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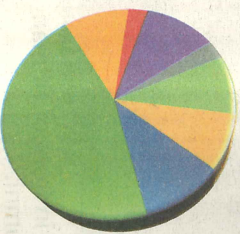
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# Memorial scroll honors CU military

The Clemson Corps make movement to establish remembrance of fallen alumni.

**ANNA REID**  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help preserve the military heritage of Clemson University, the Clemson Corps is working to erect a Scroll of Honor Memorial adjacent to the football stadium to recognize alumni killed in the line of duty.

According to its Web site, the Clemson Corps is an organization that was formed as a constituent group under the Alumni Association in 1999. The Clemson Corps was founded with a two-fold mission: to help raise money through contributions to the Clemson Fund to fund Clemson Corps scholarships to attract young men and women into ROTC, and to help perpetuate Clemson's rich military heritage.

As a part of this second mission, the Scroll of Honor was established. The Scroll of Honor is a list of Clemson University alumni who gave their lives to serve the country.

Clemson Corps felt that creating the Scroll of Honor was necessary because to date, roughly 470 alumni were killed from World War I through the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and are to be included on the Scroll of Honor. Not to mention more than 10,000 Clemson University alumni have served in the Armed Forces.

The Clemson Corps, in coordi-

nation with the Clemson Athletic Department and the Campus Planning Office, has developed a plan to erect this Scroll of Honor Memorial adjacent to the East Gate of Memorial Stadium across from Howard's Rock.

"In 2004, we began to consider a permanent place on campus for the Scroll of Honor," said Retired Colonel Danny Rhodes. "After studying several alternatives in 2006, the Board of Directors selected area adjacent to the East Gate."

Rhodes mentions the fact that when Memorial Stadium was built in 1942, it was named to honor the alumni who had died in service to the country.

"Yet there is currently no manifestation of that purpose anywhere in or near the stadium other than the name - Memorial Stadium," said Rhodes.

The University Administrative Council's decision to approve the plan to erect the memorial to these heroes will set Clemson University apart from any other university. At this time, no other stadium in the United States is named for this purpose.

Brigadier General, Hap Carr and Colonel Danny Rhodes are currently serving as co-chairmen on the project serving as co-chairmen of the Scroll of Honor Memorial and believe strongly in this project.

"When one considers the way the Military Heritage Plaza has been endorsed by students, staff, alumni and other visitors, we think that the

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## Trustees approve new sites

Improvements in facility units, construction and appearance are set to take place over the next two years.

**JENNIFER SALANE**  
NEWS EDITOR

At the Clemson University Board of Trustees meeting held on Friday, Oct. 5, Clemson trustees and council members made plans to start facilitative work on seven campus buildings, one of which was given a name.

The current Institute of Packaging Design and Graphics will be named after Harris Smith, president and chief executive officer of Harris Container.

Smith, an active member of the Clemson University Packaging Science Advisory Board and major donor to the program, recently sold the 100-year-old family-owned packaging business in Atlanta to a global packaging company.

"This is an incredible supporter of this college," Trustee Les McCraw said.

"The bottom line here is that we have a very unique friend under very unique circumstances."

Smith decided to invest much of his estate to a higher education program in an effort to support the packaging industry that his family helped define, according to Neill Cameron, vice president of advancement.

In 2005, Smith became one of the largest donors in the history of Clemson, giving \$10 million in support of Clemson's Top 20 vision. He allotted this money to the packaging science money in hopes of encouraging the students

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## Board promotes lean growth

Clemson officials research ways to improve University budget, business and overall focus.

**CAROLINE RASH**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Clemson University Finance and Facilities Committee convened on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, to discuss centralization of accountability and resources, campus expansions and a push toward a "lean" financial and operations strategy.

The University is investing \$225 million in campus development by the year 2010 to increase academic space, expand research capacity and improve the quality of life for students, faculty and staff, according to Clemson's Web site; here is where some of it's going:

The Committee passed six campus renovation and expansion proposals: \$16.2 million to furnish the West End Zone with coaches' offices, meeting rooms and administrative facilities; an \$11.5 million addition to Rhodes Hall, the bioengineering building; \$13.6 million to build an Academic Success Center behind the Strom Thurmond Institute; \$1.2 million to Earle Hall for storage space; \$3 million to overhaul the HVAC system in Kinard and add fuel hoods; and \$6 million to house technology in the Innovation Center in the Clemson Research Park.

### CAMPUS RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROPOSALS (in millions)



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MAX THOMASON/staff

**IN MEMORY OF HEROES:** A memorial to honor alumni who have died in the line of duty will be constructed across from Howard's Rock.

As part of a new "lean" and efficient financial strategy, committee members discussed increasing flexibility and communication in the University's chief business officer (CBO) and chief financial officer (CFO) positions.

The CFO will switch focus from personnel and finances to operations, and the CBO would change direction from accounting and administrative duties to campus services and capital products, according to current CFO Brett Dalton.

President Jim Barker promoted the change by stressing that pooling resources from all components and opening communication is an improvement over the past strategy of focusing on financial pockets. "The main question is how to measure the success of the plan, but I have spent time with these guys, and I like the way they are working," said Bill Amick, Chairman of the Board.

Later that afternoon, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee met and passed a motion to demolish buildings with no market value at the Clemson University Restoration Institute (CUR), 86 acres of University property in Charleston. Clemson's Public Service Activities (PSA) program is asking the state for a recurring \$7.7 million for agriculture and natural resources and biotuels/animal health/bio-medical research. The capital improvement requests include new plans for a bio-ethanol pilot plant and an

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## Campaigning takes negative turn

Negative and positive means of campaigning continue to bounce back and forth as candidates' profiles are created by advertisement.

**JENN RAINS**  
STAFF WRITER

With the primaries only a few months away, more and more television and radio ads are showing promotions for different candidates.

With these ads also comes all the negativity where one candidate is trying to make his or her opponent look bad.

Negative campaigning has been used more and more over the last 40 years, and it will continue to be a tactic used in the 2008 election.

Many people get very annoyed with the negative campaign ads, and some people will even turn against that particular candidate simply for having a negative ad.

So it brings up the question why negative campaigning is even used as a campaign strategy if it disgusts people.

John G. Geer, a political science professor from Vanderbilt University, has done extensive research in the area of negative campaigning.

He is the author of a book called "In Defense of Negativity," where he actually tries to explain why negative ads are better than positive ones.

Geer spoke at the 2008 Presidential Election Seminar on Oct. 2, where he challenged the audience to listen to his argument and see if anyone changed their mind about negative ads after watching some he compiled.

Geer argued that negative information ads were better for the public than positive ones because it keeps politics and democracy in balance.

The people in power need to be constantly checked and know that they will be held accountable for their actions.

Negative ads do just that because they let the American public know what is happening with the people in office and allow for

the people in power to be criticized.

An important thing to remember with negative campaigning though is that the American people need to hear information from other sides in order to get the full picture and know about the candidates. Listening to negative ads about a candidate all the time is not going to provide all the information the voting public needs; there is still a need to hear positive ads as well.

In explaining why negative ads are more beneficial than positive ones, Geer provided some assets or traits of negative ads that are lacking in positive ads.

Negative ads tend to be more issue-based and provide details about where a candidate stands or votes on a particular issue. Positive ads do not provide much information on issues that a candidate stands for.

Negative ads are also very specific with the information that is provided, while positive campaign ads tend to be very vague with their information.

Negative ads will provide the voting record a candidate has on a certain issue or reference a speech made by the candidate, which are both very specific and provide clear evidence if anyone wants to investigate.

Positive ads, however, just make claims, such as a candidate having strong family values or that a candidate supports veterans without giving any examples to back it up.

Geer believes that negative campaigning has become more and more popular over the years because of how effective the ads have proven to be.

The ads effectively sway some voters away from one candidate when they hear negative information about that candidate in an ad. Even though the American public as a whole may not like negative campaign ads, they do a good job of providing information otherwise unknown to the ordinary voter.

Furthermore, negative campaign ads, whether they are liked or not, are more likely to be remembered than positive ads.

So the next time a negative ad appears on television, don't get disgusted and change the channel; think about the information that ad is supplying viewers. Watch the ad and see if it does not give a little more insight on a candidate's behavior or stance on an issue.

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**WHAT A SIGHT!**: Memorials are located in front of Tillman Hall and Mell Hall to honor Clemson Alumni.

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Scroll of Honor Memorial will become a similarly cherished memorial," said Rhodes. "We expect to see family members and friends regard it with respect similar to the Vietnam Wall. It will become a place of remembrance, reflection, respect, history, education and contemplation."

Artistic renderings of what the Scroll of Honor Memorial will look like can be found on the Clemson Corps Web site, along with additional links such as "Tigers Currently Serving," "Military Heritage News" and a form to make a donation to the Scroll of Honor Memorial project. Students, alumni and anyone who would like to make a donation can also obtain further information by contacting any of the co-claimmen, the development office or visiting the Clemson Corps and Scroll of Honor Memorial Web sites.

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# S.C. earns top ranking for domestic violence

National issues creep closer to home as South Carolina adjusts to a major slap in the face, reaches the wrong top ten list.

**MELISSA WHITSON**  
STAFF WRITER

For reasons not completely understood, shocking stories of tragedy are the topics flashing from the forefront of every newscast, newspaper or magazine these days.

Yet few of society's more common perils have managed to capture Americans' attention long enough to establish themselves as issues of equal significance.

Printed in newspapers and magazines on the next-to-last page, haphazardly squeezed into the bottom corner between a Macy's ad and a coupon for shampoo, stories like the ones millions of domestic violence victims tell are among the last to finish in the contest for big headline news topics.

Perhaps because of this lack of front page attention, domestic violence remains in many people's minds as nothing more than a problem of soured marital bliss or a wrecked relationship.

The facts, however, spotlight a painful truth that screams for intervention.

Recently, South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster identified domestic violence as the number one crime problem in the state.

South Carolina law enforcement agencies respond to over 36,000 reports of domestic violence incidents on an annual basis.

The term domestic violence has many definitions.

According to Safe Harbor Inc., the city of Greenville's twenty-four hour emergency shelter and crisis line for victims of domestic violence, describes domestic violence as "a pattern of abusive behaviors that is assaultive and coercive; physical, sexual, and/or psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion."

Acts of domestic violence can be "directed by adults or adolescents towards their intimate partners."

They also found that "a learned and culturally reinforced pattern of behavior that, without intervention, becomes more destructive over time."

**Did You Know That...**  
Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk for intimate partner violence.  
An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.  
Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.

Source: The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**...Now You Know!**

ALLISON FRANKE/graphics

Sadly, many South Carolinians know the definition all too well.

Last year alone, Safe Harbor Inc. reported 50 cases of death in which domestic violence incidents were to blame.

Forty of these victims were women, a statistic that earned South Carolina first place in the U.S. in the number of women killed by their significant others.

"South Carolina is seventh in the nation in [total] domestic violence deaths," said Greenville Police Chief Terri Wilfong. "That's a top ten list I don't want our state to be on."

It seems that Clemson students echo Wilfong's views.

"[Domestic violence] is pretty disgraceful," said sophomore David Lehtinet. "I'm inclined to go for more severe penalties. We don't tolerate animal abuse; we should have more respect for other peoples' lives."

Though the physical signs of the issue are clear, domestic violence is also a psychological problem that affects entire families.

Safe Harbor Inc. reports that children of abused mothers are six times more likely to attempt suicide than other children and three times more likely to carry physical violence into their own homes.

Men who were raised in violent homes physically assault

their wives ten times more often than men raised in nonviolent homes.

Women showed a rate of six times more likely to become violent toward their husbands.

Addressing the issue of domestic violence starts at the individual level, McMaster said.

"Criminal domestic violence is a secret you don't keep anymore," he said.

"It's happening to all kinds of people -- rich, poor, old, young, all across every race and every religion. It's nothing to be ashamed of. The thing to be ashamed of is not reaching out for some sort of help."

And as South Carolina begins to realize the impact domestic violence has on its residents, more help is becoming available. Greenville's Safe Harbor Inc. has expanded to include two safe shelter homes where victims of domestic violence are well-come to seek refuge.

Law enforcement is also taking a strong stand against domestic violence.

Bob Arrati, Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor, expressed his office's view on the issue, saying they take prosecution of domestic abuse crimes seriously through a special unit that deals specifically with criminal domestic violence.

## Presidential address outlines achievements, goals

In an effort to continue CUSG progress, Josh Bell conveys plans to students.

**JONATHAN YONGUE**

COPY EDITOR

On Oct. 8, 2007, Student Body President Josh Bell gave the annual State of the University Address to Clemson's Student Senate. In the speech, Bell put perspective on what he has accomplished in his term and what must be done in the future.

"I think it's a great experience to take a look at where we've gone so far and where we're going," said Bell. "How are we progressing on the goals... (and) making Clemson a stronger place for the student body, a place where students in the future will have a better experience?"

Bell reinforced his feeling that student government needs to integrate and communicate to students its core values better than how previous governments have done in the past



**DAVID STEWART/staff**  
**TOGETHER:** Josh Bell makes students his main focus.

"How are we unifying Clemson?" asked Bell. "Core values, at its very essence, is a way of uniting the entire student body."

Bell mentioned several important issues that need to be resolved in the

tenance. NEES was established in the 1980s and is for graduate students only. The program is within Clemson's departments of environmental engineering and earth sciences.

**Construction of the Homecoming Habitat for Humanity House begins.** The Habitat for Humanity chapter at Clemson University leads

the nation in the number of houses built by a collegiate chapter, and the construction of Clemson's Homecoming Habitat House began on Monday.

Oct. 8. The house built on Bowman Field as part of the homecoming celebration is the chapter's twenty-fourth house. Hundreds of students are

expected to put thousands of hours on the house through Friday, Oct. 19. When the house is completed, it will be moved to Copperfield Dr. in Central after Homecoming on Oct. 20. Volunteers

are not required to be Clemson students or members of Habitat for Humanity. Students who want to volunteer can walk up to the site of the house or sign up for a time slot at Clemson's Habitat for Humanity web site at <http://www.clemson.edu/~habitat>. Members of the community who want to help can lend a hand after the house has been

near future, including an analysis of some of the fees students pay each semester.

"What are (the fees) designed to do, and what are they going towards?" asked Bell. "Students want to know."

He specifically mentioned the transit and library fees, two fees recently implemented.

Then there was the smoking ban resolution, an off-campus ban that would restrict smoking inside restaurants, excluding the private institutions. Tigerlife, a mentoring program, is also in the works.

It would include members of student government mentoring those students who have gotten in trouble with the University, including suspensions or other disciplinary scenarios. Also proposed is an alcohol amnesty plan.

According to Vice President Callie Boyd, the plan would help those students who call for help in instances where a peer is intoxicated. Currently, if that person does call for help, and he or she was drinking, the

student gets in trouble as well.

This is, in turn, preventing a number of students in these situations from contacting "help." "We're interested in putting the student as the main focus, not necessarily the policy," said Boyd. That way, the students do not lose scholarship money. They are looking at other universities' plans as models for the plan.

Bell also showed his support of the importance of more study abroad programs. "Especially because the administration emphasizes the importance of a global view, our student body needs to come out of Clemson understanding global issues and have a global point of view," said Bell.

He cited the architecture's program as a possible model. In addition, he proposed a plan where when Clemson sends students to another country, a student comes to Clemson in his or her place.

The transition period between freshman year to sophomore year for students was then addressed. "We need to get those sophomore students

involved with the discussion about their needs, and how we can better serve them," said Bell. "There are also some very unique needs in the transfer process."

A meditation or spiritual life center is also proposed that is totally non-denominational to encourage spiritual development.

Bell noted this along with the recent number of student deaths this year and the necessity of having a way to memorialize the life of each student.

More issues to be addressed include examining the hazing policy, a trial of carpool passes in the spring where 50 commuters can exchange their passes for the new carpool ones and the illegal file sharing that is taking place on campus.

"Hopefully students at Clemson will have a better experience than previous have had," said Bell. "We want to constantly improve. We're over halfway done with the changes that I want to see but certainly not finished."

## TIGER BRIEFS

**Clemson awarded grant by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.** The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission has awarded a \$169,000 grant to upgrade teaching equipment for Clemson University's Nuclear Environmental Engineering and Science (NEES) program. The graduate program focuses on how nuclear technologies play a role in the environment such as environmental health physics, radioactive waste processing, environmental risk assessment, environmental radioactivity, environmental remediation, and radiation detection and measurement. The funds from the grant will be used to upgrade digital data acquisition systems, introduce new detectors into the laboratory, replace instrument modules and add more laboratory workstations so courses can be offered to more students and to conduct main-

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advanced plant technology laboratory, in addition to last year's requests for a bioprocessing facility, a farm animal research center and an expansion of the veterinary diagnostic laboratory to meet biosafety certification. In addition, PSA will offer 60 fellowships each year to attract the nation's top doctoral program candidates to work in targeted areas of research, such as sustainable environment, biotechnology/biomedical, advanced bio-based materials, family and community living and entrepreneurship.

Doctoral applications already increased 64 percent in 2006, but the University wants to continue to improve its reputation in progressive science fields.

"The main concern was that we would desert our traditional agriculture industries, but we have addressed that, and I think it will greatly vertically enhance the state's economy to build life science-based industries that stay in the state," said John Kelly, vice president of public service and agriculture.

## Weekly World Update

### National Report

■ A man charged with the death of a University of North Texas student was captured on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Mexico. Ernesto Reyes was arrested by Carrollton police and Mexican authorities as he left a family member's home. Security cameras show a man, alleged to be Reyes, dragging a woman's body out of a car and setting it on fire. The burned body of the slain student, Melanie Goodwin, 19, was discovered on Sept. 25 next to an office complex in Carrollton. The Dallas County Medical Examiner reported that Goodwin died of multiple blunt force injuries. Surveillance videotape footage from a Denton convenience store near UNT showed a man believed to be Reyes allegedly asking Goodwin for a ride. Donovan Young has been charged with tampering evidence in the murder case. Young said that the Reyes arrived at his home with Goodwin's body and asked for help in disposing of the body.

■ The federal government may buy out as many as 17,000 homes on the Mississippi coast and convert the land into a hurricane-protection zone. The Mississippi Coastal Improvement Program is estimated to cost \$40 billion. The buyouts would be voluntary, but residents are concerned buyouts could mean the end of their community and lifestyle. A similar plan is in the works in Louisiana, but Corps officials could not specify how many properties may be involved or the location of the properties. The Federal Management Agency is considering compensating residents in Louisiana who funded repairs to their homes that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina, and \$1.1 billion to allocate to the victims was in dispute between state and federal agencies. Pending on the dispute between national and local agencies, tens of thousands of homeowners in Louisiana who are rebuilding their homes could be left with nothing.

■ The trial started on Oct. 10 for a former federal prosecutor who is believed to have withheld evidence that could have helped the defense during the United States' first major terrorism trial after Sept. 11. Daniel A. Schwager told jurors during his opening arguments that Richard Convertino, 46, had the intention of withholding evidence about four North African immigrants accused of running a "sleep" terrorist cell to secure a seat in Congress. Karim Koubriti and Abdellah Elmardoudi were convicted in 2003 of conspiring to provide material support and resources to terrorists. Convertino's lawyer, William Sullivan, said that his client and was only trying to destroy a terrorist cell and should not be on trial. A federal judge overturned the verdicts at the Justice Department's request after prosecutors found that some of the documents that could have been used to aid the defense were not turned over by the government.

### World Report

■ A leader of Myanmar's recent mass protests was arrested on Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Yangon. According to an exile group, one of the members of the opposition party died during interrogation security forces. The security officers have also been threatening the relatives of dissidents in an attempt to get information on those who were involved in the pro-democracy protests that occurred last month. Authorities have recently informed the family of Win Shwe, a member of pro-democracy Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, that he died during interrogation in Sagaing. Shwe, 42, and five of his colleagues were taken into custody on Sept. 26. Shwe's body was cremated at the detention center. In response to Shwe's death, White House foreign affairs spokesman Gordon Sondvo warned that the United States would enforce new sanctions against Myanmar if it continued to attack protesters.

■ President of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas made specific demands for the borders of a future independent state on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Abbas' plan calls for a full Israeli withdrawal from all of the territories obtained during the six days war of 1967. Palestinian negotiators demand 2,400 square miles of the Gaza Strip, east Jerusalem, West Bank and small areas along the West Bank frontier that considered no man's land prior to the war in 1967. Israel is seeking to maintain parts of the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams will discuss the border dispute at a conference hosted by the United States next month. Abbas' stance and the Israeli's position to keep the land may lead to shared control over holy sites or trading regions of the territory.

■ Emeritus professor at the Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society in Berlin, Gerhard Ertl was awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his research of chemical reactions on solid surfaces. Ertl received \$1.5 million for the prize and found out he had been chosen on his seventy-first birthday. He is credited for forming a methodology to indicate how different experimental procedures can be used to give a full picture of a surface reaction and for observing how the individual layers of atoms behave on the pure surface of a metal. Ertl's work has practical environmental applications and goes beyond contributing to the basic understanding of nature. He studied the extraction of nitrogen from air for inclusion in artificial fertilizers. He also researched the oxidation of carbon monoxide on platinum, which takes place in catalytic converters to clean auto-exhaust emissions. Ertl and the other recipients of the 2007 Nobel Prizes in literature and science will go to Stockholm City Hall in Sweden to be honored for their awards in a ceremony. Ertl was born in Bad Cannstadt, Germany in 1936.

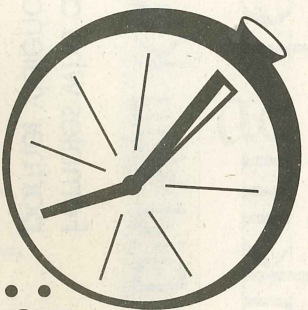
## News By Numbers

**11** amount in days that a 3-year-old boy survived in the Amazon rain forest after getting lost.

**24** age of an Italian man who was given a drip-feed of vodka that saved his life after he ingested a large quantity of ethylene glycol, a common ingredient of antifreeze that can cause renal failure.

**30** the amount, in years, that a Missouri man could spend in prison for stealing a 52-cent doughnut.

**46,000** the amount, in miles, that a British adventurer traveled by pedal craft to circumnavigate the globe.



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Seconds with...

**Eddie Smith**  
Internship and Study  
Abroad Coordinator

**CG:** How long have you been teaching at class or subject to teach and why do you enjoy it?

**CG:** How long have you been teaching at Clemson?

**Eddie Smith:** The Communications 250 big lecture class because I'm such a ham. I love having that many people to lecture and being able to capture them.

**ES:** Eighteen years in January. I came here in 1990, and I was only expecting to stay here for five years since I didn't have a Ph.D. It's hard to believe that the freshmen here have only been alive as long as I've been here.

**CG:** Since you work with the study abroad program, assuming you might have traveled, what is the most exotic place in the world you have been?

**CG:** What is your favorite thing about Clemson? Is it the feeling of the town, the people, or what?

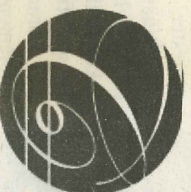
**ES:** I haven't traveled that much really. Cozumel in Mexico is the most exotic place, and I got to see a bullfight, which was my favorite part.

**CG:** What advice would you give students in order to encourage them to look into studying abroad?

**CG:** What is your favorite thing about Clemson? Is it the feeling of the town, the people, or what?

**ES:** I would tell them that it makes you adaptable and marketable. If you go to Spain, for example, with nobody you know, you can do anything. It makes you more confident than you were before.

**CG:** What do you like to do with your spare time? If you like to read, what book(s) are you reading right now?  
**ES:** I'm currently reading *The Purpose Driven Life* and *The Christian's Secret to a Happy Life*.



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# Crash survivor recounts ordeal

Alvaro Mangino revisits memories of an accident in the Andes.

**WHITNEY FARROW**  
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m., a plane crash survivor shared his story during an event called "Alive!" with an audience of students and faculty in the Strom Thurmond Institute on campus.

The speaker was Alvaro Mangino, one of the 16 survivors from the famous 1972 plane crash in the Argentine Andes Mountains where they survived for 72 days.

The accident occurred when Mangino was only 19 years old. He didn't begin telling people about his experience until he was almost 50.

When the plane took off for Chile, there were 35 passengers on board.

While over the Andes Mountains, the weather was windy and stormy, and Mangino remembers thinking, "This plane is going to crash."

The passengers were told to fasten their seat belts.

"I am going to die," Mangino thought as the plane began to go down; but Mangino and 20 of his comrades survived the horrific accident.

Unfortunately, this was only the beginning of the hardships ahead of them.

"Life changed in that second," according to Mangino. Mangino's left leg was broken in the crash, and his friend, who was studying medicine at the time, reset the bones for him.

He was unable to walk for



**XIMENA CONZALEZ-PARADA**

**STRUGGLE:** Mangino speaks to students, faculty,

several weeks. Mangino told how two of the boys took charge and

are the reason the group survived.

"These were the days of hope," Mangino said of the beginning of their stay in the Andes; they assumed that they would soon be rescued.

However, they quickly realized that help was not going to come anytime soon.

They needed to start addressing their issues such as need of shelter, fresh water and food.

The group had to remove all the dead bodies from the plane wreckage; most were the bodies of friends.

They moved into the broken body of the plane to shelter themselves from the icy wind.

Next, they needed fresh water for their thirst, which hurt worse than their hunger pains.

By constructing a funnel-like device they were able to collect

snow, melt it in the sun and drink the water.

These solutions worked well for the group, but their hunger could not be ignored much longer. "We had to make the hardest decision in our lives," Mangino said.

The group began discussing whether or not to get food from the dead bodies surrounding them.

While the group's initial reaction was to reject such an idea, "eventually everyone took the decision to eat human flesh," said Mangino.

They took into consideration the religious, moral, legal and theological questions of this decision.

In addition to this, they made a pact that if any of them were to die, their bodies would also be available to the group.

One of the main things the survivors did was pray together.

They also told stories to pass the time and lighten moods.

Laughter gave them the strength to resist the hopelessness of their situation.

Mangino continued his story by describing the only woman that survived the crash.

He said that she was like a mother and "gave us comfort and affection."

Sadly, she did not survive the whole 72 days.

Just when the friends felt that maybe they had a chance of survival, disaster struck again.

Sixty days after the crash, an avalanche buried them.

"This moment was the most horrific in my life," said Magino, and that day he came to terms with dying on the mountain.

But before he had a chance to give into death, he says that

he saw his late father before his mind's eye.

It was then that Mangino had to decide whether or not to live.

Mangino told the image of his father, "See you later," and chose life. Trapped beneath the snow, they had to start digging for fresh air.

They were still in the body of the plane and more people had been killed in the avalanche.

"Three days and three nights, living and dead together; [they were] the worst of the 72 days," said Mangino.

They once again managed to free themselves from certain death. "It was God," Mangino told the avid listeners.

Finally, a few boys set off to look for help, and after nine days of walking, and one death, they encountered a man on horseback. They were saved.

As the rescue helicopters came into sight, the "snow" was dancing and we were dancing too," said Mangino.

"[The] peace I found with death I try to find in life," said Mangino. The survivors still get together constantly as friends.

The bonds that they formed on that mountain are unbreakable, and some even visit the sight of the accident.

Mangino himself has been back seven times.

At the end of his talk, Mangino told the audience that you must have faith in yourself and believe that you can survive anything.

There are many books and films based on these people's horrifying and inspiring experience, and Alvaro Mangino has spoken in many countries about his life-changing adventure.

## CONSTRUCTION *from page A1*

and faculty to be the top program in the country.

This institute is one of only a handful of this type in the country.

This ground-breaking plan set to go into effect tentatively in November of 2007 harbors support from Smith's estimated \$3.5 million gifts and pledges and Sonoco's \$2.5 million contribution to earmark an academic building that will house the Sonoco Institute of Packaging Design and Graphics.

According to University guidelines, Smith's contribution of \$2.425 million qualifies him for naming rights on the building.

The 28,000 square foot building will house the packaging science and graphic communications departments, as well as facility house studios, labs and offices that will regularly serve up to 500 students every year.

This building was only one of the seven buildings that the Trustees discussed and approved. The Rhodes Hall Annex proposal includes an addition of 28,000 square feet that will include three levels and will sit immediately south of the existing Rhodes Hall.

The facility will house complex bioengineering labs, support labs, offices and classrooms.

Construction is set to begin in November and finish up in the spring of 2009.

The Earle Hall High Bay will be converted into three full floors of new offices and labs that will meet current and future needs of the chemical engineering department.

This will be the first substan-

tial renovation of Earle Hall since it was built in 1959.

The West Zone project will provide additions to Levels 1, 2 and 3 of the West End Zone area.

These changes will accommodate coach offices, team meeting rooms and administrative space.

The space will provide a new weight room, conditioning area, training facilities and an expanded equipment room.

Construction will begin in the spring of 2008 and end in the fall of 2009.

The Academic Success Center will no longer be on the fifth floor of the Robert M. Cooper Library as the Trustees also approved the construction of a multi-floor facility. The facility will occupy approximately 35,000 square feet.

The facility, sponsored by the class of 1956, will include 12 classrooms, offices, tutorial and seminar spaces and a computer lab for e-portfolio work.

"I think this is going to be a spectacular building," Trustee McCraw said.

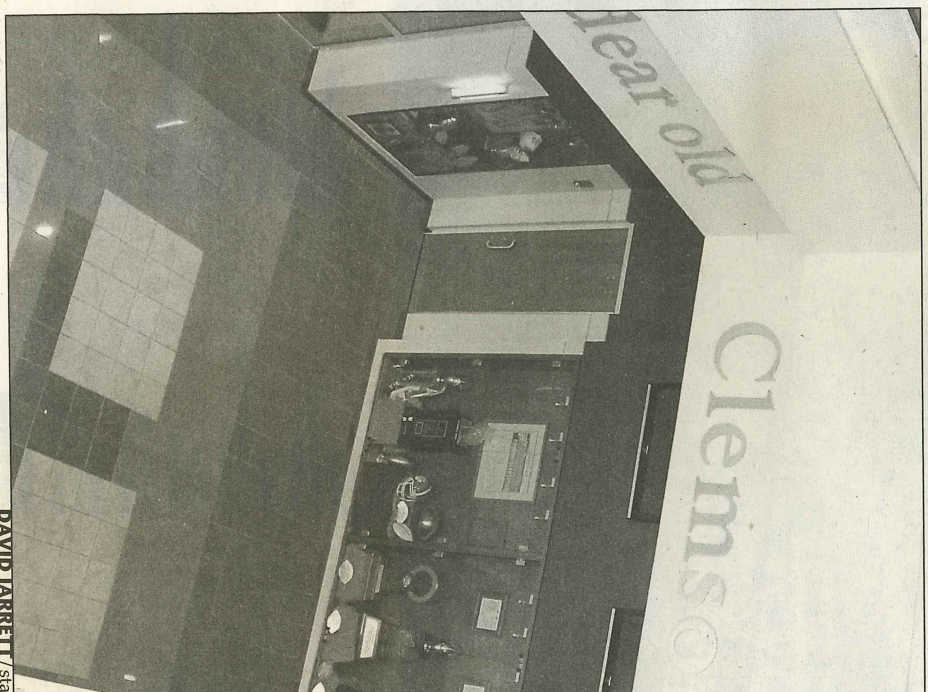
Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2008 and will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2009.

Kinard Hall, originally constructed in 1961, will undergo improvements to the heating, air-conditioning and ventilation systems.

Kinard Hall is one of the last few buildings on campus to be upgraded from a two-pipe system to a four pipe system with forced air.

Completion is set for early 2009.

A 40,000 square foot Innovation Center will be con-



**DAVID JARRETT**/staff

**CONSTANT CHANGE FOR A NEW LOOK:** The West Zone is one seven facilities in the plans for future construction.

constructed in the Clemson Research Park as Clemson's Incubator research program's continued growth requires additional research space.

Construction is planned to begin in early 2008 with occupancy following in 18 to 24 months.

"I think this new building will also offer students some part-time jobs," Trustee McCraw said.

Reported external funding of University research for 2006-2007 totaled \$141.4 million, accord-

# CRIMES

## ARRESTS

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, OCT. 1, THROUGH TUESDAY, OCT. 9.

**Oct. 2**

4:22 p.m., Larold Morris, trespassing after notice, Lever Hall, officer: Moore

**Oct. 3**

12:26 a.m., William Shelton, disorderly conduct, Wannamaker Hall, officer: Lehmann

2:40 a.m., Andrew Pagels, disorderly conduct, Botanical Gardens, officer: Lehmann

**Oct. 5**

12:35 a.m., Lauren Bell, disorderly conduct, Clemson House, officer: Lehmann

12:35 a.m., Marcela McManara, minor in possession, Clemson House, officer: Lehmann

**Oct. 6**

7:08 p.m., Laura Hill, simple possession of marijuana, Memorial Stadium, officer: Williams

**Oct. 7**

5:22 a.m., Joel Mathis, disorderly conduct, Hwy. 93, officer: Durham

5:22 a.m., Marshall Lawless, disorderly conduct, Hwy. 93, officer: Durham

## CRIME REPORT

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, OCT. 1, THROUGH TUESDAY, OCT. 9.

**Oct. 2**

5:18 p.m., odor of marijuana, Clemson House, officer: Cassell

**Oct. 3**

1:24 a.m., minor in possession, Cope Hall, officer: Parker

7:09 p.m., larceny, Jersey Athletic Center, officer: Cahill

**Oct. 5**

12:25 a.m., breach of trust, Clemson House, officer: Moore

6:32 a.m., motor vehicle accident, Hendrix Center, officer: Hughes

10:01 a.m., hit-and-run, Calhoun Dr., officer: Schutt

11:49 a.m., larceny of bicycle, Lightsey Bridge, officer: Schutt

**Oct. 6**

6:29 p.m., hit-and-run, Morrison Road, officer: Hennikson

6:00 p.m., assault and battery, Lot 4, officer: Ross

7:02 p.m., lewd act on a minor, Memorial Stadium, officer: Cheeks

7:46 p.m., assault and battery, Memorial Stadium, officer: Clark

## FIRE/RESCUE

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**Oct. 2**

4:58 p.m., dumpster fire, Tillman Place, CUFD

**Oct. 3**

5:04 p.m., woods fire, Highway 93, CUFD

8:20 p.m., gas smell, P&A Building, CUFD

**Oct. 4**

7:31 p.m., elevator entrapment, McCabe Hall, CUFD

**Oct. 5**

2:28 a.m., fire alarm, Frontage Road, CUFD

**Oct. 7**

4:16 p.m., much smoke, Parking Service Rd.'s, CUFD

**Oct. 8**

10:50 p.m., fire alarm, P&A Building, CUFD

6:17 p.m., fluid on roadway, Highway 123, CUFD

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
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

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
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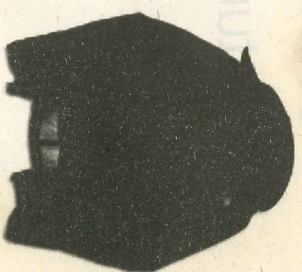
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## SPEAKING 3

*How responsible is the U.S. government for civilian deaths in Iraq?*



**Sidni Ramos**  
graphic communications  
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"It's partially the U.S.'s fault, but they are fighting back too, so it's both."



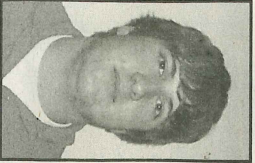
**Alex McClure**  
psychology  
freshman

"I don't think they're necessarily responsible for it. I do hold them responsible for the way they're going about it."



**Michelle Wallace**  
graphic communications  
junior

"You can't blame one particular group. It's a war. As unfortunate as it is, civilians will always be in the crossfire."



**Kyle Franke**  
packaging science  
freshman

"The government is somewhat responsible because they make the overall choice to keep troops in Iraq."



**Ryan Grandy**  
PRTM  
freshman

"The government isn't responsible unless American soldiers are killing the civilians."



**Bryson Toole**  
management  
sophomore

"It's partial responsibility to both sides, but it's an unfortunate consequence of war that innocent civilians get dragged in."



# Tragic Violence in Iraq receives no justice

Lack of  
responsibility  
taken by the  
government for  
the shootings of  
innocent Iraqis is  
disturbing.

The news that surfaced last year of the 24 Iraqi men, women and children who were killed by a group of U.S. Marines erupted quickly, turning into one of the most controversial stories to come out of Iraq since the U.S. began its military presence there. The killings, a response to a roadside bomb attack that killed one Marine, were carried out over several hours and were led by Staff Sergeant Frank D. Wuterich. The Iraqi civilians were reportedly unarmed when they were killed, and many were found dead in their own homes.

As chilling as the accounts of this event are, they did not reach the ear of the courts or the public until more than a year after the killings occurred.

At the time, Marine officers determined that the situation did not demand any further inquiry into the matter — it was not until 13 months later that the Marine Corps opened a murder investigation.

Of course, evidence and testimonies have faded after two years, so much so that the original murder charges are being dropped or downgraded. The lack of evidence has made the prosecution's case against any of the Marines weak at best. Even Sergeant Wuterich is now facing a negligent homicide charge rather than the murder charge he was initially given.

Justice in this particular situation has become hazy, and the doling out of responsibility for the killings has turned into a twisted game of pin the tail.

It is tough to point the finger at the Marine Corps itself. The killings seem to be the product of a few Marines, not the entire chain of command, and the very fact that there is a court martial in the first place tells us that the murder of innocent civilians is not something that the Corps supports.

But however comforting it may be to know that our government's military does not condone murder, the U.S. presence in Iraq has become much more than government-controlled forces. Private security firms thrive in Iraq's war-torn cities as more and more diplomats hire "outside" personnel to protect them.

For the most part, these firms exist and operate separately from the U.S. military, and recent shootings involving the private firm Blackwater USA have shed light on just

how separate these "security personnel" can become.

During an operation in which American officials were being evacuated, a Blackwater operative shot and killed Iraqi civilians, including a woman holding an infant in the passenger seat of a car. Death counts are uncertain, and the purported reasons behind the shooting vary greatly.

However, the federal investigation has turned up little as yet, and blame, whether it belongs to Iraqi militants or Blackwater operatives, has not been handed out.

The extent of the commercialization of war in this instance is disturbing for several reasons, but one of the obvious effects is that the private hiring of soldiers (for that is essentially what they are) removes that particular American military force one step further from the watchful eye of government or people. Placing blame on the military or the government for these atrocities can seem ridiculous at moments.

The Marines, under Sergeant Wuterich, seem to have acted on their own volition, apart from the chain of command, when they killed the 24 Iraqis; and the Blackwater shootings were carried out by operatives completely separate from the U.S. government. Both are instances that the government and the people of the United States had little control over, little responsibility for.

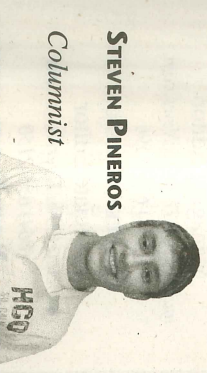
But should the events have been the government's responsibility? Should it disturb us that these events were out of the U.S. military's control? The court martial is disintegrating now, and the Blackwater shootings are far from being resolved.

The explanation that many give for this lack of justice or even resolution is this: "War is messy." Certainly, there are not many people — if anyone — in the country today who would describe the war in Iraq as "clean" or "neat." But more often than not, the worn response "War is messy" doesn't and shouldn't satisfy our sense of justice and our conscience. When innocent people are killed, the "mess" of war seems like something for which we should be taking more responsibility.

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# The Pledge of Controversy: Boulder students ignorant of facts



STEVEN PINEROS

Columnist

In a case you have chosen to spurn the news for the past couple of weeks, it is my duty to inform you that about 50 students at Boulder (Colorado) High School walked out of school during the morning recitation of the pledge of allegiance September 27.

It made national news, and dozens of newspapers have covered the issue, giving the "progressive" high schoolers their fifteen seconds of fame. While many have applauded their supposedly brave actions, their efforts are nothing more than adolescent excitement for an issue they clearly do not understand.

Ever since the words "under God" were added in 1954, the pledge has been the subject of much controversy.

The issue follows the growing cultural aversion to anything referencing Christian values within the government.

Other recent protests have involved the placement of "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins and the removal of the Ten Commandments monument at the Alabama state judicial building in 2003.

It is not a surprise that the most recent protest would come from a heavily liberal city like Boulder, but what is surprising is that the students' actions have been lauded and encouraged.

Their main claim was that "under God" violates the First Amendment, and more specifically, separation of

church and state.

One protester claimed, "We do not object to pledging to our country, but we do object to pledging to a religion."

The president of the Student Worker Club that organized the walkout lamented, "We did not think it was fair that the whole school had to listen to it. It is almost religious oppression."

I see two main problems with the students' protest. First, there is the issue of legitimacy. Second is the more important issue of their argument for the protest. Recall for a minute the extent of the political awareness of your

classmates while you were in high school. Chances are that like mine, many thought they knew where they stood on the political spectrum, but as it turned out, they were sheep following the trend.

Everyone had an opinion but seldom was it backed up by a sufficient grasp of details. I am afraid that this is what is going on Boulder. Many at the college level could care less about politics and even more so in high school.

The public should hardly take them seriously. For one, most high school curriculums do not teach enough about politics for students their age to understand the complexities of protesting an issue much larger than they have the capacity

to argue.

In addition, take a look online at pictures from their protest. They are all smiling and having a great time getting attention.

The fact that Boulder is so liberal lends credence to the assumption that these students protested not so much because they have done sufficient research on the subject, but because they are culturally inclined to such behavior.

Even if it were a 'pledge to a religion,' none of these students have to say it."

to be taken seriously. Even if it were a "pledge to a religion," none of these students have to say it.

No one is being coerced into accepting a religion they do not agree with. Therefore there is no violation of the First Amendment. Church and state are still separate. It is an almost moot point because it has been established at the federal level.

What bothers me most is that these students are actually arguing on a technicality. Just as a person is not actually pledging to a piece of cloth, rather an ideal, so a person is not really pledging to a certain God.

Instead, it is a pledge to an ethical and moral standard that this great country was founded on.

Naturally, the man mostly responsible for the addition of the words, Reverend George Docherty, argued it best. It was his conviction that the American way of life was an outgrowth of Judeo-Christian principles set by men like our founding fathers and later, Abraham Lincoln.

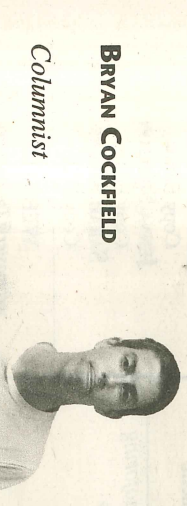
He felt that the pledge as it was did not distinguish the U.S. from other nations, and that adding "under God" made a separation. It was this distinction that President Eisenhower, no doubt, wanted between this nation and the threatening communist regime of the USSR. The words "under God" are a representative legacy of the spirit of this nation and of the freedoms its citizens enjoy, not some creeping government institution.

Those who protest their inclusion are ignorant, and in this case, not much more than spoiled kids. These students at Boulder created a new, more politically correct pledge. It goes "I pledge allegiance to the flag and my constitutional rights with which it comes. And to the diversity, in which our nation stands, one nation, part of one planet, with liberty, freedom, choice and justice for all."

There is no mention of God, no mention of America, and no mention of a Republic. This is the direction our nation is headed in. Instead of being thankful for living in such a free and prosperous nation, people are more content with manifesting the stereotype of the spoiled American.

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## Solution to drinking age problem unlikely



BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist

At the top of the list of "favorite topics that college columnists like to beat dead horses with" is the atrocity of a minimum drinking age. Especially in a college town like Clemson, a lot of frustration develops from having to go so far out of the way to buy one's alcohol from an older friend.

Apparently, according to some of my contemporaries, the easier thing to do would be to convince all of the politicians in the entire nation to make the rest of their constituents angry. The main point that is generally made for the repeal of the age restriction on alcohol happens to be fairly legitimate.

There is a non sequitur when an 18- to 21-year-old person can enlist in the army to kill people for the sake of the Vice President's Halliburton stock while at the same time can't buy a beer afterwards. However, we're often missing a large portion of these editorials, otherwise known as the "solutions."

Since we live in South Carolina, a state run by the genius Mark Sanford, creator of the "tax-free weekend" and the man who let pigs loose at the State Capitol to symbolize all of the pork coming from there, we are in a unique position to do more than complain about the minimum drinking age.

To begin, we must note the most overlooked amendment in the Bill of Rights, the Tenth Amendment: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

This means that any power that isn't specifically given to the federal government or specifically denied to the States by the Constitution is given to the states to do with what they wish.

For example, the states can't coin their own money. It's a power given to the federal government in Article 1, Section 8.

Likewise, a state cannot refuse to extradite a criminal from another state. It's a power restricted from the states in Article 4, Section 2. Therefore since specifying a minimum drinking age isn't a power given to the federal government and is also not a power restricted from the states, it is a power that is given to each individual state.

It's constitutionally the decision of each state to set a minimum drinking age (or to leave it up to the municipalities or people of the state). But wait! States already individually determine what the minimum drinking age is.

At least, that's what the federal government makes it look like. In reality, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 allows the federal government to keep highway funding from states that give anyone under 21 the privilege of purchasing alcohol. This is the federal government's unconstitutional hold over states' rights guaranteed to them in Articles 1 and 4 and most specifically in Amendment X. The obvious solution, then, would be for South Carolina to simply lower its drinking age.

This is something completely in line with Governor Sanford's policies because he advocates the proper constitutional separation of powers. This is similar to his "tax-free weekend" that Georgia and North Carolina now also have because of him. Likewise, he could use this issue to bring the abuse of federal power to the forefront of political debate. There are only two disadvantages to such a plan. First of all (and the only consequence with any relevance), we would lose our federal highway funding. The state already has a budget surplus, so when that money runs out, the state could create a sin tax on

alcohol to make up for the lack of federal funding. The other consequence is that we would have to deal with ostracism from the busy-body group known as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Most people understand that emotionally strained parents shouldn't be making political decisions. The state of South Carolina can live with ignoring them.

After all, a lot of the hype that would come from them would probably ignore the fact that people drive drunk at ages 16 to infinity already. People willing to break the law and drive drunk are certainly willing to break the law to get drunk underage, so the law would increase the number of law abiding 18 to 21-year-olds drinking, not the number of teens' lax with the law who already are drinking.

On the other hand, the advantages far outweigh these consequences.

Not only would tax revenue boom from the amount of 18 to 21-year-olds in South Carolina who would be buying alcohol, but the amount of people pouring over the North Carolina and Georgia borders to spend their money in South Carolina (not to mention the hordes of people coming in for vacation from all over the country) would increase exponentially. It's a flawless plan.

If only we could get enough to 21-year-olds out to vote for politicians who have actually read the U.S. Constitution and would like to see South Carolina increase its wealth.

Too bad this solution will never be implemented. Sadly, 21-year-olds are too busy getting drunk to get off their couches to vote in the state elections.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Support Legal Immigration, Denounce Illegal

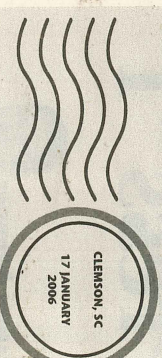
Your article on "Security" or "Pandora's Box" got me very confused because I felt it implied that some of the faculty and staff of Clemson University could be illegal immigrants. Certainly the University does not employ illegal immigrants, the Office of International Faculty and Staff makes sure this does not happen. But it got me thinking that people may not know of legal immigrants.

Legal immigrants are people who are not citizens of the USA but live in the country legally. It's between a tourist and a citizen — a wide range. Some are considered permanent residents of the USA, some are not. Within those non-residents, some are allowed to work temporarily and some are not. You can be a legal immigrant with temporary right to work for many years and renew your authorizations every year or so.

The University does employ many of those legal immigrants. Their situation has severely deteriorated over the last few years due to the increased security measures put in place by the Department of Homeland Security. Processes for renewal of work authorization have slowed down to a halt; what took weeks now takes months, what took months now take years. The result is that legal immigrants who have been in the country for years, paying taxes, are now left in an administrative limbo that threatens the stability of their family, their job, their lives, and tragically diminishes the security of the country.

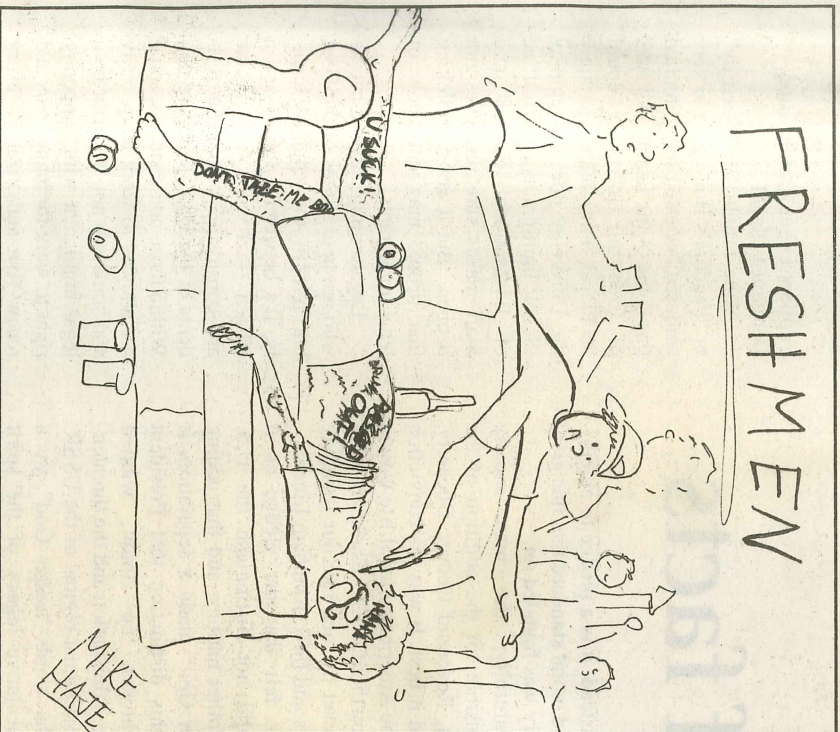
So while the article urges the City to take the bull by the horn to deal with illegal immigrants, I urge the University to also take the bull by the horn to strongly support their legal immigrants and lobby the federal government to improve the situation. I also encourage everyone to remember legal hard working and highly skilled immigrants who are not citizen of the U.S., and realize that in the current situation some immigrants are contemplating a return to a country they no longer call home.

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## CARTOON



## COMMENTARY

## Don't neglect veterans

COLLEEN GLEESON

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Everyone has had dreams. Not everyone escapes their nightmares when they wake up, however. According to recent studies, almost a quarter of the troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have developed Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in response to combat experience. PTSD manifests itself in different ways, sometimes surfacing immediately, other times appearing several years later. More than just the stereotypical nightmares and flashbacks, PTSD can cause depression, phobias and changes in demeanor. As a result, many sufferers slip into depression or drug use, lose their jobs or damage social relationships. Understandably, PTSD is an increasingly alarming problem.

Worse, it's a problem that the government is not adequately addressing. The military — and arguably masochists — is not conducive to seeking help for mental problems. The Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA), which is partially responsible for providing healthcare for veterans, makes the process even more difficult. Many of those who seek aid for their PTSD are either ignored or refused. Any pre-existing mental condition — depression, even a troubled childhood — makes an individual ineligible for medical coverage (a logic that is, frankly, scary). The VA only promises two years of guaranteed healthcare for those coming back from the Middle East. If a soldier realizes three years after returning home that his nightmares still aren't going away, he's out of luck. All told, reports suggest that only a quarter of those suffering with PTSD are receiving the aid they are due.

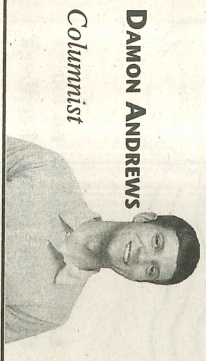
With improvements in the medical field, more soldiers are surviving battlefield wounds. Whereas in the past, the ratio of wounded to dead hovered around 4:1, the figures are closer to 16:1 in the current conflict in the Middle East. More survivors is always a good thing, but with success comes an increased demand for continued rehabilitation and support once casualties return home. It is reported that the VA has hundreds of thousands of backlogged, unseen applications and appeals. Without proper funding, someone is bound to slip through the cracks.

## COMMENTARY

## Press "1" for Spanish, "2" for English

DAMON ANDREWS

Columnist



Last month in Portland's *The Oregonian* an article was published on the implementation

of a new curriculum for students in the state school system. This new system has nothing to do with any children being left behind, nor does it have anything to do with state standardized testing. In fact, it has nothing to do with the state of Oregon at all, nor the United States for that matter. The new school system is based on the Mexican standard. Yes, that's right, our border to the south just got a lot closer, and it didn't even require moving the Rio Grande.

Already in three high schools, students now have access to textbooks, DVDs, CDs and online resources entirely in Spanish in order to teach mathematics, science and even our beloved national history in what used

to be a "foreign" language. The infiltration of Latinos into the United States was inevitable, and I now find myself waiting to hear every automated phone option in Spanish before English.

The so-called melting pot that was the United States is beginning to cool and curdle into different factions with the arrival of such foreigners who refuse to adapt to the culture that has been around for over 200 years.

The U.S. has always encouraged cultural diversity with the underlying principle that the lines of communication would be open to share such cultural values.

Well, for most of the country, those lines aren't open. In fact, there's a huge kink in the line of communication that is only being pinched tighter with the arrival of the Mexican curriculum, which I'm sure will unfortunately have a domino effect in other parts of the country.

By allowing Latino students to learn in their native language, no effort whatsoever is being put forth to learn the unofficial, yet official, language of the United States, which to those who are unaware, is called English.

More often than not, sadly, those suffering from the less-visible PTSD are the ones passed over.

There is some hope for veterans, however. Last Wednesday, the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission concluded a two-and-a-half year study and presented 113 recommendations to Congress. Among other broader judgments and suggestions, the report officially records the government's deficiency in treating veterans with PTSD.

An important victory for those with PTSD, the commission also suggested that "lost quality of life" should be taken into account when determining disability pay, not just missing limbs or time off from work. Far from trying to restore veterans to a life of luxury, this consideration addresses the need to provide help for those who may (or may not) have all their limbs, but still can't function like a normal, social human being.

However, a commission's suggestions and the government's implementation are separated by the realities of finances. Everyone will jump to climb onto the "support our troops" bandwagon, so long as their commitment stops with a yellow magnetic ribbon on the back of their minivan. Touch their pocketbooks, and it's a different story.

So while veterans with PTSD continue to be neglected, members of Congress are visiting their own psychiatrists, anxious over how best to capitalize on the veteran issue. Those against the war suggest that the funds going into the conflict in the Middle East right now are more than enough to provide healthcare for veterans. Others insist that priority should be placed on winning the war quickly and reducing the number of affected veterans.

Maybe in a perfect world, we could all agree on world peace and redirect the entire military budget into improving Little League parks or ending world hunger. But it won't happen. Neither will veterans' health be enough of an influence to strong-arm the government into stopping war. In fact, not only is this not going to happen, but its mere consideration is retarding the progress toward finding a solution.

It is a sad situation when America's veterans are pushed aside or used as political pawns. At the cost of sounding trite, we got them into this mess. It's only fair that we don't forget about them.

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helping to ease it. An increasing number of uneducated immigrants, legal or not, to the U.S. will lead to a rise in intolerance for these groups, hence creating sharp divisions and compartmentalizing immigrants into burrows and neighborhoods much like New England was settled.

It is as though General Santa Ana is staging another invasion into the U.S., this time without the guns. But instead this time he's using books and American bureaucracy. Rather than asking you to remember the Alamo, I'll ask that you remember America as it once was—under a common tongue. If you've never seen "Gangs of New York," don't rush out to rent it because I hear the sequel called "Amigos of Kansas City" will be much better. And, for those of you taking any business classes which involve computing with money, I hope you have graduated before we begin using pesos instead of dollars. Adios, America as we know it.

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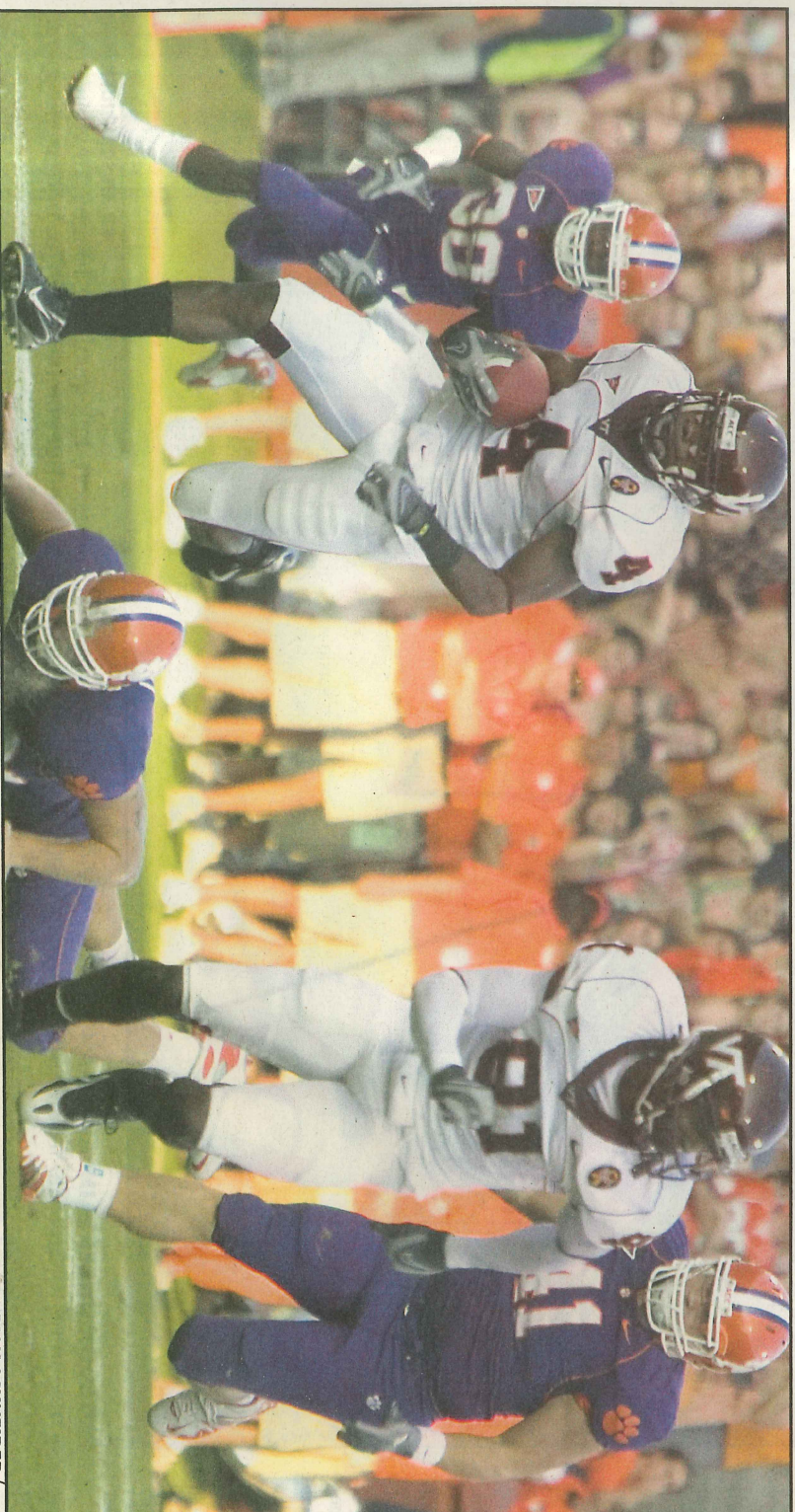
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# SPORTS

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## Tigers suffer embarrassing loss to Hokies



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

**NOT SO SPECIAL TEAMS:** Virginia Tech's Eddie Royal returns a punt 82 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter of the Hokies' 41-23 win over Clemson. The Hokies returned an interception, a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown in the first half.

Special teams prove fatal for Clemson, who has now lost two since moving up to No. 13 in the rankings.

**ADAM CRISWELL**

STAFF WRITER

A quick, surface inspection of Clemson's first loss of the season to Georgia Tech could easily determine the culprit areas on the team: an anemic offense and absolutely atrocious special teams play. In order to get the season back on track, both of these areas needed to be addressed and fixed in a hurry. It was unfortunate that Frank Beamer's No. 15 Virginia Tech Hokies offered the first chance for the Tigers to deal with either affliction.

As bad as Clemson's special teams were against the Yellow Jackets, it didn't seem possible that they could get much worse. On Saturday, it was every Tiger fan's misfortune to witness firsthand why the college football world perennially recognizes Virginia Tech's special teams unit as one of the best in the country with the celebrated moniker of "Beamer Ball".

In addressing problems on punt protection by adding more big bodies to the team, the Tigers sacrificed personnel more suited for coverage. It didn't take long for Virginia Tech speedster Eddie Royal to exploit this weakness when he blazed through 11 purple jerseys for an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown 10 minutes into the first quarter.

Poor tackling and pursuit continued to doom the Tigers on special teams when Victor "Macho" Harris answered the Tigers' first score of the night with a 100-

yard kickoff return for a touchdown. This tied the longest kickoff return allowed in Clemson football history and added the Tigers to a pathetic group of only three Division I teams to have given up two touchdowns on kickoffs so far this season. Clemson now ranks No. 115 out of 119 nationally in punt return yards-against, and No. 98 in kickoff return yards-against.

The offense didn't fare much better, facing a Virginia Tech defense with NFL talent on every level. The Hokies physically dominated the Clemson offense throughout the entire first half. Through Clemson's first seven offensive possessions, the Virginia Tech defense allowed only 32 total yards and no first downs, while picking off two Cullen Harper passes.

The hammering Hokie front seven overwhelmed see **AWFUL, page C5**

## Men's swimming defeats Va. Tech

Men victorious; women fall to Lady Hokies in season-opening swim meet at Clemson.

**SARAH PORRI**

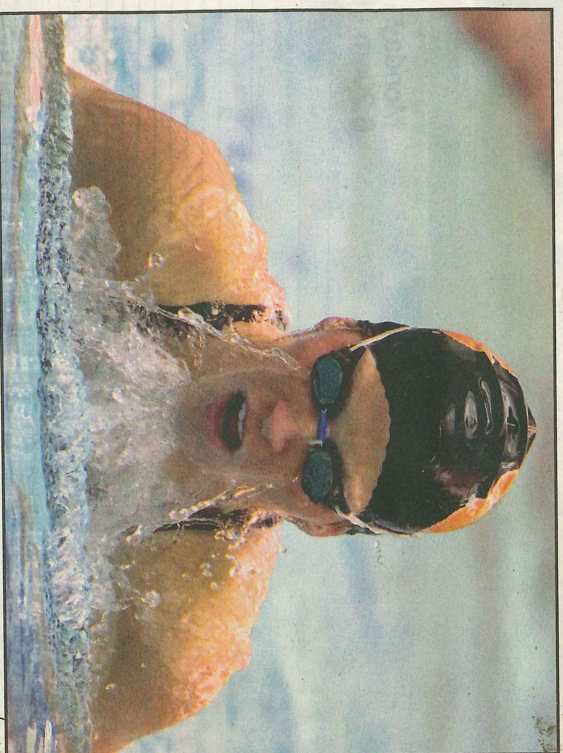
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened their season last weekend with a win and a loss.

The Tigers took down the Hokies of Virginia Tech, but the Lady Tigers fell short of a win over the Lady Hokies on Sunday morning. The final score of the men's meet was 183-117, and the score on the women's side was 178.5-121.5. The Tigers move to 1-0 for the season and the Lady Tigers drop to 0-1.

"We have a very deep team this year and wanted to represent Clemson Athletics well," said senior co-captain Matt Balderston.

The meet was very close all the way through from the 200-yard medley relay to the 400-yard



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

**LIKE A DUCK IN WATER:** Clemson swimmer goes up for a breath in the Tigers season-opener against Virginia Tech.

freestyle relay. After Virginia Tech took both of the medley relays, Clemson bounced back. Junior Cassy LaRussa beat Lady Hokie Griffin Lutterbein in the 1000-yard freestyle to tack on her first win of the season.

Freshman Sarah Smith and sophomore Mandy Snell also scored solid points for the Lady Tigers in this distance freestyle event. The Lady Tigers found their second event win when junior Michelle Parkhurst out-touched Virginia Tech's Stephanie

Jones in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.73.

Teammate Summer O'Donnell finished third, less than a half second behind Jones.

The Lady Hokies regained control in the 100-yard backstroke taking first through third place. The Clemson women fought back with a second and fourth place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke with sophomore Karina Obas and freshman Elizabeth Savage.

Obas and Savage would compete again in the 200-yard breaststroke taking second and third for the Lady Tigers. Another freshman swimmer, Meggie Mizelle, had her first collegiate win in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:05.05. Teammate Sarah Porri tied for third place with Megan Newell of Virginia Tech.

In the sprint freestyles, the duo of juniors Rachel Regone and Lauren Sindall placed first and third, respectively, in the 50-yard freestyle. Both swimmers' times were under the 24-second mark. see **SWIMMING, page C5**

### TIGER SCHEDULE

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Tuesday 10/16  
Georgia Tech  
7 p.m.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Friday 10/12  
Wake Forest  
7 p.m.  
Winston-Salem, N.C.  
Saturday 10/13  
Duke  
TBA  
Durham, N.C.

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
Friday 10/12  
Virginia  
7 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
Sunday 10/14  
Virginia  
2 p.m.  
Charlottesville, VA

**MEN'S TRACK**  
Saturday 10/13  
Pre-NCAA  
Championships  
11:30 a.m.  
Terre Haute, IN

**WOMEN'S TRACK**  
Friday 10/13  
Furman Invitational  
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Greenville, S.C.

**SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Saturday 10/13  
Georgia Tech, Florida  
State, Alabama  
12 p.m.  
Atlanta, Ga.

## Here we go again

**ALAN SMITH**

sports editor



For many years now, I have been obsessed with Clemson football, yet every season the Tigers let me down after teasing me with championship expectations. When a team comes up short time after time, you tend to grow wary of the trend, yet still remain cautiously optimistic, until finally you hit a boiling point and lose all hope.

During the second quarter of Clemson's disgraceful performance against Virginia Tech, I hit that boiling point. Although I have suspected it for some time now, the latest meltdown by our football team has left me certain that Clemson will never achieve a high level of success as long as Tommy Bowden is the coach.

Since Bowden took over nine years ago, the Tigers have never been able to get over the 8-4 hump as they continue to suffer mind-boggling losses. You may think I'm speaking on emotion here just because we lost a game, but simply losing a game isn't the only concern. It's how we lose. Special teams mistakes, terrible play-calling, lack of toughness and lack of preparation seem to characterize most of our losses nowadays, and the blame has to be placed on the head coach when these issues continue to plague the team game-after-game-after-game.

Off the field, I think Tommy Bowden is a good person who has done many good things for Clemson. He runs a clean program, keeps his players out of trouble, has recruited some amazing athletes and has been influential in our facility upgrades.

However, none of the aforementioned off-field accomplishments have translated into on-field success. In fact, you could argue that having a clean program has more to do with the culture of the University than Bowden himself. Head basketball coach Oliver Purnell and head baseball coach Jack Leggett both run clean programs as well and are known for putting together teams full of quality athletes who are also quality individuals.

The only difference is that Purnell and Leggett are both fantastic in-game coaches in their respective sports. Unfortunately, Bowden is a terrible in-game coach. Many of our losses have occurred largely as a result of his decision-making, such as last year against South Carolina when he took out a red-hot Reggie Merrittweather on the final drive and replaced him with an injured and ineffective James Davis. These sorts of losses have prevented Clemson from rising above mediocrity, despite the upgrade in talent. see **BOWDEN, page C2**

**BOWDEN** *from page A1*

Special teams have almost always been a problem under Bowden, and they are getting worse and worse every year. Last season, our kick coverage was terrible, and we couldn't kick a field goal or extra point without it getting blocked. Things were supposed to be better this year, but instead kick coverage is still terrible, and a blocked punt likely cost us the game against Georgia Tech.

Being competent on special teams (not even good, just competent) is one of the most basic aspects of football, yet Bowden has failed at it on so many levels for so many years, and Clemson has become a national laughing stock as a result.

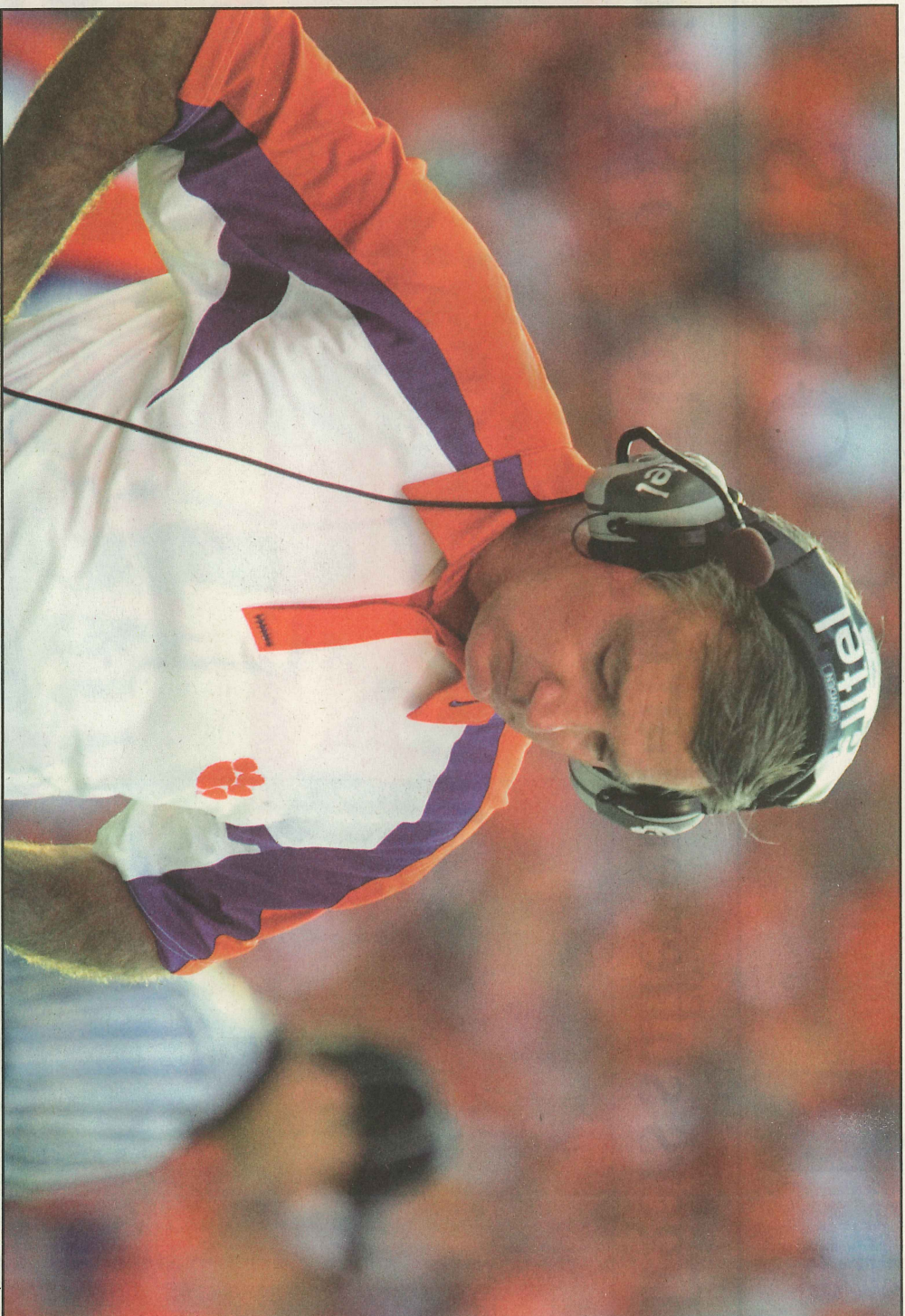
As far as offensive play-calling goes, Rob Spence deserves just as much blame as Bowden. The supposed "Mad Scientist" has two of the most talented running backs in the country, but he doesn't know how to utilize them effectively. As a team, Clemson ran for a total of 34 yards against Georgia Tech and eight yards against Virginia Tech.

Many wonder what is wrong with Davis and Spiller, but the real problem is the play-calling of Spence and Bowden. During the last two games, they have totally abandoned the running game, failing to allow either back to find a groove. And when they do call running plays, it usually involves Davis running to the outside on a sweep or Spiller running straight up the middle.

Considering Davis is a hard-nosed power back and Spiller is a speed back, you would think that Davis would be running up the middle and Spiller to the outside, but apparently that doesn't fall under Rob Spence logic.

Davis has run the ball extremely well this season when given a chance, but for some reason he has barely touched the ball lately, and that is an absolute disgrace. Cullen Harper threw the ball 66 times last weekend. Sixty-six! In comparison, Davis had a mere six carries. Harper has certainly surpassed all expectations, but the strength of this offense is in the running game, and it blows my mind that we aren't using it.

We might have been in a big hole against Virginia Tech, but it was only the second quarter, so why give up on the running game so early? When Arkansas trailed Alabama by three touchdowns early in the season, they stuck with the running game, and Darren McFadden had a huge



**BRIAN SCHNEIDER** / staff  
**OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN:** After the 41-23 loss to Virginia Tech on national television, talk involving Tommy Bowden's job is beginning to circulate in Clemson. Bowden needs every win he can get, as the Tiger fanbase is in an uproar.

second half and helped Arkansas come back to take the lead.

Arkansas's 1-2 punch of McFadden and Felix Jones always cranks out huge yards against even the top SEC defenses, so there's no reason why Clemson's running game shouldn't be able to succeed against good defenses as well, especially considering that Arkansas is a one-dimensional offense with a terrible quarterback (think Will Proctor last year).

I'm beginning to suspect that a three-year-old with a coloring book could draw up a more effective offensive game plan than Rob Spence. And

to think the Oakland Raiders wanted to hire him. Wow.

In addition to the running game, there are also the screen passes everyone loves to hate. And why not hate them? They are too predictable and rarely ever effective. By now, I would've thought that Spence would have realized that he's going up against ACC defenses and not MAC defenses (from his days at Toledo). Of course even before Spence arrived here, screen passes were overused, so Bowden does not get a free pass here.

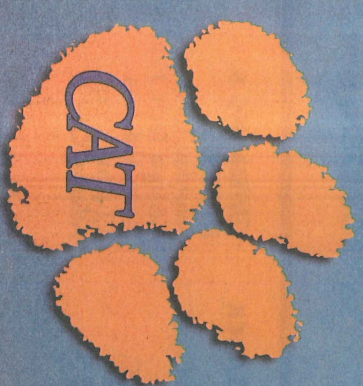
Now in his ninth season, Bowden has never been able to bring Clemson to the next level, and

considering some of his bonehead decision making over the years, anyone who believes he will be blind. I would love more than anything for the Tigers to win out and prove me wrong, but deep down inside, we all know that won't happen because this is a typical underachieving Bowden-coached team.

It's not that I don't have faith in the players. I just don't have any faith in our coach. Bowden does not know how to fire a team up, and his lack of toughness seems to carry over to our players on the field. Don't be surprised if in two months from now, we're looking for a new coach.

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# Adair's squad falls to Terrapins and Bulldogs



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

Men's Soccer loses two road game to Maryland and UNC-Asheville, as they fall to 4-7-1.

**TYRONE CAYLE**  
STAFF WRITER

Missed opportunities and late game meltdowns have the Clemson men's soccer team still searching for answers as they dropped two games in the past week to Maryland and UNC Asheville. The Tigers have gone to overtime with the score tied in three of their last five games but have come up short each time.

Injuries and split time between sports has hurt the Tigers' midfield attack this year, but the true defect of this team may just be their inability to stop the opposition's attacks. Clemson's defense has allowed 18 goals through their first 12 games this season, compared to only 10 allowed at this point last year. The Tigers traveled to College Park to take on Maryland last week and went back and forth until the overtime period. Maryland got on the board first with a goal in the ninth minute and all remained quiet until Clemson sophomore Greg Eckhardt notched his first career goal off an assist from Tate Parrish via a corner kick. The Tigers took the lead in the 64th minute. Freshman Tommy Drake scored off a misclear by a Maryland defender, allowing him to beat Terrapin goal keeper Thome Holder to his left for his second goal of the season.

Maryland evened the score in the 68th minute as Drew Yates scored his fifth goal of the year with assists from Rich Costanzo and Stephen King. The Terrapins took the lead for good and sealed the win with a goal in the 94th minute. The loss dropped Clemson's record to 4-6-1 (0-4 in ACC play).

Next up were the UNC Asheville Bulldogs and their sturdy 1-7-1 record. Clemson took advantage early when Texas product Nathan Thornton struck a cross from Tommy Drake inside the right post for his third goal of the year.

The Bulldogs scored early in the second half (47:12) to tie the



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

**A LONG ROAD TO TRAVEL:** The Tigers are off to one of their worst starts in fans' recent memory.

match 1-1. Scott Szymanski converted on a breakaway and sent an 18-yard shot into the net. The score would remain that way for the next 60 minutes until UNC Asheville's Patrick Tate scored with 1:38 left to go in the second overtime period (109th minute) to give the Bulldogs a 2-1 win over Clemson in Asheville, N.C. on a Tuesday afternoon.

The loss dropped Clemson's record to 4-7-1 overall. The Tigers still have some time to get things on track before the ACC tournament as they have six more games total including four at home and four against ACC opponents (Virginia, N.C. State, UNC and BC).

## Volleyball streak continues

Lady Tigers sweep two from the Sunshine State to improve to 13-2 on the year.

**ANDREW BAKER**  
STAFF WRITER

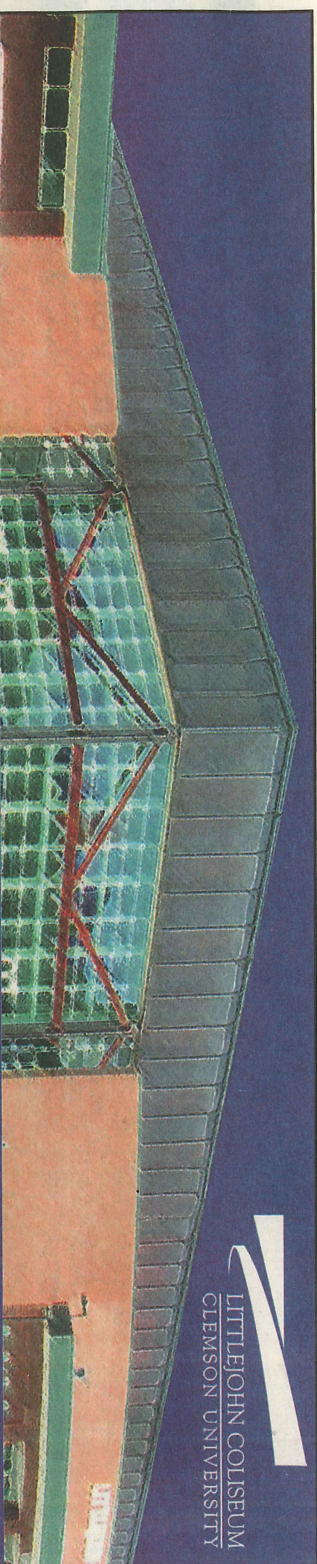
The Clemson volleyball team continued what has been an excellent start to their season with two important road wins over the weekend. The team defeated Miami 3-0 and Florida State 3-0 to begin what will be a five-game road stretch. This weekend they will face Wake Forest and Duke.

In the win against Miami, the Tigers dominated the first set, winning 30-13. The second set was closer as Clemson won 30-28. In the third set the Tigers won 30-27.

The key performances allowing the win were Kelsey Murphy's seven blocks and Jeanette Abbott's 12 points. Murphy, according to head coach Jolene Jordan Hoover, did a "nice job of running the offense." Leading Miami was Genny Mayhew, who had 16 points and 15 kills in three sets. The loss dropped the Hurricanes to 8-7 on the season.

In the win against FSU, the Tigers posted the same 30-13, 30-28, 30-27 scores as in the Miami game over three sets. In the game, Jeanette Abbott's 19 kills led the team. Sue Eckman also did an excellent job according to coach Hoover getting "us caught back up." Playing well defensively against FSU was Diden Ege, who also had a good game defensively against Miami. For the Seminoles, Mira Djunkic had 16 points to lead the team. The loss dropped the Noles to 6-9 on the season.

With the win over Florida State, Clemson improved to 13-2 on the year and 6-0 in conference play. The veteran composition of the team has been important in what has been the best start in conference play ever. Coach Hoover credits the start to the veterans who "have played well together and they're just a year older." The Tigers hope to compete for their first ACC title since 1999. To do so, the team must "continue to focus on ball control," Hoover said. "Which will be key for us."



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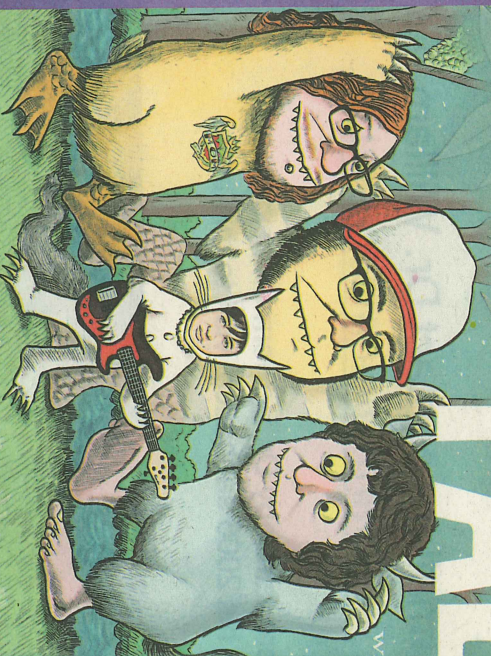
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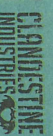
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Note: All photos were taken by Dr. Bowerman using a 300mm lens during his 2006 sabbatical visit to this area.



**SWIMMING** *from page A1*

A short while later, the two girls were back again, this time in the 100-yard freestyle. Regone scored her second win and Sindall placed fifth scoring much-needed points for the Lady Tigers.

On the diving boards, sophomore Stephanie Fura had her first win of the season on one-meter and also achieved a Zone Diving Qualifying score. The Clemson women would close the meet in a high fashion with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The team of Regone, Parkhurst, O'Donnell and Sindall beat the Lady Hokies by almost four seconds.

On the men's side, the Tigers used their depth and experience to give the Hokies a run for their money. The Hokies edged out the men's 200-yard medley relay, but the Tigers came back with retaliation in the 1000-yard freestyle.

Freshman David Gordon had an outstanding swim, placing first with a time of 9:39.07.

This was his first collegiate win and gave the Tigers the fight they needed. Gordon would also come back later in the meet to win the 500-yard freestyle in the same competitive fashion, edging out Hokie Robert Farr by a second.

Brian Possee, Bryce Herrington and Dan Mengerling out-scored the Hokies placing second through fourth in the 200-yard freestyle, and Jason Chatlosh, Jay Croust and Taylor Thompson repeated this trend for the 100-yard backstroke.

"We've got a ton of senior leadership this year, which is crucial," Balderston said of the men's team.

The Tigers had an impressive one-two-three punch in the 100-yard breaststroke with Atilia Ruszka, Eric Lane and Andy Bergren taking out the Hokies. Ruszka and Lane would repeat their first and second places in the 200-yard breaststroke with Bergren finishing fourth.

Gordon returned to swim the 200-yard butterfly with teammates Adam Farnham and Matt Angelini. Farnham placed second about a half second behind Virginia Tech's Trey Stewart. Angelini and Gordon were right behind Farnham taking third and fourth, respectively.

Farnham would come back in the 100-yard fly with redemption and his first individual top spot with a time of 50.19 with Chatlosh out-touching Virginia Tech's Ian DeToll for second place.

"They all looked great this past weekend," said Balderston of the freshman class. "They got a taste of NCAA swimming."

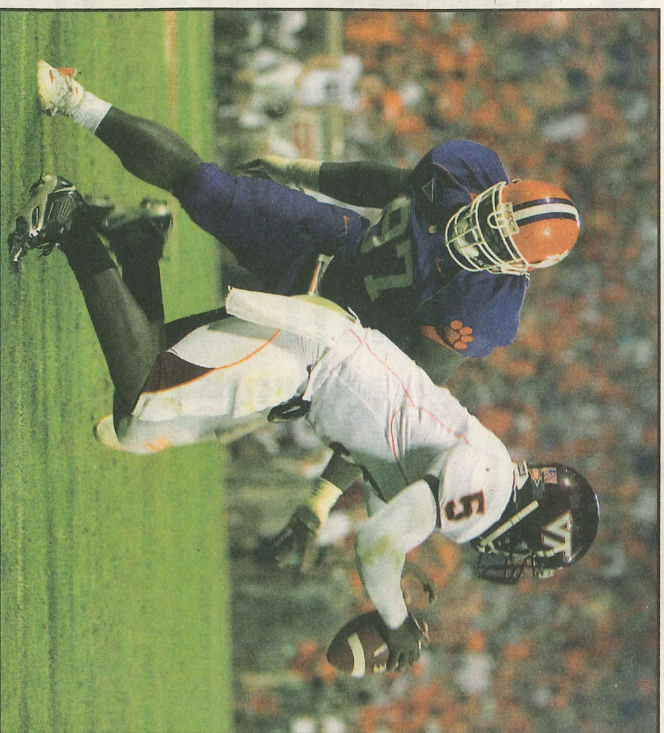
The sprint freestyle events were also strong on the men's side. Seniors Mark Vahle and Balderston placed first and third with less than a second separating the two.

He then teamed up with fellow senior sprinter Stephen Russell for the 100-yard freestyle.

Russell had his first win of the season in this event with a time of 46.24. Balderston was just four one-hundredths of a second behind Russell. Sophomore Tom Reeko got the first place finish in the 200-yard backstroke with Angelini and Thompson placing third and fourth.

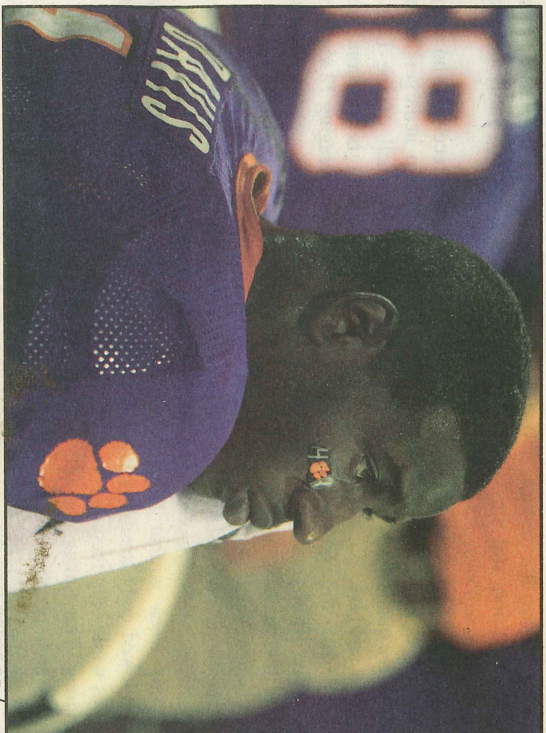
Sophomore diver David Gianbra placed second on the three-meter board and also achieved a Zone Diving Qualifying score. Teammate Marco Raye placed third. The Clemson men also finished in a high fashion with a one second victory over the Hokies 400-yard freestyle relay. Russell, Farnham, Herrington and Balderston teamed up to win the final event of the day.

The Clemson men's and women's swimming and diving teams will travel this weekend to take on ACC foes Georgia Tech and Florida State as well as the University of Alabama in Atlanta on Saturday. The meet is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.



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**ROLLING OUT OF THE POCKET:** Virginia Tech quarterback Tyrod Taylor escapes from the paws of Clemson's Dorell Scott. Taylor ran for 118 yards against the Tiger defense.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

**DISAPPOINTMENT:** James Davis appears frustrated after getting just six carries in the Tigers' loss to Virginia Tech.

**WEEK SIX STAFF PICKS**

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Florida State at Wake Forest Thursday	Wake Forest	Florida State	Florida State
Georgia Tech at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
South Carolina at North Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
Boston College at Notre Dame	Boston College	Boston College	Notre Dame
LSU at Kentucky	LSU	LSU	LSU
Auburn at Arkansas	Arkansas	Auburn	Auburn
Georgia at Vanderbilt	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Tennessee at Mississippi State	Tennessee	Mississippi State	Tennessee
Missouri at Oklahoma	Missouri	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Wisconsin at Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Wisconsin

**Student beats odds to walk onto team**

Matthew Knowles makes Clemson football team after being cut in high school.

**RONNIE KRANKOWSKI**

STAFF WRITER

Going back to Sept. 2, 2006, the Clemson Tigers are running down the hill of Memorial Stadium ready to open up their season against the Florida Atlantic Owls. Meanwhile, a kid named Matthew Knowles is in the stands jumping up and down in absolute mayhem, cheering on his Tigers.

**KNOWLES**

Fast-forwarding to Sept. 3, 2007, Clemson is now running down the hill for their season-opener against Florida State. Matthew Knowles is not in the stands for this game, though. Instead Knowles is in a Clemson

**AWFUL** *from page A1*

The Tiger offensive line all night, holding Clemson's explosive running back tandem of James Davis and C.J. Spiller to only 12 yards on 12 attempts. When the Tigers finally showed signs of life in the second quarter and reached the red zone twice, the Tech defense again rose to the occasion and limited Clemson to two Mark Buckholz field goals.

Not only did the offense fail to move the ball consistently in the first half, it also placed the Tiger defense in tough situations with an interception and lost fumble, giving the Hokies great field position on the 50 yard line to begin two drives. All told, the Clemson offense and special teams were both directly and indirectly responsible for 24 of Virginia Tech's 31 first half points.

There were encouraging aspects of Saturday night's game as well, marked by an unrelenting effort by the Clemson players, coaching staff and fans to stick around and fight back into the game when facing its largest halftime deficit since being down 35-0 at Wake Forest in 2003.

The Tiger defense continued its dominating play so far this year and held the Virginia Tech offense to a paltry 219 total yards. Star tailback Brandon Ore was shut down, rushing for only 35 yards on the night, and the pass defense limited freshman QB Tyrod Taylor to 7-14 passing for 65 yards. The Tigers now rank No. 12 nationally in total defense and No. 2 in pass defense behind the South Carolina Gamecocks. It seems that if Clemson is to be successful the rest of this season, it must rally around this unit led by standout players on each level like Phillip Merling, Nick Watkins and Michael Hamlin.

Abandoning the run and taking advantage of Virginia Tech's umbrella defense designed not to give up a quick score, the Clemson offense was able to move the ball steadily in the second half. Using screen plays to catch the Hokies

in overaggressive pass rushes and quick slants under the Tech coverage were very effective. Cullen Harper was able to regain his composure and actually set the Clemson record for single game completions with 38. His final total of 372 yards passing was good enough for second in school history behind Charlie Whitehurst's 420 yard effort against Duke in 2002.

Receivers Aaron Kelly and Tyler Grisham also turned in career days with 174 and 100 receiving yards respectively. After seven quarters without a Tiger offensive touchdown, Grisham was able to reach the end zone in the fourth quarter on a three yard reception. Kelly also came down with an acrobatic touchdown grab when he tipped a pass to himself and tight-rope the sideline to further cut the Hokie lead.

A C.J. Spiller touchdown catch on a fourth down seemed to have brought the Tigers within one score of catching the Hokies, until the officiating crew crushed the hearts of every Clemson fan in attendance with an illegal touching penalty that called back the score and effectively ended any chance of an epic comeback. A final scoring drive by Virginia Tech marked by a 52-yard run from Tyrod Taylor and a questionable Hokie fumble recovery iced the game and brought the score to a final of 41-23.

The Tigers will have an off-week before resuming play against the Central Michigan Chippewas for Homecoming on Oct. 20.

With three weeks to prepare for their big ACC Atlantic Division showdown at Maryland, Clemson will have plenty of time to straighten out Saturday's problems.

Unfortunately, that is also three weeks for this loss to sink in, three weeks until they can show if anything's been fixed and three weeks without any of the swagger the Tigers brought into Atlanta only a few weeks ago.

Tiger uniform, running down the hill, getting ready to take on the Florida State Seminoles.

Knowles is a local boy from Greenville, who never imagined in a million years that he would be playing defensive end for the Clemson Tigers at this time last season.

Knowles went to J. L. Mann High School in Greenville. As a freshman in high school, Knowles was cut from the football team. He was only 5'10, 110 pounds, so the coaching staff would not give him much of an opportunity.

Instead of crying over not making the football team, Knowles pursued a different sport in high school, soccer, where he would go on to become an All-Region player.

In Knowles's first two years at Clemson he played on the rugby team. "This is the part of my life where I started to lift weights and get big," he said with a laugh.

By Knowles junior year he was close to 6'5, 225 pounds. Knowles always loved the game of football more than anything, but never

really had an opportunity to play before. As a result, he decided to go out for the Clemson football team in the spring of 2006.

"I knew I had a chance, and I wanted to help the team out any way I could," Knowles said with a smile.

He definitely got his opportunity this time and took advantage of it.

By the end of spring practice, Knowles was awarded the Most Improved Defensive Walk-On by Coach Tommy Bowden himself.

Knowles' biggest influence on playing football at Clemson has been his dad, Mark Knowles. "He taught me all about the game and has always been an inspiration," said Matthew.

Knowles' mom, Jocelyn Williams, has also been an inspiration in Knowles' life, always telling him to keep his grades up. By the way, Knowles is also a civil engineering major.

Knowles owes most of his accomplishments to his teammates, saying that he never knew how

cool everyone on the team was. Everyone has been willing to help him and teach him new things. He said that he has also felt blessed by the Lord for all of his accomplishments.

Matthew Knowles saw an opportunity. He saw a vision of himself running down the hill of Memorial Stadium. He knew he could hang with the best. This young man had a dream and did everything in his power to pursue that dream. He stayed positive, worked hard and was willing to learn.

When most people think of Clemson football, they think of James Davis, C.J. Spiller and Ricky Sapp, which is okay because those are great players.

But at the next Clemson game, look for No. 90 running down that hill and consider the fact that this man was a fan in the student section just last season. Knowles is living proof that anyone who persistently pursues their dreams, keeps the faith and works hard, can amaze oneself.

# Fantasy Football: Tony Romo the Interception Machine

**RYAN LAUNIUS**  
staff writer



## Running backs:

Lawrence Maroney should once again be sidelined this coming weekend in Dallas as he is still listed doubtful (groin). That being said, if you want in on the points machine that is the New England Patriot offense, pick up Sammy Morris in your league if he is still available. Morris turned in his second straight 100-yard game against the Browns and will be seeing a full workload of carries this coming Sunday.

You may as well start calling Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown "Mr. Dependable," as he has turned in three straight 100-yard games and has scored four touchdowns over that time frame. Brown is quickly throwing himself into the elite group of fantasy backs in the league, with 360 yards and four touchdowns on the ground, and 211 receiving yards and a touchdown in just three games. If you have Ronnie Brown in your league, make sure to play him every week no matter what defense he is going up against.

Speaking of Ronnie Brown, his old college tandem buddy Camell "Cadillac" Williams's team, the Buccaneers, have not been so fortunate with their backs. After Williams's injury, the Bucs were relying on Earnest Graham and Michael Pittman sharing the workload. However, Pittman suffered an ankle sprain this weekend and will be out for at least two months, leaving Earnest Graham as the top back in Tampa. This will raise

Graham's fantasy value sufficiently for the time being and I highly recommend him as a quick fix for teams needing a running back. However, the Buccaneers are currently in trade talks with the Minnesota Vikings for the acquisition of Mewelde Moore, who will soon take the majority of carries away from Graham. I like this move, and Moore should be available in most leagues and will produce once he joins Tampa Bay, so pick him up while you can.

This week, I highly advise against the starting of Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson, who has only averaged about 50 yards per game for the last three weeks while only finding the end-zone once. This week, Benson will be facing the Minnesota Vikings, who have the best rushing defense in the NFC. Benson has averaged a mere 32 yards and only scored one touchdown in three career games against Minnesota. Also, the Vikings have allowed just 61 rushing yards per game this season and have yet to surrender a touchdown on the ground through five weeks.

Yet another unimpressive performance by Thomas Jones (13 rushes, 36 yards and zero touchdowns) has inspired me to start a weekly segment called, "Thomas Jones TD Watch '07." In his five games with the Jets, Jones has yet to score a touchdown and has only amassed 290 yards, which averages out to a pedestrian 58 yards per game. Until he scores a touchdown, Jones should not start on your team due to his decreasing workload and increasing futility.

## Quarterbacks:

It finally happened! The Arizona Cardinals have chosen a quarterback. Though it may be more through a matter of necessity than choice, the Cardinals have stopped platooning their field generals and have been

forced to stick with Kurt Warner due to Matt Leinart's collarbone fracture. Warner has not been bad this year, throwing for four touchdowns and only one interception while averaging about 200 yards per game in his split time on the field. Warner should be a solid pickup for someone who is in need of a quarterback, but his only drawback is that he has a tendency to have games where he fumbles the ball like it's going out of style. Warner is a safe play for now, but when (not if, but when) he has his three fumble outing, make sure you throw him on the bench or drop him back to waivers.

I'm sure Tony Romo owners everywhere were cringing while watching him play against the Bills on Monday Night Football when he threw five interceptions. While it may seem the Romo train has left the station, there were still some positives in that game that reminded us of why Romo is the fantasy quarterback that he is. Despite looking like an interception throwing machine, Romo still threw for two touchdowns and over 300 yards while completing 60 percent of his passes which gives hope that he is still the productive quarterback we have grown to know and love.

One of the quarterbacks who should be off of your bench and in the game this week is Matt Hasselbeck, who squares off against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday. What makes Hasselbeck's fantasy potential so enticing this week is that New Orleans has allowed eight touchdowns in four games while only recording two interceptions. The Saints also allow the most yards per passing attempt (9.8 yards) in the NFC.

## Wide Receivers:

The Dallas Cowboys have a solid replacement for Terry Glenn, and his name is Patrick Crayton. While Glenn has been off in his own world on injured reserves, Crayton has been reeling for the past three weeks. In just his last three games, Crayton has 284 yards receiving and three touchdowns. Not only does his presence open up the field more for Terrell Owens, but he should also be able to score you a fairly consistent amount of points each week. Also, he is still available in most fantasy leagues right now.

Two wideouts who need to be starting for you this week are Larry Fitzgerald and Joey Galloway. Fitzgerald is playing against a Carolina Panthers defense that he has torched for over 100 yards and a score in each of his two previous career games against them, which shouldn't be surprising to you as Fitzgerald is one of the top wideouts in the game today.

The wide receiver you probably didn't know as much about is Joey Galloway, who is playing against the Tennessee Titans for the third time in his career. Galloway was fantasy-tastic in his first two games against the Titans, catching 17 passes for 218 yards and three scores.

Another wide receiver who should be a decent pickup in larger leagues is Brandon Marshall of the Denver Broncos. Marshall is a second year wideout who is averaging 72 yards per game and has two touchdowns on the season. Last week, Marshall had seven receptions for 72 yards, and he should be seeing more passes coming his way as the season goes on.

In my opinion, Donald Driver would be better suited warming up your benches than playing on the field this week. As the Packers play hosts to the Redskins this week, Donald Driver is preparing himself for another sub-par performance against a Washington Defense that he loathes. In his career, Driver has averaged only 30 yards on two receptions and no scores in three games against the Redskins.

## Playoffs kick off

Boston, Cleveland, Colorado and Arizona advantage one state closer to World Series.

**CRESWELL CURTIS**

STAFF WRITER

October is the greatest month of the year. Major League Baseball has hit its stride with the time of year that will witness heroes transcend to legends and crowd favorites fall from grace.

Behind farm system talent, clutch hitting and commanding pitching, Boston, Cleveland, Colorado and Arizona have come one step closer to baseball's ultimate prize.

First off, the Boston Red Sox continue to look like the most dominant team on the diamond. Behind outstanding pitching from Josh Beckett and Curt Schilling and huge at-bats from Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz, the loveable losers—no—more seem to be prepared for a long post-season run. Beckett's shutout in Game One set the tone for the series and announced to the rest of MLB that Boston came ready to play. Schilling continued that theme with seven shutout innings of his own in Game Three. Game Three also saw Manny and "Papi" do something they haven't done since the 2005 postseason: hit back-to-back home runs. Ramirez seems to be more in the zone now than he ever has in his career. Vladimir Guerrero continued to struggle against Boston in the postseason, going 2 for 10 on the series. Game 1 — Boston 4-0. Game 2 — Boston 6-3. Game 3 — Boston 9-1. Boston sweeps 3-0.

Where were the mighty Yankees? Game One saw C.C. Sabathia assert himself to the entire pinstripe lineup. The rest of the Indian starting rotation depended heavily on their defensive play, but the starting nine never faltered.

**Tight Ends:**

The pickup of the week at tight end is Greg Olsen of the Chicago Bears. Brian Griese appears to have taken a shine to this rookie tight end, throwing to him four times for 57 yards and a touchdown at Green Bay this past weekend. As long as Griese stays under the helm in the Windy City, expect consistent weekly numbers from the former Miami Hurricane tight end.

Another solid pickup at tight end this week is Owen Daniels of the Houston Texans. Daniels, a second year player out of Wisconsin, has started to finally come around in the NFL as he has already amassed 293 yards receiving this year. Although he has yet to score a touchdown, it is only a matter of time before Owens starts reeling in big weekly numbers.

## Team Defenses:

The Buffalo Bills finally remembered that they are a defensive team this week as they picked off Tony Romo five times on Monday. Although Buffalo had been a disappointing fantasy pick for many up until this week, it would seem that they have finally pulled their act together as a defense and look like the same squad that ranked No. 8 in fantasy points in 2006. If Buffalo was dropped recently in your league, their defense would be a great pickup for your team.

The teams to drop this week are the defenses of Miami and Denver. Miami has allowed 88 points to be scored on them in the past three weeks, and have amassed just five fantasy points by standard Yahoo scoring in that time. But as bad as the Dolphins have been, the Broncos have been worse, allowing 102 points in the past three weeks and only scoring two fantasy points in Yahoo leagues. If you have either of these defenses on your team, now would be the time to drop them.

## Lady Tigers lose to powerhouse

Clemson gives up three goals against No. 12 North Carolina.

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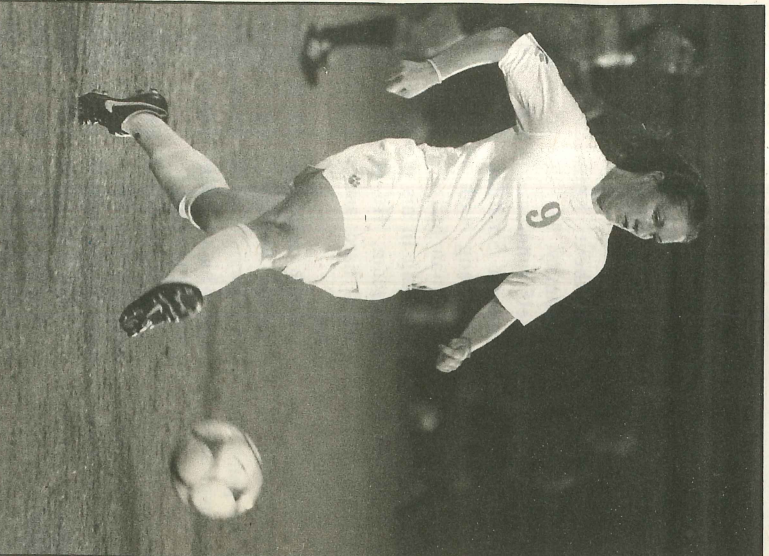
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On the road in Chapel Hill last Friday night, the Clemson women's soccer team received their first conference loss of the year, coming at the hands of No. 12 North Carolina. The Lady Tigers had allowed only three goals in their previous 11 games, but the Tar Heels managed to punch in three scores against Clemson. The 3-0 nothing loss

was dominating, as Clemson didn't even have a shot on goal. The game dropped the Lady Tigers to 8-2-1 overall, 1-1-1 in ACC play. Clemson dropped seven spots in the rankings, from No. 12 to No. 19, as a result of the loss. UNC improved to 8-3 with the win.

The Tar Heels played a very proficient game controlling the ball and taking 21 shots. Their plan of attack really seemed to give Clemson some problems. In addition to taking zero shots, the Tigers had no corner kicks the entire game.

North Carolina's first goal came in the 42nd minute when Yael Averbuch scored off a double assist from Tobin Heath and Ariel Harris.



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**WHIFFING:** Women's soccer is outshot 21-0 against the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill last week.



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**TASTE OF DEFEAT:** Clemson drops their first conference game to a perennial power.



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# TimeOut

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## Book predicts Earth's future

We can thank Al Gore for a lot of things. Mainly, the Internet, which gave us Facebook, and global warming, which will give a new group of people a chance at beach front property. Lately, it

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seems like everyone is finally giving Gore some credit and jumping on the global warming bandwagon.

This time last year everyone was arguing if global warming was fact or fiction. Now, with the help of science, we have moved on to some weird state of acceptance that Mother Nature will finally get back at us. Will it be in fifty years? A hundred?

It's like staying in a hotel, but this time the maid is mad."

We know, but it seems like we are in for some significant changes in our environment and wardrobe. We could get lucky and our children will be the ones to worry about it.

As humans we have a sense of entitlement to this beautiful planet. We figured out how to make fire, therefore we own the planet and don't have to worry about the consequences of our actions. It's like staying in a hotel, but this time the maid is mad.

The markets have been flooded with environmental books, DVDs, news articles and whiney blogs lately.

TV specials talk about the science of Mother Nature's wrath. Most of the new literature and media on global warming says we probably are part

of the problem, but most skeptics say, "We are so small, how can we change global weather patterns?" If we are so small, what would happen if we all checked out? Would the world miss us, even just a little?

The award-winning journalist, Alan Weisman, asks this question in his most recent book "The World Without Us." The book expands on his 2005 essay "Earth Without People," which was selected for Best Scientific Writing 2000-2007.

"The World Without Us" doesn't read like a scientific article—there are statistics, but they are more intriguing than confusing — but reads more like an apocalyptic novel.

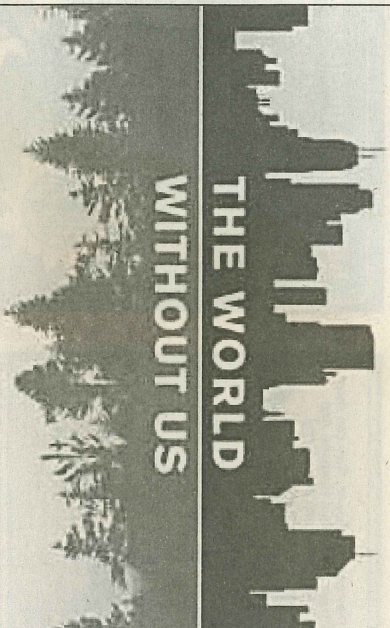
Weisman ceases human existence, for the purpose of the book. That's right, humans are just gone. With one sentence, Weisman nonchalantly wipes out humans, and apparently it is that easy; and this may be a spoiler, but we aren't missed.

Everyone worries about the mark they will leave for the following generations, but if we were to leave today nature would wipe out all traces of our existence and restore the earth to an Eden once again.

Weisman delves a lot in to our history to construct a time line of what happens after we leave this Earth—for whatever reason. Within two days, there are already noticeable changes.

Without humans the New York City subway system wouldn't have anyone to drain the daily 13 million gallons of water that would take the tunnels back. The rest that

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ALAN WEISMAN

follows is a fast depletion of the buildings and cities we have erected. Within ten to twenty years most of our buildings will be nothing more than a pile of rubble, probably covered in kudzu.

The most shocking part of the story is how quickly animals and plants take back the land we have tamed to be more comfortable to us. No one really misses the top of the food chain, right?

Our current state-of-the-art buildings are going to crumble one day. We aren't going to leave lasting monuments like our predecessors in Egypt. Even our plastics-filled landfills will eventually succumb to bacteria that will learn to eat the buffet of petroleum products.

It's depressing to think that the changes we have made to the planet are not permanent. The only lasting record of us will probably be our radio signals echoing through the universe for someone to find.

Weisman weaves an intriguing book filled with a lot of information. If you read any book about our environment this year, this should be the one. We all know that CO<sub>2</sub> levels are rising, but that is just one problem in our complex ecosystem.

Many of the connections will become apparent to you, and a lot of other problems will become apparent to you. It's a bleak ending for us, but hopefully we will take the challenge and write ourselves a new, hopefully happier ending.

## Stiller breaks hearts in new comedy

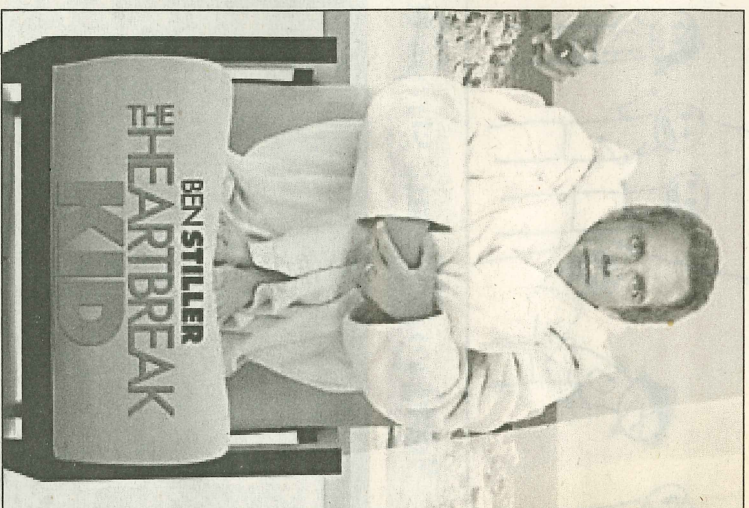
The Farrelly Brothers have done it again. The geniuses behind "Dumb and Dumber," "There's Something About Mary" and "Shallow Hal" produced yet another comedy masterpiece — this time with "The Heartbreak Kid."

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As far as predictable story lines go, "The Heartbreak Kid" is pretty much a given once you've seen the trailer. The preview tells the story of a dude named Eddie (Ben Stiller) who apparently has no luck with the ladies; he's a 40-year-old bachelor who, in the beginning of the film, gets absolutely humiliated by the father of his ex-fiancée at her wedding. Eventually, Eddie meets his supposed dream girl, Lila (Malin Akerman). Of course, the girl ends up being an absolute she-devil, and on the honeymoon, Eddie meets the real girl of his dreams Miranda (Michelle Monaghan).

Even if you didn't see the preview and don't have the IQ of a doorknob, you can probably write the rest of the script of the movie. Obviously, the new wife didn't work out and Eddie goes after Miranda, but when Miranda finds out that Eddie is not just married but cheating on his wife on their honeymoon, she gets a tad bit upset. Needless to say, Miranda tries to leave Eddie's life, but finds that she actually does love Eddie and comes back to him. What a surprise.

What the movie lacks in story line is more than compensated for in humor. I will warn you, though, that the humor in "The Heartbreak Kid" is not for the prudie; it offends, repulses and



BEN STILLER

disgusts. The Farrelly Brothers bring to the film the same brand of offensive slapstick and toilet humor that made their other movies such big hits. Close-ups of giant pubic bushes and random dudes trying to get hand jobs from another guy's wife, and priceless quotes like, "I just queefed big time!" are the kinds of gags that the Brothers specialize in.

Ben and Jerry Stiller appearing together is becoming about as routine as the Farrelly Brothers' sex jokes. Some of the best chemistry I've ever seen on screen comes when the father and son work together; the closeness of the relationship is palpable and lights a spark to the movie.

Playing the father of Eddie, Jerry takes the spotlight of every scene in which he appears. In his advanced age, he has developed the ability to crack old guy sex jokes that may actually leave you rolling on the floor laughing. The absurd things he says in the movie range from being hilarious to just plain wrong; he affectionately refers to his son as "pusssydick," is obsessed with "pusssy crushing" and teaches his son that "When your wife on your honeymoon asks you to cook her, you cook her good, goddamnit!"

Of course, most of what comes out of Jerry Stiller's mouth in his character is far from being politically correct or even vaguely socially acceptable, which is why, combined with being an old man, everything he says is absolutely hilarious.

Overall, though, "The Heartbreak Kid" is only good for a date movie and a McKissick preview. Don't get me wrong; the movie was awesome and wonderfully entertaining.

But the story line is as predictable as morning wood and stars Ben and Jerry Stiller in the same old roles of being lovable idiots and star-crossed romantics.

But don't let that stop you from seeing this hilarious flick; it might be the most fun you will ever have being offended and disgusted.

### Upstate Galleries

**10.12**  
"La Sylphide" presented by the International Ballet at Peace Center's Gunter Theatre. 8 p.m. show. Tickets are \$35.

**10.13**  
Harvest Concert at South Carolina Botanical Garden ft. Jackson Brothers of Easley and Celtic group. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

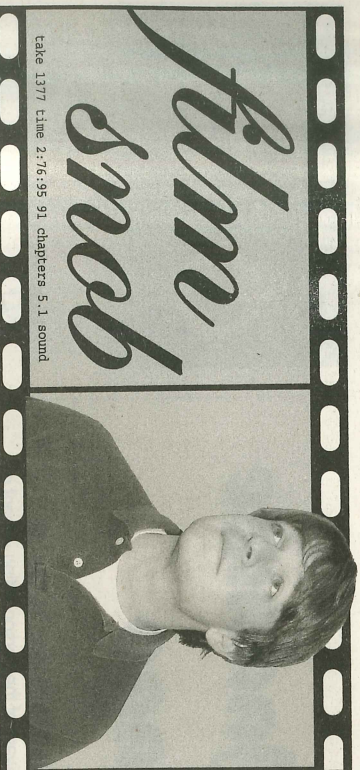
**10.14**  
The Lee Boys at St. Francis Fall for Greenville. 5 p.m. show. Free.

**10.16**  
"Love and Basketball" at McKissick Theater. 7 p.m. Free.

**10.17**  
"Last Comic Standing" Live at the Bi-Lo Center. \$35. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

**10.18**  
Pre-homecoming "Mocktails" tailgate. Bryan Mall. Noon to 4 p.m. Free.  
Greenville County Youth Orchestra Concert. Peace Center's Gunter Theatre. 8 p.m. show. \$10.





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When did watching movies become a chore or, even worse, like homework? I'm sure that I am not the only one who gets excited about an upcoming movie, but never gets to see it in theatres despite a burning desire to. Once

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I've missed it in theatres I start counting down the days until it comes out on DVD — most of you skip this step and go straight to downloading bit torrent. I anxiously await the new DVD to become available in my Netflix queue. I'll even look out the window and watch for the post-person to deliver the mail, and then I will excitedly run down the stairs to open the envelope only to have the disc sitting on my desk for several weeks before I give up and return it, more defeated than before.

What happened? I was so excited to get this movie, but I am wasting its life on my desk amongst papers and books. I could be enjoying this film, but can't. Why, you ask? Oh, that's right the senses started. Two hours is a block of time, and time becomes more precious when there is school work afoot. Knowing this to be my tendency I blocked a date for my latest DVD arrival. I actually put it on my calendar. Maybe it is the romantic notion of Ireland, or Cillian Murphy's starring role, or the logical thought progression to beer when I hear barley that kept my excitement sustained about the recent release of "The Wind that Shakes the Barley."

This lengthy, Palme d'Or winner at the 2006 Cannes film festival is a pro-IRA film directed by one of the Crown's loyal subjects. Conflict of interest? Not

in the least. Director Ken Loach, the socialist Brit, simply wants his home country to acknowledge the oppressive nature from the British State. Skirting with sedition, Loach masterfully directs this epic movie with a mundane milieu. This is not a Spielberg-esque war movie. Explosions are only talked about, and guns are rarely fired on screen. Without the spectacle of war, what does that leave the audience to enjoy? Acting.

Loache's revolutionary leader is the frail, framed Murphy. Damien (Murphy) is a trained doctor on his way to enjoy a life of haughty tea parties in London, but is forced by compassion to stay with his brethren and give the ole Brits a taste of Irish courage.

Many critics would now describe the plot as gripping, thought-provoking, and other one word adjectives to skirt around reading the movie in a modern perspective for Americans. Besides the obvious parallels to our own skirmish with an occupying British force, Loach creates a specter of our own presence in Iraq. How far, if at all, have we grown in our own occupation of Iraq since we had a tea party in Boston Harbor? Did we forget those lessons? Loach keeps a lot of the minute historical details at an arm's length, so we, as an audience, can actually enjoy the film. Like any good war movie, you have to have a skirmish amongst brothers.

There is a lot going on in the simplifying simplistic tale, yet Loach holds the audience's hands and directs them in poignant self reflective moments. I wouldn't put off your chemistry homework for this movie, but at some point when you are in that lull between papers and exams swing by Blockbuster, and maybe get a pint or two of Guinness.

# THE TOP 5

DISCOVERY CHANNEL SHOWS  
BY ASHLEY CRISP

*If there is one thing college students have mastered, it is the art of procrastination. Aside from friends and parties, TV rules the domain of avoiding the inevitable. For those who find themselves in need of some really television but don't seem to relate to "The Hills," here are the Top 5 Discovery Channel shows. It's what TimeOut calls, entertainment with an educational twist.*

"Survivorman" makes No. 5 on the list, because no one else can point out the obvious like him. We understand that if you purposely decide to get lost in Alaska, you should probably invest in a parka before you go. You may ask, "What if I don't know I'm going to crash into the Bering Sea?" Well, if you were Survivorman, you would know how to skin a live bear and make one.

Coming in at No. 4 is "Mythbusters." Come on, we all secretly want to know if the scenario in "Jaws" is true. Will the quicksand engulf Adam and Jamie? Are you more likely to be struck by lightning if you are covered in piercings? TimeOut wants to know. Encounters like these rank higher than most "Lifetime" movies as far as suspense goes.

"Dirtiest Jobs" was only to be a special on Discovery Channel, lasting a few weeks at most. However, viewers enjoyed it enough that now it is a series. Why, may you ask? Because sloppin' pigs and crawling through bat guano is apparently as good as it gets on a week night. Especially since you aren't the one actually doing it.

While technically this isn't a regular show, it is a frequent visitor of the Discovery Channel. "Shark Week" is everything summery and fun at the beach. Sinking ships with men being manag'd by sharks is only the start of a week of horrifying deaths involving the stupidity of humans and the cunning of the shark. A must-see, even if it is the same set of shows every summer. Don't lie, you know you enjoy it.

"Deadliest Catch" wins the No. 1 spot for obvious reasons — it has crabs. Get your mind out of the gutter, not those crabs. This series follows the life at sea for Alaskan Crab fishermen. Follow the life of greenhorns just starting out and the more seasoned deckhands who make sure to provide a wild ride. As one captain puts it, "This ain't a hamburger stand out here, y'know? This is the real deal, and people really die." With its hardcore manual labor and less-than polite language, "Deadliest Catch" wins by a crabside. Get it, crabside?

# ON THE PROWL

by IVANNA JOHNSON

As I am sure Ms. Campbell will be disappointed to hear, it seems all three of us have failed our attempts at celibacy. So now that I'm back in the wonderfully awkward and complex world

of dating, I once again get to experience the ever uncomfortable first time hookup. From the awkward lean in to the "oh wait, do you have condom," it's all back, but there are some things that just aren't cool. The following are some of the four most awkward scenarios you'll find during a first time hookup that you should avoid at all costs.

Scenario 1: You're making out with a guy, and it's starting to get a little hard core, hands are wandering, extremities growing, clothes are coming off, and then you feel it. At first it starts pleasant, he runs his hands through your hair and down your back, but then soon you're feeling a little more pressure. He's got one hand gently pushing your head down. It's light enough to ignore, and you keep making out pretending you don't know what's going on. You move your head and nudge it off.

For some reason guys believe that by pushing your head down to their package you will want to give them a blow job. My suggestion: Most girls only give head when they want to, most girls don't even want to, but if you really want a girl to, why don't you take the first move. You give me head, I'll give you head.

Scenario 2: You just started making out with a guy for the first time. You don't really know each other, and everything is just a little bit awkward. His roommate is asleep in the room next door or worse, the bed five feet from you — hello dorm rooms. The guy you're kissing is not really your type to begin with. He's too full of himself, a football team bench warmer, currently rushing Lambda Delta or just trying too hard. This is the guy who won't leave your side and tries too hard

to continue conversation, even though you can only talk about your female biology teacher's funky mustache for so long.

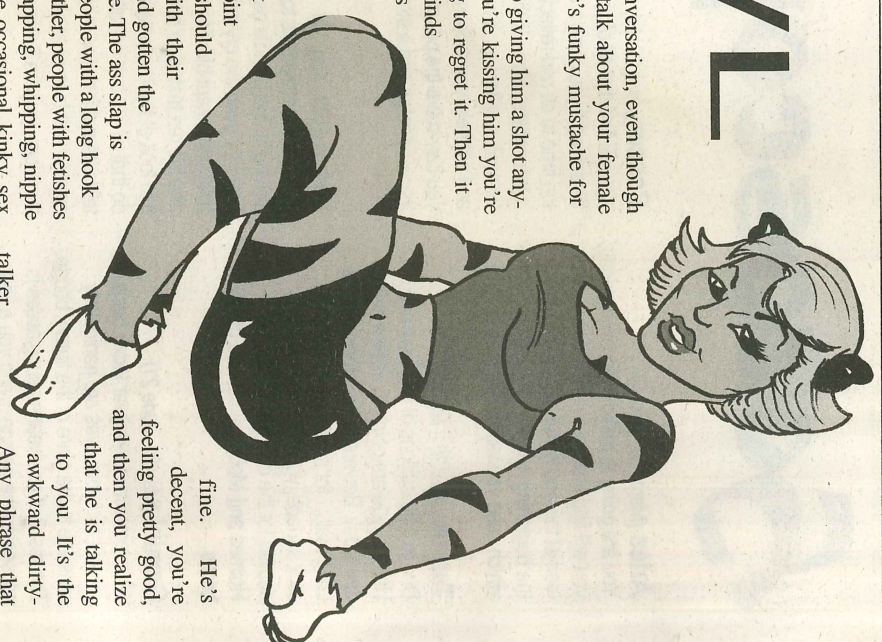
You end up giving him a shot anyway, and as you're kissing him you're already starting to regret it. Then it happens: He winds up and gives you a hard smack on the ass. It's the awkward ass slap. Most girls at this point

realize they should have gone with their first instinct and gotten the hell out of there. The ass slap is reserved for people with a long hookup history together, people with fetishes that involve slapping, whipping, nipple clamps and the occasional kinky sex. Otherwise it's not the best idea to pull it out.

Scenario 3: We're in the big leagues now. Your panties are down, you have gotten all you can out of foreplay, and it's time. You start going at it, and then between ten pumps to two minutes later, it happens. He starts to make a weird face, like he has to pee, but there is no bathroom around. He's slowing down, and you're ready to speed up.

He blunts out I'm sorry, breathes a sigh of relief, and you realize what has happened. It's the premature ejaculation. Now I know the main goal of sex is to get off. But nothing annoys a girl more than an early cummer. Now the "premature ejaculator" paired with the "now that I got off, I'm going to pass out" guy is the worst. You're left naked, unsatisfied, and thoroughly pissed at the guy sleeping next you, but you feel a little better when you make fun of him with your girlfriends the next day.

Scenario 4: You're doing the deed, and it seems like everything is going



fine. He's decent, you're feeling pretty good, and then you realize that he is talking to you. It's the awkward dirty-talker. Any phrase that "baby," such as "Yea baby, you like that" is not cool. Phrases such as "Who's my dirty girl" don't work either. Being referred to by any name other than your own is not cool, especially if it's your roommate's. Also "awkward guy moaning" that sounds like a moose in labor" doesn't really work out either. If you really want to turn a girl on, tell her how perfect you think her body is, or how pretty/her eyes are. I know it sounds stupid, and it's not very sexual, but it makes girls feel less insecure and more into what they are doing. I promise it will pay off.

Now there are many more awkward situations that can arise during first time hook ups. Bodily functions you didn't want to slip out, feeling your hiney getting licked and then realizing it's the dog, feeling your hiney getting licked and realizing it's the guy you're with, or anything to do with peeing is just plain awkward. It happens. Just remember if he looks creepy, he is probably even creepier in bed.

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# Horoscopes by *MyMadame*

## by Fantago

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You will find that all of your problems will be solved if you climb a tree. If you need the time to sit and reflect over work and relationships, a tree is the ideal place for such a reflection. It is quiet, secluded and will help you reconnect with nature; you can scare the people below you by throwing twigs and a stray squirrel at them.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The stars are silent as to what your fortune is, the planets as well; no matter how I try even the crystal ball is blank. My tarot cards kept blowing off the table... and the tea tasted so bad I couldn't drink it to look at the tea leaves... and I don't do that whole bird entrails thing that just tells internal fortunes, and I don't think anyone wants to hear about his bladder; therefore, you are fortuneless today.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You have good fortune written in the stars. You will receive two free cookies if you go to Schilleler for Cookie Break. Not only will the delicious warm cookie make you happy, your abilities to study will be improved because of that glorious thing called chocolate.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Give yourself a little time today to reapply the deodorant; you will find this will improve your mood and the moods of those around you. You will also find this will improve your chances of finding the love that is written in the starfish for you.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

The influence of Saturn is upon you today. You will find that classes and relationships will cause your stress levels to rise at least 10 degrees. The best advice is to join the Canceroes.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Jupiter, what was once Pluto, Uranus and Mars are all influencing your life today, so intense multi-tasking would not be wise. He or she who tries to text a friend, listen to "Clemson Rap" on their iPod while walking at the same time may end up tripping over a squirrel and checking out the dust scene. You are in the same boat as the Taurus.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Beware of the person sitting in front of you and to the left in class... this person's stars are out of celestial order resulting in a flatulence problem. Take defensive measures: face mask, Lysol, Febreze or learn how to hold your breath for a long period of time.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

For you, it is the dawning of the age of holy crap. I have too much to do. Do not panic. Utilize some study skills, and you will find much less stress in your future. Or you will procrastinate, fall asleep in the library, have the rare experience of getting locked in, call the number next to the exit door on the 4th floor, and then not do too well on your test or project.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Haley's comet shines on you today, and you will find you are having an exceptionally good day. You will receive 5 and a half free high fives, and I see travel in your future. Enjoy your day off.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Wear protective eye gear today because you will find your eyes are particularly sensitive to the glare of the library bridge. The result of not wearing sunglasses is not seeing the person giving you a free high five and walking into class with a lovely handprint on your face.

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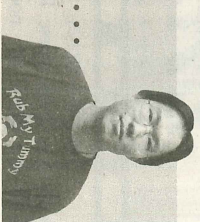


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Some of us remember the days when 8-bit Super Mario was controlled by a gamepad that had 6 basic functions. Nowadays, graphics are becoming more and more realistic, but the hardware required to run them has become an abysmal black hole that sucks the cash right from your hands. With graphics cards ranging from \$80 to \$700, PC gamers usually prefer to turn to console gaming, where a system and a game can be bought for about the same price.

Microsoft has recently announced DirectX 10, which is the latest version of their celebrated graphics engine. The promised graphic improvements have wowed gamers from around the world, but unfortunately it is not backwards compatible. That is, in order to use DirectX 10, gamers would have to purchase a brand new graphics card that was made specifically for the graphics engine.

Although these cards are backwards compatible, they are located on the higher end of the price range. To make matters worse, Microsoft just announced that DirectX 10 capable cards will not work with the latest version, 10.1, which is to be included with the Vista SP1 update.

Already, developers have been able to use the information given in the software development kit for DirectX 10 and create open GL extensions from previous versions of the graphics engine, and create effects that are identical to that of DirectX 10. The problem with these extensions is that they do not account for the efficiency that DirectX 10 provides.

The cooperation with graphics processing unit (GPU) designers and creating a system that works together is what makes it so fast. Because it is fast, there is now more time to perform other graphical computations. DirectX 10 features a 4x Anti-Aliasing capability, which is used to "smooth" out graphics, so jagged lines appear less often.

Geometry shaders have also been implemented, so now developers can shade by polygons instead of by pixels or vertices. These calculations are done by the engine itself now, instead of relying on the program that uses DirectX to implement them. This does save some time in development and some disk space; however, it does not seem to be worth the \$200 price tag low-end DirectX 10 cards have.

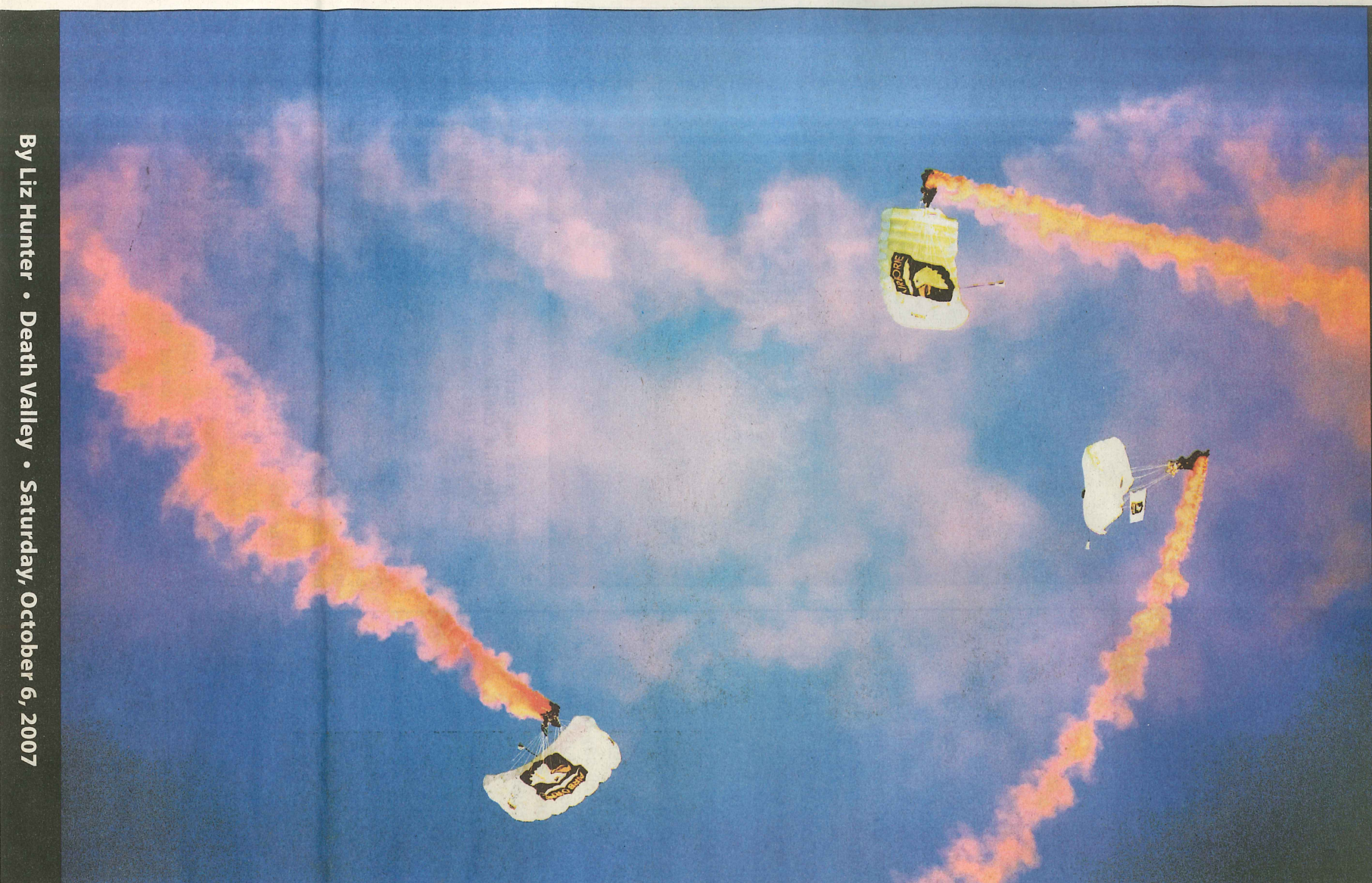
Even with the graphics cards that are built for DirectX 10, users have reported numerous bugs and glitches that have made popular games such as "World of Warcraft," "Company of Heroes" and other games crash. Sometimes these crashes take the operating system with it and force the gamer to restart the computer, losing any unsaved progress the user may have made in his or her game.

With the current trend that Microsoft is setting with the DirectX 10 engine, it seems to be a better choice to stay away from Vista and other DirectX 10 related products until Microsoft can decide on an architecture they like.

With graphics card changes in every patch they make, our wallets feel lighter and lighter. Games these days also tend to focus more on graphics than originality or design. All in all, it is depressing to realize where PC gamers stand and where our outlook is with Microsoft. Maybe it is finally time to bite the bullet and get a Wii.



## "Aerial"



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# ASK A BASS!



**Q:** I found cologne in my girl's bathroom. It's not mine, I don't wear Chanel. What should I do?

**A:** As a bass, I would say she obviously left it out in plain sight for a reason. She wants the relationship to end, but she doesn't want to be the one to break the bad news. Just to spite her, pretend you don't see it. Act like it's yours. Who cares that it's actually perfume? Girls cheat on their boyfriends with other girls all the time.

**Q:** My boyfriend thinks he is Harry Potter. His obsession has gone too far and I can't stand it. Should I tell him that Harry Potter isn't real?

**A:** As a bass, I would say do not crush the Harry Potter dream. If your man wants to dress up as a wizard, so what? Just put on a sorting hat and a really long robe and join the party. For your

**Q:** My girlfriend has serious PMS issues. How can I avoid her during her bad mood swings?

**A:** As a bass, I would say create a calendar to track her cycle. Make sure to ask her constantly when her period is, and then make a disgusted face every time she answers. If she gets angry, just ask her louder. Once you have a calendar and a pattern to follow, make sure that during her "evil week" you duck under anything you can find. You might find her phone calls less frequent and her temper at the maximum. This is natural, just let her use you as a human punching bag. It will be over in a couple days.

**Q:** I have strange feelings toward my cousin. Is this

unusual? Should I act on these feelings?

**A:** If by strange you mean you want to have dinner outside the family atmosphere, then yes, this is unusual. But, this is South Carolina. As a bass, I would say you can probably find a circle in which this is acceptable, even expected behavior.

However, this match made in heaven doesn't come without its hereditary disadvantages. Be sure to avoid procreation; children with arms growing out of their heads are rarely cute.

**Q:** My cellmate always uses my toothbrush without asking. Should I tell the guard?

**A:** As a bass, I would say telling the guard would only create more problems for you. You see, your cellmate uses your toothbrush because she doesn't have her own. She lost her prison-issued toothbrush. You must weigh your options at this point: cellmate with bad breath or contaminated toothbrush.

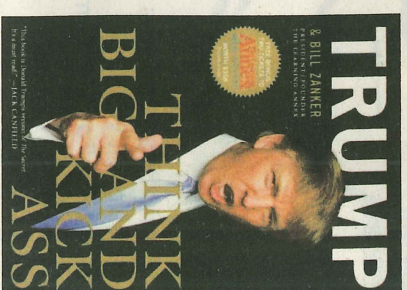
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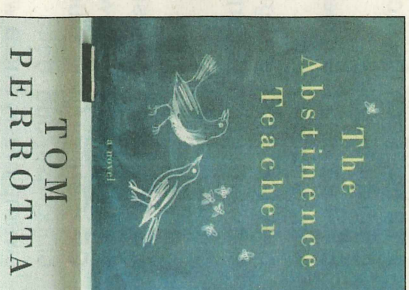
**"Think Big and Kick Ass in Business and Life"**  
by Donald J. Trump  
Oct. 16

**Question:** Is there anything Donald Trump can't do? He's a prominent businessman, an established television celebrity and now he's made his way into the worldwide market of book-writing. Who better to instruct the rest of the world on kicking ass than this man? This book contains personal stories from the life of Donald Trump, as well as insight to the business empire he so powerfully built and controls. Just be sure not to take his advice on hairstyles.



**"The Abstinence Teacher"**  
by Tom Perrotta  
Oct. 16

This novel details a fierce duel between a local high school sexual education teacher and the town's gospel church over the issue of, shockingly, sex. It's obvious what stance each side takes on this issue, and it's that element which spins a very intriguing story. Perrotta pairs this attention-grabbing plotline with his usual wit and satirical jaunt for a novel that is sure to appeal to all those who open it up.



**"Let it Snow"**  
Michael Buble  
Oct. 16

You probably find yourself asking the same question that I have in mind. Why a Christmas CD in October? It's been done before and, as the title of Michael Buble's newest album would suggest, the cliché of pre-gaming Christmas has continued. You may not be familiar with Buble's previous musical offerings, but I must admit that both his voice and style are very Frank Sinatra-esque. A Frank Sinatra sing-a-like mixed with all of your favorite Christmas songs revisited? What's not to love?



**"That '70s Show"**  
Season 7  
Oct. 16

Seriously, how can anyone resist 25 episodes of the bizarre antics from the Foreman family and gang? Whether it's Red's brutal attempts at fatherhood, Eric and Donna's on-again-off-again relationship, Kelso's idioy or Jackie's egotism, this show is sure to please the multitudes. Although you can still catch episodes of "That '70s Show" on television, I urge you to go ahead and just buy a season already. Does your television contain promo spots on all episodes and "Behind the Polyester, Writing 'That '70s Show'" featurette?" Yeah, I didn't think so.



**"Transformers"**  
Oct. 16

If you are a guy, then I assume you are thoroughly excited about the release of this summer's hottest action movie, "Transformers." The interstellar battle between Autobots and Decepticons (what do these names even mean?) is directed by Michael Bay, featuring Even Stevens's Shia LaBeouf, and takes place right here on planet Earth. If you're interested in action flicks and/or anything related to robots, then TimeOut says this is the movie for you.



**"The Almost Moon"**  
by Alice Sebold  
Oct. 16

Author of "Lucky" and "Lovely Bones," Alice Sebold has done it again. This novel tells the story of a woman coming face-to-face with life's many twists in an unexpected, yet inspiring way. Some may argue that it sounds cliché, but we've heard nothing but good things about Alice Sebold. Her work has been called "brilliant," "astounding" and "daring," which leaves little room for criticism. My roommates are all anxiously awaiting the release of her latest novel, and I'm very confident in their literary tastes. But check it out for yourself, and you be the judge.



# Morgan's Meat-n-Three Montage

by Morgan Young, David Powell, Matt Schuster

As young people, we often times forgo the nutritional value of a meal in favor of taste. Ideally, we would like to maintain tastiness, refrain from fast food and not spend much of the little money we have. My friends, the solution to our problem is presented herein: the "meat-n-three."  
Meat-n-three restaurants usually have

a menu option consisting of one meat and three sides. The sides are often vegetables, although other foods may be included in the list of available sides. A roll or a piece of cornbread is almost always included with the meal, and a drink is frequently included in the meat-n-three price. The origins of the meat-n-three restaurant are

traced to the South, and clientele often range from construction workers to politicians. The greater Clemson area houses many meat-n-three locales, and I charged myself with determining the finest. Two fellow graduate students and I spent the last month researching the five prominent meat-n-three establishments in and around Clemson:

**TD's**  
339 College Avenue  
Clemson, SC.

**Typical selection:**

meat: chicken pot pie, veal parmesan, pork chop  
sides: scalloped potatoes, lima beans, broccoli spears, pasta with red sauce, tossed salad  
desserts: N/A

Cost: \$6.54 including tax

Notes: cash/credit card accepted, good location



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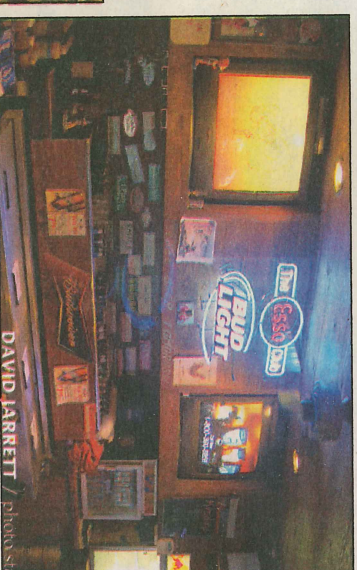
**Dyar's Diner**  
2216 Old Greenville  
Highway, Pendleton, SC

**Typical selection:**

meat: fried chicken, baked chicken, BBQ sandwich, country steak, sauerkraut and sausage  
sides: coleslaw, peas, carrots, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rice, corn, stewed tomatoes, mashed pot, butter beans, turnip greens, fried okra, choice of roll or cornbread  
desserts: banana pudding, assortment of cakes.

Cost: \$7.25 including tax

Notes: cash/credit card accepted, cannot substitute dessert for side item, smaller portions.



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**The Esso Club**  
129 Old Greenville  
Highway #1  
Clemson, SC.

**Typical selection:**

meat: fried chicken, fried whiting, meatloaf, cube steak, bbq  
sides: mac and cheese, broccoli casserole, green beans, slaw, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, potato salad, pasta salad, stewed tomatoes, tomato salad, collards, rice and gravy, baked beans, butter beans, choice of cornbread, hushpuppies, roll  
desserts: strawberry short cake, apple cobbler.

Cost: \$6.54 including tax

Notes: cash/credit card accepted, poor desserts, smaller portions, great atmosphere.

**The Meeting Place**  
124 West Whitner Street  
Anderson, SC.

**Typical selection:**

meats: fried chicken, baked chicken, chicken pot pie  
sides: creamed corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, cabbage, sweet potatoes, beets, rice and gravy, choice of biscuit or cornbread  
desserts: apple/blackberry cobbler.

Cost: \$7 including tax

Notes: Cash only, limited drink selection, resembles church fellowship hall.

**Paw's Diner**  
10920 Clemson Blvd  
Seneca, SC

**Typical selection:**

meat: turkey and dressing, fried chicken, honey ham, sides: mashed potatoes, rice and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, turnip greens, corn nuggets, fried squash, fried okra, pickled beets, corn, potato salad, coleslaw, crowder peas, black-eyed peas, sweet potato casserole, cabbage, cantaloupe, sliced tomatoes, choice of roll, hushpuppies, or cornbread  
desserts: strawberry short cake, apple/blackberry/peach/strawberry cobbler, vanilla/chocolate/nuddy buddy/brown mule ice cream, pecan pie.

Cost: \$6.10 including tax

Notes: unlimited substitutions, cash/credit card accepted, larger portions.



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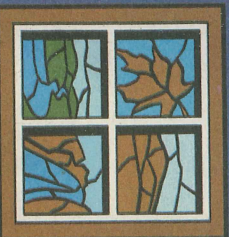
**The five restaurants were graded in 9 categories:**

Sweet tea - the sweeter the better  
Food quality - the taste factor  
Food quantity - based on amount, regardless of faste  
Service - based on drink refills, waiting time  
Grease factor - the greasier the better  
"Hole-in-the-wall" factor - the dingier the better  
Convenience - based on proximity to campus and parking  
Variety - the more choices the better.

RESTAURANT	The Meeting Place	The Esso Club	Paw's Diner	Dyar's Diner	TD's
SWEET TEA	4	3	5	2	1
FOOD QUALITY	5	3	4	2	1
FOOD QUANTITY	5	2	4	3	1
SERVICE	4	3	4	2	1
GREASE FACTOR	4	3	5	1	2
"HOLE IN THE WALL" ATMOSPHERE	3	4	5	1	2
CONVENIENCE	1	5	3	2	4
VARIETY	2	4	5	3	1
COST	2	3	5	1	3
TOTAL	31	30	40	17	16

Paw's Diner is the gold medal winner of Morgan's Meat-n-Three Montage. Visit them on Highway 123, mention this article, and you will pay the same price as everyone else.

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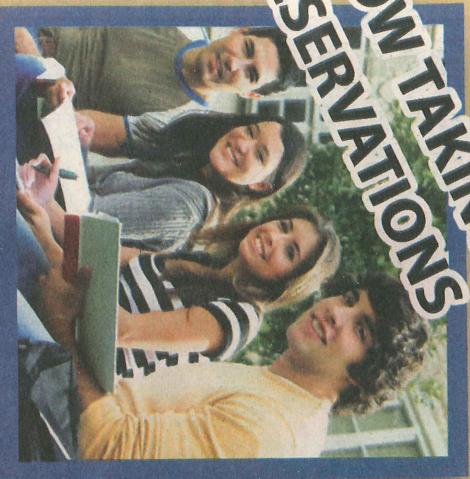


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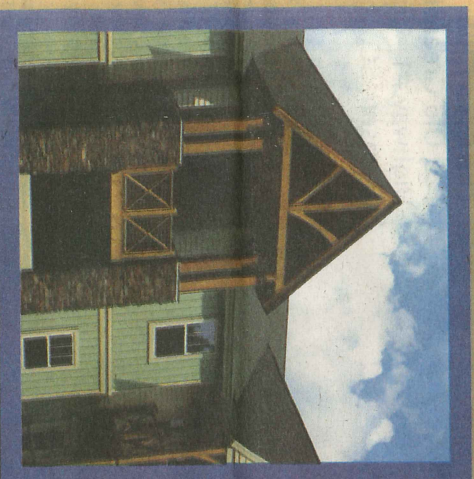
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