in two-sport star Mark Buchholz. A scholarship soccer player on Trevor Adair's nationally ranked soccer team, Buchholz won the starting place kicker role on the football team and never looked back. He is perfect on the year on field goals and extra points and leads the team in scoring with 20 points per game.

Despite a less than stellar performance last weekend, Clemson's defense is the fastest and most talented that Death Valley has seen in years. Led by a huge, quick athletic line, the Tigers swarmed to the ball against Florida State and should do the same against a talented Furman offense.

New Orleans native Nick Watkins leads the team in tackles with 10.5 and is tied for the team lead in sacks with one half sack per game. Defensive end Phillip Merling is tied for tenth in the nation in tackles for loss with two per game. Opposite of Merling is Ricky Sapp, who has made his presence known and eased the loss of Gaines Adams.

The Tigers and Paladins have met on the gridiron 55 times, dating back to 1896. Clemson's first year of football. The Tigers lead the series 40-10-4 overall and 22-2 in games played at home. Clemson has never lost to Furman in games played in Death Valley (17-0). Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 1 p.m., and it is family weekend at Clemson.



## WEEK THREE STAFF PICKS

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Record	18-2	15-5	14-6
Furman at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
West Virginia at Maryland (Thurs.)	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Boston College at Georgia Tech	Boston College	Georgia Tech	Boston College
Virginia at North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Virginia
Florida State at Colorado	Colorado	Florida State	Florida State
Tennessee at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Arkansas at Alabama	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
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Southern Cal at Nebraska	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
Ohio State at Washington	Ohio State	Ohio State	Washington

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16. Arkansas
17. South Carolina
18. Virginia Tech
19. Oregon
20. Clemson
21. Boston College
22. Tennessee
23. Georgia
24. Hawaii
25. Texas A&M

### PLAYERS OF

#### THE WEEK:

##### OFFENSE



Cullen Harper, QB

Harper set a school record against ULM with five touchdown passes in just his second career start. The junior completed 20 of 26 passes for 270 yards and no interceptions.

##### DEFENSE



Courtney Vincent, LB

In just his fourth career start, Vincent recorded a career-high eight tackles, including two for losses. The junior is emerging as a force in the middle after picking up just 20 tackles all of last year.



# Men's Soccer splits two games at VT tourney

Tigers drop second double overtime game of season before rebounding against VCU.

**SARAH PORRI**  
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson men's soccer team traveled to Blacksburg, Va., last weekend to participate in the Virginia Tech Men's Soccer Invitational. Clemson faced host Virginia Tech on Friday night and Virginia Commonwealth on Sunday afternoon.

On Friday, the Tigers lost to the Hokies in a double overtime match with a final score of 2-1. Clemson's David Bell scored the first goal of the evening from eight yards. He was unassisted, and the goal was made in the 34 minute marker.

The Tigers fought hard to control their lead with goalie Joseph Bendik racking up 12 saves for the night. Virginia Tech tied the game at one goal apiece with Alexander Baden scoring with an assist from James Gilson. The score remained at one through regulation and one overtime period. Clemson had just seven shots at the net to the Hokies 23 shots.

The game ended when

## KICKIN' IT: Lady Tigers win two in three days

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hopefully it will come sooner rather than later," said Bramble.

The Lady Tigers next play Furman at 5 p.m. this evening in Charlotte for the Carolina's Cup. Sunday, they will remain in North Carolina as they take on UNC-C.

Clemson's next home game is scheduled a week from today versus their archrival, South Carolina.

Virginia Tech's Ben Nason scored his second of the season from 10 yards out with just over two minutes left in the second overtime period. The Tigers dropped to 1-2 for the season and the Hokies moved up to 2-1.

Sunday afternoon came and the Tigers looked to close out the tournament with a win. Goalie Joe Bendik had another solid performance with six saves on the day giving him a total of 18 for the tournament. In the first half Virginia Commonwealth had six shots at the goal, but came up short without a point on the board going into the second half.

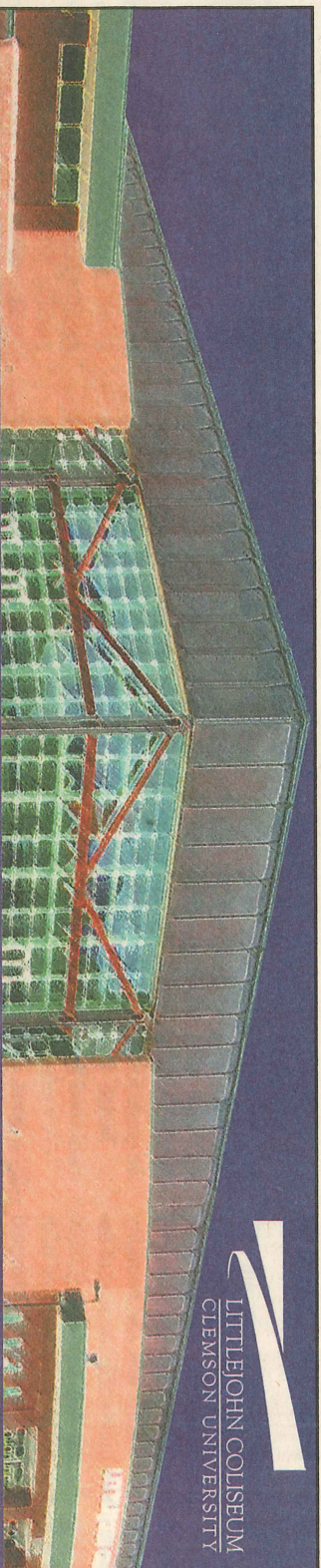
The Tigers played well, keeping the Commonwealth players in line throughout the game and not allowing a single player to score a goal. With just over fifteen minutes left to play in the game, senior Tate Parrish took a shot at the goal from 25 yards out near the post.

It went in and gave the Tigers the 1-0 win over Virginia Commonwealth. Clemson now moves up to 2-2 on the season and Virginia Commonwealth falls to 2-1.

The Tigers will stay at home for the next six games as they start with playing USC Upstate on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Historic Riggs Field.



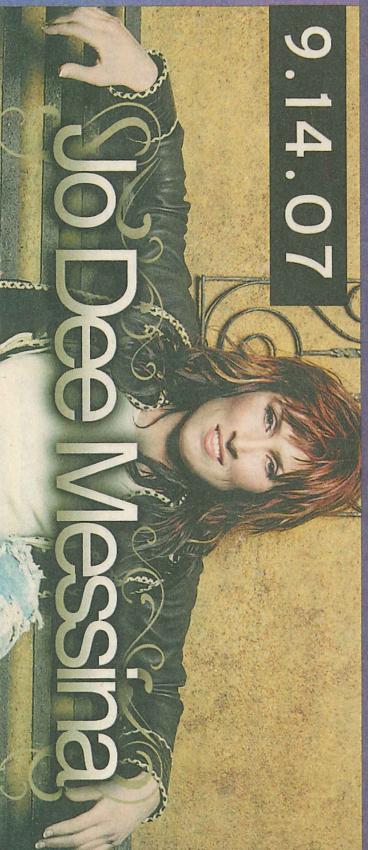
**BRIAN SCHNEIDER**, staff opponent. The Tigers were in constant battle last weekend with two nail-biting finishes.



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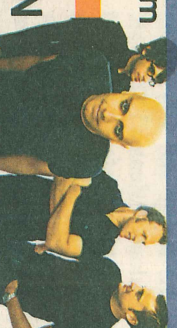


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## 2007 season off to wild start

LSU makes biggest statement, South Florida pulls biggest surprise in Week Two

**TYRONE GAYLE**  
STAFF WRITER

What a weekend it was in college football, but wait...can't we say that every weekend? Michigan continued to prove they were one of the most overrated teams to start the season since the [insert year here] Notre Dame Fighting Irish, when they entered the week one poll at No. 5.

The top 25 remained a lot like week one, minus a powerhouse here, Auburn, and a Cinderella team there, Boise State, falling out of the polls. Going into the weekend, one of the biggest questions that remained was, "Who is really the best team in the nation?"

LSU had the sharpest audition of them all as they completely humiliated a Virginia Tech team, 48-7, and some felt they could play in the national championship game.

This heavyweight battle of top 10 teams turned into more of a Varsity vs. J.V. scrimmage by the end of the first half.

Conference play will really begin to heat up this weekend with several intriguing non-conference games (see: Southern Cal at Nebraska) as well.

**Aggies prevail over Fresno in marathon**

The Texas A&M Aggies are officially 1-0 in 3 OT period games after their 47-45 shootout victory over Fresno State. The temperature was 90 degrees at kickoff, and the humidity made it look unbearable for most of the players. By the third overtime - more than four hours later - players on both sides were on their knees, exhausted

I was surprised when I got a text later on letting me know that Miami was down just 21-13. But then, for some reason, I never heard from my brother after that. I found out why when I got home later that day. Oklahoma had won 51-13, out-gaining Miami 411 to 139 in total yards.

So much for Miami's dominating defense. Sure they played a great football team on the road, but 51 points is inexcusable. I guess Thug U still has a long way to go before they regain their elite status.

If you thought Miami's performance was ugly, though, then you obviously didn't watch the Virginia Tech-LSU game. At least Miami waited until the fourth quarter to get blown out. But halfway through the first quarter it was obvious that Virginia Tech, the No. 9 ranked team and nearly unanimous ACC title favorite, was no match for the Tigers of LSU.

I didn't expect the Hokies to go into Baton Rouge and win against that ridiculously talented LSU team, but I thought their defense was good enough to at least make a game out of it. After seeing how much quicker LSU's offense was on their first two drives, though, I looked at my roommate and said, "This game is over."

I could just tell that it was going to turn out ugly for the Hokies, and boy did it ever. When all was said and done, Virginia Tech found itself on the losing end of a 48-7 score. The vaunted Hokie defense had allowed a whopping 598 total yards to LSU.

Miami and Virginia Tech aren't the only two reasons the ACC had a bad weekend, though. Florida State had to overcome a 14 point halftime deficit to beat the mighty Blazers of UAB. I will give Wake Forest credit for playing Nebraska much closer than many expected in their 20-17 loss. However, the Deacons

and fighting off cramps. Aggie RB Javovskis Lane rushed for a three-yard touchdown and the two-point conversion in the third overtime period to give the Aggies the lead.

**Hawaii narrowly avoids major upset**

Hawaii and Louisiana Tech combined to light up the scoreboard like Central Park on Christmas Eve, with Hawaii squeaking out a 45-44 win in an overtime thriller. The Warriors denied La Tech's two-point conversion at the end of the period. The teams combined for 1,003 total yards of offense.

**Spurrier flips the script, uses defense to upset UGA**

While at Florida, Spurrier averaged 36.3 points per game against Georgia but used a quick and blindsiding defense to steal one from the Bulldogs on their home field. A last minute heave by Georgia QB Matthew Stafford was bobbled and intercepted, sealing the surprise win for the Gamecocks. This is the same Steve Spurrier who always used the "the best defense is a good offense" mentality during his UF hey-days.

**Auburn gets Bull-led at home, loses to USF**

In what's becoming more of a tradition rather than a fluke, South Florida upset yet another ranked team for the third season in a row. Maybe now the Bulls will start getting their deserved credibility from the AP voters. On the other hand, some might say Auburn lost the game more than USF won it with three lost fumbles and two interceptions. Jesse Hester Jr. caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Matt Grothe in the overtime period to win the game for the Bulls.

**Notre Dame and Michigan a combined 0-4; first time ever**

A week after getting embarrassed by a good, but not great Appalachian

had several opportunities to win that game, but couldn't get it done.

The biggest downside of last weekend is not just that traditional powers Miami and Florida State (and even Virginia Tech to a lesser extent) appear to be uncharacteristically mediocre once again, but also that the media and fans will use the

State team, Michigan suffered their worst loss since the Lyndon B. Johnson presidential era by losing to Oregon 39-7, at home.

Notre Dame is having an equal amount of success, or lack thereof, as they lost to Penn State 31-10. It was a paycheck game for the Nittany Lions after the Irish spanked them 41-17 last year.

Ironically, both "powerhouse" programs will play each other this weekend in a battle of futility. Michigan RB Mike Hart has already guaranteed a victory, and let's face it, things can only go up from here.

**Two lopsided losses by powerhouse teams equal two new starting quarterbacks: Virginia Tech and Miami to go with new quarterbacks this weekend**

Kyle Wright will return to the helm as the Hurricane starting quarterback after being passed by Kirby Freeman. Apparently that's what happens when you rank 118th out of 119 in total team passing offense. "It won't be one week Kyle and one week Kirby. It's going to be the Kyle Wright Show for right now," Miami Coach Randy Shannon said.

Virginia Tech will put true freshman QB Tyrrod Taylor in charge of the offense beginning this weekend.

Some say Taylor may be the reincarnation of former Hokie great Michael Vick, minus the whole dog fighting and criminal record thing. Sean Glennon, the other Hokie QB, was benched last week in the LSU game after his dismal passing performance where he went 2-10 for 16 yards with one interception.

**Stud of the Week: Casey Fitzgerald, WR, North Texas**

All Fitzgerald did was rack up the fourth highest receiving total in 1-A history, hauling in 18 catches for an astronomical 327 yards with 1 TD.

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I guess Thug U still has a long way to go before they regain their elite status.”

—Alan Smith, Sports Editor

weekend's results to judge ACC teams for the rest of the season.

I firmly believe that a team should not be judged based on what conference they play in, because your conference affiliation does not make you any better or any worse. Just look at Boise State last year. Many argued that they did not deserve to play in a BCS Bowl even though they were undefeated, just because their conference was weak. However, Boise State proved their worthiness when they beat Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

So why, you may ask, do I feel the need to seemingly "bash" the ACC - the conference our beloved Clemson Tigers belong to? Well, I'm not so much "bash-

## Fantasy Football Weekly: Garrard a must-have

Romo starts in Week One; Jones, Rivers among those who should sit in Week Two

**RYAN LAUNNIUS**  
STAFF WRITER

It's only one week into the season, but the actual NFL standings can be put on hold because all that matters right now is your own personal ranking in your fantasy football league. Hopefully if you are reading this now you are 1-0 and leading your league in points. However, if you are not then I have advice to help you make the first steps towards the top of your league this very week.

**Running Backs:**

This week's ball carrier who belongs on your bench rather than your active squad is Thomas Jones. Even though Jones had 15 touches this past Sunday, all he gained was a measly 48 yards and no touchdowns against a decent Patriot defense after straining his calf in practice on Aug. 12. The leg injury is obviously affecting Jones' performance, and he will be no more impressive against an even stouter Baltimore defense this coming Sunday.

If you are looking for a back who will score you a lot of touchdowns while gaining decent yards, look no further than Musa Smith of the Baltimore Ravens. While Willis McGahee was busy doing the legwork for the Ravens, Smith was getting most of the red-zone touches as he pounded the ball for 30 yards and a touchdown on just five carries. Smith will never run for 100 yards in a game as long as McGahee is in the same backfield, but he is very likely to steal touchdowns off of Willis a la "Jerome Bettis 2005-2006" style.

**Quarterbacks:**

Anyone who paid any attention to their fantasy league this past weekend knows who the top quarterback performer was: Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys. Romo threw for 345 yards and four touchdowns while only throwing one interception against the New York Giants. While Romo will be a reliable fantasy quarterback this year, don't expect the same output from him on a weekly basis as he is playing a fierce Miami Dolphin defense this week, which will probably cut his numbers in half.

If you need a quarterback after week one but don't want to give up one of your current players to get one (I'm talking about you, Eli Manning Owners), a solid filler for the spot is David Garrard of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Garrard surprisingly took the starting job over Byron Leftwich in the closing days of the preseason and started out the season throwing for 204 yards and a touchdown.

The quarterback to sit this week is Philip Rivers, who threw for 190 yards and an interception with no touchdowns against the Bears last week. This week, Rivers and his Chargers are squaring off against the Patriots

at Gillette Stadium, a traditionally tough place for quarterbacks to succeed (just ask Peyton Manning). Besides, it seems like LaDainian Tomlinson is the only one throwing touchdowns for the Chargers.

**Wide Receivers:**

Normally, Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald are a dynamic duo, but this week they only had a combined seven receptions for 44 yards and a touchdown against the lowly 49ers. While the lone touchdown by Boldin was promising, the opponent they were playing against was not. On Sunday, the Cardinals will be up against the top fantasy defense last week in the Seattle Seahawks. Seattle had five sacks last week and only allowed six points against Tampa Bay. If you have decent wideouts on your bench, it would be a smart move to bench Boldin or Fitzgerald this week.

Plaxico Burress had a great week for the New York Giants, receiving for 144 yards and three touchdowns. However, Eli Manning's favorite target will not have Eli Manning for up to a six week period, which could lead to a significant drop in Burress's numbers with his new quarterback, Jared Lorenzen. If you are wondering who Jared Lorenzen is, don't feel alone; so is the rest of fantasy football nation. My advice is to trade high while Plaxico's stock is up and fill a hole on your team with an upper mid-level player if you have another reliable wide receiver already.

**Tight Ends:**

Tony Gonzalez had a rough week with only five receptions for 28 yards and zero touchdowns against Houston, and things aren't likely to get any better as he matches up with a fierce Chicago Bears defense this week. If you have another option at tight end, it would probably be for the best if you take it this week.

One tight end to look at if a hole needs to be filled is Heath Miller. Pittsburgh's new head coach Mike Tomlin forms gameplans that take away from Pittsburgh's infamous running offense and utilize the arm strength of Ben Roethlisberger more so he can air out the ball to his receivers. Heath Miller is a developing first round pick who will consistently put out 40 plus yard games with at least a touchdown every other week, as he is quickly becoming one of Big Ben's favorite and most reliable targets.

**Defense:**

One team that could be considered a solid pick on defense would be the Seattle Seahawks. Last weekend, the Seahawks allowed just two field goals against Tampa Bay, and this week they play an Arizona team who doesn't exactly have the NFL's most explosive offense.

As far as potential letdowns go for this week, the Miami Dolphins are a possibility. While their defense is normally solid, they allowed 400 yards to the Redskins last weekend and now must face a Dallas team that put up 478 yards and 45 points in their season-opener.



# Volleyball winning streak ends

Tigers defeat Florida A&M before falling to Furman and Purdue in Big Orange Bash

**TERA ROBERTS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson volleyball team, hosting this year's Big Orange Bash, came into the tournament 3-0 and finished the tournament 4-2 with a win against Florida A&M and two losses to Furman and Purdue over the weekend.

Friday night, the Tigers played Florida A&M and defeated the Rattlers by a score of 3-0. Junior Jeannette Abbott led the Tigers with 17 kills, followed by Danielle Hepburn with 14. Abbott extended her double figure kill streak to 47 matches in the win and also had 3 service aces.

Leslie Mansfield and Didem Ege both had 18 digs, while setter Kelsey Murphy had 35 assists. Meghan Steiner had a hitting percentage of .538 to improve the Tigers' percentage to .325. For the Rattlers, Jovana Blazeski had 20 kills to lead all hitters, while Susan Egoavil added 20 digs.

The Tigers looked strong, taking the games 30-17, 30-22 and 30-20 to hand the Rattlers their first loss of the season.

The tournament began Friday at 5:00 p.m. with a match between Purdue and Furman. Purdue took the win with a 3-0 sweep (30-28, 30-19, 30-9) of the Paladins. Dania Merlau had 13 kills, and Anne Mastandrea had 17 digs in the win for the Boilem makers, which marked the first time in program history Purdue held an opponent to single-digit points in a 30-point game.

Allison West, the only Paladin with double figure kills, had 11 kills, and Paleta Gehrke had 15 digs to lead the Paladins.

The Paladins would rebound from their loss to give the Tigers their first defeat of the season by a score of 3-2 in Saturday morning's action. It was a match of firsts for Furman. The win gave the Paladins their first match against Clemson after losing the previous 34, and their coach, Michelle Young, got her first victory over her former collegiate coach, Clemson's Jolene Jordan Hoover.

Furman took the first game with the help of West who had 22 kills, leading all hitters, and 16 digs, while Stephanie Smith added 33 digs in the match. The game was heated as the Tigers saw 11 ties and five lead changes before losing 33-31.

The Tigers, led by Hepburn with 19 kills and Ege with 32 digs, came back to win the second game 30-20, and Furman won the third game 30-22. Game four had 15 ties and four lead changes as Clemson won to force a game five.

Clemson held an early lead of 6-2 in the final game, but Furman took the lead with five straight points and never relinquished it, taking the game 15-12.

Following the match between the Tigers and the Paladins, Purdue defeated Florida A&M 3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-17), giving the Boilem makers a 2-0 tournament play record and looking to end 3-0 with a win against the Tigers Saturday night.

Fresh off the loss to Furman that morning, Clemson refused to end the tournament with a two in the loss column in what would prove to be one of Clemson's biggest challenges of this season.

In game one against Purdue, the Boilem makers had impressive play from Stephanie Lynch who had a match-high 26 kills with a .407 hitting percentage. Purdue went on to win the game 30-21.

Also leading the Boilem makers, Merlau had a 20-20 night with 23 kills and 24 digs. The Tigers bounced back to win both game two and three 30-26 and 30-28, respectively, winning game two on a Steiner kill and game three after

opening up with six straight points.

Failing to end the match with a game four victory, the Tigers lost a tight game four 30-28 to force the Tigers into their second deciding fifth game of the day.

Purdue opened game five with three straight points while Clemson fired back with three to knot it up. There were seven ties in the heated game which the Boilem makers took 15-12 to hand Clemson their second loss of the tournament.

"It's rough losing two games back-to-back, but they were two hard teams," said sophomore Lia Proctor after the loss. Proctor had 20 kills to lead the Tigers followed by Hepburn with 19 kills in the loss to the Boilem makers. Ege had 28 digs, followed by Murphy with 21 and Mansfield with 15 for the Tigers.

"I think we worked really hard. There were a couple of mistakes we had," said Hepburn about the loss to Purdue. "That one loss against Furman really got to us. Hopefully we can bounce back."

In the final day of tournament play, Furman defeated Florida A&M 3-2 (30-18, 26-30, 30-24, 28-30, 15-12), improving the Paladins' record to 6-2 while the Rattlers fell to 0-3. Nicole Palazzo had 24 kills, and West added 14 kills and 18 digs for the Paladins. Blazeski had 23 kills for the Rattlers.

The Tigers will try to get back on track next Friday at home in the Clemson Classic as they take on Kent State at 12:00 p.m., followed by a match against Appalachian State at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, they take on Georgia State at 11:00 a.m. to finish the tournament.

# FOOTBALL: Tigers cruise past UL Monroe

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gracious reaction from the crowd at Death Valley.

Harper's departure for the bench was met with a standing ovation from the fans in orange--but not because of his five touchdown passes. The crowd stood for the true freshman coming in to replace him, Willy Korn.

The stands cheered as Korn completed his first pass in a Tiger uniform, going 11 yards to Nelson Farber. The most heralded quarterback recruit in Clemson history then proceeded to lead the Tigers down the field 75 yards and capped off the drive with a one-yard touchdown run. His first drive wearing the No. 3 orange jersey never saw a third down and

put the Tigers up 42-13.

To many fans, Harper is clearly and deservedly the starting quarterback. But from the crowd reaction at Death Valley, there are fans who wouldn't mind seeing the highly touted freshman play. However unfair it may seem, Harper will have those fans on his back all season long.

Willy Korn's first name seems a better fit for the job, as the last four starting quarterbacks at Clemson have been Woody (Dantzer), Willie (Simmons), Whitehurst and Will (Proctor). But as long as Harper keeps up his strong play, all Clemson fans will ignore the fact his name does not contain a "W."



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Gina Jamsi

# TimeOut

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## Country stars kick back in Clemson

As a marathon runner with roots in Massachusetts, Jo Dee Messina doesn't seem like the most likely person to become a country singer. However, Messina has conquered the music industry with several platinum albums, nine

No. 1 hits and the Academy of Country Music's "Top New Female Vocalist" award. And she is bringing her acclaimed music to Littlejohn Coliseum on Sept. 14, along with up-and-coming artist Lee Brice.

"I am absolutely excited to come to Clemson. I have a huge fan base in this

age bracket, so it's really a lot of fun," said Messina. Messina decided to give music a first try in her teens, creating a band with her brother and sister and performing all across the northeast.

Her drive to continue came from her mother, a single parent, who helped Jo Dee develop a hard work ethic. At 19 she took her act on the road to Nashville. There she found a steady position as a regular "Live at Libby's" radio show.

During her time in Nashville, Messina was discovered by producer Byron Gallimore. While working with Gallimore, she was introduced to another up-and-comer, Tim McGraw.

After a short run with one label, Jo Dee signed with Curb Records, but Gallimore and McGraw still played a large part in production of her first albums.

Jo Dee Messina started to gain national attention when her song "Heads Carolina, Tails California" hit the charts from her first album. From her sophomore album "I'm Alright" came the hits "Bye Bye," "I'm Alright" and "Stand Beside Me." These songs made Jo Dee Messina into a country music star, and the Academy of Country Music even nominated her second album for Album of the Year.

Her third album, "Burn," didn't disappoint, either. It went platinum and earned two Grammy nominations after entering the charts at No. 1. "Lesson in Leavin'," "Bring on the Rain" and "My Give A Damn's Busted" are just a few of songs of Messina's that brought her additional fame. Her popularity continued to spread and made her one of the first women of country to mount a major headlining tour.

However, Messina finds some



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time away from work to devote to her two loves—running and her fiancé. "I've been married to my career for ten years," she said. "It came first. It came before birthdays; it came before weddings and funerals, and it came before everything. Just in the last year or so I've said, 'Wait a minute! This garden needs some tending.'"

She has run two marathons so far and is working toward her third. "On the road, I'll get up and run, and since my steel player is training with me we run together," she said. "Then I go to the gym and lift weights, have lunch, do the sound check and then my meet and greet, do the show and get to bed as early as I can. No staying up late!"

Messina is currently promoting her latest album, "Unmistakable." For this project, she is not only the writer for most songs but also the co-producer. The album follows a series of changes, starting with a disappointing relationship followed by a bitter breakup and finally finding the ideal love.

Opening for Jo Dee Messina is Lee Brice, an artist newly signed with Curb/Asylum Records. Brice has also known a love for music since an early age. He picked up skills through his aunt and the gospel music he heard at church.

Brice definitely incorporated music as a part of his life throughout high school, winning three school talent shows. However, he had another competing interest, football, which came from his father. His father was actually recruited by Clemson University to play football, but he turned them down in order to marry and start his own business.

Brice picked up where his father left off and applied to Clemson and was accepted as a civil engineer major. He made the team and worked his way to the position of center. Lee played for the Clemson Tigers through his senior year. Years of snapping the football had caught up with him, and he found himself in emergency surgery.

Brice decided not to finish out his senior year but instead turn to music. Apparently it was the right decision. Lee Brice is currently promoting his album "Picture of Me," recognized for its hit song "She Ain't Right."

## On the road wants a loooooong headline

It sits on my black book shelf and somehow doesn't get consumed by my overabundance of books. Its size is dwarfed by my Harry Potter series, and it is not as nostalgic as my copy of "Treasure Island" that I received when I was 5, but when I walk by my shelves, it will catch my eye more times than not. Maybe it is the bright yellow honeycomb design on the cover or my subconscious still trying to figure out what I really thought about the novel that always draws my attention to it.

The 50th anniversary of Jack Kerouac's novel, "On the Road" was the 5th of September. Did you have a celebration? Or perhaps you went out and bought the original scroll, which was published a few weeks ago? No?

I can't say I blame you. Your only experiences with the novel may have been a demeaning comment made by your parents. If you have read the novel, it was probably for class, and for some reason being forced to read this book almost makes a mockery out of whatever class you happened to be taking.

My experience wasn't so bad as being forced and even leant itself to something I believe Sal, the narrator, would have done. During our junior year, my roommate and I decided we didn't have enough going on (we did) and decided to take on a slightly

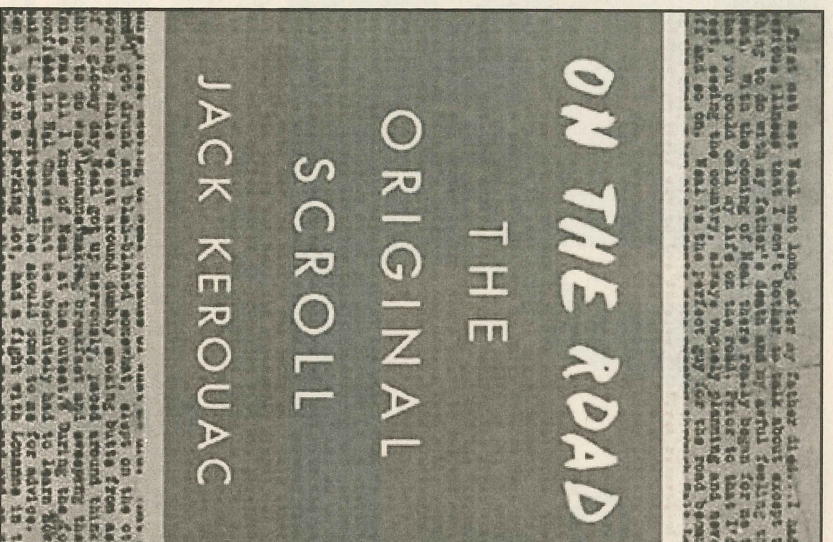
masochistic extracurricular pursuit. We planned to meet once a week for a book club, not a sissified Oprah version, but a novel a week rite of passage that would put hair on our literary chests. Anything was fair game, as long as it had at some point been deemed a classic within the literary canon. We alternated weeks to pick books, and the second book—not picked by me—was "On the Road."

I knew nothing about the book or the author. Before I made my weekly trip to Barnes and Noble to pick up a copy, I swung by the library to pick up some criticisms on the novel. Hey, if you know nothing about the subject, just spout off someone else's opinion.

None of my preliminary readings were very favorable of the writing. Harold Bloom, a prominent literary critic, bluntly said it was one of his least favorite books, and it offered no cultural or literary value. Why are we reading this?

With trepidation I started on my own journey through the 300-page novel. I came out at the end a little haggard and with a few questions. What just happened? Did anything happen?

In classic book jacket style the quip on the back reads, "...whose power and urgency continue to speak and inspire generation after genera-



tion of readers." Um, I don't think I know anyone who has been inspired to visit a delinquent friend across the country by hitchhiking. Yet.

The first 30 minutes of our many-book-club was to discuss if anything truly, even symbolically, happened in the plot. I think we came up with a negative. If you are not familiar with the novel, it is the writing that inspired the "Beat Generation," meaning fledgling students,

writers or drug addicts in the '50s and '60s. It's what the establishment called all those people living the bohemian lifestyle. The narrator, Sal, leaves New York and heads across the country with his proverbial nap sack. He eventually winds up in San Francisco after some detours in Chicago and Los Angeles. After a truly beat experience, his crazy adventure leads him to Mexico City and back to his starting point, New York City in time for classes to start.

It's really every college student's dream, just bumming about the country in a post adolescent daze. Unfortunately, reading about this experience isn't as fun as actually doing it, but for some of us who can't take the plunge it is the next best thing. Kerouac does weave a masterfully narrative full of imagery and a sense of almost being on those dark roads along with Sal, bumming cigarettes and feeling the cold desert air blow through your hair as you ride in the back of a pick-up truck.

The book hasn't done much of inspiring during this generation, but it does give a gleaming hope that we all won't wind up as some sort of corporate machine, or if we do, at least we have Mexico City.

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**9-19**  
Deerhunter and  
Mouser at 40 Watt  
Club in Athens, GA

**9-20**  
The Groove Merchants  
at Loose Change in  
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10pm show.

**9-21**  
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Chalwa at Backstreets  
in downtown Clemson

**9-22**  
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# Solutions to puzzles on D6

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## Crossword

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# ON [tech]

The advertising that we have all seen from Apple has always been creative and interesting. However, when they failed to inform customers that the iPhone battery-replacement policy charges users \$99 for each replacement, sales started to drop regardless of the catchy advertisements.

**JASON YANG**  
Staff Writer

Apple has since dropped the price of the iPhone from \$599 to \$399 and the price of battery replacements down to \$59. Users who bought the iPhone at the \$599 price can receive a \$100 store credit instead of money back from the price drop. Bringing the price down makes the iPhone comparable with the other competitors in the smart-phone category of cellular phones and is expected to boost sales.

Apple has also announced the next generation iPod, which features a full-body touch screen like the iPhone features. In fact, the iPod Touch has all the features of the iPhone except for the capability to make calls. This version of the iPod was created when consumer surveys showed that more people were interested in the touch-screen technology that the iPhone presented.

Screenshots show that the iPod Touch will use a very similar interface to that of the iPhone and supports music, video and web browsing using a Wi-Fi connection. The official Web site for the iPod Touch mentions the ability to watch YouTube videos, which would suggest a kind of partnership with YouTube developers. The iPod Touch also features an iTunes storefront, where users can buy and download songs directly from the iPod using a Wi-Fi connection. Purchases are still done through an existing iTunes account, which suggests that songs bought on the iPod Touch will be available on iTunes. Further synchronization options with iTunes include photos and movies, which can be played and viewed on the iPod Touch.

New designs for the iPod nano have also been released. The nano now features a revamped graphical user interface, which uses the cover flow method of browsing. It also features an improved shuffle feature that allows users to steer the shuffle function, randomize song selections to find something they like and then turn it to shuffle inside the album or artist category to hear more from that artist or album. The nano now is also smaller but features a larger and brighter screen for movies and pictures, as well as a larger color selection.

Apple has announced that the iPod touch would be available to developers to develop applications for it. This was previously announced for the iPhone, but after careful consideration, the iPhone was released as a locked-down proprietary device due to safety concerns for AT&T's network. Web applications were still allowed, but downloadable applications were restricted and the programmable interface for the iPhone was never released. Because the iPod Touch would not be dependent on a private network, there are fewer security issues that would prevent the software development kit, which is used by third-party developers in programming applications, from being released.

Apple certainly has a lot of products coming out soon, which include four new iPod models, many more applications for the iPhone and a networked dock that allows users to control the iPhone from any networked device.

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LIZ HUNTER  
Staff Writer

**"Transformers"**

Shape-shifting alien robots bring their battle to Earth as the evil Decepticons and the noble Autobots collide. Based on the Hasbro toy line from the 1980s, this fast-paced explosion showdown will entertain even the least geeky of you out there. Shia LeBoeuf stars as Sam Witwicky, the unfortunately named main character who finds himself not only as the owner of a robot car, but in the middle of a showdown of gigantic proportions.

**"1 Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"**

Two New York City firefighters team up in a faux-homo conspiracy to gain spousal benefits. Basically two hours worth of every tired gay joke in the book that attempts to redeem itself with good intent, but instead ends up insulting not just gays, but just about every other group under the sun. Tasteless stereotypes with a side of mediocre!

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# ON THE PROWL

by ORSON SWELLES

For those of you who clip out this article every week to decoupage and add to your Orson Swelles scrapbook, you will remember that a few semesters back I did a condom review article highlighting the best and worst of what Trojan and Durex had to offer. As a conclusion, I said that Trojan's twisted pleasure (in the green box) reigned supreme as the most pleasurable for both partners. Time has passed, and thanks to a goodie bag of condoms from Trojan and a couple of other purchases, I

have a whole new slew of reviews for you and your crew.

First up is the new line of Trojan vibrating rings that have gained a good amount of steam since their release and for good reasons. To clear up a bit of confusion, many people refer to this as a vibrating condom, and as an engineer let me assure you that currently there is no technology allowing a latex condom to freely vibrate (or else many more single, lonely guys would be buying condoms). This is where the "ring"

part of the equation comes in. The package includes a standard Trojan lubricated condom (but feel free to use the condom of your choice) and a vibrating ring. The ring is essentially a thick rubber band that holds a very small vibrator at one end surrounded by raised rubber nubs. It fits a bit snug at the base of the penis, but it's no tighter than the rubber at the base of the condom.

All of this would be moot if the ring didn't add anything to the sexual experience, but thankfully it delivers on all fronts. The vibrator can be placed upright for standard sexual positions such as missionary in order to have direct contact with the clitoris. Flip your 'll' lady around for some doggy-style or reverse cowgirl action, and flip the vibrator over to keep that pleasure button depressed.

I can imagine that women around campus now are already sold, but what about for the fellas? Well, the vibrating ring in standard position provides a good bit of junk jigglin', but flip it around and suddenly the boys are being tended to by a speedy but gentle touch. The small battery inside lasts for 20 minutes, so that is usually good for only one session (yeah right, I'm sure most of us will get 4-8 uses of the thing.) At roughly \$10, it's definitely more of a special occasion device instead of a "use with every quickie session" device.

In the same line is the double ring, which has vibrators at the top and bottom. I have yet to use mine, but I can only imagine it being twice as good as the original. There's also an extra intense ring that has a vibrator that's about two times the size as the original, and once again I think the Doublemint gum motto should suffice as a review of this product.

One interesting condom that has been around a while, but I have never had the funds to purchase (3 condoms for roughly \$6) is the

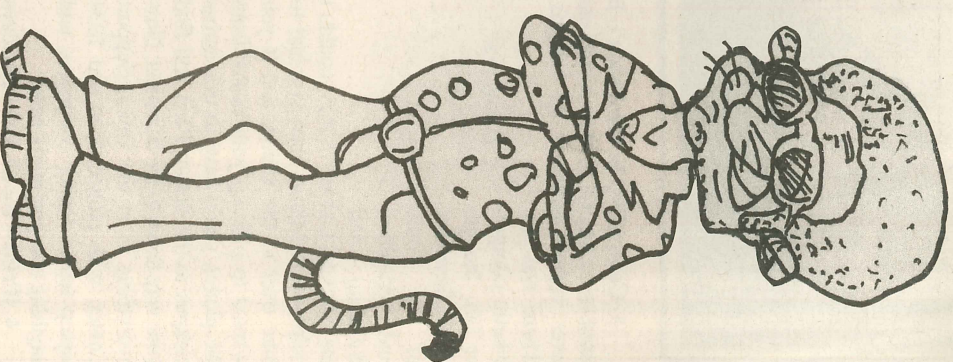
lambskin condom. Before I even go on to describe this condom please note that this is less safe than the latex variety and should only be used for folks with latex allergies.

The bizarre thing about this sperm shield is that it actually is made of lambskin, and it feels like a second skin around the penis. Being only days old when my foreskin and I were forced to part, I don't know what it's like to have an extra membrane over my member, but I can imagine this is very similar. I think one funny thing is that the opening of the condom uses a cotton threaded string instead of the standard rubber. If Ben Franklin devoted his time and intellect to developing condoms in the 18th century, I think this is what it would look like. If you must be all natural, this is a good way to go, but there are polyurethane condoms that contain no latex allergens and are much safer than the lambskin.

The last product isn't actually explicitly sexual, but the implications of its uses have sexual undertones. Next time you are cruising Sephora for some eyeliner and Bare Minerals makeup, look in the body cream section for Jessica Simpson's Dessert line of body creams. As the name suggests, the body creams come in a variety of flavors ranging from fruit flavors to vanilla and chocolate.

Each can comes with a good amount of the whip (which actually does make the skin smooth aside from the vast licking that is bound to occur), and the top actually contains sprinkles. This line never really caught on because it's obviously that the product line is more of a gimmick than an actual body lotion, so you can cruise Sephora's website and pick up a can for only \$5.

These creams are good ways to spice up the bedroom play without making you or your partner make the awkward leap into actual food (the fetish of which is called sploshing, FYI). One warning that's less



about the Dessert line and more about stores that sell the product is that not every product that says delicious means it's literally delicious. There was an unbelievably redolent shampoo that was labeled "A Delicious Gingerbread Shampoo." That was reason enough for me to dive in for a taste, and I was greeted with the lovely taste of soap while the makeup counter ladies had a good laugh at my expense.

If you have a big anniversary coming up, here is what you do. Buy a twisted pleasure condom, a vibrating ring duo and a can of Dessert body cream and let the toys do the work for you. This way, you can be really kinky without having to step into a sex shop, and you never know what future pleasures these gateway toys can lead to.

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# THE TOP 5

CCIT IMPROVEMENTS

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5. **Centralized in the Union** - It used to be that CCIT was spread out over various buildings on campus.

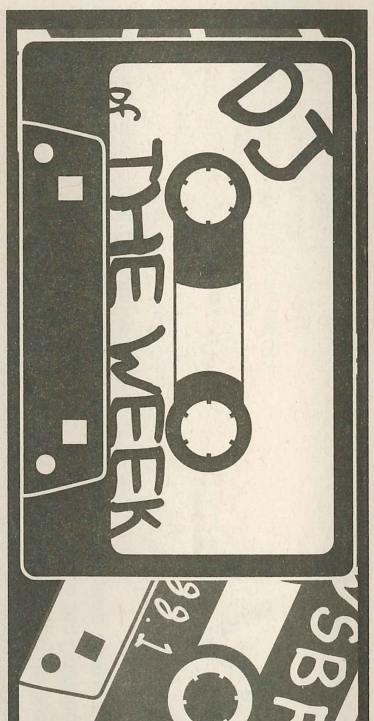
There was the Martin computer lab, the lab in the basement of the Poole and Agriculture Building and

the Student Union. If they couldn't help you at Martin, then you had to hike over to the Union, and if you wanted to pick up your poster from the plotter, you'd have to trek across campus to the distant P&A and find your way down to the basement. Now everything is in the Union Support Center, with plotter, Mac and IBM laptop repair, loaner computers, and anything else you might need.

4. **iPrint** - We all hate those days when we desperately need to print something out and rush to the fifth floor of the library only to be thwarted by the unavailability of a computer. It seems that everyone and their mother has picked that exact moment to check their mail, or watch the latest episode of "Lost," or just plain piddle around on the computer. You could spend the next ten minutes frantically walking the aisles of the east and west sides of the library, OR you could just pull out your laptop and use a handy little service call iPrint.

It used to be students would have to log into Novell (if you had it) and spend a good 10 minutes trying to convince their computer to send their documents to the printer. Now, with iPrint, located at <http://www.clemson.edu/print/top.php>, you simply type in the server name and up pops a list of all the computers on campus and you select the one you need. Handy, isn't it?

3. **Mac Support** - CCIT now has the training and the people to do repairs on Apple computers. The number of incoming freshmen and other students with Mac computers is growing, so along with other renovations, CCIT now has Mac Support. This includes hardware repairs and loaner Macs and Mac Book Pro's. CCIT also brought in people from Apple to help out and be available at the CCIT



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2. **More Hours** - College students often find it inconvenient to run errands during the day like the rest of the more normal population, because our daylight hours are consumed by classes. Haven't we all made a midnight grocery run to Wal-Mart because there simply was no other time? Well, CCIT extended its hours to better suit the busy college student. They are now open until 10 p.m. on week days along with Saturday and Sunday hours. Their Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and their Sunday hours are 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Now that is going to come in handy.

1. **Professionalism** - In the past, when it used to be DCIT, the Computing and Information Technology people were sometimes spoken of with a bit of disdain. Some students felt that they were more of a hassle than a help, and usefulness was limited to free backups. CCIT, however, along with a new name to describe better their purpose, did wonders to increase its professionalism. Instead of settling for students who used to putter around on computers in high school, they now train all of their workers to the same level of knowledge and ability as professional computer companies. They also brought in professionals, such as the Mac people, to add to their staff and new departments. CCIT has gone above and beyond being just student workers and "those computer people."

**SOON TO COME:** The move to Gmail - This improvement is not a Top 5 since it hasn't happened yet, but it's so fantastic it couldn't be left out. Starting Fall 2008, Webmail will no longer exist and all student email accounts will be moved to Gmail. Not only does Gmail have almost triple the amount of storage that Webmail has, but it also allows for larger attachments that open quicker. Gmail also integrates applications such as calendars, spreadsheets, chat and a personal homepage. Gmail will also help to avoid the server overload that makes Webmail incredibly slow at times - such as the week after Spring Break when every student is attempting to check their e-mail.

**Emily Sparr:** How did you get involved with the station?

**Cameron Taylor:** I got involved with the station when I first came to Clemson. I meant to go to *The Tiger* interest meeting, but I wound up running into David Bowman and talking about it hardcore. I never made it to *The Tiger* meeting.

**ES:** The radio station has seemed to become a haven for students interested in a large variety of music and culture. How would you describe the environment at the station in comparison to the overall Clemson environment?

**CT:** The traditional Clemson environment is very suppressive when it comes to art and culture. An accepted set of values and interests is presented to freshmen, rather than giving them a choice of what they want to get into. It's an "accept it or get lost" kind of attitude, where the older Clemson students show freshmen what kind of music they should like, how they should dress, how they should act. While most students don't do this intentionally, they allow for this environment and attitude to thrive. At WSBF, we are all into very different stuff in every way possible, but we are all supportive of each other's interests and respect their individuality.

**ES:** What kind of music do you play in your specialty show?

**CT:** I do a punk show, covering modern punk that ranges from the early '90s to today.

**ES:** How would you describe the term 'punk'?

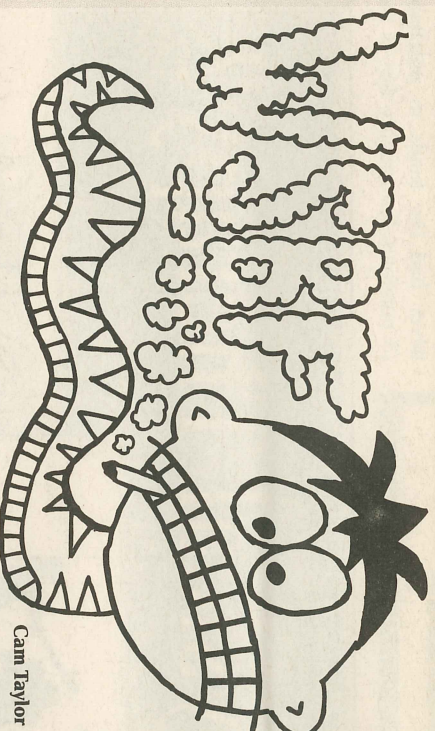
**CT:** The term 'punk' has become a bastardized word in today's society thanks to institutions like MTV and the Warped Tour, but this show seeks to get back to its original roots as a way of thinking. Punk music has no definitive sound. Instead it is a way of looking at music as a vehicle of social change and personal expression, no matter how you make it sound. I play folk, country, hardcore, rock and roll and pop, all of which encompass the ideals of punk rock.

**ES:** Who are the top artists you have been listening to lately?

**CT:** American Steel, Tiny Hawks, Off With Their Heads, Young Livers, Rocket From The Crypt.

**ES:** WSBF has partnered up with other student organizations to put on events around campus. Does WSBF have anything coming up soon?

**CT:** Yes! We have a huge show coming up on Sept. 29 with Denison Witmer, Maria Hansen and Austin Webb. It's going to be an acoustic, poppy kind of show in the Hendrix Center ballroom. Oh, and it's FREE.



Cann Taylor

**ES:** Now that you are the General Manager of WSBF, what do you want to focus on improving or changing?

**CT:** WSBF has had excellent general managers over the past few years, and I want to continue in their tradition of strong and innovative leadership. I would like to stick with programs that have worked for us in the past and work on new ways to promote ourselves within the community, particularly by working with outside organizations like *Boogie Magazine* and *GreenvilleScene.com*.

**ES:** You got some pretty interesting tattoos over the summer. Any good stories behind them?

**CT:** I could go on for hours about almost getting killed by racist skinheads in Tampa, weird tour stories and seeing life-changing shows, but I'll save that for people who buy me a beer.

## FEEDING TIME?

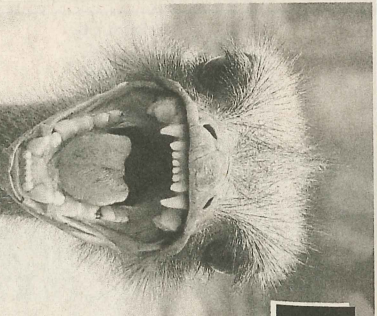
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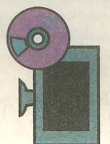
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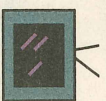




# Reviews



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DVDs

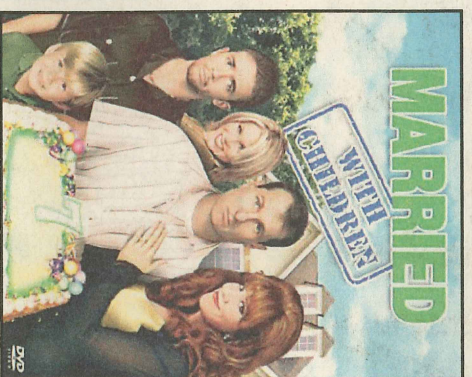


TV



"We Are Marshall," Sept. 18

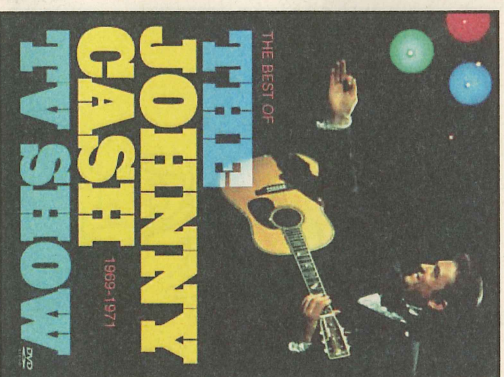
Based on the tragic true story of the Marshall University football team, the film chronicles the year following the 1970 crash that killed the entire team. Starring Matthew McConaughey, the film joins in a long line of against-the-odds football movies, which the world could probably do without. But all that aside, it's a good attempt at a good story. Especially for football fans, this is a good film to tug at the heart strings.



"Married with Children," Season 7, Sept. 18

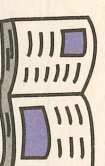
Ah, home sweet hell. Another season of America's favorite grumpy, white-trash family is now available on DVD. Follow the Bundys - Al, Peggy, Bud and Kelly - through the ups and downs of blue-collar living. Laugh along as Al, a chauvinistic woman's shoe salesman, insults his way into his wife's heart, and complains his way through fatherhood. What can TimeOut say? Best show ever? Why, yes. Yes, it was.

"Smallville," Season 6, Sept. 18  
Ladies, if you haven't seen this show before, this is your wake-up call. Three words. Tom.



"The Johnny Cash Show: The Best of Johnny Cash 1969 - 1971" (Sept. 18)

After years of waiting, fans of the Man in Black everywhere can celebrate. The complete Johnny Cash Show is now available on DVD. The show, which ran for two seasons, includes guest performances by the likes of Roy



Books



"Louder Than Words" by Jenny McCarthy

So apparently Jenny McCarthy is a New York Times bestselling author. Who knew? For those of us who love her for her short-skirted, loud-mouthed days as the

Orbison, Toni Mitchell, Ray Charles, Loretta Lynn and Louis Armstrong just to name a very few. This is a must have for Cash fans and music buffs alike, as it includes some of the very best musicians of our time from across the board and proves that music is the great connector.

host of "Singled Out" (um, only the best MTV show ever), her latest book might not be what you'd expect.  
After a successful series of books on pregnancy, birth, and mothering, McCarthy is now discussing with her usual frankness and humor an issue that is affecting more and more young Americans, including her own son: autism.

"Dead Heat," Dick Francis, Sept. 17

For the protagonist of this story, it might be better to avoid the heat from the kitchen. Dick Francis returns to the writing scene with his latest novel, "Dead Heat."  
After several bestsellers, Francis is expected to deliver quite a story to readers.

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# FRAT BOYS VERSUS

# NERDS

**Fashion Accessories:** Croakies Vs. Star Wars Wristwear – I'll never know why something that is usually worn by beer-bellied little league dads caught on for people our age, but what I do know is that at least Croakies will keep expensive Ray Bans from falling off during keg stands and overly-enthusiastic high fives. The digital watch improves time-telling speeds by 1.78 seconds over analog watches (and 2 parses if it's a "Star Wars" watch), and even though engineers sweat more during statics tests than during athletic activities, you never know when your brow will need to be mopped by Boba Fett. Winner: Tie. Both sets of accessories look silly but have their uses.



**Bowtie: Bowtie Vs. No Bowtie** - If you have two generations of family under you in the family tree, then wear a bowtie. If you are not one of these four, then either wear a straight tie or nothing at all. Winner: Engineer. Default due to absurdity of the bowtie existing for the sub-65 age crowd.



**Shirts:** Button-ups Vs. Printed Tees – While button-ups and coats look nice enough to impress fellow bros, most of these are worn early in the semester when it is sweltering outside. Engineers know how to dress it down for the weather, but images of Darth Vader, Dragons and Dr. Doom are doing nothing to help the engineer improve his social standing. Winner: Tie. It's too hot for long sleeves and a coat, but nerdy, black printed t-shirts aren't shouting alpha male.

**Carried Accessory:** Frat Paddle Vs. TI89 - Frat Rule: the frat paddle must be carried over the heart at all times during pledge season. Engineering Rule: the TI89 must accompany the engineer at all times in order to conquer wayward integrals and standard distribution functions. Penalty for not carrying the frat paddle: beatings from brothers with possibility of disciplinary actions and suspensions from fraternity. Penalty for not carrying the TI89: bad grades due to shoddy partial differentiation done by hand with possibility of lost scholarships and unemployment. Winner: Engineer. You try going through the engineering curriculum with your cell phone's calculator.



**Pants: Khakis & Seersucker Vs. Tapered Jeans** "Hopefully those chillaxin' dudes at Delta Iota Kappa notice my bitchin' khakis and wanna shotgun a beer in my honor." "Hopefully I left my equation sheet in the back pocket of these jeans that I forgot to wash last week. Too bad I fell on the way to lab and got this stupid hole. If my mom saw what I did to the jeans she bought, I would be in big trouble." Winner: Frat boy. Seersucker pants may be a bit humorous, but khakis work for any occasion while tapered mom-selected jeans work for no occasion.

**Shoes:** Rainbows Vs. Black Sneakers – Don't blame the Rainbow sandal for its ubiquitous use with any outfit, no matter how formal. Likewise, don't blame the engineer for not knowing that the black sneakers can only be pulled off by a select few people (namely superstar athletes) and are only one rung higher on the fashion ladder than socks with sandals. Winner: Frat boy. Rainbows are better in the summer and don't look completely ridiculous.

**Conclusion:** As surprising as it may be, the fashion choices of the two most prominent divisions of male students at Clemson ended up in a tie. From an outside perspective, both styles look a bit silly in the eyes of a fashionista, but ask most of the women on campus, and I think the more formal attire of the fratilities wins out. Whichever way the women choose, I think the engineer's wardrobe is a bit more practical for the rigors of scholarly pursuits. What happens in the case of a frat guy/engineer? Let's just hope he takes the positives of both sides and doesn't end up tying his bowtie around a Spiderman t-shirt, and promptly tucking the shirt into a pair of tapered jeans whilst not wearing a belt. If so, call TLC immediately because I have a new candidate for Clinton and Stacy.



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