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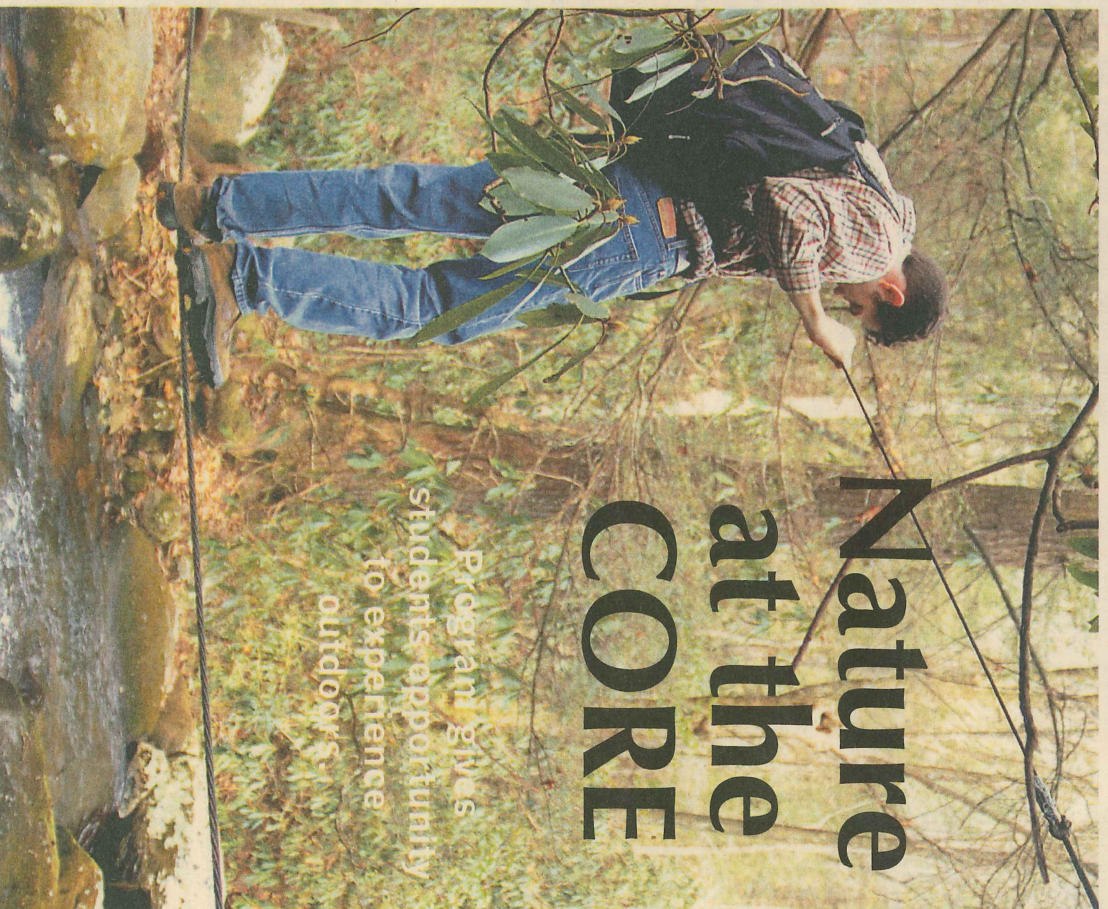
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Program gives students opportunity to experience outdoors

DAVID JARRETT/staff

Senate says no to proposal Tuition cap deemed unnecessary.

COHEN SIMPSON

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 18, Clemson's Undergraduate Student Senate passed a resolution concluding that the students of Clemson do not support a Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) cap on higher education as part of the proposed budget by Governor Mark Sanford.

Commensurate to the resolution, which was authored by Senator Abby Daniel, tuition caps at Clemson have the potential to “greatly hinder the quality of education... as well as the value of a Clemson degree.”

The resolution continued by stating that the students of Clemson “feel that the University should have the opportunity to change and grow... by means of increasing its resources,” ending with “we do not support a HEPI cap on higher education that would restrict our board of trustees from setting tuition at a level that best benefits the Clemson student body.”

HEPI is an inflation index designed specifically to track the main cost drivers in higher education.

It measures the average relative level of prices in a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by colleges and universities each year through current fund educational and general expenditures, exclud-

CU-ICAR meets with faculty Suspensions rise, researchers give answers.

DANIEL TAYLOR

SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday officials of Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) hosted an open forum for the members of Clemson's faculty.

The meeting, held in the Strom Thurmond Institute, had hopes of easing the growing tensions between the automotive research facility and Clemson's faculty.

Based away from Clemson's campus, Greenville's ICAR has become an obscure institution in the eyes of the faculty, and there has been speculation that those employed by ICAR receive more benefits than regular professors.

One example is that ICAR employees receive full access to an on-site health facility where Clemson faculty must pay membership fees in order to use Fike Recreational center.

Other questions involving ICAR's funding have raised suspicion from the faculty.

With conspiracy theories (such as Tiger Brotherhood and Clemson's “secret bank fund”) raging, this candid meeting was held to eliminate any perceived secrecy of ICAR.

The forum started with a two-hour presentation about ICAR, which featured speeches by President James Barker, ICAR Director Bob Geolas, Vice President for Research and Economic Development Chris Pzirembel, Chair of Mechanical Engineering Imtiaz Haque, Chief Financial Officer (ICAR) Brett Dalton and Provost Dori Helms.

The presentation was followed by an hour-long question and answer session, in which faculty members in attendance could pose questions to the above speak-

ers. “To leave it simple,” said Geolas, “it is a physical place.”

The following presentation pointed out numerous benefits of the research facility. ICAR establishes important partnerships between Clemson and corporations such as BMW and Michelin.

These corporate relationships assist Clemson in receiving financial support, as BMW has donated \$10 million to the facility.

These associations also help Clemson students receive internships and jobs with partner companies.

Geolas referred to ICAR as the “eyes and ears of Clemson in the [automotive] industry.” ICAR has also been helpful to the state's economy; Chris Pzirembel credited the creation of 500 high-paying jobs (salaries of \$75,000 or more) to ICAR.

While the presentation brought attention to the benefits of ICAR, it also refuted the belief that their employees received greater benefits than other Clemson faculty.

Imtiaz Haque mentioned that ICAR employees parallel Clemson professors in terms of salaries, teaching responsibilities and tracks to tenure.

Even the starting salaries of ICAR faculty were revealed at the forum. Most new employees started at \$72,000, which is typical for the mechanical engineering department.

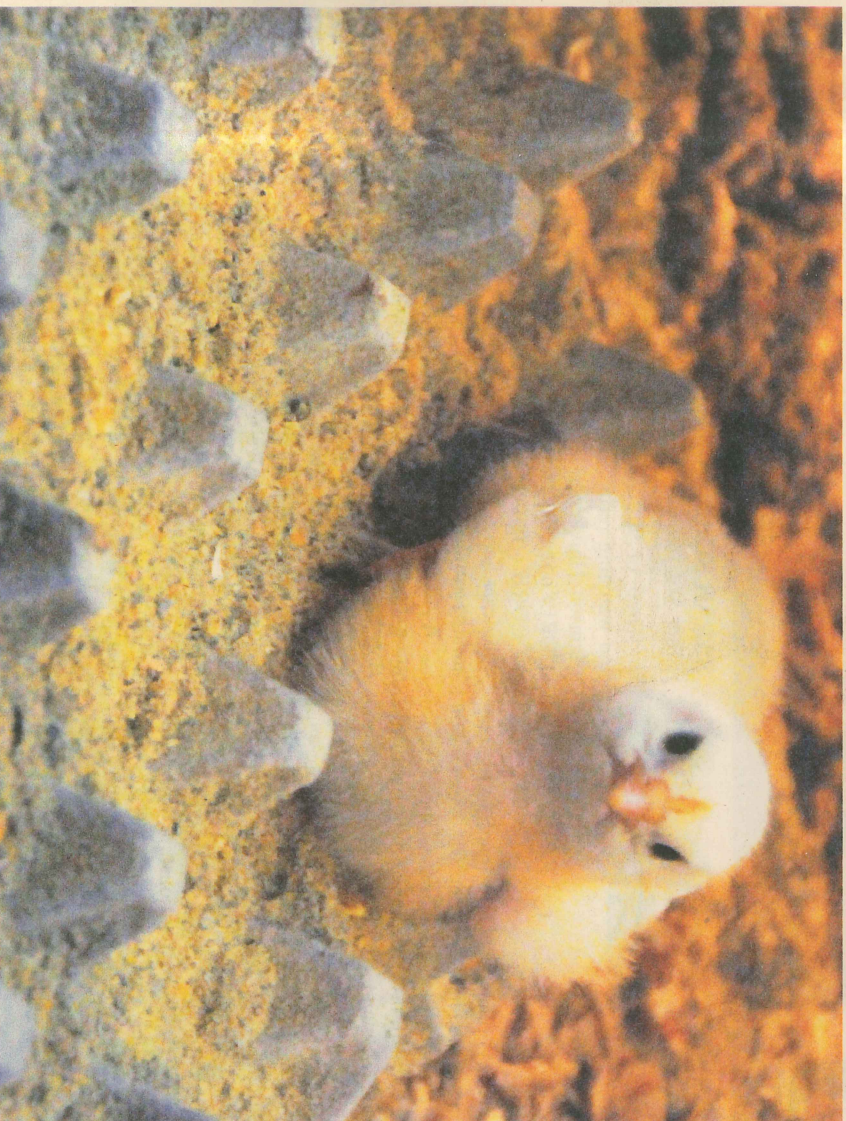
Three endowed chairs were given \$150,000 over nine months and rewarded tenure upon their arrival, based on what they had accomplished at previous universities.

There was a strong attempt by all speakers to show ICAR as part of Clemson, under the University's jurisdiction, and not a separate institution whose

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High-tech feed

Scientists use nanotechnology to improve quality of life.



DAVID STEWART/staff

HEALTHY CHICK Clemson researchers use innovative technology to help combat viruses, bacteria and other harmful agents that commonly afflict chickens.

CAROLINE RASH

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Clemson researchers are developing "intelligent chicken feed" that could revolutionize the large South Carolina poultry industry. Jeremy Tzeng, professor of microbiology, and colleagues Fred Stutzenberger, Robert Latour Jr. and Ya-Ping Sun have built nanoparticles that serve as non-antibiotic treatments for microbial infections.

The nanoparticles bind to targeted pathogens by mimicking host cell surfaces, and then are purged through the bowels.

Why look for alternatives to vaccines and tradition-

al medications? With the diverse health and immunities of each flock, the same disease or vaccine can cause different reactions in chickens from different breeders.

Also, the nanotechnology would deter bacteria, viruses or fungi that harm people but not poultry from slipping through to consumers in undercooked or mishandled meat.

"If we use this physical purging, physical removal...the chance of the microorganism becoming resistant to it is really small," added Tzeng.

Tzeng and his colleagues are seeking a patent on the discovery, and believe it will lead to better lives for both chickens and humans.

Combating the flu

Students work together to stay healthy.

LOUISE GOODMAN

STAFF WRITER

Redfern Health Center's packed waiting room during this year's flu season is a testament to a college's role as a breeding ground for germs.

In light of this, Clemson University undergraduate students are participating in a creative inquiry course this semester to research what effect the influenza epidemic has on Clemson campus and students.

The course includes six students and three advisors, Dr. Deborah Falta, Dr. Steve Stevenson, and Robert Clay of Redfern Health Center, who meet once every two weeks.

The course was initiated as a response to a severe form of Avian Influenza that has spread across the globe. The virus has been recognized by people all over the globe as a very serious issue that needs to be addressed. Since 2003, 238 cases of H5N1 avian influenza in humans had been confirmed world wide and 200 deaths have been attributed to the disease, according to the World Health Organization, which issued a world-wide alert in 2007.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, an outbreak of severe pandemic influenza such as the Spanish Flu of 1918 would be highly disruptive to the social and economic fabric of the country due to high levels of illness and mortality.

Clemson University began addressing the growing problem in 2004 by organizing its very own Pandemic Planning Team. The Pandemic Planning Team has identified effective interventions that would reduce the spread and severity

of infection at the school, such as stockpiling antiviral drugs, imposition of non-pharmaceutical public health measures such as isolation and quarantine, and encouraging personal protective behaviours. The Pandemic Planning Team needs to be able to identify critical points during a pandemic response because decisions about planned interventions must be enacted in time to prevent overwhelming the limited treatment resources.

The creative inquiry course is taking part in these planned interventions by collecting information and organizing simulations to better understand where resources are most needed.

The undergraduate students are in the process of developing computer stimulated scenarios to estimate the most effective timing and calibre of an intervention on or around Clemson's campus.

"In my opinion, one of the greatest benefits of a creative inquiry is that the students involved have the opportunity to participate in an undergraduate research experience," said Monica Ryskamp, a senior majoring in health science.

As a student-run program, the Creative Pandemic Flu Planning Creative Inquiry project needs the assistance of all Clemson University students to make it a successful endeavour. All students are asked to take the survey sent to them via email. The cooperation of students will provide the creative inquiry students with better information on how many students were infected with the influenza virus, as well as what symptoms they had and what treatment they sought for the virus.

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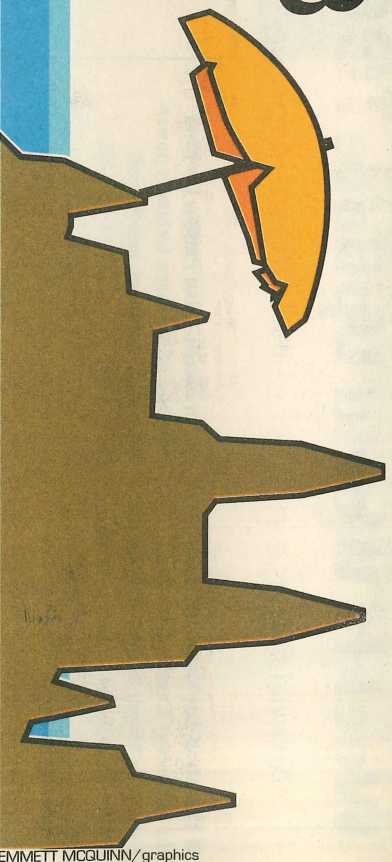
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Service

By Melissa Whitson

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Destination: New Orleans, La.
With a team of nearly 390 students, Clemson's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) plans to make an impact on the city of New Orleans. The group, which will be volunteering in the city itself as well as in the surrounding areas of Chalmette, Arabi and Gretna, will help continue the rebuilding process after Hurricane Katrina hit in August of 2005. Students will hang drywall, lay tile and roof buildings in addition to assisting Habitat for Humanity build new homes. FCA members will also be hosting "backyard Bible clubs" for children of all ages and working with after-school programs. Two groups of students have planned to volunteer with homeless ministries to prepare food for the needy in the French Quarter of the city.

In 2004, FCA sponsored its first spring break trip to New Orleans. The organization has also given students the opportunity to visit Daytona Beach, Fla., Philadelphia, Pa., Chicago, Ill. and Miami, Fla., over spring break and Cancun, Guatemala, El Salvador and Peru over Christmas break.

"It is very important for students to spend their Spring Break on a mission trip not only to learn to love and serve the others in their groups but also to love and serve the people of a city in need," said Brittany Long, FCA's current missions coordinator.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Destination: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) returns to Daytona Beach for the seventh year to spend time volunteering at a local youth detention center. The 50 Clemson students will be working to get to know the 170 children at the center in addition to hosting presentations that will educate the children on healthy lifestyle choices. CCC members will also take time to attend seminars themselves and to visit the beach in order to meet other students from around the East Coast.

A group of CCC students has worked hard to prepare for the upcoming trip by planning seminars, hosting prayer sessions and coordinating with the chaplain of the youth detention center. Clemson's CCC has sponsored trips to Chicago, Ill., Panama City, Fla., and New Orleans, La., in the past and has been organizing spring break mission trips for the University since 1977.

"First of all, it's great fun, but also it gives them the chance to help young kids who are in trouble and need hope," said Barry Bouchillon, campus director for CCC at Clemson. "And it provides plenty of time to deepen relationships within our group."

CLEMSON WESLEY FOUNDATION AND THE UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Destination: Eleuthera, Bahamas
The CU Wesley Foundation (CW) and the CU Gospel Choir (CUGC) will be flying to the Bahamas to spend the week working with locals on the island of Eleuthera. The venture, which is designed to be a spiritually-enriching experience, has been described as a mission trip, a retreat, a spiritual pilgrimage and a study abroad opportunity combined. With a team of 50 students and other adults, the two groups will help build and repair homes, schools and public facilities in addition to working with the local community. Some students will volunteer at schools, organize activities for children, work in clinics and worship with local churches.

CW first began its Bahamian mission initiative in the spring of 2003 with support from the Methodist Habitat organization and its director Shaun Ingraham. A year afterward, a group of forty-five returned to Eleuthera to continue working with Methodist Habitat while strengthening relationships with the local communities.

"From the very beginning it was our goal to engage the people, churches and communities as much as we could," said Rev. Glaze.

ALTERNATIVE BREAK PROGRAM

Destinations: New Orleans, La., and Washington, D.C.
For the first time in its history, Clemson's Alternative Break Program (ABP) is sponsoring two trips this year during spring break. Eighteen students will be traveling to New Orleans where they will help with rebuilding and disaster relief initiatives while a group of 19 students will fly to the nation's capital to aide hunger and homelessness efforts.

Brought to campus in fall 2005, ABP formed out of the University's community service office in response to need for relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina devastated much of the Gulf Coast. This year, students in Washington, D.C., will volunteer at several soup kitchens and food banks while some will help paint a homeless shelter. In New Orleans, students have committed to restoring dry wall, helping families move back into their homes and other construction efforts.

"Students develop a deeper understanding of the communities they visit before, during and after we serve there and can take that experience and apply it to their own lives," said Ryan Norris, president of Clemson's ABP.

GRADUATE STUDENT ELECTIONS GOVERNMENT

By Meissa Whitson

Photos by Rachel Glenn

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

JASON M. SCHWIER



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TAMMY VAUGHT

Schwier is from Centre Hall, Pa., and received a BS in computer engineering from Penn State University in May 2004. He then earned a Master's Degree in computer and systems engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., in December 2005. Schwier began his Clemson career in August 2006 in the computer engineering program and has served in a variety of areas within student government, including this year's Graduate Student Government (GSG) Vice-President and President of the Senate. Schwier has also served as a GSG senator, electrical and computer engineering department tour guide and is a member of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi.

"Jason's unopposed candidacy reflects a consensus within the Graduate Student Government that he is undoubtedly the best person for the job," said current GSG President Tom Richey. "Anyone who has seen him in action this year has no doubts that he will make a great student body president. When I ran last year, it was out of a concern that no one else would step up and do the job with the necessary energy. Jason will perform his duties with utmost vigor. If he'd run last year, he might have saved me a lot of time!"

Curtis is from Evans, Ga., and graduated from Clemson in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in parks, recreation and tourism management. He has served as interfraternity council treasurer and member-at-large, all executive offices of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. President and member of the IPTAY Student Advisory Board.

"I can best serve Clemson by currently serving GSG," said Curtis. "I can best serve GSG by keeping it focused on the improvement of the Clemson experience for graduate students. Improvement is characterized by future changes so GSG must continue to keep future graduate students in mind. I will maintain that focus."

Curtis characterizes himself as a people person and credits his mother with instilling in him the value of humility and building relationships. "I believe that all great things are a function of the relationships we keep," said Curtis.

Vaught lives in Galivants-Ferry, S.C., and received her Bachelor of Science in computer science from Lynchburg College in 1984 and a Master of Science in instructional technology from Coastal Carolina University. She is now at Clemson pursuing a Ph.D. in educational leadership.

At Clemson, Vaught coordinated all technology needs for the Principal Induction Program hosted by the University for the South Carolina Department of Education, attended the South Carolina Educational Technology Conference, served as a senator for the educational leadership sector of GSG and is a graduate assistant in the school of education. Vaught's platform focuses on issues with housing, parking, health insurance, graduate assistantship stipends and tuition and fee increases.

"I will work with the various offices on campus to be sure that your voice is heard when decisions are being made," said Vaught. "I will work to increase the participation in student government as a senator by working with the departments to identify students who are willing to serve."

Weekly World Update

National Report

■ **The city of Las Vegas shut down the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada on March 29 after state health officials determined that six patients had contracted Hepatitis C due to unsafe practices including the reuse of syringes and vials by clinic staff.**

Nevada health officials have launched an effort to contact about 40,000 patients who received anesthesia by injection at the clinic between March 2004 and Jan. 11, 2008, urging them to be tested for Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B and HIV. State health officials said they were not sure how many of the 40,000 patients they'd been able to contact since making the risk public last Wednesday. According to officials, initially they did not have correct addresses for 1,400 previous patients. The head of the clinic, Dr. Dipak Desai, released a statement in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on March 2 saying, in part, "my deepest sympathy to all our patients and their families for the fear and uncertainty that naturally arises from this situation." Desai offered no apology, but said a foundation was being set up to cover testing costs. He also defended practices at his clinic, which performs colonoscopies.

■ **Harvard University has banned men from one of its gyms for a few hours in order to accommodate Muslim women who, for religious and cultural reasons, cannot exercise comfortably in their presence.** The special hours allow the Muslim women, who adhere to traditional dress codes by covering their hair and most of their skin while in public, to dress more appropriately for exercising, said Susan Marinne, director of the women's center. No men are allowed in the gym between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays and between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The staff during those times is all women. However, the policy is already under scrutiny by some students, including some women who consider it sexist. "I think that it's incorrect in a college setting to institute a policy in which half of the campus gets wronged or denied a resource that's supposed to be for everyone," said student Lucy Caldwell, who also wrote a column in The Harvard Crimson newspaper is critical of the new hours. The trial policy went into effect Feb. 4, about a month after a group of six Muslim women, with the support of the Harvard College Women's Center, asked the University for the special hours, spokesman Robert Mitchell said. "We get special requests from religious groups all the time and we try to honor them whenever possible," he said, noting that the school has designated spaces for Muslim and Hindu students to pray.

■ **Preliminary results of an investigation show that the Feb. 25 power outage in Florida was caused by human error, according to Florida Power and Light President Armando Olivera.** A field engineer was diagnosing a switch that had malfunctioned at FPL's Flagami substation in west Miami. Without authorization, the engineer disabled two levels of relay protection. "This was done contrary to FPL's standard procedures and established practices," Olivera said. A fault occurred during the diagnostic process, and because both levels of relay protection had been removed, the fault caused an outage ultimately affecting 26 transmission lines and 38 substations. One of the substations affected serves three of the generation units at Turkey Point — a natural gas unit and both of the plant's nuclear units. The total impact to the system was a loss of 3,400 megawatts of generating capacity. The error affected 584,000 FPL customers. Another 500,000 non-FPL customers also lost power. That translates to about 3 million people. The employee has been suspended with pay as the investigation continues, according to Olivera.

World Report

■ **On March 4, Ian Paisley, the First Minister of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government, announced he will step down.** The 81-year-old Protestant evangelist said he would step down in May as leader of the government and as head of his Democratic Unionist Party. According to Paisley, he has decided to leave in May after rising pressure from his party to stand aside. Paisley plans to abdicate his position after an investment conference in Belfast, which was organized by the executive. Paisley ended three-and-a-half years of political deadlock in March 2007 by relinquishing his longstanding refusal to work with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party following that party's landmark decision to begin working with the Northern Ireland police force.

■ **On Feb. 28, Denmark declared it will oppose any debt relief deal for Sudan in response to the Sudanese President's comments in advocacy of a boycott of Danish goods by the Muslim world over the publication of a Prophet Muhammad cartoon.** President Al-Bashir said Feb. 27 that he would bar Danes from Sudan and told thousands at a rally in Khartoum that the Muslim world should boycott Denmark due to the reprinting of a cartoon in Danish newspapers. A cartoon showing Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban was featured in Danish newspapers on Feb. 13 to show their commitment to freedom of speech after police uncovered a plot to kill the artist who drew it. The drawing was one of 12 cartoons first published in a Danish newspaper in 2006 that triggered major protests in Muslim countries, this reprint having similar effects, igniting protests in Sudan and several other Muslim countries. Sudan is one of the largest recipients of Danish aid, receiving \$26 million in aid in 2006. A \$100 million humanitarian and reconstruction package is planned through 2009.

■ **Lee Myung-bak took the oath of office as South Korea's new president on Feb. 25, vowing to revitalize the economy, strengthen relations with the U.S. and deal with nuclear-armed North Korea.** The conservative, pro-U.S. Lee was sworn into office at the National Assembly in the presence of thousands. "Economic revival is our most urgent task," said Lee, also promising to boost ties with the United States and conduct summits with North Korea as needed. Lee's presidency ends a decade of liberal rule that critics pegged as a hindrance to economic growth, too soft on communist North Korea and fostering tension with its ally in Washington. Lee vowed to achieve an annual growth of 7 percent, double South Korea's per capita income to \$40,000 over a decade and make South Korea one of the world's top seven economies. Lee stated that if leader Kim Jong Il abandons his nuclear programs, the South would launch massive investment and aid projects in the impoverished North in order to increase its per capita income to \$3,000.

■ **David Rubenstein, an investment executive who paid more than \$20 million for an original, handwritten copy of the Magna Carta presented the ancient paper on March 3 to the media and plans to loan it to the National Archives.** The National Archives considers the manuscript "a milestone in constitutional thought" from the 13th century and plans to place it on public display later this month. The original Magna Carta was signed in 1215. Rubenstein's is one of four remaining copies of the document commissioned by the King of England in 1297 to establish basic human rights as part of English law. The fragile paper is displayed in a sealed viewing box to protect it from damage. The document was auctioned on behalf of the Ross Perot Foundation, which had purchased it in the 1980s.

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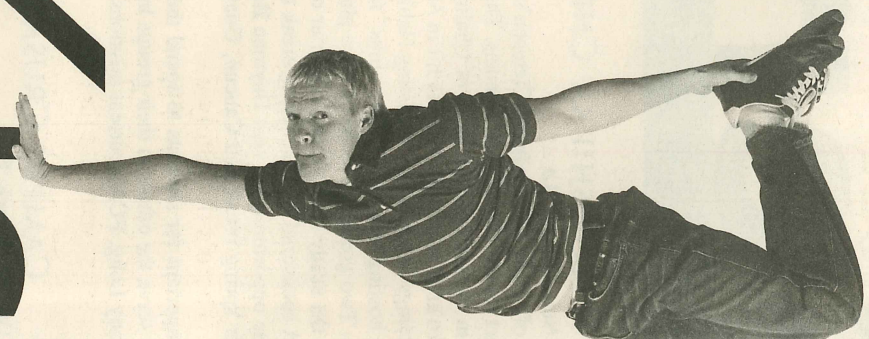
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Who can enter:

The contest is open to all Clemson University graduate and undergraduate students, working alone or in a group.

About the sculpture:

The 3-D piece will stand approximately 10 feet tall and eight feet wide and must represent technology, fast-forward research, automotive innovation, sleek chrome and glass, black and silver—all things uber-contemporary. The sculpture must be structurally safe, stable, and able to endure changes in weather and environment.

Deadline:

Submit an official entry form and your design of the sculpture by May 1, 2008. Winner will be announced on or before Monday, June 23, 2008.

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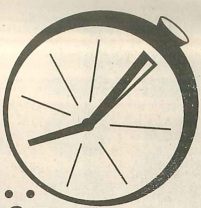
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Three-Point Shooting Phenom

Melissa Whitson: What is your favorite part of being on the Clemson varsity basketball team?
Terrence Oglesby: Playing on the road is fun; getting to play at Duke, North Carolina and Maryland — that is a lot of fun. My favorite thing about the team, though, is that it's like a family. We're a tight-knit group.
MW: Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals?
TO: Before a game, I always have a nap. There's definitely a nap going on. On the court, I have to make three shots from seven spots 15 feet from the goal then three shots from seven spots from the three-point line.

MW: What kind of music gets you ready for a game?

TO: I usually listen to "Faint" from Linkin Park's Collision Course [CD]. I listen to Lil' Wayne, too, sometimes.

MW: So, how did it feel to make the winning three-pointer in last Sunday's game?

TO: It was fun, especially because when I grew up I watched Maryland a lot, so I always look forward to playing at Maryland.

MW: How do you feel about the team's success so far?

TO: I really like how we've done. We're going to go as far as we can.

MW: How do you feel when the Clemson crowd encourages you to shoot whenever you get the ball?

TO: I think it's funny. I hope they don't think I'm actually going to shoot from the half court.

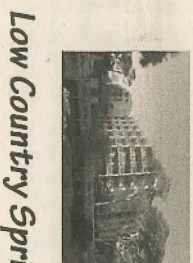
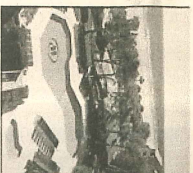
MW: Has the team given you any nicknames?

TO: Everyone calls me "T.O.," but people call me "Woody" after Woody Harrelson from "White Men Can't Jump."

MW: Any NBA aspirations?

TO: Everyone who plays college ball at our level in the ACC has a goal of making it to the NBA. Hopefully one day I'll get there. So it's definitely a maybe.

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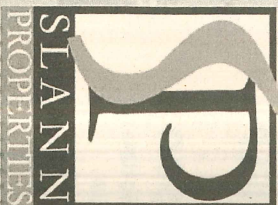
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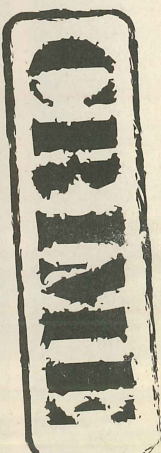
On March 5 Elections Director Shelvis Ponds named Callie Boyd the new President of the Undergraduate Student Body. "I'm excited about the opportunity to serve students and work diligently to ensure that they have a loud voice in regard to what goes on at the University," said Boyd. She won by a margin of 1567 votes over the next candidate in line. After hearing that she had attained presidency Boyd immediately thought "Wow What an Honor." Over the coming year Boyd wants to pay substantial attention to hearing the ideas, issues, and concerns of all students. "I wanna thank the student for supporting me," said Boyd as she stressed her gratitude.

The Clemson University Office of International Affairs is hosting an International Photo Contest. The contest is open to any Clemson student who studied abroad or traveled internationally during 2007 or 2008. Contestants may enter up to three photographs, one per category, which was personally taken while abroad. Categories include landscapes and the natural world, people and culture, and architecture. All photos and entry forms must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14. Additional information and entry forms may be found at <http://www.clemson.edu/ia/contest/>.

The 2008 Miss Clemson University Pageant will be held March 8 at 7 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium. The pageant will include performances by TIGER ROAR, the Rally Cats and the 12 contestants vying for the crown. Miss South Carolina 2006 and Cosmopolitan's Sexiest Bachelor of South Carolina will host the event. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold through March 7 at the Hendrix Center and Library Bridge.

On March 10, The Clemson Players will present Eve Ensler's award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. Based on more than 200 interviews of women from around the world, "The Vagina Monologues" is a collection of speeches performed by women who share their views about their vaginas. The play presents real women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability and sexual self-discovery. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. The production will benefit Safe Harbor based in Greenville. This event does contain adult content and may not be suitable for all audiences. At 4 p.m. Ensler will speak and talk about her book, "The Good Body," which addresses why women of all cultures and backgrounds feel compelled to change the way they look in order to fit in, to be accepted and to be good. Following her presentation, a book signing is planned.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency, has named Clemson University to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.



ARRESTS

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
 WEDNESDAY FEB. 26 TO TUESDAY MARCH 4.

March 4

6:29 a.m., providing false information, Track Drive, officer: Durham

CRIME REPORT

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
 WEDNESDAY FEB. 26 TO TUESDAY MARCH 4.

Feb. 26

4:07 p.m., Larceny, Botanical Gardens, officer: Salisbury

Feb. 27

1:42 p.m., Trespass, Hendrix, officer: Moore

3:00 p.m., Motor Vehicle Accident, Calhoun Drives, officer: Moore

Feb. 28

3:00 a.m., Intimidation, Lowry Hall, officer: Kaylor

7:50 p.m., Suspicious person, Lever Hall, officer: Harrington

March 1

1:47 a.m., Minor in possession, Johnstone Hall, officer: Carroll

March 2

12:50 a.m., Damage to property, Cope Hall, officer: Carroll

3:08 a.m., Minor in possession, Lightsey Bridge, officer: Carroll

March 3

11:24 a.m., Vandalism, Student Union, officer: Schutt

1:34 p.m., Simple assault, Clemson House, officer: Kaylor

March 4

6:04 p.m., Motor vehicle accident, Perimeter Road, officer: Harrington

On this day in History

322 B.C. – Greek philosopher Aristotle died

1857 – Baseball officials decided that an official game constitutes nine innings instead of nine runs.

1897 – John and Bill Kellogg tested their first cornflake cereal on patients at a sanitarium.

1912 – Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen announced the discovery of the South Pole.

1965 – America officially deployed its first combat troops to Vietnam.

1996 – Photographed by the Hubble Space Telescope, NASA received the first images of Pluto's surface.

News By Numbers

3 body-less feet washed up on the coastlines of three separate islands in the Strait of Georgia over the last six months.

15 people in North Korea were publicly executed after they attempted to flee the country or helped others escape.

26,700,000,000 dollars The Motion Picture Association of America received in revenue from moviegoers around the world last year.

60,000,000,000 dollars The Federal Reserve announced that it will auction in March as it continues to combat the effects of a severe credit crisis.

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ONE returns to aid needy

Events will showcase advocacy.

BEN WARD
STAFF WRITER

One billion people live on less than a dollar a day, and the United States government sets the poverty line for an independent adult at more than \$25 dollars a day.

This means some Americans who are officially in poverty are still about thirty times better off than one-fifth of the people on earth. The Clemson branch of the ONE Campaign is doing something now to combat global poverty.

The ONE Campaign is about more than a few photo-ops with Bono of U2. Thanks to the efforts of ONE members around the country, every single major presidential candidate has committed to visiting Africa during their first term to highlight the fight against rampant poverty and disease in the continent.

Though it may seem like these problems are too large to conquer, introads have been made by individuals who were willing to do something as simple as sign a petition or wear a T-shirt.

Clemson ONE isn't big enough to fight poverty on our own, but we are able to be a part of a giant wave of people that together are making a difference.

A couple of upcoming events will afford Clemson students the chance to ride the advocacy wave. Act! Speak! Build! Week, set to take place from March 24-28, will be a showcase of sorts for advocacy organizations on campus.

The organizations involved deal with a variety of issues but have banded together in support of the overarching concept of advocacy.

The events of Act! Speak! Build! Week will involve everything from professional speakers to film screenings to camping out on Bowman.

On Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, Clemson ONE will be hosting its second annual ONEart show and sale in the DCF building underneath Keith Street Pub and Grille.

It will be raising funds for Kiva, an online organization that connects willing lenders with entrepreneurs in the developing world who need small loans to get their businesses up and running.

The event includes art, music, dancing and free food. Clemson ONE encourages artists to put their artwork up for sale at the show; visit www.clemsononeart.com for more information.

Nobody ever said advocacy was supposed to be fun. After all, advocacy groups deal with some serious ideas and issues.

However, somewhere in the process of trying to do some good, Clemson ONE and several other Clemson organizations have stumbled into fun of one form or another.

Participating in advocacy efforts does take up some time, but it doesn't mean you have to give up on fun. So for those looking to be more active on campus, Clemson's advocacy groups are a good place to go. There's always something interesting in helping out people.

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ANSWER *from page A1*

budget goes unchecked. "Clemson comes first," said Geolas. "I want to be attached with the University in a way that serves the faculty." Imitiaz Haque reiterated that ICAR "is about the University."

Haque also urged faculty members from departments other than mechanical engineering to take interest in ICAR.

"We want you to get involved," said Haque. He mentioned the need for other departments to help develop courses for ICAR graduate students. "We don't want you to think that [ICAR] is something that is closed to you, because it's not. That was never the intent."

Even the question of ICAR's fitness center was addressed. Geolas pointed out that anyone with a Fike membership can come to Greenville and use ICAR's fitness center. There was even a historical argument to attach ICAR to the original views of Thomas Green Clemson.

Barker explained that Clemson's goal for the University was to enhance economic development in the area.

In the early 1900s, the area to enhance was agriculture, but Barker mentioned now it is the automotive industry.

While ICAR received some praise from the faculty, other questions exposed lingering concerns. Professor and acting Director of Computer Science Robert Geist cited concerns of an eight million dollar program for ICAR that was never used.

Geist also expressed that budget restraints might force him to lay off three people in his department.

President Barker responded that, despite budget cuts, Clemson would not be cutting three people from the computer science department.

The question and answer session concluded with further reinforcement of ICAR's services to the University. "We want to remove this veil of ICAR being this super-secret place," said Dalton.

HEPI *from page A1*

cost of education as a deterrent to attendance at the university. Vining sympathized with autonomous students but stressed the importance of educational improvement.

"I have paid for my four years of Clemson without parental support, so I understand the difficulties with rising tuition," said Vining. "The senate never wants undue tuition or fee increases, but we have to understand that it is an investment in education. The HEPI would cut many of the programs that give Clemson its unique character."

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ROTC upholds tradition

Cadets to participate in ceremony and parade on Bowman Field.

MELISSA WHITSON

NEWS EDITOR

With the combined hard work and dedicated efforts of Clemson University's Army (AROTC) and Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) units, the University's rich military history will be honored at next week's annual Joint Awards Ceremony and Pass in Review.

The event, to be held on Wednesday, March 12, will feature the nearly 88 AFROTC cadets and 150 AROTC cadets who have been preparing for the event since the beginning of the year. The 12 cadre members of AROTC will participate alongside the eight cadre members of AFROTC for the Pass in Review. Distinguished guests, visitors and members of the community will also be present.

The founding of Clemson as a military school will always play a large role in the significance of the Joint Awards Ceremony and Pass in Review. Cadets have prepared for countless hours to ensure the occasion lives up to the standards of the past. Participating students have practiced the sequence of events and marching in formation before the Pass in Review and inspected their uniforms to ensure that they are in prime condition.

AFROTC Cadet Wing Commander Christopher Del Campo has worked with Clemson's ROTC staff

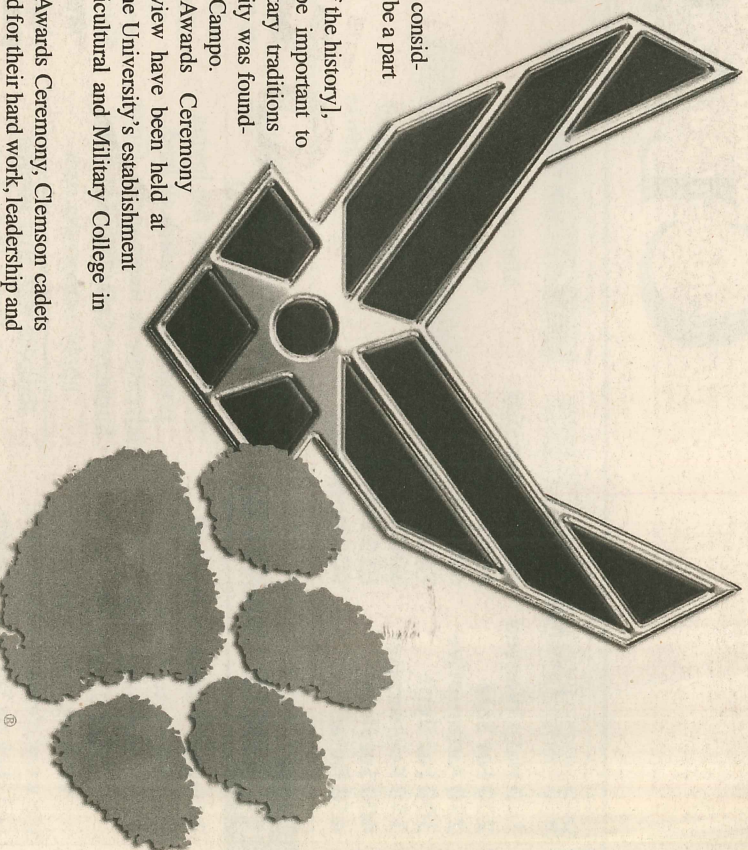
since 2004 and considers it an honor to be a part of the tradition.

"Because [of the history], it will always be important to uphold the military traditions that this University was founded on," said Del Campo.

The Joint Awards Ceremony and Pass in Review have been held at Clemson since the University's establishment as Clemson Agricultural and Military College in 1889.

At the Joint Awards Ceremony, Clemson cadets will be recognized for their hard work, leadership and scholastic achievements. A parade will commence as a part of the Pass in Review, and the unit commander or selected dignitary will inspect the troops while the cadets march in formation. The events, which are open to the public, is held annually on Bowman Field, where military drills were originally held during Clemson University's early days.

The Clemson community is known for its support of military tradition, and events such as the Joint Awards Ceremony and Pass in Review help to demonstrate the "tremendous support for the mil-



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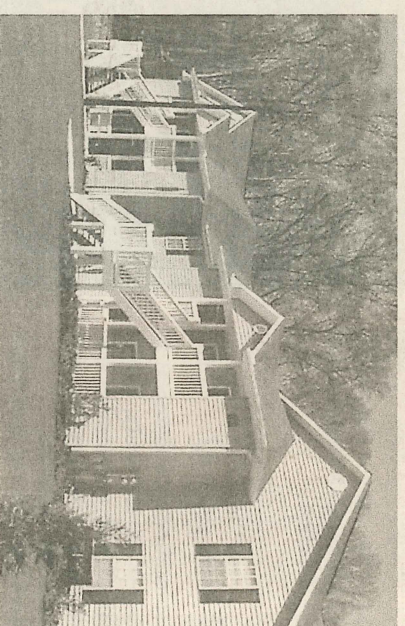
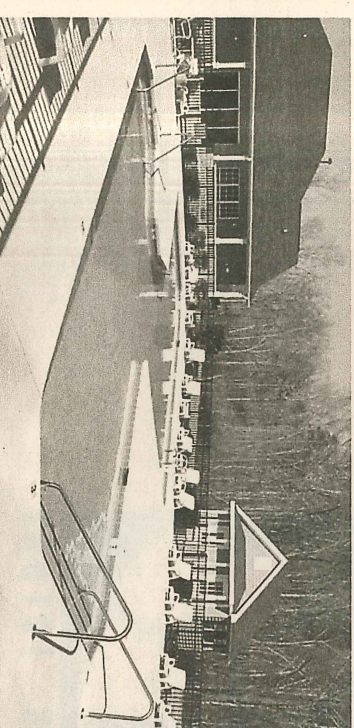
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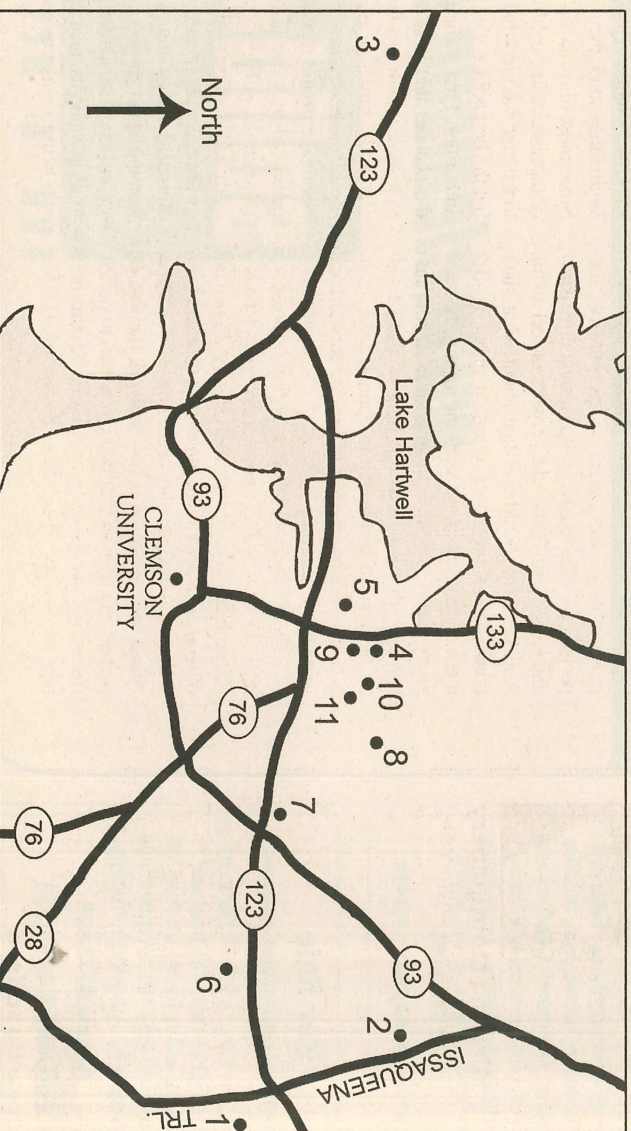
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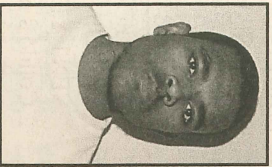
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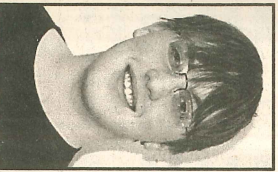
Do you feel well informed about rape on campus?

"I feel well informed."



Ben Gilles
pre-business freshman

"No, I don't think that the University has done enough to educate students on the subject."



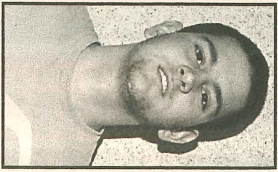
John Cannavan
ceramic and materials engineering freshman

"Yes, the University makes it a point to send out e-mails when anything on campus happens."



Mira Naraya
general engineering freshman

"No, I think they should send out more text messages and e-mails."



Brian Hoffer
pre-business freshman

"Yes, because we always get the on-campus e-mails and texts."



Miranna Montgomery
industrial engineering senior

"Yes, I get e-mails all the time that give all students educational information about rape."



Andrew Boddiford
mechanical engineering senior



Serious problem requires action

Crying wolf raises general concerns about rape on campus.

As many of you are probably aware, a Clemson student recently alleged that she had been raped in parking lot R-1 in the early hours of the morning on Jan. 11. She provided descriptions of both the alleged attackers and the vehicle they were supposedly driving. Almost three weeks later, she recounted her allegations and was arrested for filing a false report. She was released from jail on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and submitted a written apology to Clemson police.

We all know it's a bad situation. It makes a mockery of the seriousness of rape, puts the "suspects" of the false case in unwarranted jeopardy and has probably made the perpetrator feel awful. And yes, she should feel bad about what she's done, there's not much question about it. But these statements aren't very interesting, because pretty much everyone already knows about and agrees with all of them. In light of that, it will be the goal of this article to approach the situation from the perspective of looking forward and moving on.

There is one more obvious fact (at least we hope it's obvious) that will concern us—rape is a big problem. In an anonymous survey, 25 percent of women in the United States said they had been sexually assaulted, and according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, almost 60 percent of rapes are not being reported to police. According to the same source, some 80 percent of rape victims are raped before the age of 30. This,

combined with the typical behavior of college students (excessive alcohol consumption, parties, etc.), makes college campuses like ours hotbeds for rape. It also means that we aren't hearing about the majority of rapes that occur.

We are left with an ironic situation: even though rape is a serious problem and is happening very frequently, we don't hear about it very much because the victims are too ashamed or scared to come forward for any number reasons, including pressure from the rapist to keep quiet, concerns over the violation of their virginity and the general stigma they think they will face as a rape victim. Since most of us haven't experienced the trauma of rape, we're in the difficult position when we try to tell rape victims what to do with their situation, but the best advice we can give them is to tell the authorities. First, telling the authorities increases the chances that the perpetrator will be brought to justice, which is a fear we need to make very real in the minds of potential rapists (I'm thinking of those despicable people who would take advantage of and rape someone who is drunk or inebriated in some fashion), and second, it will increase the public's awareness of the frequency of rape. The hope is that with increased exposure to the facts about rape, the public will work to eliminate the problem and the stigma. After all, keeping quiet about rape only perpetuates the vicious cycle of silence and stigma. As it pertains to us as students, hearing about rapes more often will help to make us more aware of the dangers

that exist even in situations we would normally deem harmless.

It can be hard to find something new to say about rape—it's just terrible—but some of the old things are worth repeating, especially things like advising rape victims to tell the authorities about the crime they have endured. As Clemson students we should be looking out for each other, and rape is one of the biggest problems we have to deal with. If you know someone who has been raped, encourage them to take action. On the other hand, if you know someone who is getting away with rape under the mindset of "she's asking for it by coming here and getting drunk," or something to that effect, call them on it immediately and make sure it stops. After all, anyone who takes advantage of someone who is barely conscious clearly lacks any kind of dignity or respect for other human beings or their own sexual competence. And if that's not enough, and I'm talking to the men in particular here, try to imagine how you'd feel if someone did that kind of thing to your mom or your sister. We can build a safer campus community simply by making the problem more apparent and giving people more information.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

Washington state detectives say a man recently had his friend shoot him in the arm so he wouldn't have to go to work. Paws up for dedication to the cause.



Police arrested an Ohio man who tried to stick two people up with a bottle of cologne that was colored black so it would look like a gun.



Two thieves chose a bad night to rob a Sydney club—they inadvertently disturbed a meeting of 50 motorcycle bikers, who tackled and hog-tied one of the robbers.



A restaurant cook is being hit with a felony charge after he was accused of planting hairs in a steak because a customer complained that the first steak was not cooked to his liking.



New Jersey school officials gave nearly 30 students in the Readington Township area detention after they attempted to use thousands of pennies to pay for their school lunches.



The corpse of Padre Pio, a mystic saint who is revered among Roman Catholics, has been exhumed and is to be put on display for his followers to view. Padre Pio died 40 years ago.



COMMENTARY

You're only 20 once



STEPHEN PINEROS
Columnist

Remember in high school having a social life meant for the most part giving into peer pressure? High school is definitive for finding who you are, what you like, and is the basis for determining what kind of person you will be the rest of your life. Unfortunately for many, the determinant for these traits was the attempt to fit in. If you did not have a lot of money, you probably were not a prep. If you did not care a whole lot about school or what others thought, you might have been a punk or a goth. If you so happened to be blessed with awesome athletic ability, sports probably took up most of your time, and those kinds of students were the ones you got a long with, and so on. Whatever group it was that you finally identified with, there was a pressure to do the same things, like the same things, and dress the same way.

Even if you walked into a random high school during lunch time, and could not see into the lives of the students beyond what was in front of your eyes, you could generally tell what kind of social group they were part of simply by observing their clothes. Clothing, in its most basic form just a necessity, has historically also been an indication of class. In a way, these kinds of distinctions exist today not so much as class indicators, but defining the social group a person associates with.

While college life is vastly different from high school, it turns out peer pressure to fit in is still prevalent, and extends further into notions of growing up. Since we are all familiar with it, I will use Clemson as my example. Clemson is a good example because there is an absence of diversity among social groups. The largest groups seem to be comprised of members of Greek organizations or what I loosely call

“normal” people. That is to say, they are all the students who would say they do not associate themselves with any specific group.

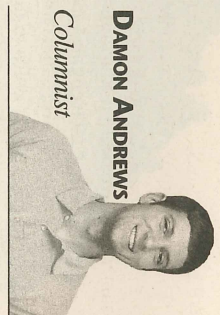
Chances are, you will not see our dear fraternity brother wearing anything but khakis, short shorts, or a high end polo, and, as sure as the tendency for Clemson sports to disappoint, you will not see him wearing a Hurley hoodie. How about all those North Face jackets? No doubt, North Face jackets are quality wear, but somehow I seriously doubt that is the reason why so many people wear them.

It is truly humorous how much what you wear can affect the way people act towards you. Just the other day I was in the Hendrix bookstore, and, while helping me, this poor disillusioned damsel had the insight to inform me that I had a nice complexion, but if I wanted to attract any girls, I should probably drop my skateboard style clothing. The irony is she is right. Students who dress in contra status quo styles in Clemson tend to be thought of as strange. Of course, if the majority of Clemson dressed in such a manner, undoubtedly khakis and a polo would not cut it. I personally do not find typical fraternity clothing distasteful, but I do find it a tragedy when people feel like they have to dress or act a certain way just because everyone else does.

A lot of us has to do with expected attitudes towards growing up. There exists this idea that dressing or acting a certain way correlates with growing up, and I find it extremely narrow. You are only 20 once. You will never have your college years again. Why would anyone be in a hurry to grow up? Be an individual while you can, because by the time you have a career (if that is what you want) you will not have time. Smoke some dope (I cannot be held responsible for your actions), learn how to longboard, wear a shirt cause it has style (not because your friends approve), and avoid looking back with regret ten years from now.

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COMMENTARY

Following China's lead:
a modest proposal

DAMON ANDREWS
Columnist

Many of you readers may be scratching your heads as to why I would say China sets an example for the United States. Other than moo shu chicken and spring rolls, there have been few Chinese exports I've raved over in my lifetime. However, the policy which provides incentives for those families who limit their number of children is growing on me.

We are in a drought, and a bad one at that. It's been rumored that Atlanta will run out of water in four months or so if rainfall ceases. Watering bans have been enforced throughout the Carolinas and Georgia for almost a year straight now with no sign of lifting as the warm spring and summer months approach. Surprisingly though, as bad as we think the situation is, the southwestern part of the country is in worse shape or will be soon enough.

Lake Mead, the reservoir which backs up to the Hoover Dam, is down nearly 100 feet. It's been predicted by experts that it will be nothing more than a dry crater by the year 2021. I'll concede that part of the reason for this is because the nation is a seven-year drought cycle which forecasters hope will soon end.

However, regardless of the amount of rainfall, the lakes still may never recover to the water levels at which they once were due to the exponentially growing population. Currently, 650 million gallons per day are used by the city of Las Vegas and another 650 million gallons evaporate daily from Lake Mead. Making those numbers seem like a drop in the bucket are the 6 billion gallons per day used by the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Simply stated, the earth cannot sustain the increasing demand indefinitely. The world population is projected to be 9.3 billion by 2050. We, as a global race of humans, are in trouble. Much of the water shortage in the United States comes from the tragedy of the common phenomenon. While each individual uses slightly more water than necessary for his personal needs, the reservoirs as a whole deplete drastically because each individual fails to take into account the millions of others using slightly more than is necessary. Unless we can stop our wastefulness, the only solution is to think about abating the demand by limiting the number of users.

I am aware that limiting population growth of the United States opens up economic issues with regard to a smaller number of contributors into social security funding and a potential drop in gross domestic product if our workforce is smaller. These are issues that, with foresight and planning, could be worked

around. There is, however, no Plan B if we run out of water. With that in mind, I do not advocate punishment for those who have two, three or four children, only an incentive for those couples who limit themselves to one child.

If you are worried about the economy of our nation, consider that the United States is blessed to have almost every natural resource on earth. And while there may be surplus of crops within the United States if the population growth slows, there certainly won't be such a surplus in Asia. So, even if social security is lower, the export revenue paid to the United States for crops will be higher, resulting in an overall more prosperous economy and ideally lower taxes. Consider an analogy that the United States will someday be to crops and food what Kuwait is to oil, and I don't recall retirement being financially unstable in Kuwait.

It has always been forecasted that the next big war will not be fought over oil, but water. Already we have interstate quarrels within our own country over the damming of rivers and lakes. Soon enough these issues will move internationally, and the strain on the world's resources due to the growing population will be felt by everyone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

On page A3, at the end of column 1 and beginning of column 2, the feature article states: "Condoms are the only form of birth control that offer protection from sexually transmitted diseases... Naturalamb's variety...is made from a natural lambskin membrane." Lambskin condoms DO NOT prevent the passage of sexually-transmitted pathogens. It would be tragic if some gothead read this and ended up with asymptomatic Chlamydia because she's "environmentally-conscious." Additionally, I would expect more extensive and accurate coverage of the subject from a feature article. Not only was there a "condom scare" but other very important information was conspicuously absent. For instance, condoms do not prevent the transmission of the human papilloma virus; this includes those "high-risk" strains implicated as possible causes of some cervical cancers. Before the author takes the health of others into their hands I strongly recommend they get their facts straight. Lives are at stake, including their own!

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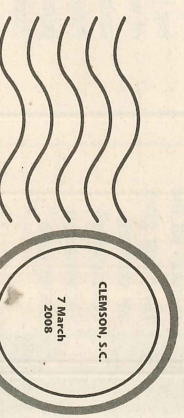
To the Editor,

Needless to say, I was very disappointed about your Sex Issue last week. I am not only an employee at Clemson but a paying

parent for my daughter to attend school here. Sex is an issue best saved for people who are interested in discussing it. Putting it on the front page of The Tiger (and within) was a cheap shot at 'informing' people of their sex choices. The interview with 'swingers' was repugnant and disgusting. I felt like I was holding a Hustler magazine. I will have to think twice about coughing up the \$5000 for my child to attend college here next semester.

Julie Gilstrap
Clemson, SC

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COMMENTARY

The energy crisis and my Trans-Am

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



Right now I'm stranded on Interstate-385 on my way to Charleston, and I have just called for help on my CB radio.

Instead of becoming angry at my car, an '89 Sentra named Sue that my father purchased new in 1988 or at highway patrol for sending approximately ten tow trucks past me, I am reminded of better times by talking on the old citizen's-band.

Those were the good times, when gas was 35 cents on the gallon, Led Zeppelin still toured, truckers had to drive to Texarkana to get illegal west-coast beer for politicians in Atlanta, driving a car with a manual transmission was not a lost art, and, most importantly, people understood the solution to the energy crisis that would arise with the dawn of the new millennium.

The solution, of course, is to use as much of the fossil fuels as we can as fast as possible. This will coerce our government (as well as the private sector) out of the Middle East and into the laboratory to develop an alternative

to petroleum-based products before the situation gets further out of control. Obviously, the faster we can consume all of these products, the less we will care about what happens in the Middle East and other expensive parts of the world.

Currently it is easier to get mixed up in the affairs of other countries, damage wildlife preserves, drill through hundreds of meters of solid rock, ship crude oil halfway around the world or pipe it in from the Gulf of Mexico, then refine it, distribute it and burn it, than it would be to develop alternatives to this method. Therefore, by forcing the energy crisis to a peak, R&D will be given a better opportunity to develop new, cheap sources of energy.

Since drivers of automobiles are the primary buyers of petroleum, the first step toward this goal is to change the driving habits of two key demographics. First of all, the stereotypical "soccer mom" will move from her mini van into a Ford F-350 Super Duty Extended Cab Turbo Diesel to make sure she has plenty of room for children, book bags, groceries and all of the other accoutrements of motherhood, while also getting optimum usage of fuel (gasoline or diesel, depending on the truck).

Many in this demographic already drive vehicles of this nature out of pure necessity, so the next step is to get

environmentalists out of their hybrid cars and other Japanese engineering marvels and into American-made sport utility vehicles or Hummers if they prefer.

Since I am neither supporting a family nor an environmentalist, I will be forced to drive a 1971 Pontiac Trans Am with a four hundred and fifty-five cubic inch engine (and about that many horsepower) and a maximum gas mileage of ten miles to the gallon.

An argument against this proposition is that the effects on the environment could possibly be damaging. However, at our current rate of consumption we will run out of fossil fuel stores eventually any way, so the total amount of pollutants will be the same no matter how long it takes us to get there. Also, once we have a market for new forms of energy, we won't need to drill for oil in Alaska and other natural wildlife preserves.

And following the current trend of our federal government to provide oil companies with money for not producing oil to somehow stimulate the production of oil, we should also subsidize American automobile manufacturers. It's not their fault that some un-American people would rather drive cheaper, more efficient imported cars rather than energy-crisis friendly American cars. We should all learn that in the oil industry, it's all right to be a looter and not a producer.

If this plan isn't implemented soon, mass panic could set in. In fact, the longer it takes us to expend our supplies of fossil fuels, the more devastating the sudden lack of fuel will be when it occurs. Since most people only respond to crises retroactively, the only solution is to initiate this crisis quickly so we can go ahead and deal with the damage that it will undoubtedly cause.

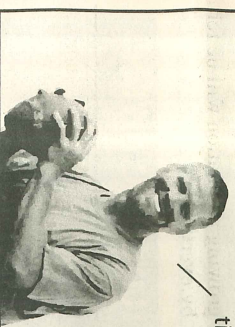
This kind of panic would be lessened if everyone knew that fossil fuels could be completely consumed at any day and if they had an alternative mode of transportation ready to go when that day came. However, if we continue to conserve resources we will only mislead ourselves and believe that fossil fuel supplies are far from being depleted.

Every good American should follow these simple procedures to ensure we deplete the fossil fuel supply as fast as possible. However, it is important to note that I do not have the means to purchase the '71 Trans Am myself. As a poor engineering student I apologize to everyone that the energy crisis is affecting, but Sue currently gets a substandard 35 miles to the gallon. I will, however, accept donations to help purchase the '71 Trans Am so I can do my part for America.

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Political Cartoon Hershall Mathers

I'm leaving the NFL and becoming John McCain's running mate to create the oldest combined presidential ticket in history. Yeah, we're old.



FEATURED LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The case against the case against Barack

Dear Editor,

I should have been surprised when I read this week's irresponsible, shaky-at-best version of the Dannon Andrews Soapbox. I wasn't. It has been my experience that Mr. Andrews usually has an outrageous, wildly extravagant and unsupported claim to make. This week (predictably) was no exception.

It's not even that I disagree with the essence of what Andrews has to say—which I do. It's that his journalism is unprofessional, both in its fact analysis and its rhetoric. This week's "Marx, Obama, Clinton" diatribe gives us a perfect case study.

In the—and I hesitate to call it this—article, Andrews implies Mr. Obama is a Marxist. Every part of this claim has to be looked at, because it is invalid on so many levels.

For the author, because Barack owned books on Marx when he was in college, the senator is now a Communist and will destroy America. I'd like to point out that you'd be hard-pressed to find an intelligent person at any university who hasn't read from the influential works of Karl Marx. That would be like not having read out of Nietzsche or Freud or the New Testament. What's more, owning a text does not mean you subscribe to all (or any) of its theses. And even if someone is interested in Marx's work and sees it as entirely valid, isn't idealism what an undergraduate education is about?

What matters is now, and what I know is this: Barack Obama has said "I believe that America's free market has been the engine of America's great progress." One of his stated goals is to protect homeownership. Does that sound Marxist to

you? The main points of the article, which attack Marxism, cannot be applied to Obama.

The senator's support of the taxes on gifts and estates needs to be clarified since the article is misleading. Obama is not pushing a new tax. Rather, he supports the tax that exists (like any tax, for funding purposes). The gift tax says that if you give more than \$12,000 to someone, you have to fill out IRS Form 709. If you give a total of \$1 million over the course of your life, then you are taxed. Before that, you have nothing to worry about. What's more, your estate will not be taxed when you die if you leave it to your spouse or child. As an aside, this is why gay marriage rights are so important, and why I will be voting for Barack.

Next, Andrews seems confused by Obama's statement about billionaires owing something to society. Let me explain the statement as I understand it. Put simply, billionaires are not rich only because of their ingenuity or hard work. Working people have to buy the products of entrepreneurs and businesspeople. And that means the rich are not an island. They have the responsibility to care for the poor. This is why Democrats are so emphatic about the rights of working people. Also, how does Andrews disagree with the idea that capital is a social and not personal power? Money only means anything as long as we all agree it does.

Okay, so Barack may not be all bad. But what good does he have to offer? The article would have us believe he has none. Let's take a cursory look at the claim.

By his own account, Andrews didn't even listen to Obama when he spoke on campus. If he had, he would have heard specific descriptions of plans to mitigate the immigration problem, col-

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lege tuition increases and the like. Mr. Obama's website (barackobama.com, since the author hasn't bothered to visit it) is filled with descriptive goals of his (investing in the sciences, fighting for fair trade, protecting homeownership) and outlines his views on everything from faith to the economy to veterans. I suggest that anyone swayed by this irresponsible article use their resources to unearth the actual truth.

Now that we've looked at how the article is flawed in its facts, let's take a look at its rhetoric. In the same breath ("I urge all you socialists ... in favor of universal health care ... to take a look at ... Barack Hussein Obama"), it implies that Barack is a Socialist and a terrorist. Later, Obama is accused of being a Communist and Hitler. What? It seems the piece is an attempt to label the senator with every possible loaded term to scare people away. I find that disgusting.

Mr. Andrews does have one good point, and that is he feels it is his job to warn us. Obviously, he has chosen to warn us about a person he knows nothing about. But it can still be his job to warn us.

As he concludes, Andrews accuses Barack of being Hitler, only because the senator wrote an autobiography, called "The Audacity of Hope." (Ridiculous? I thought the same thing.) My suggestion is: Perhaps the author of this piece should compile his columns into an autobiography and title it "The Audacity of Ignorance." That way, at least, we couldn't say we weren't warned.

Sincerely,

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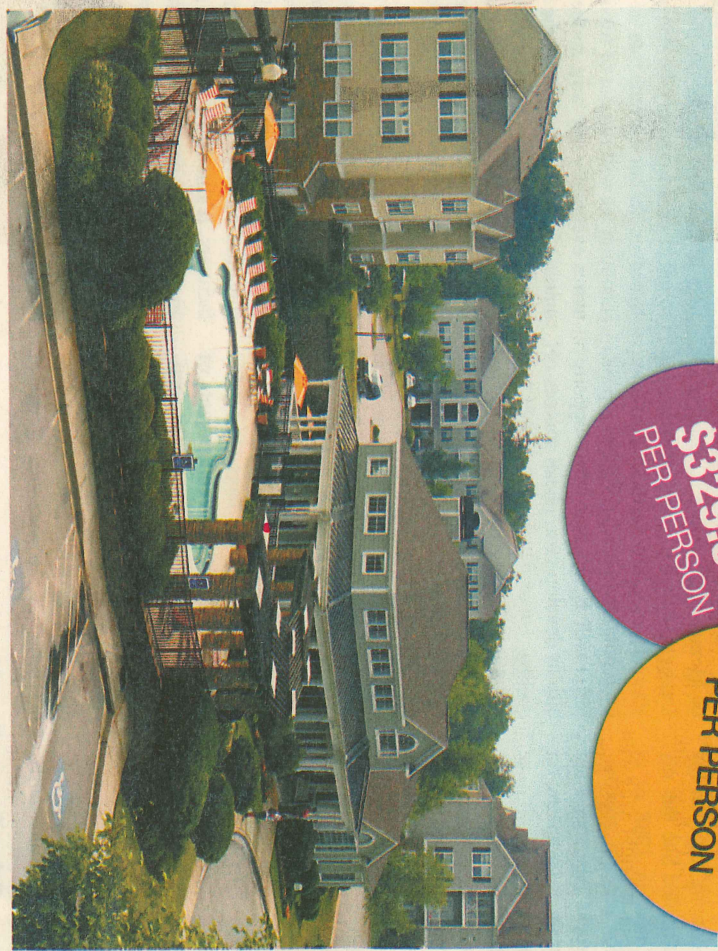
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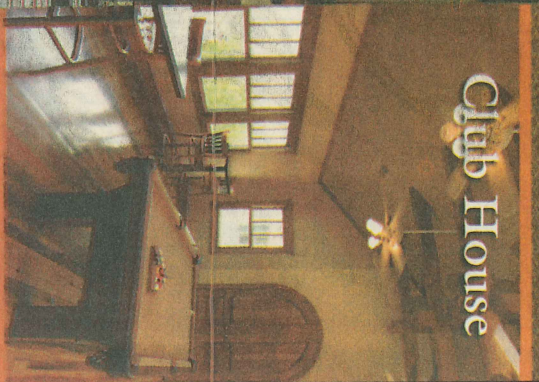
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SPORTS



Oglesby stuns Terps on Senior Day

Tigers overcome their greatest second half deficit ever to clinch Big Dance berth.

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

Terrence Oglesby hit a go-ahead three-point basket with under three seconds left to lift Clemson above Maryland 73-70 Sunday night at the Comcast Center in College Park, Md.

The shot, taken from the right wing with Maryland's James Gist's hand in his face, capped off an improbable comeback against a team on senior night fighting for its NCAA tournament life. This marks the third time in as many years that the Tigers have won at an opponent's senior night.

Clemson came out of the box flat, trying unsuccessfully to counteract the emotion of a charged-up Terrapin squad that seemed bent on taking it inside on the Tigers early. They took a 7-0 lead over Clemson in the first two minutes. But the Tigers came back to take the lead 18-15 with just over 11 minutes left in the first half.

This would be the last time Clemson would see the lead until Oglesby's dagger to put the game away in the waning seconds. The Terrapins went on a 22-7 run to end the first half leading 37-25, taking advantage of 14 Clemson turnovers and very poor shooting, especially from behind the arc.

The second half began and nothing much appeared to change, except for the lack of any kind of brace on senior PF James Mays' left hand, which has been worn since Clemson lost the heartbreaker to UNC-Chapel Hill on Jan. 6.

Led by Greivis Vasquez, Maryland took

a 59-39 lead with 11:23 left in the second half. The Comcast center was rocking, as a win for Maryland would go a long way to helping them receive a bid to play in the NCAA tournament. Few could predict the run that was about to begin for Clemson, led by Oglesby, Mays and Tavor Booker.

The Tigers followed this 20-point deficit by going on a 31-11 run of their own. This run kicked into gear when Oglesby hit two three-pointers within 45 seconds of each other. This seemed to spark the Clemson offense, especially in the paint, where Booker and Mays dominated Gist in the second half.

Booker scored 18 in the game, his most points since a Jan. 12 meeting with Florida State at home when he scored 29. But the real story here was the 16 points that James Mays scored in the second half after taking his hand brace off, after scoring just four in the first half. Down two points, Mays showed a flash of his pre-injury abilities by stealing Landon Milbourne's pass with 48.5 seconds to go and taking the ball down the court for an uncontested dunk to the game at 70.

After a missed shot by Maryland, Coach Oliver Purnell called a timeout and drew a play that, according to a post-game interview of Oglesby, was intended to go down low to Booker. But Oglesby had other things on his mind when he received the ball on the wing from K.C. Rivers, and he hit the three that tied the largest comeback in a game in

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BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Terrence Oglesby sometimes surprises himself.

Cocks bang up Tigers

No. 3 South Carolina sweeps weekend series.

RYAN LAUNIUS
STAFF WRITER

Our beloved Clemson baseball team seemed to be on the top of the tir game going into the South Carolina series this past weekend. They had just won five straight games to open the season, and a Friday victory over in state rival College of Charleston displayed our team's talent.

But when it was game time for our Tigers at Sarge Frye Field, they did not manage to plate a single run in the first six innings and quickly found themselves down 7-0. Ryan Hinson was not in his midseason form yet, giving up a first solo shot that dented South Carolina's scoreboard and put the Tigers in a hole early.

Inexperience was a large factor in this past weekend's games as freshman starters Chris Epps and Kyle Parker both accounted for errors early in the game. However, Parker's second inning error proved to be the costliest as South Carolina's Reese Havens belted a grand slam thanks to the extended inning.

Despite South Carolina's offensive surge, Hinson only allowed a single earned run during his six innings pitched. But it was a lack of Clemson offense that ultimately sealed a Game-cock victory on Saturday as the Tigers lost 10-1.

Sunday's game was much more
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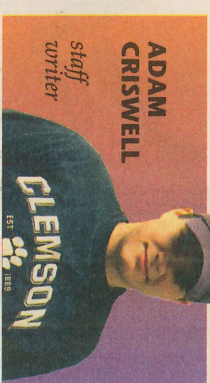
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Clemson third baseman Kyle Parker strikes out against USC. Parker was 1-8 hitting in the series with three strikeouts. He wasn't the only Tiger who struggled last weekend, as Clemson only managed two runs.

TIGER SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	BASEBALL	SWIMMING/DIVING	WOMEN'S ROWING	MEN'S TENNIS
Sunday 3/9 Virginia Tech	Friday-Sunday 3/7-9 ACC Tournament	Friday-Sunday 3/7-9 Wake Forest	Men Saturday 3/8 Last Chance Meet	Saturday 3/8 Boston College	Sunday 3/8 Miami
1:30 p.m. Clemson, S.C.	TBA Greensboro, N.C.	Wake Forest 2:30 p.m. (Fri.) 1 p.m. (Sat.)	All Day TBA	TBA Clemson, S.C.	1 p.m. Clemson, S.C.
Thursday 3/13 ACC Tournament begins	TBA	1 p.m. (Sun.) Winston-Salem, N.C.			Monday 3/10 Harvard
Charlotte, N.C.					12 p.m. Clemson, S.C.

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Farewell Seniors

Over three-and-a-half years ago, thousands of people clothed in orange lined the streets of downtown Clemson, huddled around a single basketball goal on College Avenue. Everyone stood packed like sardines, pressed against their neighbors, craning their neck to get a glimpse of the spectacle that drew all of their attention. It was midnight, the beginning of a new day and the beginning of a new chapter in Clemson basketball history.

This was Midnight Madness, the televised first practice of the 2004-2005 Clemson basketball season. Coach Oliver Purnell had just finished his first season as the new Tiger head coach, but before the eyes of the many Clemson basketball enthusiasts was the true beginning of the eagerly anticipated Purnell Era. The players that put on this high-flying, acrobatic dunking display represented new blood, a new direction and hope for the slumping basketball program.

This was Coach Purnell's first recruiting class, filled with highly touted talent at each position that was sure to make an immediate impact on the court that season.

These were the tools with which the highly acclaimed Coach Purnell would begin to build his program at Clemson. No one, not even Purnell, could have expected what would come from these new Tigers, the impact they would forever leave on Clemson basketball.

James Mays, Sam Perry and Cliff Hammonds will, at some point over the next month, play their final game as Clemson Tigers. Completing their fourth season played for the Orange and White, these are the three remaining members of that heralded recruiting class.

Along with Coach Purnell, these three have been the face of the Clemson program for four years, turning around a team that was headed down fast. They have added energy, excitement and consistency to a team that was in dire need of these elements. They have been the constant force behind the creation of countless memorable nights within the confines of Littlejohn Coliseum and helped create a home environment that was to be feared by visiting teams. No longer is Clemson "just a football school," but a force to be reckoned with on the basketball court as well. With the four year contributions of these three players, Clemson has gained respect among the ACC as a team that truly belongs in the conference.



MAX THOMASON/staff

Hokies enter Littlejohn

Tigers battle for third place in ACC on senior night.

MIKE MYLAN
STAFF WRITER

Clemson is just a few steps away from earning its first NCAA tournament appearance in almost 10 years. Despite a strong start to the season, it began to look like the Tigers had found a way to miss being invited to the big dance.

After Clemson's strong start (11-0), the Tigers hit a mid-season slump where they lost five out of 10 games and had to take four of those games into overtime. The team appeared undetermined and outmanned in almost every game. Free throws, three point shots and defense all became vital issues.

That all changed following the team's double overtime loss to North Carolina. After the Tigers played their hearts out against one of the toughest teams in the country, they finally showed the tenacious determination down the stretch that they have been lacking. Winning four of their last five going into the Virginia Tech game, the Tigers are now poised for higher seed in the NCAA tournament if they can get a

win over the Virginia Tech Hokies.

The Tigers came on strong last Sunday night with their win over the Maryland Terrapins. After the Terrapins closed the half on a 22-7 run, the Tigers came back in the second half to win by three. A Terrence Oglelesby tie-breaking three-pointer with just seconds remaining ended Maryland's shot at winning the game.

Clemson comes into the Virginia Tech game with a 22-7 record against a Hokie team that boasts a 17-11 record. The Hokies are getting hot having won their last three games, but they still have work to do if they want to get a bid to the tournament. And since Clemson is much more confident about getting a bid, the Hokies might come into Littlejohn with an edge, fighting for a spot in the big dance.

The most important thing the Tigers need to do against Virginia Tech is control junior guard A.D. Vassallo, who averages nearly 17 points per game.

The paint will also be crucial for the Tigers as they are up against the Hokies' two big men Jeff Allen and Deron

Washington. Between the two of them they average 14 rebounds and almost 25 points per game. Clemson's Trevor Booker and James Mays, who average 7.7 and 7.1 rebounds per game respectively, will be matched up against them.

As the Tigers' leading scorer, K.C. Rivers will need to control the game and get the team off to a quick start. After a lackluster performance against Maryland on Sunday, Rivers looks to rebound and display his 16 points per game average.

With the team healthy, Clemson would like to wrap up the regular season with one last win. Afterwards, the ACC tournament starts, where the Tigers will have to make one last statement in their argument for an NCAA tournament bid.

This could be Oliver Purnell's first tournament berth as the Clemson head coach. He has led the team to three consecutive NIT tournaments, including last year as runner-up in the tournament.

The Hokies come to Clemson on Sunday for a 1:30 p.m. game. This will be Clemson's last game at Littlejohn this season.

Men's Sports Briefs



Men's Rugby to Play Tennessee Volunteers

This Saturday at 1 p.m. on the Rugby fields, the Men's Club Rugby team will take on No. 13 Tennessee. Three of the last four Regional Championships have been won in the match between these two traditional rugby powerhouses, and this weekend's match should prove to be a high energy contest between two great programs.

This will be the final home game of the year — with only an away game at USC and the Atlantic Coast Invitational Tournament remaining to close out the year.

Flag Football

Today starting at 4 p.m. will mark the start of Clemson's First Annual EMpower Flag Football Tournament and Safety Fair. It will feature 32

teams battling it out to win a 10-ticket game pack to the Clemson/Alabama game on Aug. 30 in Atlanta. The action will take place on Jervey Meadows (beside Doug Kingmore Stadium) today, and the tournament will carry-over to Saturday, resuming at 9 a.m. The finals will be played at approximately 4 p.m. in Death Valley and is open to the public to watch the final two teams play.

The timing of the tournament is no accident either. EMpower wants to educate students before Spring Break so that they can have a fun and safe break from school. The flag football tournament coincides with EMpower's mission to promote health, safety and responsibility on campus. There will be information provided by the Clemson University Police Department, and all students are encouraged to come to this free event to learn how they can protect themselves and promote a safer Clemson. There will be performances by Swift Robinson and other activities that are free of charge for students and members of the community to participate in.

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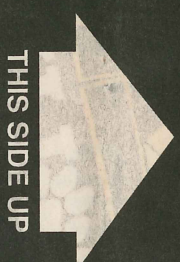
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Tigers to take on Deacons

Clemson travels to Winston-Salem after dropping two to USC.

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson baseball team (5-2) comes into this weekend's series with Wake Forest (4-4) ranked as high as No. 17 in the nation. The Tigers dropped four spots from No. 13 in the Collegiate Baseball Poll as a result of the two losses to the Gamecocks of South Carolina over the weekend. Clemson, however, did pick up wins against High Point and College of Charleston last week.

On Feb. 27, the Tigers dominated the Panthers of High Point at Doug Kingsmore Stadium by a score of 12 to 3. Wilson Boyd, John Nester, Ben Paulsen and Kyle Parker all homered for the Tigers. Freshman pitcher Craig Gullickson went three innings and picked up his first win of the season.

Two days later, Clemson traveled to the College of Charleston to take on the Cougars. The game went back and forth, but the Tigers were able to hold on to a 7-6 victory thanks to a J.D. Burgess eighth inning double that scored Kyle Parker and D.J. Mitchell. Matt Vaughn pitched two scoreless innings to earn his second save of the season for the Tigers.

The Tigers rolled into Columbia on Saturday for a showdown with in-state rival South Carolina. The Gamecocks high-powered offense and haunting errors led to the Tigers' first lost of the season by a 10-1 margin.

The following day both teams made the trip to Clemson for the second game of the home-and-away series. The score was deadlocked until the top of the sixth when the Gamecocks broke the scoreless tie and put up two on a pair of Scott Wingo and Resse Havens RBI singles. The Tigers crept back in the bottom of the inning, plating their only run of the contest on a throwing error that allowed Ben Paulsen to score. The Gamecocks bullpen was on lockdown, and the Tigers lost the contest 5-1.

Numerous Tigers have put up impressive numbers thus far in the season. Wilson Boyd stands out as the Tigers offensive leader. The sophomore outfielder leads the Tigers in batting average, homers, RBIs, slugging percentage and runs scored. Boyd, who hit two homers in all of last year, has already hit five round-trippers in just seven games played this season.

Another sophomore that continues to impress at the plate is first baseman Ben Paulsen. Paulsen started out the season hitting just one for his first nine plate appearances but has since been a force for the Tigers. In the past four games, he has gone seven for his last 13 and is hitting .364 on the season with two homers and five RBIs. He also leads the Tigers in on-base percentage at .516.

The Tiger pitching staff has also started off strong in 2008. Clemson has a 3.77 ERA on the season and has only given up 26 earned runs. As a team, opponents are hitting .279 against the Tigers thus far. Graham Stoneburner has been impressive in his first appearances of the year. In 10 innings of work, Stoneburner has struck out seven and only given up three runs while allowing a mere .222 batting average of opposing batters.

Defense has been shaky at times for Clemson so far. The Tigers committed costly errors in their two games against USC this past weekend. Nevertheless, Clemson is still fielding at a .966 clip for the year.

When the Tigers roll into Winston-Salem for the start of ACC play this weekend, they will face a veteran Wake Forest ballclub. The Demon-Deacons are composed of 22 upperclassmen with experience. Wake went 30-27 in 2007 and was 19-12 at home.

The Demon-Deacons (4-4) are led by Head Coach Rick Rembickel, is in his fourth season at the helm for Wake. Rembickel has compiled a 95-87 overall record during his tenure and is 42-27 in ACC contests.

Offensively, Wake Forest is not going to play home run derby with anyone. In their first eight games on the season, the Deacons have hit four

homers as a team. Junior first baseman Allan Dykstra has half of them. Dykstra also leads Wake in batting average, hitting .333 in his first eight games.

What they lack in power, the Deacons make up for in speed. Wake Forest has stolen bases in 23 of 25 attempis so far on the year. Senior outfielder Brett Linnenkohl already has eight stolen bases to his name and has yet to be caught.

Pitching has been a problem for the Deacons early on. The pitching staff has a 6.95 ERA on the season and has given up 60 runs. Twenty-two of those came in a loss to Pepperdine on Feb. 24. Appalachian State also managed 18 runs against Wake Forest this season.

Senior starter Ben Hunter has been one bright spot on the mound for Wake early on this season. Hunter has started two games on the season and sports a 2.25 ERA with 16 strikeouts compared to just six walks.

Clemson leads the overall record against Wake Forest by a 114-45 tally and is 35-13 under Coach Jack Leggett. Last season, the Tigers split four games with the Demon Deacons going 2-2. All games this weekend will be played at Hooks Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C. Friday and Saturday will have 2:30 p.m. starts, and Sunday's contest will start at 1 p.m.

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THE TIGERS NEED TO BE AGGRESSIVE AT THE PLATE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WAKE PITCHERS GIVE THEM. THE DEACONS ARE GIVING UP 7.5 RUNS PER GAME AND THEIR PITCHING STAFF HAS SHOWN A TENDENCY TO BE INCONSISTENT. WAKE FOREST WILL MAKE MISTAKES, THE TIGERS JUST HAVE TO EXECUTE AND PLAY FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND BASEBALL.

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KEY MATCHUP
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Senior Doug Hogan peers like a gunfighter at an opposing pitcher. His leadership behind the plate will be key against Wake Forest this weekend.

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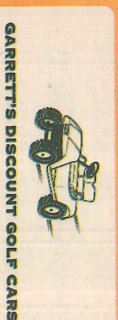
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Men's swimming ends season strong

Tigers place sixth in ACC Championships.

SARAH PORRI
Staff Writer

The Clemson men's swimming and diving team tried their best to succeed at this year's ACC Championships without a head coach. The men traveled down to Atlanta and the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center to take part in this year's meet.

Going into the meet, the Clemson men looked strong in the ACC, only having lost to two teams in their regular season, North Carolina and Virginia.

However, without a head coach, it would be up to the 10 seniors and three coaches to lead the team throughout this four-day meet and keep their spirits up.

"Being able to represent Clemson on a higher level has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life," said senior Mark Vahle.

On Wednesday evening, the Tigers had two relays on the schedule, the 800-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay.

The team of Jay Crou, Atilia Ruszka, Adam Farnham and Vahle placed sixth overall with a time of 1:28.68 seconds. About half an hour later, Bryce Harrington, David Gordon, Matt Angelini and Dan Mengerling competed in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

This time, the Tigers would finish fifth with a time of 6:36.37, a new school record by just under a second. The Clemson men would leave their night in fifth place.

The Tigers looked to move up in the standings after preliminaries on Thursday morning. Finals brought back many Tigers in the 50-yard freestyle. Senior Vahle placed fourth in this event with a time of 19.96 seconds.

Teammates Stephen Russell, Matt Balderston and Farnham all swam in consolation finals and placed eighth, ninth and 12th. Russell and Balderston also boasted career best swims in this event.

Senior Ruszka and sophomore Angelini swam in the consolation finals heat of the 200-yard individual medley.

They picked up more points for the Tigers with their 14th and 16th place finish.

Freshman Gordon won the bonus heat of the 500-yard freestyle with a NCAA-B qualifying time of 4:27.12, taking three seconds off his time from the preliminary session.

Not to be outdone, senior Geary also improved his time by three seconds, placing 20th.

On the one-meter boards, sophomores David Giambra and Marco Raye finished 10th and 12th, picking up more points for the Tigers. Giambra would finish 11th on the three-meter board, scoring more points for Clemson.

Friday brought more racing for the Clemson men in the sprint stroke events and the 400-yard individual medley. Angelini placed 11th overall in the 400-yard individual medley with Geary posting a personal best time of 4:00.46 in the bonus heat.

The 100-yard butterfly was a solid event for the Tigers. Russell touched the wall fifth with a time of 47.85 seconds, the third fastest time in Clemson history.

Farnham won the consolation finals with a season best time of 48.54 seconds, an improvement over his morning swim.

Herrington along with teammates Brian Possee and Mengerling placed 11th, 14th and 15th. Possee swam a career best time of 1:39.51 seconds.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, senior Andy Bergen finished fifth with an NCAA-B cut of 55.12 seconds, also a school record.

Teammate Ruszka finished 11th overall with a time of 55.81 seconds. Eric Lane also pitched in for the Tigers, winning the bonus consolation final and taking over a half second from his morning swim.

Three Tigers competed in the bonus heat of the 100-yard backstroke, Tom Recko, Jason Chatosh, and Taylor Thompson.

Recko swam a personal best time of 49.80 seconds and Thompson also had a career best time of 50.44 seconds.

The final event of the night saw the first top-three placing for the Tigers and much needed inspiration. Recko, Bergen, Russell and Farnham achieved a NCAA-B qualifying time as well as a third place finish with a time of 3:16.22, narrowly missing the school record.

The Tigers were sixth going into the final day of competition.

"It was hard to believe that this was the last meet in which I would be able to contribute to this team," said Vahle. "But it helped when I realized that we would always have the memories and friendships."

The final day of the ACC Championships was one to remember, especially for the 11 seniors who were honored on the bulk-head as part of an ACC tradition. These seniors held nothing back and gave it their all in this possibly their last swim meet of their lives.

Gordon started the night off right with an impressive swim in the 1,650-yard freestyle, placing ninth overall.

Recko used this momentum in his 200-yard backstroke, finishing fifth overall with Tiger teammate Thompson, placing 11th. These points were necessary for Clemson to challenge for fifth place.

Senior Farnham saw the medal stand for a second time by capturing third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 44.01 seconds, just off the school record.

Teammates Russell and Vahle picked up more points from the final heat, finishing seventh and eighth. Ruszka completed his final swim for Clemson with a 14th place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Lane and Bergen also got a second swim, competing in the bonus heat. Both improved upon their times from the morning session.

Tying in a race does not happen often in events other than the 50- or 100-yard freestyle. However, the duo of Gordon and Mengerling managed to tie for 12th place in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:49.49 seconds. Angelini placed 22nd in the bonus heat.

The final event of the evening was one to remember. An all senior relay of Russell, Herrington, Farnham and Vahle out-swam Florida State to a third place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Their time of 2:57.30 will go up in McHugh Natatorium as a school record.

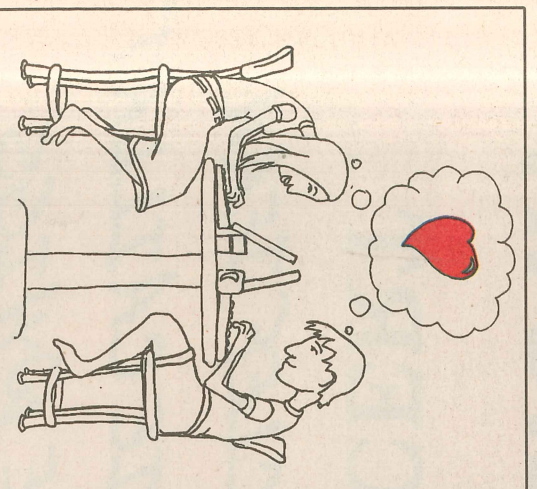
This marks the fourth school record to fall in four days.

The Clemson Tigers finished off the ACC Championships in sixth place, but were not without some outstanding swims by this dedicated team. A few Tigers will compete in the NCAA Swimming Championships in March to potentially move Clemson into a top-25 ranking.

"I am honored to have been a part of it all," Vahle said.

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ent to the table over the course of their Clemson careers.

A 6-foot-9-inch, 230-pound native of Garner, N.C., James Mays has been a force during his four years as a Tiger. One of the most athletic big men in the ACC year in and year out, Mays has allowed Coach Purnell to be confident that his team could run with the competition, no matter who the opponent was. The point man on the press, Mays has been an invaluable presence in the full court pressure defense that was the key to dealing with some of the ACC's top offenses over the years. Helping the team to a top 15 ranking in steals all four of his seasons as a Tiger, Mays has recorded 161 of his own, currently good enough for the sixth most in Clemson history. This year, he is ranked sixth in the ACC in this statistical category, ninth in total rebounding and second in offensive rebounds. As is the story for all of these spectacular seniors, Mays' contribution has been much more than his damage on the stat sheet. Mays embodies the word "hustle," and the energy that he brings on the court has been the lifeblood of Clemson basketball. Deciding to forgo the NBA Draft and return for his senior season, James Mays made a statement to his teammates that he was looking to accomplish big things this year. The impact of the leadership that he has provided for his teammates through his struggles with two major injuries this season cannot be quantified.

Slowed down by these two injuries so far, Mays has still managed to average 10 points and seven rebounds per game. Ridding his left hand of a cast or wrap for the first time in recent memory against Maryland, Mays could be even more effective as the team enters the postseason, which should be a scary thought for any of the upcoming Tiger opponents.

Sam Perry should hold a special place in the heart of Clemson fans. A native of the upstate and star at nearby Woodmont High School, Perry was one of the most anticipated newcomers in Coach Purnell's 2004 recruiting class. A freshman or sophomore Clemson student may tend to overlook Sam Perry in favor of younger, flashier players like K.C. Rivers or Trevor Booker. The older Clemson students who have seen their share of games from over the years know that there is no way to completely describe what Perry's presence on the hardwood has meant for the Tigers. When Sam Perry finishes, he finishes hard. When he blocks a shot, the ball flies into the upper deck. A highlight reel waiting to happen whenever the steps onto the court, Sam Perry has shaken down Littlejohn Coliseum down to its foundations more times than any other Tiger with dunks over some of the greatest players in the ACC.

Perry has never made a lot of noise on the post-game box scores, but no one can deny his role in making Clemson basketball what it is today. A selfless defensive player, Perry has shown the ability to lock down a member of the opposing team and hold the greatest weapons of Clemson's opponents little to no production with his blue collar approach.

On offense, he may only score a few times a game, but chances are that you remember each one of those athletic put-backs or poster-worthy slam dunks in vivid detail. Joining forces with his fellow classmate James Mays, these two have been the "Energy Brothers" for Clemson basketball for four straight years. Blessed with the ability to change the course of the game with hustle, intensity, and jaw-dropping big plays, the impact of Sam Perry could never be measured. He elevates the play of those around him. He has helped to make Littlejohn one of the most exciting venues in college basketball. He is the kind of player that only comes around once in a lifetime and whose contributions will be awfully hard to replace.

Finally, how could one

ever describe the impact of a player like Cliff Hammonds? A star on the Caro High basketball team in southern Georgia, Hammonds was also a standout on the track and football teams. Coming in to the Clemson program with perhaps less fanfare than fellow classmates like Troy Mathis or Cheyenne Moore, Hammonds has outshined every other member of that class and arguably every Clemson player within the last decade with his body of work as a Tiger. If "explosiveness" and "energy" come to mind when thinking about Mays and Perry, the word that should instantly jump into the head of every Clemson fan at the mention of number 25's name is "consistency." Every season, every game that Cliff Hammonds has stepped onto the court in Littlejohn, he has been a constant source of production. During the past four seasons, there has been no other player with which Clemson fans have felt more confident about when the ball is in his hands. Entering this season with a career assist to turnover ratio of 1.89, he currently is second in the ACC behind North Carolina's Ty Lawson with a mark of 2.27. By the end of this season, Hammonds should rank third or fourth all time in this statistical category. Hammonds has also been an incredibly consistent scorer and will become the sixth player in Clemson history to average double figures in each of four seasons of play. In all, Hammonds will finish in the top ten in school history in points scored, steals, three-pointers and assists.

If the Tigers manage three more victories with Hammonds on the court, he will tie Elden Campbell with the most career wins (84). He currently holds two school records for playing in 128 consecutive games and 124 of which as a starter. At this point in his career, these statistics are evidence of the incredible impact that this level of consistency can have on a program.

While watching the play of Cliff Hammonds on the court for one game may not leave the observer awe-struck, when his entire body of work is examined, it is truly astounding.

Even with this success on the court, his accomplishments off of it may be even more impressive. Hammonds will be the first scholarship basketball player ever to graduate from Clemson with a degree in architecture. Anyone who has heard the horror stories of days without sleep spent in the studio for "architecture" students couldn't fathom how one could balance the demands of the major with playing on an ACC basketball team, much less doing so with his outstanding GPA. Oliver Purnell could never have dreamed for a better face of his program for the past four years.

In fact, when Coach Purnell finally was able to get to sleep after that Midnight Madness celebration so many years ago, he couldn't have dreamed up anything like the contributions he was about to receive from the stars of that night's show. The value of the leadership and the character that these three players have shown is incalculable. Acting as coaches on the court, each new incoming freshman class could look to these three as the model player they were expected to develop into. Buying in to Purnell's doctrine of effort, hustle and hard work on the basketball court, these three are the pillars of the new era in Clemson basketball.

They are the foundation upon which Oliver Purnell has built his program.

In a time in college basketball where freshmen have all the star power and will often play just one season before jumping to the NBA, it is rare to see a team with the kind of senior production that Clemson has. As Purnell's first recruiting class, these three players have been there through all of the growing pains and all of the milestones of a developing basketball program. Former players like Shaarrod Ford and Vernon Hamilton have left, and incoming high impact freshmen like Rivers and Booker have joined with the team, but these three have been here since the beginning.

Their growth has been tied to the growth of the program, and every step that they have made has been a step for Clemson basketball.

And with so much that they have given to our beloved Tigers, what is special about this season is their opportunity to finally take something back. Progressing farther in the NIT in each of their first three postseasons as Tigers, Clemson is now a lock to make the NCAA tournament for the first time in a decade.

These seniors have begun to realize the fruits of all of their efforts over the years, and the Tigers stand poised to make significant runs in the ACC and NCAA tournaments. With all that is left on the table this season, there is again excitement in the air in Clemson basketball. Not because of new beginnings, but the prospect of some of Clemson's most beloved sons finishing what they started.



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Track finishes third in ACCCs, yet disappointed

TYRONE GAYLE
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's track and field teams competed last weekend in the ACC Indoor Championships in Chapel Hill, N.C., with joyous results for some and disappointment for others. On the men's side of the spectrum, it was a youth movement that may have hurt their eventual outcome rather than help it, but the future is still very bright with a talented and young nucleus. Coach Bob Pollock described his 2008 ACC Indoor championship team as one of his "youngest ever," and, with 17 of the 26 athletes who competed being freshmen or sophomores, rightfully so. The men finished third overall, and while most teams would take a bronze medal with pride, third is seen as a disappointment for a program that has finished either first or second for the past 20 years, except for the a third place finish in 1996. Florida State captured the team title for the sixth consecutive year, and the Tigers fell three points short of beating Georgia Tech for runner-up honors.

The shadow of doubt and uncertainty did not, however, eclipse the strong indi-



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Over the past 20 years, Clemson has finished outside the top two in the ACC just twice. The Tigers placed third in 1996 and this season.

vidual performances achieved by a select few members of the Tigers squad. Travis Padgett, the defending 60-meter national

and Spiller would join forces with Junior Corey Brown to finish fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively in the 200-meter dash. Strong efforts came by way of the pole-vault duo of Mitch Greeley and Chris Spear who took first and third in the event.

The third place finish garnered Spear his first All-ACC honors after finishing fourth at this meet last year as a freshman. Fort Mill High school alums Zach Berg and Alex Padgett finished third and fourth in the hammer throw, despite Berg suffering from severe back pains that have been traced back to as a far back as mid-season last year.

The points came from all three areas, with the distance points coming solely from multiple All-ACC honoree Matt Clark, who placed third in the 5000-meter run and fourth in the 3000-meter run. Clark is currently ranked 20th in the nation for the 5000-meter run and will look to improve upon his provisional mark in order to guarantee his ticket to indoor nationals, by competing at the Notre Dame Qualifier meet this weekend.

With the outdoor season looming, a mere four weeks away, the majority of the team has little time to fall into a crisis of confidence. Travis Padgett, C.J. Spiller and Mitch Greeley have all secured automatic marks for the national championships in two weeks and will be competing in Fayetteville at the University of Arkansas.

The women's track and field team

achieved the majority of their success in the field events as they placed eighth overall with all of their points coming by way of jumps and multi-event points.

Despite missing some key pieces of their team due to injury, the Lady Tigers who competed gave solid efforts across the board. Sophomore Linda Buchholz got things going last Friday afternoon, placing seventh overall in the pentathlon after Sophomore Liane Weber, the defending ACC indoor champion, fell during the 55-meter dash portion of the event and was unable to finish the remainder of the competition. Lisbon, Portugal product Patricia Mannonra earned her first-ever All-ACC certificate in the long jump with a third-place finish and a new personal best of 19'10.75". Freshman April Sinker was right behind in fourth place and both continued their success the following day in the triple jump finishing second and fifth, respectively.

Caroline Kennedy, well on her way to becoming one of Clemson's most decorated pole-vaulters, tied for fourth overall in her event with a clearance of 12-01.50. Like the men, the majority of the women's team will head back to the starting blocks in their training until they open up at the Clemson Relays held on March 21-22.

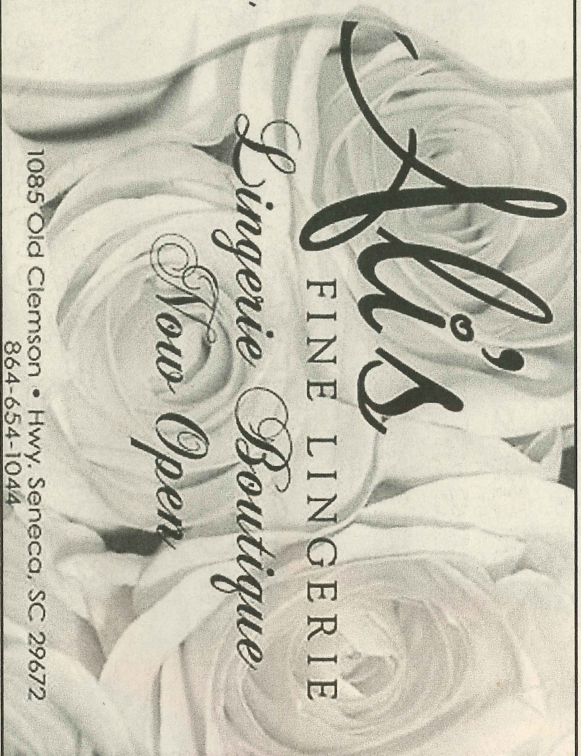
Patricia Mannonra currently sits in 14th place on the descending rankings list in the triple jump and will likely find herself competing in Arkansas for the second straight year.

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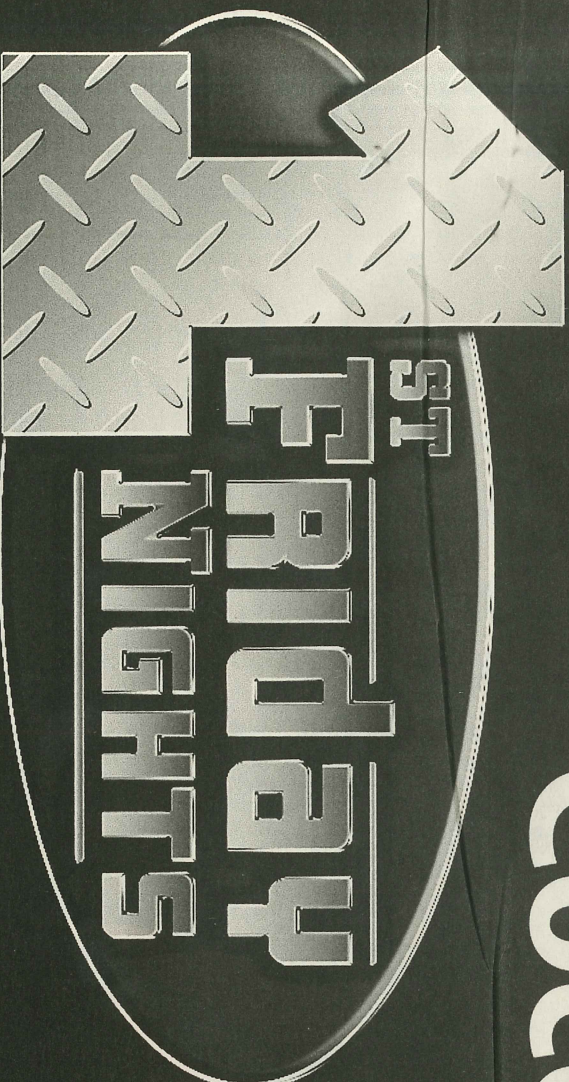
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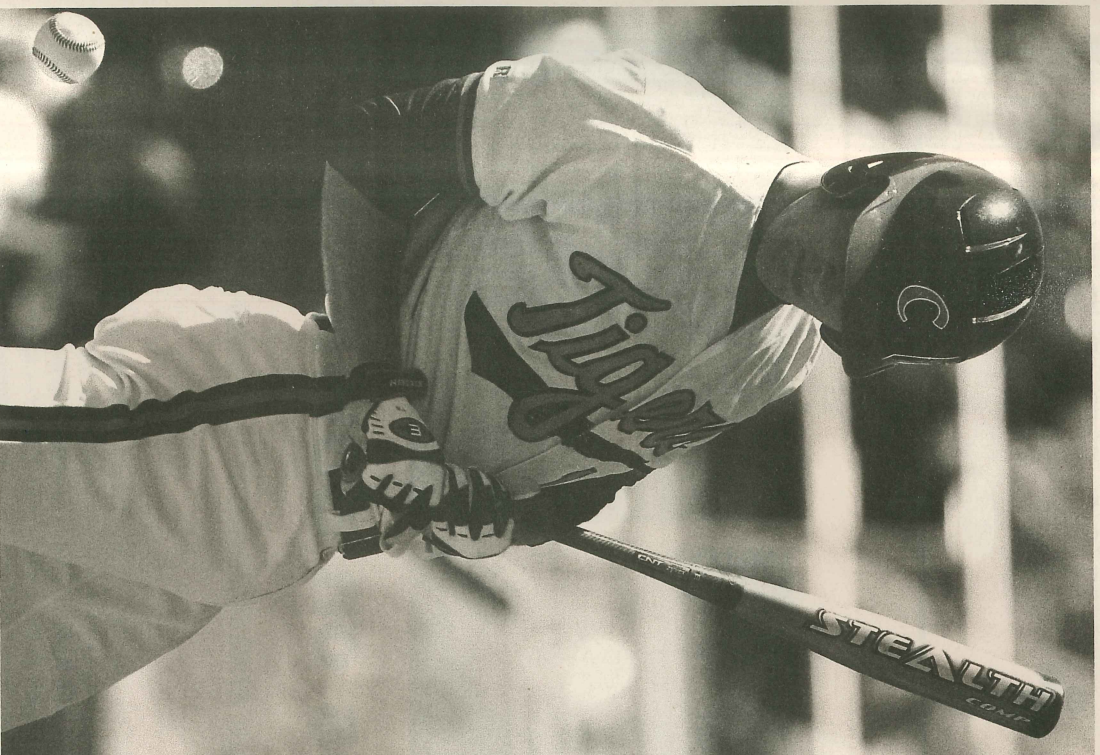
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After dropping two heartbreakers to their archrivals this weekend, Clemson will look to bounce back against ACC foe Wake Forest.

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competitive as the Tigers hosted our rival in the friendly confines of Doug Kingsmore Stadium. D.J. Mitchell received the start and pitched five scoreless innings to start the game. Kyle Enders put the Gamecocks on the board in the sixth inning after advancing bases thanks to an error by third baseman Kyle Parker which allowed Justin Hopper to reach safely, too. Hopper later scored on a Reese Havens single to right field to put South Carolina up 2-0.

The Tigers responded quickly in the bottom frame, as Ben Paulsen unearned run off of a throwing error by South Carolina's third baseman James Darnell. It was the only run Clemson managed to push across the plate on Sunday. The Gamecocks eventually added to their lead with a run scoring double in the seventh along with a couple of plated runners in the top of the ninth to win the game 5-1.

Clemson's young and inexperienced baseball team seemed to be

not yet ready for the test of playing the talented and experienced no. 3 South Carolina Gamecocks this past weekend. The Tigers consist of almost completely freshmen and sophomores who will take time adjusting to playing highly talented teams at the college level. The Tigers only recorded one earned run in the combined games against the Gamecocks, which leaves the South Carolina pitching staff with a 0.5 ERA against Clemson this season.

Even with the poor offensive performance there were still bright spots for this young Clemson team. Sophomore Alex Lee had the best weekend at the plate, going 4 for 5 and scoring Clemson's only earned run in the series.

Doug Hogan also recorded hits in both games as he managed to extend his hitting streak to an impressive 22 straight games. These were only two of the four games that Clemson and South Carolina will play against each other this year. The next times these teams will play against each other is April 9 in Columbia and April 16 at Doug Kingsmore Stadium.

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Clemson's history and was the largest second-half comeback in school history.

The win makes Clemson a virtual

lock as an invite to the NCAA tournament, their first appearance in ten years.

Clemson wore purple jerseys against Maryland for the first time this season. X-rays showed on Monday that senior captain Cliff Hammonds broke a bone

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Calendar of Events

3-7

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WSBF 50th Anniversary featuring Ahleuchatistas, King Tut, and Tony Tidwell. Hendrix Student Center ballroom. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free

Cirque Du Ballet presented by Carolina Ballet. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Runs through March 8.

3-8

Miss Clemson University Pageant. Tillman Auditorium. 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, \$3 for program book.

Sneak Preview of "Bachelor Party 2: The Last Temptation." McKissick Theatre. 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Free with CUID.

Proofing Clemson Printmakers at the Lee Gallery. Open at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Open Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Runs through April 3.

Professional Buit Riders at the Bi-Lo Center. Show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$21.

3-10

"The Vagina Monologues" at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

Eye Enslter to Speak. Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

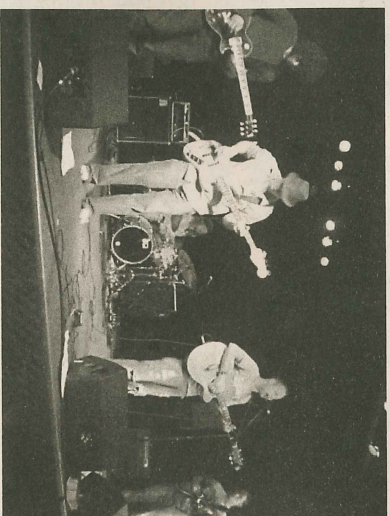
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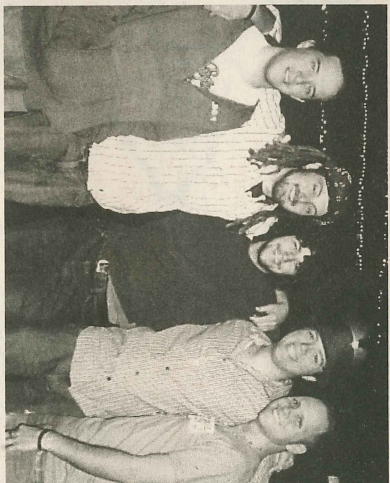
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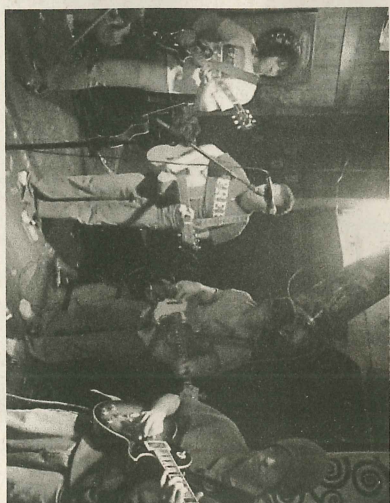
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Local band takes on downtown

Picturemefree rocks crowd and brings entertainment to a new level.

MEREDITH HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Before the first guitar strum there were a dozen fans listening eagerly at the edge of the stage.

A white bed sheet with a brown tree claimed the stage with the same image on the drum set, raining music notes.

The stage was Picturemefree's at Backstreets on Thursday, Feb. 28. There, band members Josh Risley, vocals and rhythm guitar, lead guitarist Daniel Collins and Mike Jeralomon, Fred Gessell, bass guitar, and Justin Sims, drums gave an impressive four-hour performance.

The group began the show with cover songs such as the Beatles' "Something" and "Come Together," the Police's "Message in a Bottle," which was given a reggae twist in its chorus between hard rock verses, and an impressive fusion of Jimmy Hendrix's "All Along the Watchtower" with Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven."

Risley's voice resembles O.A.R. front man Marc Roberge during the majority of performances but assumes vocal ranges of Sting and Tom Petty with an eerie ease. His voice remained strong for the full four hours, but it was obvious his lungs were capable of pushing beyond the smaller confines of Backstreets. Upon the request of veteran fans, Sims began to quickly spin his drumstick between beats — coaxing a roaring cheer early in the show.

"I never thought I would see the day when people at Clemson were dancing at a bar the way they dance at a music festival," said Risley. "That would be too much to ask for. I've got all this sound coming at me from the sound monitors, and I can still hear the audience singing a song back to me that I wrote two years ago — there's no way to describe that."

The cover songs prepared the audience for the group's sound so well that it was only the band's loyal fans' cheers that clued the upcoming original.

Their jam band sound, strongly influenced by bands such as Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bob Marley and the Grateful Dead, is complemented with the varying musical tastes of each member. "Wake Up Alive" "Langerado" and "Pick Me Up" stirred the biggest reaction from the crowd.

"('Pick Me Up') gets to the point," said Sims. "The chorus doesn't waste any time. We went in the studio and all the other songs had to be adjusted but for 'Pick Me Up' and 'Changes,' our recording engineer was like, 'I can tell which ones are your new songs and I can tell you're moving in the right direction.'"

For the full four hours, Picturemefree played as though each song was their signature piece. At all times, there was an ease and comfortable air about the group. The chords and winding progressions hour after hour until their climactic conclusion with some Rage Against the Machine demonstrated the

band's readiness to move beyond the bar scene of Clemson. In the eyes of every member, and their groupies, was the knowledge that they are capable of much more — and it is just around the corner.

After getting a hold of some of their songs, Yamaha called the group and told Risley and Gessell to pick out the acoustic and bass guitar of their choice, while Sims is endorsed by DB drums. After the release of their CD, radio time is expected throughout South Carolina.

On a recent trip to Athens, a few of their recordings were critiqued by the vice president of promotions for Virgin Records and received nothing but positive remarks. "Do everything grass roots, and if you're doing things right yourself you'll have more offers to choose from," encouraged the vice president to the group.

On Friday, March 7, the group is scheduled to perform at Greenville's Handlebar from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Other artists that night include Paper Route and Lost November.

"We've played all the local bars so now we're trying to get to that bigger venue," said Sims of the upcoming Handlebar show. "In Clemson, it's the same audience for the most part. The bands we're opening for are a little different from our usual style, and those venues tend to bring bigger crowds of all ages."

A CD release is planned for Tiger Town Tavern on March 27.

"Monologues" returns

Enslter and play arrive at Brooks Center again.

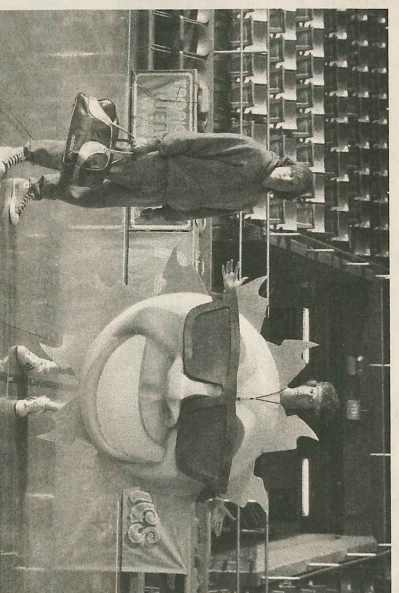
JENNA HARPER
STAFF WRITER

How can one describe "The Vagina Monologues"? This is a difficult task, even for those who have seen and/or participated in it. The first thing a person must do is get past the name, even though it seems hard to get past anything with the forbidden "V-word" in the title. I will admit, when I first heard the title two years ago, I was shocked. The only thing I knew at the time was it was a play.

So, I went to the performance here at Clemson, and by the time I left the theatre, I was in love: this play is the most powerful play I have ever seen. The next year I dragged my boyfriend and two other guy friends to the show, and they all loved it. This is one play everyone should see at least once in their lifetime.

The play itself is a collection of interviews from women all over the country presented as monologues. Author Even Enslter traveled across the country, and eventually the world, talking with many women. Some of the monologues are the interviews, almost word for word; others are written to capture the essence of the interviews.

Each represents different women with different stories to tell. All the monologues will have the audience howling with laugh-



FRANK MASI/New Line Cinema

Movie fails

Ferrell film is not up to par.

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER

For a time it seemed that Will Ferrell had the Midas touch. Ferrell scored three golden successes with his series of satiric comedies that included "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" and "Blades of Glory." Apparently, though, Ferrell has lost his golden touch with his latest satire, "Semi-Pro."

Set in 1976, "Semi-Pro" revolves around the NBA-ABA merger. Jackie Moon (Ferrell), a pop star turned professional basketball

"owner-slash-coach-slash-player," attempts to win his team, the Flint Michigan Tropics, a spot in the NBA as the ABA dismantles. The problem is that the Tropics are at the bottom of the standings and have practically no fans.

While the plot is quite interesting and engaging, "Semi-Pro" was nonetheless a huge disappointment.

The most evident issue with the film is that it is simply not funny. Although this assessment is largely based on a comparison to Ferrell's

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The play begins with looking at the word "vagina." The play even admits it is an odd, peculiar and not a remotely pleasant-sounding word. It is a word rarely said and a place almost never talked about. One of the purposes of the play is to break the shadow and mystery surrounding this place, to empower women with love for their own bodies and to give them the strength to speak. "The Vagina Monologues" raises awareness about violence against women.

In fact, 90 percent of the proceeds raised by Clemson University's production of the play are going to Safe Harbor in Greenville, a non-profit agency that provides shelter and care for victims of domestic violence and their children.

The other 10 percent goes to the National V-day charity, an organization devoted to stopping violence against women. It does this by raising money and awareness through events, such as productions of "The Vagina Monologues." For more information on V-Day and ways to become involved, go to <http://www.v-day.org>.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of V-day, and Clemson is celebrating! There

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previous three satires, the high comic bar that they set warrants such a comparison. Whereas the preceding films, "Anchorman" especially, were comedic affairs full of raucous laugh-out-loud comedy, the audience was much more subdued during the screening of "Semi-Pro."

Two immediate reasons present themselves as responsible for the film's lack of humor. Firstly, a look at Ferrell's supporting cast this time out provides an answer: Ferrell is flanked in the film by Woody Harrelson and André Benjamin.

Benjamin, better known as André 3000 of hip-hop group Outkast, has just recently begun a serious career in film. The former musician plays the Tropics star player Clarence "Coffee" Black. In his brief acting career, Benjamin has appeared in such movies as "Idlewild," "Hollywood Homicide" and "Four Brothers." While Benjamin acted impressively in all of these appearances, his resume supports the argument that he does not quite fit the mold of person best suited for Will Ferrell's brand of slap-stick comedy.

Ferrell's other supporting actor, Harrelson, plays washed-up former NBA star Ed Monix.

Although Harrelson has the basketball credentials for "Semi-Pro," he, like Benjamin, is ill-suited for a role in this type of movie. Despite Harrelson's experience as a basketball player in

1992's "White Men Can't Jump," that film along with others featuring Harrelson like "The Cowboy Way" and "The Thin Red Line" evidence the fact that Harrelson's acting approach does not mesh with Ferrell's comedic style.

André Benjamin's natural suave and Woody Harrelson's dramatic flair are often at odds with Ferrell's dependence on slapstick grade-school humor. While Benjamin, Harrelson and Ferrell are all respectable actors in their own rights, their styles simply do not mesh, especially in a film in the manner of "Semi-Pro."

The second immediate fault with "Semi-Pro" is the predictable fodder that has come to characterize Will Ferrell. In fact, all four of Ferrell's comedies follow the same blueprint. In all a witless man who has come to the top of his profession hits a period of bad luck but eventually comes out at the other end better off. Whether he's a high-profile newscaster, a star NASCAR driver, a gold medal-winning figure skater or a famous musician athlete, Ferrell's character is dumb, he goes through a dark period and he overcomes it.

In all fairness, "Semi-Pro" is not a bad comedy, it just fails to reach the high standard of its predecessors. Despite being a disappointment, the film is still entertaining and worth a trip to the theater to see.

VAGINA *from page D1*

is going to be more than just a performance of "The Vagina Monologues"! On March 9 at 3 p.m. in room 117 of the Brooks Center of Performing Arts, there will be a Charity Forum with representatives from Safe Harbor. Take Back the Night and the Sexual Trauma Center. On March 10, the day of the performance, Eve Ensler herself will be speaking at the Brooks Center starting at 4 p.m.

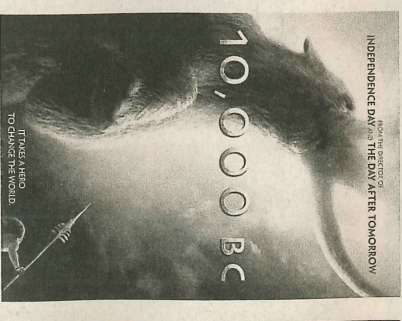
Quick recap: Charity Forum is Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. in Brooks 117; March 10, Eve Ensler will be speaking at 4 p.m. at the Brooks Center; the production of "The Vagina Monologues" will be March 10 at 8 p.m. The Charity Forum and Ensler's talk are both free. Ticket prices for "The Vagina Monologues" are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. There is only one show, so get there early to get a seat!

Don't let the title scare you away! Come out and see "The Vagina Monologues." You aren't asked to agree with every monologue or to come back and see it again next year. All that is asked is that you listen to the stories of these women and support their cause.

PREVIEW

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER

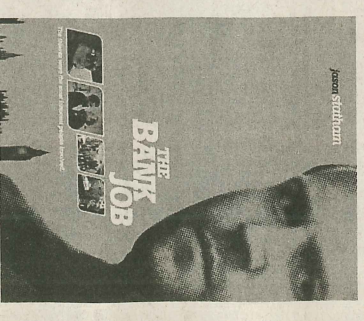
First we had "Gladiator," then we were blessed with "300." Now, let us all hail to the throne of "10,000 B.C.," the latest epic historical action flick. The film chronicles the exploits of a young tribesman, D'Leh (Steven Strait), whose beautiful bride Eviolat (Carmilla Belle) is captured by slave raiders from a far off land. D'Leh forms a small band of tribesman and embarks on an epic odyssey to save his wife. As D'Leh's small tribe slowly grows into an expansive army, D'Leh's quest to save his wife becomes one to save civilization.



FILM

"The Bank Job"
March 7

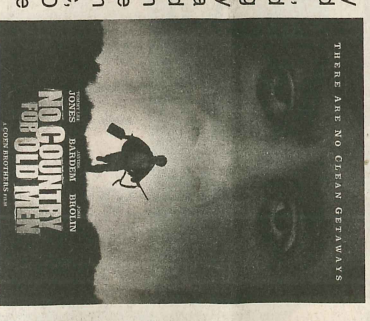
Starring Jason Statham, "The Bank Job" recounts the true story of a famous 1971 London bank robbery. Terry (Statham) is a car dealer with a shady past who has always avoided big scams, but when a foolproof heist falls into his lap, Terry recognizes the opportunity of a lifetime. What he doesn't know is that in addition to money and jewels, the bank he steals from is also home to dark secrets that implicate London's government all the way up to the royal family. This high-charged thriller looks to be one of this year's biggest action movies.



DVDs

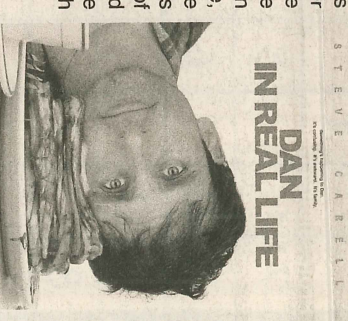
"No Country for Old Men"
March 11

Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Woody Harrelson, "No Country for Old Men" is the thrilling adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Cormack McCarthy. The film is set in America in the present day and follows the aging and disillusioned Sheriff Bell (Jones) who tries in vain to contain the violence surrounding the mistaken exchange of heroin and two million dollars. The novel is an award-winning classic, and the film is destined to be as well. This DVD is just as essential to any collection as "The Godfather" or "Rocky."



Dan in Real Life"
March 11

Steve Carell stars as Dan, a widower and father of three who falls for the girlfriend of his younger brother Mitch. "Dan In Real Life" also stars Juliette Binoche as Marie, the love interest tearing the brothers apart. The film is a solid comedy and stars two of today's biggest names in the genre. With a little bit of romance thrown in, "Dan In Real Life" is a solid DVD to have on the shelf for when you may be spending some quality time on the couch with a special someone.



"These are the Good Times People"
States of America
March 11

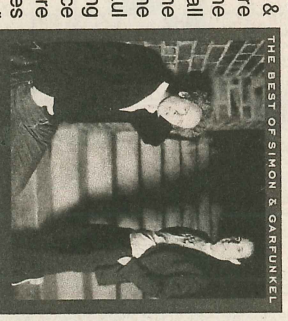
You may not know the band by name, but in 1995 Presidents of the United States of America scored a quintessential '90s hit with "Peaches." Perhaps you may not even know the song by name, but its addictive chorus — "Movin' to the county/gonna eat a lot of peaches" — had rock fans near and far humming. After the hit, though, the band descended into relative obscurity, but it reemerged to release "These Are the Good People," due out March 11.



MUSIC

"Live 1969"
Simon and Garfunkel
March 11

In 1990, the hal- lowed Simon & Garfunkel were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, a distinction few are given but one which certifies the status of those to whom the honor is given. Since 1957, the duo of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel have been producing timeless music. Now, more than 50 years since the group's inception, Simon & Garfunkel are releasing a record of historic live performances from 1969. Including their hit "Mrs. Robinson," among many others, "Live 1969" is expected to hit shelves March 11.



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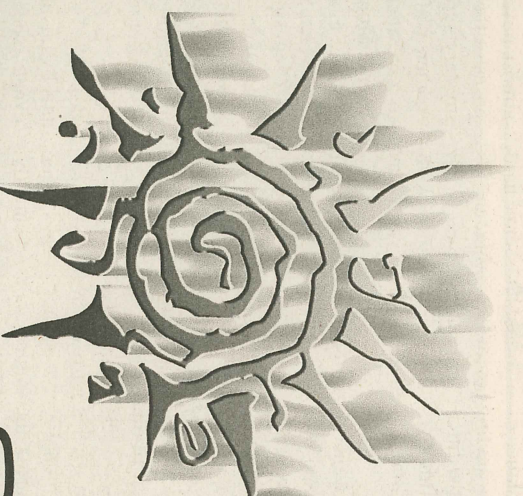
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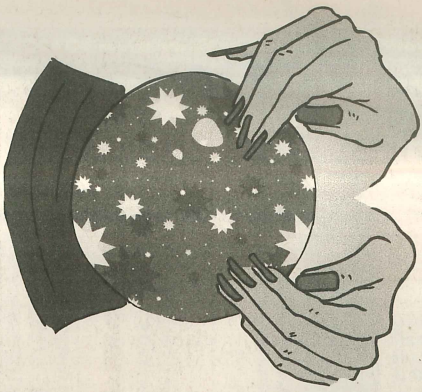


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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You go home most every weekend, so you miss cool things at Clemson. The stars say one is someone who'd like you to hang around, not run away.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Watch out for the vomit. Vomit sucks. So do you. Oh, and remember to go back to Anderson to get your car.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your life reads like an episode of "Sanford and Son," which could be either good or bad based on whether you'd rather be successful or funny.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Slay away from the Fernow Street Cafe. Something wicked this way comes, manifest as a personal pan pizza. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Are you a *band*? Since every day is Saturday you'd better post some damn cats. For the lulz. Soon it will be your turn to be an hero. I can't wait.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

If you're driving that train, don't be high on cocaine. Casey Jones would be very disappointed. I'm disappointed. I'm not even Casey Jones. Don't you know? If abusing drugs then fly that plane, don't drive that train! Jeez, kids these days.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You have an admirer who's glad he recently sat near you in class. My crystal ball says he's staring at his crystal ball, wondering what you're thinking. Maybe just let him know.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Get cracking on that project for your English class – the deadline will change (not good). Do work, son. Or your TA will never forgive you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You will find someone very soon and everything will be okay. Trash your fears, along with your uncertainties. Good week – take advantage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

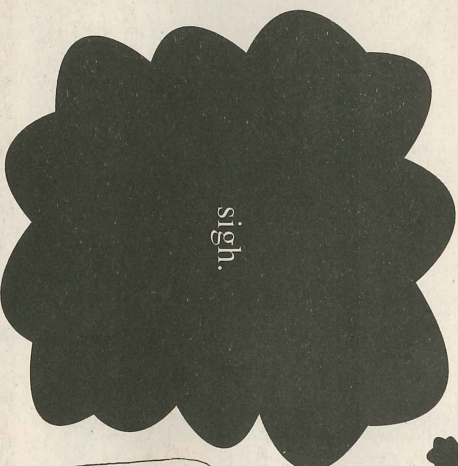
Your week was bad; it made you feel like giving up and giving in. This too shall pass; it'll all be okay. Smile.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Monday? Not good. With six tests (stars don't lie) you'll want to hide under the bed. I warned you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The Internets are serious business. And you posting drunk/naked photos of friends online (for cash-money) has got to stop. You don't even buy drinks in return. You're a jerk, Capricorn.



ON THE WHEEL PROVE IT

by SIMOAN DE BEAUVOYEUR

Everyone has been the third wheel at some point in their lives. We have all dealt with the sudden realization that chemistry is in the air and we may not be involved. Some of the third wheel fiascos are as follows:

The Dating Friends: This third wheel happens when your friends who are dating invite you along to hang out. You were invited because they genuinely want to spend time with you, but then, somewhere in the mix, they forget you were there and start treating the situation as a private date. Nothing is more uncomfortable than watch-



sigh.

ing two of your friends touch when there are no distractions, especially when a bunch of PDA (public displays of affection) is involved. Not many people want to find themselves sitting around while their friends make out, unless of course they are voyeurs. The most awkward part of this situation is when the dating friends realize what they have been doing and try to make it less awkward. Just give up, there is no going back. The Confirmation: This third

wheel involves a couple inviting you on their date to show you how much they love each other. This happens mainly with couples who are more insecure with their own relationship and normally leaves the third wheel bored or completely pissed off. The third wheel should probably look for some new friends. Friends don't let friends be third wheels.

The Just Friends: While less hard to pick up on, this is the most awkward third wheel situation. For this third wheel to happen, you have to hang out with two of your friends who have never expressed interest in one another as more than friends. You think everyone is just having fun and it is a group activity, then you find yourself alone while the two others try to subtly touch or kiss each other. This third wheel situation is completely unexpected at times and will leave anyone out of their depth because both friends will deny any chemistry or raunchy behavior until the last minute. Run Third Wheel, RUN!

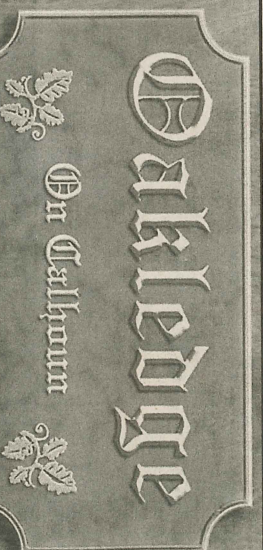
The Maybe: This situation starts off with a dash of your friend wanting back up, a pinch of denial and a whole lot of awkward. Your friend invites you to hang out and tells you that they don't want to be alone with the other person. They want to use you as a buff when hanging out begins, but then you find out that they really were just in denial. You are left trying to find ways to not have to watch them make out and don't know when to stop protecting your friend or

when to just leave. When does protecting your friend turn into just cock blocking? In this case hopefully your friend will give you some clear signals that it is time to go. If they are perhaps drunk, I would enforce the dick delay maneuver. The dick delay maneuver is where you stick around just long enough for them to be sober enough to make the decision.

The Oblivious: This third wheel situation is the hardest on the couple trying to spend some time together. The person who is the third wheel has no clue that they are in the way. They stick around for far too long and don't pick up on any clues that the couple tries to throw their way. Sometimes this is the same as the Dating Friends third wheel, but where the third wheel invites itself. Every couple wants to avoid this situation.

The Crush: This happens when you hang out with your friend and someone you have a crush on. Everything is going fine but then you realize that the other two have a chemistry going on that you have never had with your crush. This situation can be heart breaking and has the most negative results. Be careful how you react in this situation because sometimes it is not worth losing a friend over. To be the third wheel can be the most frustrating dilemma. Sometimes it ends up ruining friendships or causing jealousy issues.

It can get especially sticky when cheating or lying is involved. With that being said, there is one universal truth about being a third wheel. Every situation is a possible threesome.



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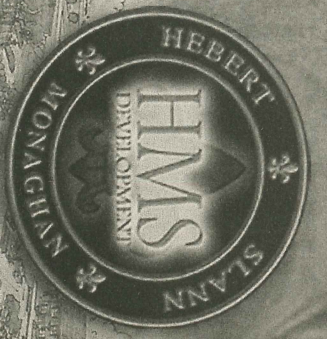
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TO COUNTER THE AWKWARD TURTLE

BY ASHLEY CRISP

If you haven't heard of the awkward turtle at this point in your college career, then you have not been up to TimeOut's procrastination standards. The awkward turtle is necessary for those moments in a conversation when each person wants to run in the opposite direction. Maybe the lull is too much to handle or that last comment was just a tad bit judgemental. The awkward turtle has always been the standby to combat those few seconds of silence.

However, the turtle is a little played out. Is there any alternative? Actually, there are five. While the following mostly include animals of the same caliber, hand gestures shouldn't be limited to animate objects. So enjoy reading about the alternatives, even if you don't practice them.

Awkward Quail. This is a creation of accident I happened to witness in high school. Yes, high school (hence, No. 5 on the list). Something awkward (obviously) happened in class, and the girl in front of me lifted her arms and attempted poorly to create an awkward turtle for me. However, not understanding her motion, I assumed she was pretending to be a quail. That is the tale of the awkward quail.

Awkward Turkey. Unfortunately, this was not created over Thanksgiving dinner between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. This attempt to brush that awkward moment under the rug also opens the door to a whole other conversation on how to actually make the awkward turkey. While its official formation is still under debate and is in no way formal, trying to explain what you are doing will send that awkward moment packing.

Awkward Butterfly. Hopefully with this one, you can skip the cocoon phase and head straight for the sky. The awkward butterfly has been used by numerous professionals, one being Napoleon Dynamite and the Happy Hands Club. To add extra emphasis on the awkward moment, combine with jazz hands.

Awkward Crane. Mostly found only on the underground circuit, the awkward crane is used only by the elite because of its use of only one hand. Either hand is acceptable. Bend at the wrist and create a claw with the fingers. You have successfully created a crane. Now make it awkward.

Awkward Crab. The awkward crab is gaining popularity. In layman's terms, that means you can find it on YouTube. The crab involves threading the fingers of both hands together, leaving only thumbs free. If you can't handle written instruction, I highly recommend the watching it via Internet. This is your best bet for an awkward moment. Or, you could resort to the awkward turtle and keep the awkward coming.

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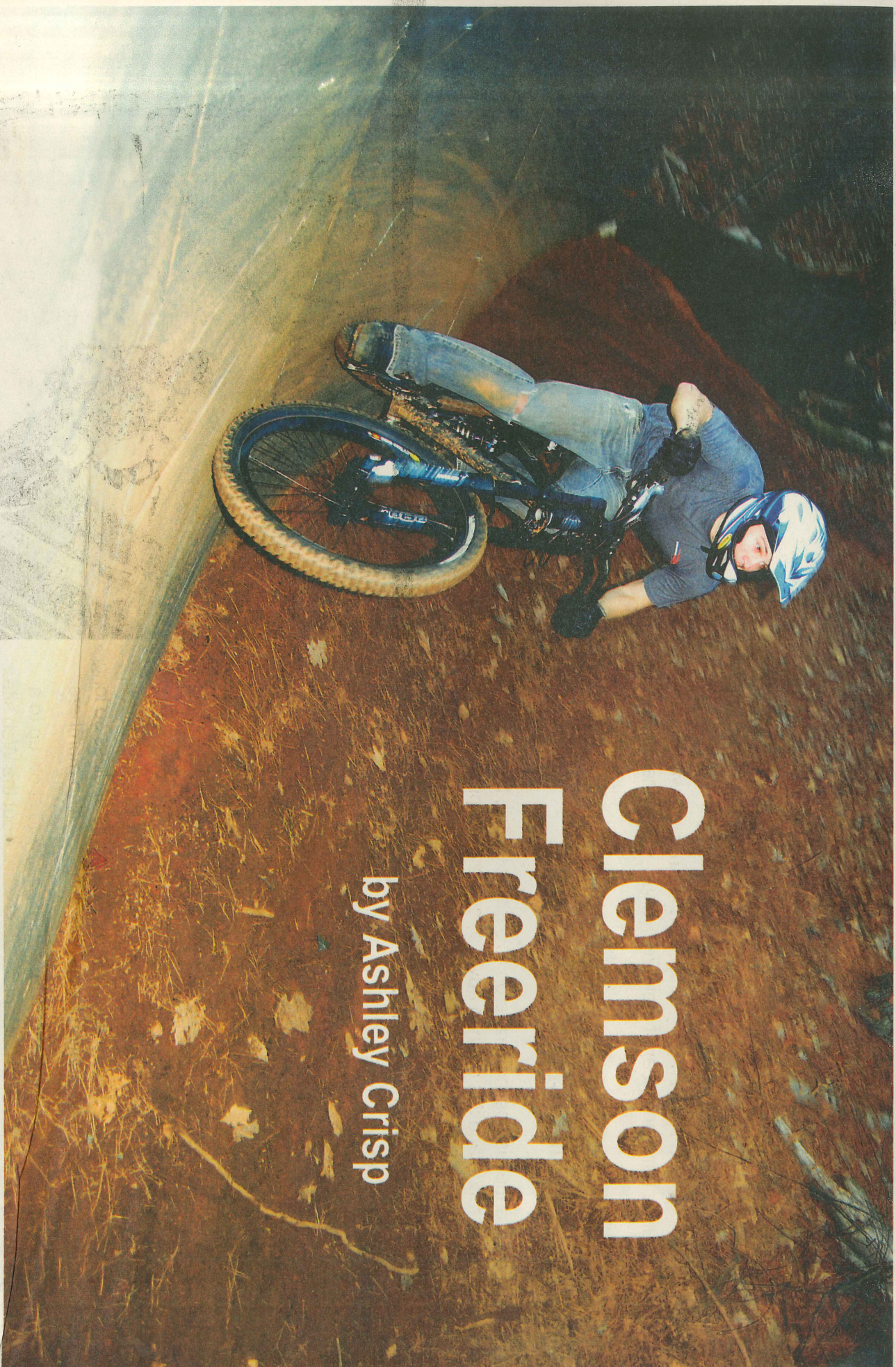
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Clemson Freeride

by Ashley Crisp

College is when we have the time of our life. Some enjoy functions with various sororities or fraternities, others join academic societies or sports teams. Clemson Freeride is one group of students who utilizes free time to build on an already growing sport. As Chris Ward said, "The majority of students drink for fun. Clemson Freeride takes a more extreme approach to college downtime."

What is it?

Clemson Freeride is for those whose passion lies in cycling and who want to do more than just ride to class. The club takes an off-road approach to cycling, practicing on Issaqueena Trail. Freeriding is a term for a new discipline of mountain biking, which Clemson Freeride takes to a new extreme.

The club currently has 20 members, but anyone is welcome to join. "Here's how it works: If you don't have a bike, borrow a club member's bike. If you like it, come hang out some more," said David Davidson, club president. "If you feel like it's something you could get into, then you can join the club by paying dues and coming to our meetings."

Joining the club doesn't mean you need to have any experience with stunts. "If you see a stunt, you can ride it," said Davidson. "If you visualize a potential stunt, you can build it out of dirt, wood, logs, 2 x 4s or whatever else you want."

One way to see what it's all about is to hit up Funkfest. Funkfest is just a day out at the trails where beginners and newcomers are welcome. This is held every Friday at Issaqueena Trail, but anytime you show up you can get a taste of freeriding. Anyone interested in the club is welcome to come out and test the trails.

History

Founded by Jonathan Howlette, Clemson Freeride started out with a few members. "I've been riding and maintaining trails in Issaqueena since I first got to Clemson," said Howlette. "Eventually after meeting so many people, we all began dreaming of our own trails. I broke down and dedicated the effort to starting Clemson Freeride."

Since its formation, the club continually grows, mostly by word of mouth. Most members find out about the club "on the trails, on campus, on the Internet, parties, even at red lights. Literally EVERYWHERE," said Howlette. "I think we have gained more members through informal meetings than any other method."

Clemson Freeride members joined the club for a variety of reasons. Some were already into cycling, others decided to pick up a new hobby. "I had no specific experience with freeride mountain biking. I was, however, big into freeskiing which is the same kind of thing (jumps, drops, etc.) but on skis," said Zach Suggs. "When I came to Clemson, I wanted to find something that would somewhat take the place of freeskiing since I wasn't as close to the mountains."

Trails

The club claims Issaqueena Trail as its territory and continues to build on its trails. Until the club decided to take matters into their own hands, there wasn't much to work with. Clemson, S.C., isn't known for its mountainous territory, so jumps and drops had to be created by hand. "Almost everything we have was made from scratch. Our trails were made through blood, sweat and tears," said Howlette.

The first task undertaken by the club was to rebuild the dual slalom (2 racers side by side on separate tracks). The trails have only grown from there. A downhill course was recently constructed and includes drops, doubles (jumps with a gap in the middle), table top jumps, stepdowns and a 50-foot-long wall ride. On this course the club has hosted two races and held conference championships.

"We have obstacles and trails for all different riding levels, and everybody is out there just to have a good time," said Joseph Short, club member. "Come give it a shot, and see what all the hype is about."

While the club generally remains in the Clemson area, travelling is part of the bargain as well. Trips in the past have included Snowshoe Mountain, Pisgah National Forest and Norcross, Ga. Future plans include travelling to University of Georgia, Diablo Mountain Bike park and Whistler Mountain Bike park (in British Columbia).

Sponsors

Another crucial element to Clemson Freeride's success has been Clemson Cyclery. Clemson Cyclery recently moved from downtown (where they were known as Sunshine Bikes) to a new location next to Ruby Tuesdays. Their partnership with Clemson Freeride has allowed the club to not only grow, but also to improve riding for freeriders and other cyclists. They have helped with spreading the word, helping with trails, providing freeride parts and gear at their shop, hours of service on the team bikes.

The Race on March 8

Clemson Freeride is hosting a race on its trails Saturday, March 8. It is the club's third race and it is open to anyone, beginner or professional. New additions to the trail will debut at the event. If participating isn't your thing, you can still come out and watch the fun. "The race is going to be BANANAS!" said Sam Koenig. "Everyone should come out and watch or race. There's no pressure, just fun."

Future

The club continues to grow and gain popularity. It is currently the only college freeride club in South Carolina. Brian Davis, a rider, is the 2007 Southeastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (SECCC) Dual Slalom Champion.

"This club has brought several riders together, and it is talked about up and down the East coast," said Howlette. "The potential is endless so long as we continue to get the dedication from the faculty and club members."

If you are interested in joining the club, don't hesitate to show up to a meeting or hit up the trails. For more information, check out the Web site, www.clemsonfreeride.com, and see what the latest plans are.



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Nutrition: Myth or Fact?

By Jon Unsworth, Dietary Specialist
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Myth: skipping meals is a good way to lose weight, right? Definitely not! When you skip meals, you feel hungrier and are more likely over-eat at the next meal. The result: you'll take in even more calories than you would have if you didn't skip a meal. Instead of skipping the meal, a better approach would be to eat smaller, healthy meals and snacks throughout the day. Do you ever hear myths like the one above? Then you need to pay attention to the theme for National Nutrition Month this year, which is "Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact." March is National Nutrition Month® and each March the American Dietetic Association highlights a topic that is a concern for American consumers, with this year's theme encouraging everyone to focus on nutritional facts. Why is this a concern? With so much information out there about nutrition and health, it can be hard for people to keep track of it all. So this year's theme will help consumers to understand the facts, which will ultimately assist you in making better choices.

Here are some common myths about nutrition:

Nutrition Myth: Brown sugar is better than white sugar.

Nutrition Fact: The only difference between white and brown sugar is that brown sugar has added molasses. Other than that, the two types of sugar are the same! Yes, brown sugar contains minute amounts of minerals, but unless you eat a gigantic portion of brown sugar every day, the mineral content difference between brown sugar and white sugar is absolutely insignificant.

Nutrition Myth: Avoid nuts as they are fattening.

Yes, it's true that nuts contain many calories, but if you can restrain yourself from overeating them, nuts can be a part of a healthy diet.



Nutrition Fact: Nuts are high in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats (the good fats) as well as plant sterols, all of which have been shown to lower LDL cholesterol. Choose almonds, pecans, and walnuts, but remember, only a small handful a day will get you your daily serving of nuts.

Nutrition Myth: Red meat is bad for your health.

It is true that some studies have linked red meat with increased risk of heart disease, partly due to the saturated fat content.

Nutrition Fact: Even chicken can contain as much saturated fat as lean cuts of beef or pork. For instance, a serving of sirloin beef or pork tenderloin has less saturated fat than the same serving size of chicken thigh with skin. It is true that poultry like chicken and turkey is naturally lower in saturated fats, but it is only true if you *do not* eat the skin.

Instead of excluding red meats, choose leaner cuts of beef and pork. For beef, choose eye of round, top round roast, top sirloin and flank; for pork, choose tenderloin and loin chops.

This year's theme encourages consumers to focus on the facts and avoid the myths of nutrition generated by marketing ploys, wishful thinking, celebrity testimonials, the media and pseudo-science. To get more information on what the facts are, stop by the **National Nutrition Month® Health and Nutrition Fair sponsored by Clemson Dining Services on Monday, March 31st from 11am - 2pm in the Hendrix Student Center Ballrooms.** Enjoy learning more about nutrition and health with educational materials, food samples, prizes and more!

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