

Sigma Nu promotes alcohol safety

Brothers create presentation.

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Benjamin Sprague's death from alcohol poisoning last fall sent shockwaves through his fraternity, Sigma Nu, last December and as a result the brothers are promoting safe behavior. Joseph Semsar and Addison Kerr, both seniors of Sigma Nu, have started giving presentations speaking out against excessive drinking.

The presentation, entitled "Friends of Ben," was first shown on Sept. 29 in Tillman Hall with 850 people in attendance. Both Semsar and Kerr stressed that they were not preaching to anyone. "We're not telling people what to do," said Kerr. "We never thought it could happen. Yeah, you get alcohol education but no one knew how bad it could be. We want people to get smart and reduce their risk."

In agreement with his brother, Semsar said, "You never go to a party thinking something terrible will happen. Now when someone is clearly drunk, the steps that we take are different."

The "Friends" part of the presentation title is an acronym for steps students can take when they attend a party. Responsibilities such as lining up a designated driver, keeping track of what one drinks and looking out for a friend are all stressed.

Last spring the University disciplined Sigma Nu with a three-year suspension and stripped the fraternity of its recognized status.

However, the presentation is not a stipulation of the suspension. "We're not mandated to do this, but we think it's the right thing to do," said

Semsar. "It's something we wanted to do because I would feel awful if something like this happened again and we didn't do anything. If nothing gets learned, that's even worse," said Kerr.

Teaming up with Redfern, the fraternity designed the presentation which goes through the events of what happened the night Sprague died and what can be done to prevent that situation from occurring again. "The message has a bigger impact coming from peers rather than a position of authority," said Kerr.

Another factor spurring the brothers on is the reaction on campus after Sprague's death. "It seems as if nothing has changed. I think it's kind of ignorant. You need to realize you're not invincible, it can happen to you," said Kerr.

Greek life at Clemson has taken note; sorority Alpha Delta Pi scheduled the presentation for its members and to attend. Every member of Sigma Nu contributed to the effort in some way and Semsar said they hope to continue the program in the future even after current members have graduated.

In regards to the roll drinking plays in collegiate life, "It's part of the culture," said Kerr. "No one wants to look like an outsider, but there's no need to take it to a higher level. I don't think drinking is a problem, it's the level of use."

While both questioned why drinking is so prevalent in colleges, Semsar said it was not that much different in the past. On the other hand, "It almost seems like the progression of our society. It's publicized in movies as being cool," said Kerr.

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Making of it all



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"We can solve this crisis — and we will."

The latest word from Washington is certainly an optimistic one.

Despite the vagueness of President Bush's press conference promise, two things are certain: first, the state of the U.S. economy is mired in one of the most troublesome morasses of modern times, and second, a solution is needed — and soon.

Undoubtedly, the U.S. economy has had its share of gains and losses in the recent years; however, the steady rise and fall seemed to ebb without significant consequences.

On Sept. 15, though, U.S. investment banker Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy.

But unlike a common business going through tough times, the Lehman's collapse reverberated dollar-sign shockwaves throughout the nation.

Marking the largest bankruptcy in the history of America, Lehman's bankruptcy followed on the coattails of the U.S. gov-

ernment's decision to rescue mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Even more recently, AIG, the largest insurance company in the United States, has accepted a government bailout by the Federal Reserve Bank.

According to Bloomberg.com, the globe's largest financial institutions have suffered losses or written down asset values totaling more than \$500 billion.

Bailouts, bankruptcy and billion-dollar balances.

What does it all mean? What titanic force could cause one of the world's most successful economies to crumble?

Perhaps most importantly, what can possibly be done to rectify the situation?

To help explain the troubles on Wall Street, The Tiger has called upon the expertise of Clemson University professor Dr. William R. Dougan of the John E. Walker Department of Economics.

The

Tiger: How does an expansive economy like that of the United States suddenly (or perhaps not so suddenly) enter crisis mode?

Dougan: The primary cause of this crisis is the end of the steep rise in housing prices coupled with widespread holdings of financial assets of dubious merit. Economists will spend a lot of time later sorting out the reasons for such widespread subprime-mortgage lending, and I expect that a major culprit will be Congressional pressure on lenders arising from the Community Reinvestment Act.

The Tiger: Is the United States at risk of another Great Depression?

Dougan: The United States is at risk of a major credit crisis, which could have serious economy-wide effects. However, the Federal Reserve has been acting aggressively to provide liquidity to the financial system. Since the Fed chairman, Ben Bernanke, is an authority on the financial causes of the Great

Depression, there is no question that the Fed will do everything it can to avoid the mistakes that were made in the 1930s.

The Tiger: Where can we see the consequences of a "failing" economy most clearly? Job losses? Rising prices? On the worried faces of stock brokers?

Dougan: There are few manifestations of a deep recession right now. The principle concerns are about what might happen if there is a major collapse of the financial sector.

The Tiger: What does it really mean when the stock market continually "hits an all-time low?" Are people making a bigger deal of things than is necessary?

Dougan: The stock market dropped precipitously in 1987 with no adverse consequences for the rest of the economy. What we really need to fear is bad policies prompted by overreaction. That is what made the Great Depression last so long.

The Tiger: How much has the housing market contributed to the economic downfall? Is the taxpayer-funded bailout the best option for restoration?

Dougan: The most important thing is to restore confidence in the financial system. We could spend a lot of time debating the niceties of one form of intervention over another, but I think in this instance Macbeth had it right: "If it were done when 'tis done, then, 'twere well it were done quickly."



Weekly World Update

Nation on Point

Associated Press

A judge has thrown out a Nebraska state legislator's lawsuit against God, saying the Almighty wasn't properly served because of his unlisted home address.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers filed the lawsuit last year seeking a permanent injunction against God.

He said God has made terroristic threats against the senator and his constituents in Omaha, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

Chambers has said he filed the lawsuit to make the point that everyone should have access to the courts regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

On Oct. 14, however, Douglas

County District Court Judge Marlon Polk ruled that under state law, a plaintiff must have access to the defendant for a lawsuit to move forward "given that this court finds that there can never be set-vice effectuated on the named defendant, this action will be dismissed with prejudice," Polk wrote.

WTAE TV 4

On Oct. 14, the North

Huntingdon, Pa., Township Zoning Board discovered the true identity of a business posing as a church, while residents say it served as a sex club.

John Ondrik's house became the subject of suspicions this summer when neighbors said they found large condom boxes and used tissues on the curb.

John Ondrik said his house serves as a church, but neighbors said it's a swingers club.

The zoning board's ruling determined that the house is operating as a business in an area zoned as residential only.

North Huntingdon officials presented to board members results of an Internet search that they said revealed a Web site known as Swinger Palace and a MySpace picture of Ondrik and his wife, who claimed their church was not only a sex club, but the best one in town.

The zoning board reviewed the Internet evidence that boasted big parties where women got in free.

The board's members also heard from Ondrik himself about the Church of Spiritual Humanism.

WYFF-4

Michael Charles Belcher, pastor at Lakeview Baptist Church in Pickens, S.C., was arrested on Tuesday after leaving severe bruises on a four-year-old boy.

The pastor was charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

The boy's mother, upon being contacted by the Christian school that her son was disrupting class, opted to give Belcher permission to spank her child instead of coming to the school to reprimand him herself.

The warrant for Belcher's arrest described the child as having "revoltingly egregious bruises to his buttocks" after being spanked.

KOCO

Police in Ada, Okla., are working to find out who is to blame for a local newspaper being wrapped with filers from the Ku Klux Klan.

For the past three weekends, the Ada Evening News Sunday morning edition has been illegally wrapped with filers in an attempt to make it seem the racist organization is advertising in the paper.

With messages like "God Bless America and the Ku Klux Klan" Lone Beasley, from the Evening News, said the filers, in addition being against the law, "it's unauthorized, something we would never condone."

Local officials will be relying on city residents to be vigilant in order to help solve a "crime that's happening under the cover at night," according to City Spokesman Mark Bratcher.

World in Review

BBC

Eight European Union (EU) members want to revise CO2 emission targets in light of "serious economic and financial uncertainties."

An Oct. 15 Brussels summit meeting, dominated by talk of the financial crisis, the credit crunch and fears of recession fueled anxiety throughout the EU about the cost of meeting the climate change targets.

The commission's package calls for reducing carbon emissions by more than 20 percent of the carbon levels measured in 2005.

A deadline has been set for 2020.

While much of the world's attention is focused on the current economic state, the summit's attendees are keeping the environment in the spotlight. "Climate change does not disappear because of the financial crisis," said Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso.

BBC

Researchers in Tanzania have developed a sweet tasting pill that could help save the lives of children in malaria-prone regions.

The pill helps combat two of the main problems associated with current malaria medication. For one, it can be easily swallowed whole. Many pills on the market today need to be crushed before the patient can take them, reducing the medicine's effectiveness.

Also, many popular anti-malaria drugs are bitter tasting. Researchers say the new cherry-flavored tablet would make it easier for children to continue their treatment willingly.

Salim Abdulla of the Tarkara Health Institute in Tanzania says the new pill is effective and administered easily. Experts agree that the pill to combat malaria, a disease which kills more than a million people every year, could help treatment outcomes and reduce the threat of drug resistant strains of the disease.

AP

On Tuesday, China ordered all milk products older than one month to be pulled from shelves.

The mandate, approved by six governmental bodies, requires all milk powder and liquid milk produced before Sept. 14 to be removed from stores for testing. It comes after a Hong Kong child developed kidney stones from eating melamine-contaminated products.

As the body attempts to purge the chemical, kidney stones can develop and in extreme cases life-threatening kidney failure can occur.

Beijing authorities accused dairy producers of adding the melamine chemical to their products to make them appear to have a higher protein content and to fool quality control tests.

The notice from government officials is the latest in a series of recent measures taken to assure the quality of China's exports.

The pulled products are set to be sold again when they successfully pass the government mandated tests and are labeled as safe.

Guardian.co.uk

There has been a public outcry against the purchase of 59 Hummers for top officials in a public sector teachers' union in Mexico.

Elba Esther Gordillo handed out the first dozen vehicles this past weekend saying, "this is a strategic car and if I could I would be handing them over to you armour-plated, and that's the truth."

The Mexican public, 40 percent of which lives below the poverty line, has reacted poorly to seeing images of union members getting into new orange and silver Hummers.

Gordillo originally defended the gifts as necessary for teachers to reach isolated and rural schools on unpaved roads.

However, after the public reaction she claimed the vehicles were always slated to be raffled off to raise money for deprived schools.

TIGER BRIEFS

The Clemson University

Gospel Choir will have a fall concert Oct. 26 at 4:30 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium. The event is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

Dr. Cohen of the Philosophy and Religion Department is looking for students interested in his second annual spring break trip to Egypt in March of 2009.

Students interested in receiving more information concerning the trip, which will include tours of pyramids and tombs and a four-day cruise on the Nile should contact Dr. Cohen at pcohen@clemson.edu. This trip is also an embedded option in Cohen's REL 101, REL and REL H 102 courses for spring term 2009.

The South Carolina State

Election Commission wants to ensure that students are fully aware of the guidelines and procedures surrounding the voting process as Election Day approaches.

The EUREKA! Program is seeking applicants from current honors students to work as summer counselors.

The 2009 EUREKA! Program will host approximately 40 incom-

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters must bring their voter registration card, driver's license or DMV-issued ID card to their respective polling precinct.

Voters are reminded that State law prohibits the wearing of t-shirts or paraphernalia promoting a particular candidate or political party within 200 feet of a polling precinct.

Individuals who registered to vote by mail, are voting for the first time and did not submit proof of ID with your application should be reminded that to vote one must provide additional proof of ID before voting, such as your driver's license or student ID. To see detailed regulations, find polling precincts, or check registration status visit www.scvotes.org.

ing freshmen Honors students to Clemson for a five-week period during second summer session in which they will actively participate in research projects and other scholarly activities.

Counselors that are selected will receive a salary of \$350 per week for the five week period, will be housed in Lightsey Bridge Apartments, will be provided with a meal plan at Harcombe and will be expected to participate in University Housing summer counselor training held in April 2009, as well as all scheduled program activities with the participants.

EUREKA! Program dates are July 3 - Aug. 8. The counselor application deadline is Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m. For application and additional information contact Wini DelWinkler at wwinkler@clemson.edu.

Teach for America is currently seeking students from all backgrounds, academic majors and career interests that are interested in committing two years to teach in a high-need public school.

Contact Raachel Sparks, Teach for America campus campaign coordinator, at rsparks@clemson.edu.

To learn more about the program visit their Web site at www.teachforamerica.org. The application deadline is Nov. 4, 2008.

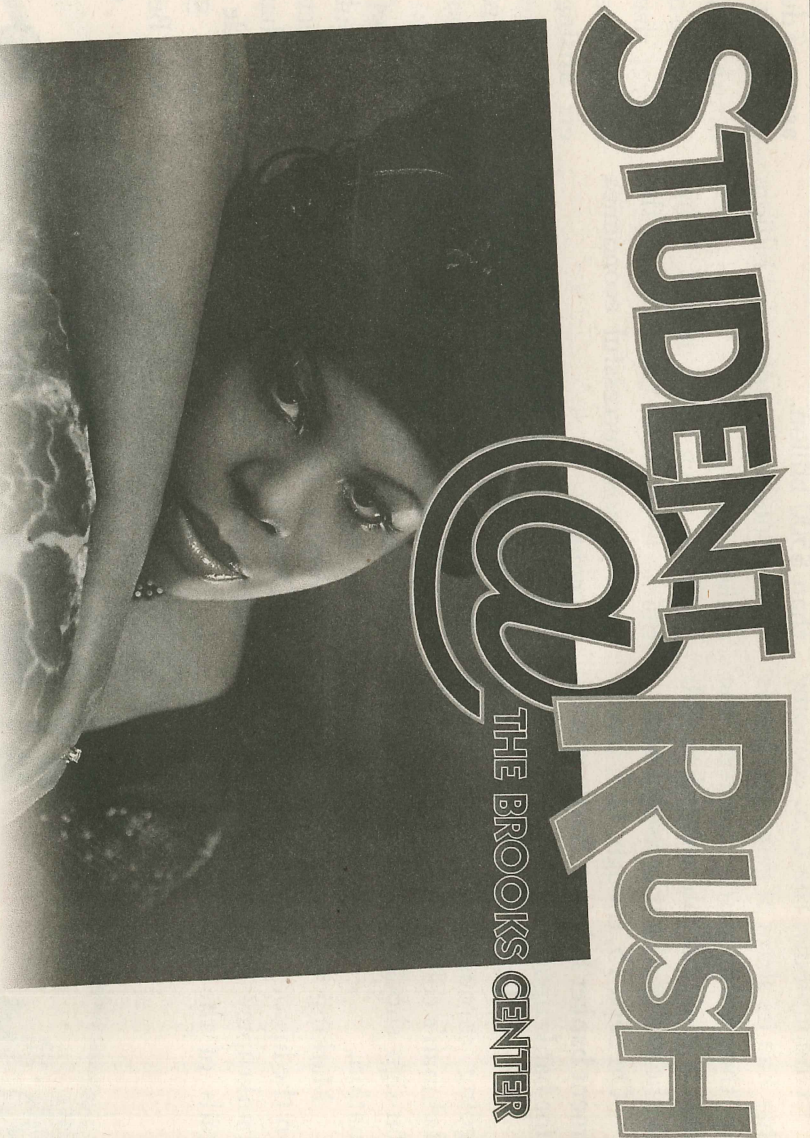
News By Numbers

1 Year a St. Anthony, Idaho, resident Isabel Chasarez will spend in prison after being sentenced for endangering her 10-year-old daughter, who had a baby after being raped by the woman's boyfriend Guadalupe Gutierrez-Juarez.

25 Maximum amount of cigarettes per day Sen. Barack Obama revealed that he smoked at the height of his smoking habit. His minimum was 15 a day.

370 Penguins that mysteriously washed up on equatorial beaches in Brazil. They have been flown south on a cargo plane to be released in colder waters.

10,000,000,000,000 Dollars serves as the cap for the National Debt Clock in New York. The digital counter marks the national debt level, but when that passed the \$10 trillion point last month, the sign could no longer display the full amount.



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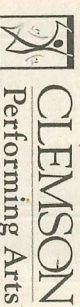
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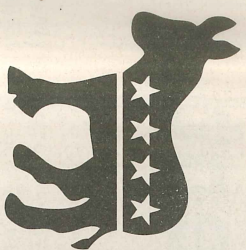
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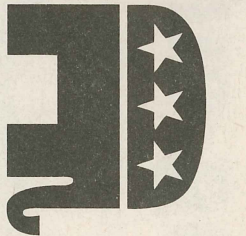
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HEALTHCARE

As November nears, it is quite easy to grow weary of anything election-oriented. Before you rip out your TV plug or tear up the newspaper, remember that the candidates' stances on issues have an effect on everyone, especially the issue of healthcare. Whether you are the one in the hospital or the one whose taxes will be paying for it, the candidates' views on healthcare are worth noting.

Obama

In contrast to the general extreme ideas proposed for health care, Sen. Barack Obama has proposed a plan that will strengthen employer coverage, hold insurance companies accountable and guarantee choice of doctor without government interference.

In order to make health insurance beneficial to everyone and not just insurance and drug companies, Obama plans to require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions. So that small businesses may provide affordable health insurance to their employees, a new Small Business Health Tax Credit will be created.

Obama plans to require large employers that do not offer health coverage for their employees to contribute a percentage of payroll toward the costs of their employees health care.

So that medical costs may be reduced, Obama plans to lower drug costs by allowing the importation of medicines from developed countries. He has also proposed that hospitals be required to collect and report health care cost and quality information and that the insurance market be reformed.

"We must reform the healthcare system so that every American has quality, affordable healthcare... Access to primary care is an essential part of ensuring that all Americans receive care they need," said Obama.

McCain

Talk of "reforming healthcare" is no new subject among our nation's leaders. McCain plans to provide healthcare for every American and has proposed a plan for achieving this.

McCain's beliefs on how to reform healthcare consist of restoring control to the patients.

"We want a system of healthcare in which everyone can afford and acquire the treatment and preventative care they need," said McCain.

In an effort to make health insurance more affordable and innovative, McCain has proposed that competition be used to improve the quality of health insurance and improve the variety to match people's needs.

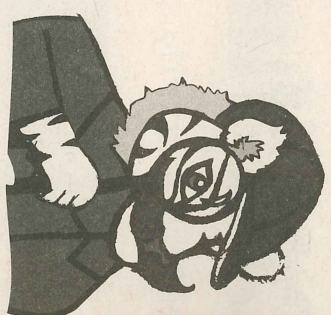
McCain plans to reform the tax code to offer more choices beyond employer-based health insurance coverage. He plans to provide every family with a direct refund-age tax credit to offset the cost of insurance.

The senator also proposes that higher risk patients be insured. In order to lower healthcare costs, McCain plans to lower drug prices, provide cheaper care for chronic disease, promote coordinated care, expand access to health care, reform the payment system and to encourage states to lower costs.

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Evaluation of Sexual Health Resources on Campus		Student Response Survey	
HIV testing	F	Website usability	D
STD	F	Hours	C
Anonymous e-mail/column	F	Drop-in appointment	B
Lecture/outreach programs	A	Separate program	B
Peer groups	B	Contraceptives	C
Sexual assault programs	A	Condom availability	F
		Student survey grade	C
		Consider contacting?	54.5%
		Doing good job?	70.9%
		Complete services?	54.5%
		Trustworthy?	72.7%
		Need to improve?	83.6%

*Answering yes to question



EYE ON CRIME

This week's Eye on Crime grandson, Tony Ray, 30, told investigators their relative died in December and that they had left her body on her bedroom floor for a week prior to cremating her remains in their backyard fire pit, Hoster said.

Investigators said the two kept collecting Allmond's monthly retirement checks, amounting to more than \$25,000.

Sheriff's Detective Richard Knox said they may have been trying to honor Allmond's desire to die at home and be cremated.

The two were arrested after Allmond's son grew suspicious about her whereabouts. Both were in jail in lieu of bail.

Allmond's daughter, Kathleen Allmond, 50, and Allmond's

— The Associated Press



"Probably close to zero."

HILLARY CLINTON, NY Senator, after being asked about the chances that she would run for president again.

"The responsibility for this is entirely the United States."

HUANG XUEPING, Chinese defense department spokesman, referring to the tension created between the U.S. and China after Washington gave Taiwan a \$6.5 billion arms package including 30 Apache attack helicopters and 330 Patriot missiles.

"The law is diagnosing schools that just have the sniffles with having pneumonia."

JIM REX, South Carolina schools superintendent, on the standards imposed by the No Child Left Behind Act.

"At 1,900 times the cost, consumers should expect better."

JANE HOULIHAN, environmental engineer, after tests found a variety of contaminants including caffeine, fertilizer and the pain reliever acetaminophen, in the leading brands of bottled water.

"Senator Obama, I am not President Bush. If you wanted to run against President Bush, you should have run four years ago."

JOHN MCCAIN, Republican presidential candidate, at the third and final presidential debate, responding to Sen. Obama's claims that McCain repeatedly voted in favor of Pres. Bush's policies.

"We know HIV causes AIDS."

BARBARA HOGAN, South Africa's new Health Minister, setting straight a decade of discredited government policies that improperly addressed and treated people with HIV.

"Wind is king here."

MARIO RUEDA, a California fire chief, referring to the Santa Ana winds fueling Southern California wildfires that have swept across 13,000 acres.

On this day in History

539 BC – King Cyrus the Great of Persia freed captive Jews in Babylon from almost 70 years of exile, marking the first recorded human rights declaration.

1781 – British general Charles Cornwallis surrendered to the American revolutionaries at Yorktown, Va.

1814 – More than 323,000 gallons of beer ruptured at the Meux and Company Brewery in London, UK, killing nine.

1885 – Major League Baseball capped all player salaries at \$1,000-\$2,000 for the season.

1979 – Congress signed the U.S. Department of Education Organization Act creating the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services.

2006 – The U.S. population officially reached 300 million.

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PASCAL funding cut 90 percent

Students in jeopardy of losing library's electronic database collections.

COHEN SIMPSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Since 2004, a \$2 million annual appropriation for the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) has funded access to electronic resources.

But now, the South Carolina Legislature has reduced funding for the program by 90 percent, putting access to electronic databases on campuses across the state at risk.

According to Rick Moul, executive director of PASCAL, state budget analysts were increasingly concerned with revenue shortfall resulting in multiple budget cuts.

PASCAL suffered a reduction in funding from \$2 million per year to a mere \$200,000.

"I don't think there was any particular logic or malice," said Moul.

"I suppose we were still a bit below the radar in most folks' eyes as to just how critical we have become to our institutions."

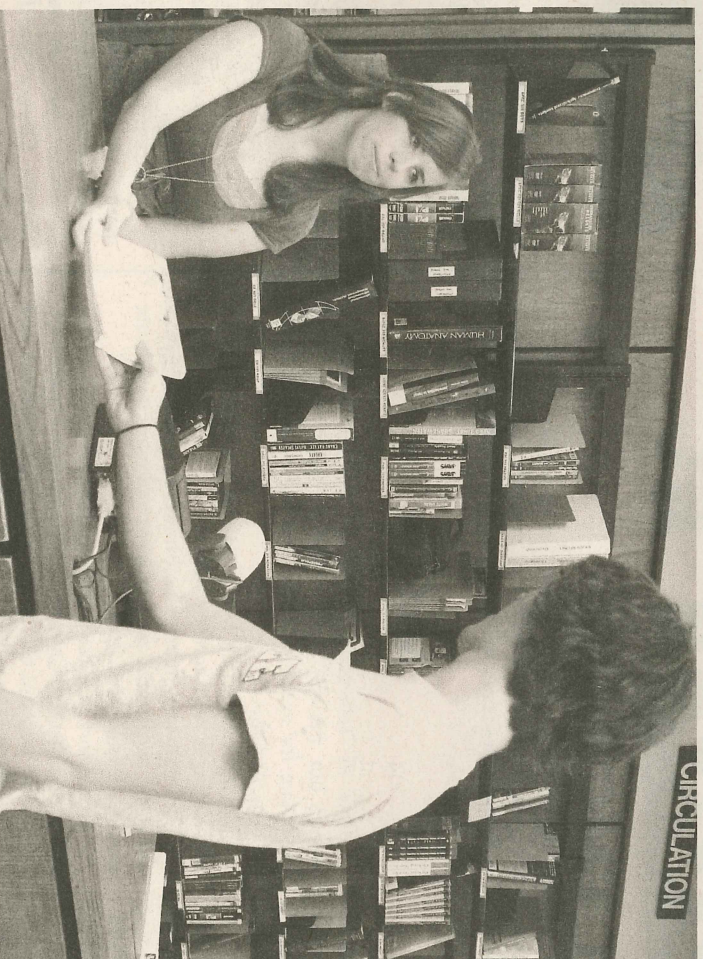
According to the Association of Research Libraries, the inflation rate for academic journals as a whole was 215 percent between 1986 and 2002.

"Individually, South Carolina's academic libraries were losing ground," said Moul.

"Annual licensing of aggregated content [or] databases containing journals, particularly at the statewide, or enterprise, level is an effective response that is used in many forward-looking states to address these high costs."

The Legislature has placed the remaining 10 percent of annual appropriation into a regular recurring line of the PASCAL budget.

"We probably still had some selling to do with legislators that this comparatively small



Jenny Conard, employee at Cooper Library, assists fellow student Corey Greene.

amount of money was an appropriate state responsibility," Moul said.

In the absence of PASCAL, licensed materials will become unavailable to the majority of its 300,000 member students, particularly those served by smaller or rural two- and four-year institutions.

Moul predicted that larger schools such as Clemson University and the University of South Carolina would likely revamp some of their collection budgets to cover the essential resources currently funded by PASCAL.

Clemson University's Cooper Library has already picked up access to the database Lexis-Nexis.

According to Jeremy Tolbert, Clemson University Undergraduate Student Government affairs director, CUSG is currently working with students, partner student governments across South Carolina, Dean of Libraries Kay Wall and South Carolina legislators to rectify the problem.

Tolbert has gathered approximately 150 testimonials from Clemson students in support

New service group arrives

CPSC unites student organizations and community.

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STAFF WRITER

Clemson's campus culture fosters a big emphasis on community service and giving to those in need. In 2001, President Barker outlined a plan to reach a Top 20 ranking by 2011 which included a goal to "set the standard in public service for land-grant universities by engaging the whole campus in service and outreach, including a focus on strategic emphasis areas."

With one look at a list of campus organizations, you may realize that there are plenty of ways to get involved with service, from building homes to preserving tigers to ending world hunger.

One more service organization has been added to that list this year called Clemson Philanthropy and Service Council (CPSC) to further the cause of providing community service. The council acts as an umbrella organization to bring together the many other service groups on campus, and consists of two bodies working as one: the General Body and the Promotional Body.

CPSC's goal is to provide helpful resources for other organizations as they work towards their different purposes.

With representatives from each group, CPSC will provide a forum to "bridge the gaps" that exist and allow communication and networking within the General Body.

Organizations will be able to share their success stories and advice, troubleshoot any issues they encounter, and feel a greater sense of community in the process.

General Body Chair Natalie Jones feels that having a group like CPSC was "a need on Clemson's campus" and she hopes that member organizations can "combine their efforts for the greater good."

The Promotional Body will promote member organizations' events within the council and to the entire campus and community by compiling a calendar of events.

The body also wants to recognize the great service efforts of the groups. Organizations can submit applications to the Promotional Body to be featured on TigerVision at football games.

Last month's feature covered Feel Good, a campus group that sells grilled cheese sandwiches to end world hunger. The twist is that there is no donation for the sandwiches; people are only

asked to give the amount of money that makes them "feel good."

Currently CPSC is in the planning stages of a big event for the spring semester called "One Organization, One Goal."

The all-day event will bring together all CPSC member organizations as they work concurrently to provide service for community partners.

"There is a lot of need right under our noses. We can choose to overlook it, but maybe some don't know it's there," Jones said.

To alleviate this issue, regular e-mails are sent to the entire student body with information on service projects.

Other plans in the works include "CPSC Presents" which will be a wall in the University Union dedicated to promoting the events and efforts of its member organizations, and a Web site that will include helpful information, such as how to get approval to post flyers on campus and where to go to reserve meeting rooms.

Community service is "one of the best ways to get involved," Jones said. "I think it's extremely important to give back to the university that has given so much to me."

CLUBS

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While the club members had to pay their own way for the competition, club president Jeff Nicholson said that the club's funds "were only frozen -- not lost. So as soon as we're re-recognized, we will have access to them again."

Due to the nature of this sport, the members of the club currently have the option of training along with the cycling club, running club and swimming club while waiting to be re-recognized.

"We're definitely still active and plan on going through the re-recognition process at the end of 60 days," Patrick Becker, a senior

serving his first term in the undergraduate student body president's Cabinet of Organizations, stands accused of being "judge and jury" of the derecognition process.

He says that he was backed by the student senate and adds that they voted on and passed the bill containing the requirements for club recognition.

He adds that though he has received some negative mail for the course of action taken, he has received largely positive feedback from students.

He defends the decision to derecognize the clubs who did not send a representative to the mandatory student organizations meeting at the beginning of September, saying that it was made very clear what the consequences would be.

E-mails had been sent out beginning as early as July.

After the meeting, an e-mail was sent out to each of the 52 clubs who were not counted as present at the meeting, asking why they did not attend.

It was found that 12 clubs had sent representatives but

were simply victims of a clerical error, so they were spared derecognition.

The other 41 were derecognized by the University. Student senate is currently reviewing the recognition and derecognition process to see how it can be improved.

They are looking into how other universities handle it, as well as what has been done in the past at Clemson.

In recent years, there has been a makeup meeting for clubs who missed the first one, but Becker says he felt that this was not necessary.

Instead, he made sure that all clubs received a clear and early warning about this one mandatory meeting.

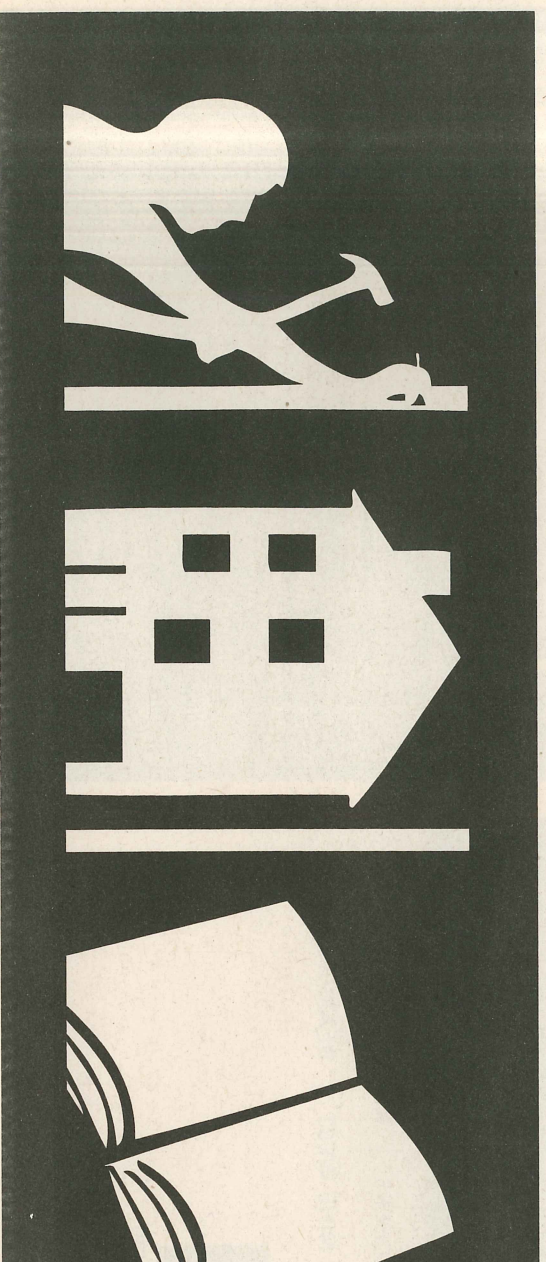
He says that the idea was not to derecognize so many, and adds that "if it had been two organizations or 100, I would've acted in the same way."

He says that the primary concern is for safety. Student Senate does not want clubs operating that have missed the information on policies shared at the meeting.

If any unsafe behavior or dangerous situations were to occur at an organization's function, the responsibility would fall on student government.

There are three requirements for achieving recognition as an organization: Attending the mandatory meeting, notifying student government of any changes in the club's constitution or officers, and holding a meeting within the club to show that it is, in fact, active.

"We provide \$1.1 million to student organizations; the least they can do is fulfill recognition requirements," said Becker.



COACH? *from page A1*

degrees from here.” Bowden also expressed his thanks for being hired.

“I’m very appreciative of the opportunity Clemson gave me and the support the administration gave me while I was here. I also want to thank the players and the coaches that worked so hard.”

As for the team’s immediate future against Georgia Tech, “I wish them nothing but success, and I will be their biggest fan on Saturday.”

Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips reiterated that Bowden was not fired.

“As we talked, it was Coach Bowden that put this on the table,” said Phillips.

“He said at looking at things and the cloud that is over the program now...there just comes a time when the time is probably right to step aside.”

Both Bowden and Phillips have agreed on fulfilling the coach’s contract until year-end and an additional \$3.5 million buyout.

In 1999, Bowden was hired as the 24th head coach of Clemson football after a spectacular 12-0 season at Tulane.

He replaced former Head Coach Tommy West after West’s 3-8 record in 1998.

Bowden seemed to constantly be on the proverbial hot seat, but this year’s disappointments pushed frustrations to the boiling point.

However, his departure did not come before a tremendous amount of success on and off the field.

Bowden’s career record while at Clemson was 72-45.

He managed 43 ACC wins, which is the third most of all head coaches in the league since 1999.

The Tigers were bowl eligible every season under Bowden, and the only season the team did not accept a bowl bid was due to a fight that broke out during the 2004 South Carolina game.

In 2003, the Tigers defeated No. 3 Florida State.

The 26-10 victory over the Seminoles still remains the highest ranked team ever beaten by Clemson.

Later that year, the Tigers blew out South Carolina 63-17.

It was the largest margin of victory in the series since 1900. Off the field, Clemson graduated close to 80 percent of its seniors in his nine years.

That mark consistently ranked near the top of all Division I-A programs.

Bowden also significantly improved facilities.

When hired, he requested an increased facilities budget, and it was Bowden who initially pushed for the creation of the WestZone.

With those facility upgrades has come an increase in recruiting talent.

Clemson’s 2008 class was ranked No. 2 in the nation by ESPN.com.

Even with all the accomplishments, Bowden still lacked the elusive ACC Championship.

The last time the Tigers claimed the ACC Title was 1991 under Ken Hatfield.

Terry Don Phillips stressed after last year’s season that it has always been Clemson’s goal to reach and win the ACC Championship game.

Phillips commented on the issue during Monday’s press conference. “[Bowden’s] got

a very good record and has done a lot of great things,” said Phillips.

“But when you get into year nine or 10 or 11 and you haven’t won a title, it becomes a credibility issue.”

Bowden’s teams were sometimes characterized by rough starts or collapsing finishes.

In 2000, the Tigers started the year 9-0 and were ranked inside the top five in the country only to lose three of their last four games.

Clemson started the 2004 and 2005 campaigns a dismal 1-4 and 2-3 respectively.

In the meantime, Assistant Coach Dabo Swinney has been promoted to interim head coach for the remainder of the season.

“I felt that Dabo would be a person that because of the intangibles he brings to the position, how he coaches, how he relates to people, how he relates to players, I think he’s got a very good opportunity to pull this thing together,” Phillips said of the new head coach.

Swinney, an Alabama native, has been on staff with Clemson since 2003.

One of his first orders of business as the new head coach was relieving offensive coordinator Rob Spence of his duties.

The 38-year-old Swinney, along with Assistant Billy Napier, will now call the offensive plays.

Swinney tried to sum up his feelings by saying, “From an emotional standpoint, it’s a very bittersweet day for me. From a professional standpoint, it’s a great opportunity.”

Swinney will lead the Tigers down the hill for the first time on Saturday against Georgia Tech.

Sororities team up to lose

Aerobic program at center of health campaign.



Sisters of Clemson’s Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. have planned an aerobics exercise program to get in shape.

contributed by AKA, Inc.

RONNIE ROLAND

STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 22, the Lambda Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Eta Nu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., at Clemson University are hosting “AKAerobics: Eating Right, Staying Fit Kickoff Program.” This name is a play-off of Alpha Kappa Alpha’s name (AKA) and aerobics coming together to help Clemson students and the surrounding community stay fit and live better.

What is AKAerobics?

This program aims to motivate and encourage college-age women and men, as well as Clemson University faculty and staff to eat healthy and live an active lifestyle. Those who participate in this event will meet others with common goals and will be able to form social support groups. They will receive ideas for healthy food choices and information on nutrition. During the kickoff, there will be food sampling, aerobics, raffles for gift cards and free fitness assessments at Fike Recreation Center on campus, and t-shirt give-aways that support breast cancer awareness.

What happens after the program?

Because we know that weight loss and lifestyle changes

take more than a few months to commit to and achieve, this program’s goal is to become a year-long commitment with enthusiastic and hopeful participants. There will be a Facebook group created to keep college students and community members connected.

In addition to that program, the Lambda Theta Chapter will be hosting its second “Spa Day” program — a stress release program hosted the week before student exams — on Dec. 6. This year it will act as not only a stress release program but a continuation of AKAerobics. Participants can join their support groups in discussion of their progress and enjoy spa treatment. This year it will be available to both males and females.

How can I participate?

The AKAerobics program will be held on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hendrix Student Center on campus. If you are a Clemson University student, you can RSVP on the Cooper Library bridge on Oct. 15, 16 and 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. To become a sponsor, you can send an e-mail to Ronnie Roland at rroland@clemson.edu with the subject line “SPONSOR.” To get on the Lambda Theta Chapter’s mailing list to be the first to know about upcoming events and programs, you can send an e-mail to rroland@clemson.edu with the subject line “MAILING LIST.”

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Presidential candidates answer science questions.

HOLLY TUTEN

STAFF WRITER

According to its Web site, “Science Debate 2008” began in November 2007 as an idea between “two screenwriters, a physicist, a marine biologist, a philosopher and a science journalist.”

They wanted a presidential debate on science before the election this November.

The debate hasn’t happened but this grassroots organization rallied more than 38,000 supporters from many disciplines.

The list is a “who’s who” of science, public policy and industry. It includes more than 100 university presidents, two dozen Nobel laureates and 200 professional organizations.

This snowballing collaboration led to the creation of 3,400 questions for presidential candidates relevant to contemporary scientific issues. These questions provided the raw matter to create 14 “top” questions. Here are three of those questions with highlights from the answers given by John McCain and Barack Obama.

Climate Change. “...What is your position on the following measures...a cap-and-trade system, a carbon tax, increased fuel-economy standards, or research? Are there other policies you would support?”

McCain: “...To dramatically reduce carbon emissions, I will institute a new cap-and-trade system...until we have achieved at least a reduction of 60 percent below 1990 levels

by the year 2050...strengthen the penalties for violating CAFE standards and make certain they are effectively enforced...issue a Clean Car Challenge to automakers...\$300 million prize for the development of a battery package that has the size, capacity, cost and power to leapfrog the commercially available plug-in hybrids or electric cars.”

Obama: “...I will implement a market-based cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions by the amount scientists say is necessary: 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050...create a Global Energy Forum — based on the G8+5, which includes all G-8 members plus Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa — comprising the largest energy-consuming nations from both the developed and developing world. This forum would focus exclusively on global energy and environmental issues.”

Genetics research. “...What is the right policy balance between the benefits of genetic advances and their potential risks?”

McCain: “...As genetic research becomes increasingly deployed, the need to ensure privacy of human records will become all the more essential...Genetic research can already provide real assistance for those in some of the poorest regions.”

Obama: “...long-time supporter of the recently passed Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act...Introduced the Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act of 2007...genetic engineering of plants have provided enormous

benefits to American farmers...support the activities and recommendations of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee.”

Ocean Health. “...What steps, if any, should the United States take during your presidency to protect ocean health?”

McCain: “...U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy has provided government leaders with an “Ocean Blueprint for the 21st Century” that has many good ideas; however...Ocean health and policy requires better management focus...Ocean science and engineering is a field that deserves greater attention and focus.”

Obama: “...expanded research programs at NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)...collaboration across U.S. scientific agencies and internationally...work actively to ensure that the U.S. ratifies the Law of the Sea Convention — an agreement supported by more than 150 countries...reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act [and the] National Marine Sanctuaries and the Oceans and Human Health Acts.”

The intent is not to summarize the candidates’ stance on the issues, nor to present one candidate in a more favorable light but rather to generate interest in the ScienceDebate2008.com Web site, where the answers can be read in full. Other topics are Innovation, Energy, Education, National Security, Pandemics and Biosecurity, Stem Cells, Water and Scientific Integrity.

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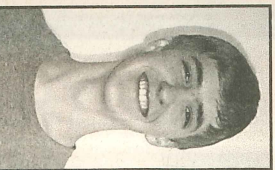
Do you think high schools should teach acceptance and enforce tolerance?

"We should enforce tolerance only because if we teach about it then we are attracting unwanted attention to the issue."



Paul Sabisch
chemistry
freshman

"Yes, because we should be teaching people not to be jerks."



Ryan Gross
computer engineering
freshman

"I think 'teaching' acceptance is the wrong approach because it would make the students feel forced and not want to do it. They should teach by example..."



Katie Hurst
biological sciences
freshman

"Yes, because it's better for people to learn to be accepting early than to grow up with conflicting ideas about different people."



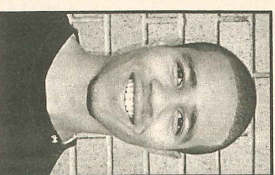
Jacob Wood
language/international trade
sophomore

"Sure... It only reinforces values and builds character. Encouraging tolerance in students is fundamental to their upbringing."

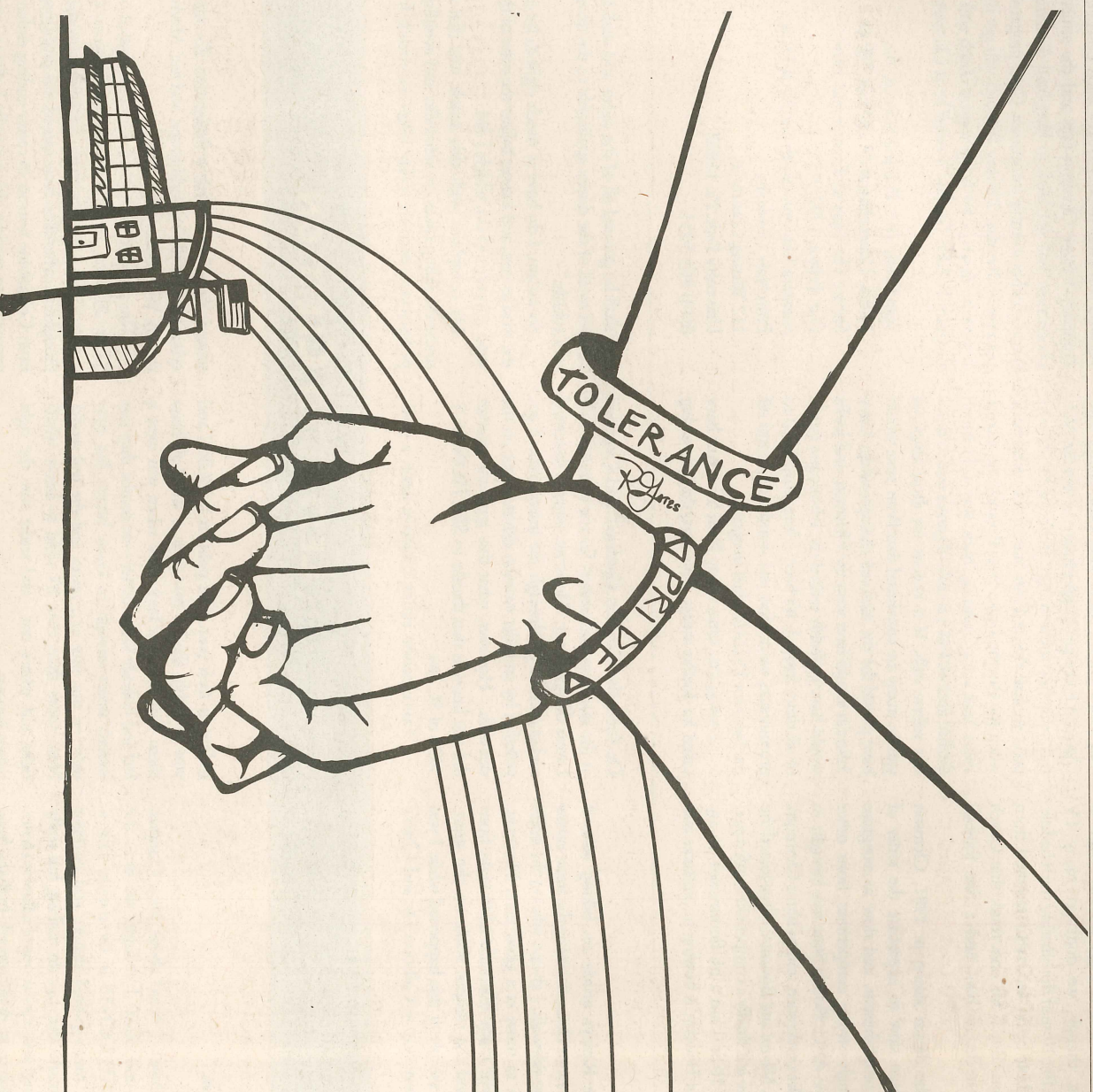


Kat Showfety
english and journalism
senior

"Yeah, you can't change how somebody is. It's wrong to abuse somebody for how they are. They should enforce tolerance."



Robert Martin
economics
freshman



Public school pride

“S ticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.”

We've all heard this old saying, and we all know it's bullshit. Words hurt. And when angry words fall then bones are usually broken, or worse.

All of us have been teased at some point in our lives. We've been put down for the color of our skin, our religious beliefs, the way we dress, who our friends are, what we look like and who we're attracted to. Chances are a lot of us went through it all in high school.

High schools are breeding grounds for this kind of behavior because, on some level, every student is insecure about something. High schoolers are young, a tad rebellious and filled with newfound hormones that lead to stupid, stupid decisions.

High schoolers today are just like we were not that long ago. They all want to be accepted into one group or another. They all want someplace to belong, to have safety in numbers and safety in like minds.

But what do you do if that safety in numbers isn't enough, if you're too afraid to even look for that place to belong because it's dangerous to assert who you really are around all your young, rash classmates?

If you're gay (openly or otherwise), then you've probably asked yourself this question every day of your life. The gay community is one of the largest targets for bullying in schools, whether it's harsh jeers of "fag," "dyke" or "queer" by fellow classmates, or something darker, more threatening and violent. In some areas, gay students are subjected to so much verbal and physical abuse that they're skipping school altogether.

That's why Chicago public school officials are recommending a "gay-friendly" high school. The

proposed campus, The School for Social Justice Pride Campus, would be open for any lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) students. The school would also be open to any heterosexual students wishing to attend.

The curriculum at the school would be nearly identical to the curriculum for other schools in the district, but would reportedly include sexual identity topics in its history and literature courses. The school would also provide extensive counseling for students, though a counselor cannot, by law, ask a student about his or her sexual orientation.

Gay and lesbian students are three times more likely to miss school because they feel unsafe, according to a Chicago Public School District survey from 2003.

A recent nationwide survey of more than 6,000 students in middle school and high school conducted by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network found that 60 percent of LGBT students felt unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation, while 32 percent skipped a day at school in the past month for feeling unsafe. Only about 5 percent of heterosexual students skipped school because they felt unsafe, the survey said.

The survey also found that 86 percent of LGBT students reported verbal harassment at school, 44 percent reported physical harassment and 22 percent reported outright physical assault, all within the span of a year. The survey also found that LGBT students have a GPA that's a half-point lower than their heterosexual counterparts, reportedly due to school absences and abuse at school.

Supporters of the Pride Campus cite these statistics and the numerous cases of physical assault against LGBT students in schools as justifi-

ing a learning environment where these students can feel safe and supported.

Critics of the Pride Campus question its effectiveness. Obviously, the students who would take classes at Pride Campus would be accepting of homosexuals, or, in the case of heterosexual students, willing to be more accepting. They argue that the money spent on building the school should instead fund efforts to make students more accepting through educational programs at every school in the district.

Tolerant people aren't the ones who need to be educated on why homosexuals deserve equal rights and equal respect in our society. They've already figured that out by their own good reason. It's the knuckle-dragging types with holier-than-thou attitudes that need to hear the arguments, and the arguments alone may not be enough.

There's a lot to be said for social conditioning in changing our behavior. Critics of the Pride Campus argue that educational measures on tolerance of LGBT students, along with day-to-day interactions in school, can help solve this bullying problem.

They worry intolerant students in this Chicago district won't have as many opportunities to interact with LGBT students and therefore won't have as many chances to change their minds. These intolerant students may keep their attitudes through high school and beyond.

They also argue that high schools should provide opportunities for confident clubs aimed at LGBT students. The nationwide survey mentioned above found that students in schools with a Gay-Straight Alliance reported fewer incidents of abuse, yet only about a third of the students surveyed reported having a Gay-Straight Alliance at their school.

However, supporters of the Pride Campus see the problem as just too urgent to leave to social conditioning.

While the process might benefit larger groups of students in the long run, they argue that it's wrong to ask belittled LGBT students to risk their education and safety for the sake of a broad, slow-moving shift in social attitudes about sexual orientation.

They believe that students at the Pride Campus will be able to get the best education possible, and they base this on the success of a similar school in New York, the Harvey Milk School. Harvey Milk has a 95 percent graduation rate among its 100 students, all of whom were in danger of dropping out because of harassment or had already dropped out.

The conflict here is weighing broad social change against the quality of life for individual LGBT students. It seems clear that the Pride Campus isn't a cure-all solution to the problem of violent harassment against LGBT students, but the solution doesn't have to be perfect so long as it gives these students what they deserve — a place to learn where they can feel safe, a place where they can foster meaningful relationships with similar people and a place where they can use their in-school counseling to resolve harassment outside of school.

We should all work to see that everyone in this country gets the respect they deserve as a human being, no matter the race, color, creed, sex, religion or sexual orientation. But we cannot achieve that goal by sacrificing individuals on the altar of social reform.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a lifelong Clemson fan and proud alum, I try my best to follow Tiger football. Here in Pennsylvania, though, we don't get many TV games, with Big 10 stuff dominating the schedule. So I will admit being somewhat removed from local opinions. But I, for one, think that Coach Bowden is a decent man and a fine football coach.

Since the dream season in 1981, Clemson fans have been slow to appreciate the rarity of such an accomplishment, and slow to recognize the increasingly strong competition from other schools in the ACC. Florida State was brought in to amp up the conference, and to blunt Clemson's domination. Miami and Boston College joined the ACC because it is finally a competitive conference, like the Big 10. So I am a bit flummoxed, to say the least, that Bowden is bowing to pressures and

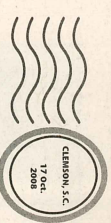
Clemson is holding the door for him on his way out. Come on, he lost to three good teams! Sure, Clemson had a great opportunity to win the ACC this year, but some things aren't meant to happen. We had this at Penn State a few years back, when Joe Paterno broke Bear Bryant's win record. Penn State's top running back was a Heisman finalist, and we lost a couple of games due to dubious referee calls. If it weren't for those disputed games, many are convinced that Penn State would have played for the national championship. Larry Johnson would have won the Heisman, and JoePa would have probably retired the winningest coach of all time. Instead, it's been a long road back to prominence, with a few real stumbles (on and off the field) for PSU's football program.

During that time, many Penn State fans have called for JoePa's ouster. This year, they are eating their words, with Penn State at No. 3 and JoePa back on top (over the OTHER Coach Bowden). Someday, I hope Clemson fans and the athletic department will get back to long-haul thinking. Great coaches stumble sometimes. Great programs persevere. One day, Tommy Bowden will get the respect he deserves for being a great coach and a program-builder. Too bad it won't be at Clemson.

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Hello,

In Kate Ripley's article on biking around campus, she never discussed using the street versus biking on the sidewalk. I always bike on the street since I want to move at a good pace. However, I have received many uncomfortable looks from drivers around the campus while on the street. The worst example of this happened while I was at the four-way stop at Calhoun Dr. and Cherry

Dr. (near the Carillon Gardens), and I stopped at the stop sign and waited for my turn just as if I were driving a car. However, when I mounted and started to go through the intersection, I got yelled at by an older woman driver to get on the sidewalk. However, what this ignorant woman did not know is that thanks to SECTION 56-5-3420 of SC law,

"Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle."

So ma'am, I do have as much right to be on the road as you, and I must follow the rules of the road as you must do, which I did.

My complaint with this article was that it discussed riding bikes on sidewalks and avoiding pedestrians, when in reality bikes are meant for

Dear Clemson,

I'm confused. I heard about Juicy Campus, logged on—and ouch. I thought we were the HAPPIEST STUDENTS in the nation. This is nothing but mean-spirited slander and outright grotesque remarks that can do nothing but really hurt the feelings and reputations of fellow students. Juicy is nothing more than cowardly bullying from the safety of anonymity. We're better than that.

In fact, here's a real chance to prove we're different from other schools around the country. Let's jump off this juicy band wagon and zigzag away from these losers. Juicy Campus is flat out embarrassing and it needs to stop. WWWYMS (What would your mother say?)

Oh, just for a minute, think back to some moment when you were picked on. Maybe you were too short, too tall, too smart, too dumb or even too big-eared. Everybody's got something

hiding in their past. The point is it HURTS, and you probably shed a few tears... we've all been there. But that was back then when you were a kid and nobody knew better—or maybe they just weren't smart enough to know better. But now we're on our way to a career and the real world. Now, more than ever, it's time to know what's right and what's not—and make sure the right things happen.

Logging onto a website and posting a blog about someone else's personal life, true or not, is cruel. Worse, it's stupid. We're old enough and smart enough to know that www.stands for "world wide web" and therefore it's viewable to the entire world. We're better than that.

WWW jolts you right into the big time, where stupid postings have already cost people jobs, promotions, beauty crowns and even happiness, all because somebody was mad or drunk or stupid for one second too long. That one

second "Send" can hurtle a thoughtless jibe into cyberspace for all the world to see, and feel. Maybe forever. We're better than that.

The problem is that everyone's perception is a little different. Your funny jibe can hit home to somebody who sees it as truth. Statistics show that thoughtless cyber-jibes have caused real problems, from Columbine horrors to career-ending embarrasments to suicides. It's cowardly bullying, and we're better than that. We're Clemson.

Clemson is a place near and dear to my heart, and I bet it is to yours, too. When you come to Clemson you see a beautiful campus, polite gentlemen opening doors for beautiful women, good folks saying good morning to everyone, cars screeching to a stop for pleasant jaywalkers, athletes playing together on Bowman, students and alumni standing together in line for football tickets, fans and good-fimers rallying together—because we are Clemson.

In the end, our Tiger stripe runs deep and holds us tight together. We've mourned together when we lost a fellow student, we've come together to help families, we've worked together to build a house in two weeks, we've volunteered countless hours together, we've walked what seem like endless trips from the pit together, and we've sure cheered those Tigers on together, win or lose. But at the end of the four (or maybe five!) years of the greatest experience of your life, you'll be bound for life to all the rest of us Tigers. So let's stand together, and stop this juicy idiosyncrasy...

Tyler DeZubay

Come on, Clemson, for everyone out there that could get hurt, or has been hurt, log off Juicy Campus now. Let's set the Tiger bar higher than any school in the country, let's show everyone why Clemson Tigers are the happiest students in the U.S.A.—and why we don't need Juicy Campus.

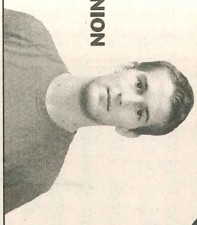
Go Tigers.

COMMENTARY

Can I getcha a cocktail?

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



Everything we know about elections is a lie. I came to this realization after the second presidential debate this past Friday. They want you to believe elections are the process in which we, the people, choose the leaders of our country in a fair and democratic process. What they don't tell you is that elections are a deeply convoluted affair that gives us a right to bitch for the next four years with one incredibly loud, shit-colored-rainbow-moody voice.

Do you remember those bumper stickers that say "Don't blame me, I voted for Kerry/Gore/Dole/Dukakis/DarthVader"? That message wasn't paid for in dollars, freedom, blood, sweat, tears or any bodily fluids. It was paid with a vote. A vote that said, "I choose you Pkachu-I mean-Barry Goldwater! Go Eagles!" That's not just a message, that's a commitment. It's a thoroughly contemplated relationship with a paunchy old guy who bet that a significant number of strangers will like him.

How does this hypothetical Eagles fan get trapped in this 1992, brown Chevy Geo of despair? The same way one attracts the attention of any Philadelphiaian; with something shiny. After all, the public's attention span is

roughly comparable to the time it takes light to...in a vacuum...from ...something.

In the campaign for the 1230 election, shortly after the Battle of Hastings, Abraham Lincoln held a series of debates with his political opponent, whom we'll call "Sir-Oldington-the-Not-Important-Loser Man" or SONILM for short. These debates had a format where each would talk non-stop for over an hour, without microphones, prompters, deodorant, Far Cry 2 or plastic surgery. After they were done yelling at the sweaty, ugly crowd, they packed up and moved on to the next state to repeat the whole process. Hypothetical Historical Societies (HHS) hypothesize that the debates were an effort to find a town that had a decent cable hookup. Unfortunately, cable companies sucked even back then, and Lincoln was forced to declare war in order to alleviate the crushing boredom of reading.

I've witnessed a level of focus comparable to Lincoln and SONILM on a single topic of conversation once, and once only. I sneaked into a girlfriend's place, spiked her and her roomies' coffee with meth, and threw designer shoes at them for over two hours. Keep in mind, they didn't have meth in the 19th century; they didn't even have designer shoes! (I know, right?) I think back then they talked about...books or something. Fortunately, today we have psych-

delics, and valium; which have more to do with the political process than one would ever want to know. Karl Marx once said, "Religion is the opiate of the masses." Marx was commenting on the state of class struggle and social change and is often taken out of context. His radical views are completely justified if the shortage of opium is so severe people turn to religion. I attended Catholic school for more than 12 years, and I can attest that religion is no substitute for opium. The one fatal flaw of opium is that you can't go drive to get more opium while you're under the influence of opium; so Chrysler introduced Superopium, the parent name for Valium, in 1949.

Dirty hippy communists, ungartered full for the pharmaceutical ubermensch that good ol' patriotic American war time, My Lai know-how gave them, aspired for more. Being hippies, they wanted something that would grow in harmony with mother earth and smell funny. After many failed attempts at getting a job, they discovered psychedelics. The main affect being the ability to imagine infinite variables of "what if?" (What if...Pancakes and Waffles combined forces to take over lunch? Dogs couldn't look up? Pac Man was running from psychosomatic apparitions caused by a traumatic past and picking up little white dots of Valium? Etc.).

After the introduction of Valium and Pot into the quaint American society

of the '50s that never existed, politicians quickly realized that no one cares and the public only imagines that the government has anyone in it that's worth a damn.

I might have just made up the past seven paragraphs, but it's also the only way I can rationally explain why Sarah Palin winked at me on live television. The first woman contender for an office that could theoretically put her in charge of enough nuclear firepower to wipe out the freaking universe recently winked at me like a randy cocktail waitress. I made a record of my stream of consciousness at the time.

Me: "Wow, Palin isn't doing too badly. She's avoiding specifics, but still holding her own."

Brain: "If you don't start drinking soon, I'm going to leave."

Me: "Not right now, females are present. I need you to make jokes about boobs."

Brain: "Holy crap, did she just wink at you?"

Me: "No way, this is a serious...holy crap she just did it again."

Brain: "Dude, it's on...it is on like disco pong."

Me: "Disco...what? Do you think shell trade voices for intercourse?"

Brain: "HELL YES!"

Me: "High five!" (Misses high five and hits brain).
Me: "Brain...you okay buddy? Walk

it off" (Brain starts convulsing).

I awoke several hours later, my left arm was numb and everything tasted like copper. I had killed my brain and stumbled upon a horrible truth in the process. I have no means of trusting the vague sound bites, pointless bickering, and obvious pandering every politician parrots at us. Three minutes of airtime wasted bickering over who voted what tells me nothing about whether we're actually going to have gasoline in 15 years or not. Will electric cars turn me gay? I need to know this! How am I supposed to discern the principles of a person in three minutes?

It's impossible, but people don't have the patience for meaningful discussion. Hell, I don't. It breaks down into party lines and pundit sound bites. Voting has turned into the easiest way to avoid responsibility. Just vote Republican, they'll bring change. I'm not voting for a person, I'm voting for the appearance of a person that is being projected at me. In short, I'm being hit on, I have no convictions whatsoever, and Palin has that Sopranos therapist thing going on. All right Palin, lose the glasses, no talking for 30 minutes, two beers and it's a deal. I'll vote for you. Just ditch the old white guy.

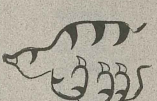
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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

A naked man who said he was a British tourist went swimming in a moat of Japan's Imperial Palace on Tuesday, climbing the palace wall, throwing rocks and splashing water at police before being taken into custody.



Connecticut police charged a 52-year-old woman with assault, reckless endangerment and tampering with evidence after she allegedly served a marijuana-laced ginger cake to her real estate agent.



Authorities say a woman has been arrested in west Florida after pouring scalding hot water on her husband's groin.



Roughly 300 New York voters received presidential election absentee ballots with the typo "Barack Osama" last week.



South Sudan's president shut down a police investigation Wednesday that saw scores of young women arrested for "disturbing the peace" by wearing tight pants.



A San Diego comic book company has published biographical comics for Sens. Jon McCain and Barack Obama.



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Who's the real Democrat?

enough support to be allowed in most of the Democratic primary debates.

This is quite an accomplishment, considering that Dennis Kucinich is not a wealthy lawyer from an affluent family. In fact, his family actually lived out of a car for some time while he was growing up. However, other than the apparent wealth requirement for representing constituents of Democratic persuasion, Kucinich would have fit in as the Democratic nomination for President much better than any other candidate.

The most glaring example was his position of immediate phased withdrawal of troops from Iraq, which is a position that few in the Democratic party will fully commit to any more. This issue used to be a major plank in the Democratic party platform during the previous presidential election but fewer and fewer Democrats in Congress are consistent on this position.

Even though this issue was a large reason the Democrats took control of both houses of Congress during the 2006 midterm elections, Kucinich is one of the few who still push for the immediate withdrawal of troops. His party, on the other hand, continues to fund this military effort from Congress

while the only opposition to it is inconsequential rhetoric.

The party's presidential nominee, Barack Obama, has also held waver-ing positions on the conflict in Iraq. Even though his supporters blindly assume he will withdraw troops, he has given vague timelines for when he would give that order and is un-specific on any sort of withdrawal at all. If withdrawal from the conflict in Iraq is a key plank in the party's platform, then it seems as though they should have nominated someone who actually agrees with those positions.

There are a few other party planks that Kucinich is more in line with the positions of his party, as well. While most Democrats are adamant supporters of state-mandated public education, Kucinich actually sent his children to one of these schools. On top of that, he is a key opponent to the USA PATRIOT Act, a bill that was hastily passed in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and severely limits civil liberties of Americans. He also supports many other traditionally Democratic positions, sometimes with implied opposition from his own party.

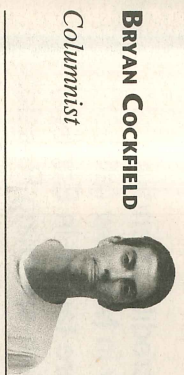
While there's no doubt that Kucinich would make a less-than-

average president, for a Democrat he stands head-and-shoulders above the rest of the members of his party. His positions are central to the Democratic party's platform, but he could not seem to get the nod in the 2004 or 2008 Democratic primaries.

Perhaps the reason for this is that Kucinich worked hard to earn the fruits of his labor. Lately, personal success without the government's help (or the help of a political machine) is enough reason to be scorned by Democrats. Or perhaps he doesn't "look presidential" enough (even though his wife definitely "looks first lady" enough) to catch the eye of a typical Democrat.

Whatever the case may be, one thing has held up through recent political turmoil. The Democratic party still claims to be the party of the disadvantaged common man or woman, but any candidate with experience in the life of the average Democratic voter is simply ignored. Meanwhile, a candidate any Democrat would otherwise scorn sails through to the presidential race.

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Columnist

While the Democratic party claims to support the economically and socially disadvantaged, it seems like those elected to represent today's Democrats rarely fit in with their constituents. For some reason, the Democratic voters who spend the rest of the year denouncing and berating the "wealthy" just end up voting for them when November rolls around.

Of course, the biggest exceptions to this rule are the voters in Ohio's 10th congressional district. Surprisingly, they elected a representative who held a blue collar job or two and actually came from a poor family. On top of that, he wasn't elected to office through a political machine.

This particular politician gained enough popularity as a representative in Congress to run for President during the recent Democratic primary. While he did not have the support to compete against the Edwards-Clinton-Obama conglomerate, he still had

Want to waste some time?

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some—behop—I want to hear you play some Diz and Bird.

Sometimes, a different approach is necessary. Instead of writing to chart a deductive process, thoughts are simply lofted into some mental space, and no, I am not talking about universal consciousness.

Diagram your sentences. There are subjects, predicates, past participles and gerunds. Follow the elements of style says the king of the writing gnomes.

No, I'm just going to steal Mike Manion's style. Maybe, James Joyce deserves a tad bit of the credit for inspiring this semantic atrocity too.

Is prose not just a string of words? I'm going to use conjunctions if I want to. The conjunction "Tm" flows much more naturally than the words "I am."

Sentence fragment, run on sentence, what's the difference? Question the way you're told to do things.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is not always sound advice—my brother just joined the Marine Corps so I sure hope he's not listening to me. Semper Fidelis Bro!

I used to argue with Miss Boice about the rational validity of Christian thought. Wait how am I doing this? I am Immanuel Kant (a more stupider version) as I am

"awoken from my dogmatic slumber" by the works of David Hume.

In—short—I have no idea what is going on. I believe in the floating tea pot hanging somewhere on the edge of the Milky Way.

"In franklins tower the four winds sleep/ Like four lean hounds the lighthouse keep/ Wildflower seed on the sand and wind/ May the four winds blow you home again."

The Grateful Dead stimulates neural networks in my brain yet Shakespeare does nothing.

Why is that? I don't understand Shakespeare. I don't understand Nickleback or Air Bud either? I could never figure out how a dog could play basketball. If you liked the three-point shooting dog be sure to check out "Soccer Dog: The Movie."

Zeppelin is so much better than the Beatles. No, they're not. Yes, they are. Well Rolling Stone thinks—does anybody care what Rolling Stone thinks? They said Cobain was the 12th best guitar player to ever live.

I dearly hope this piece does not come off as one more pretentious piece of journalistic crap. I have little doubt that it does. For that, I apologize.

Does anybody really need one more idiotic college hippie ranting about all the "little Eichmans" of

the world.

What legitimate reasons are there to be snobby?

It seems that for everything a person learns, he uncovers 10 things that he is yet to learn.

Socrates said, "All that I know is that I know nothing." The very least that can be done is try to break the little bubble of suburban America and peer into the unknown beyond.

The point is that there is no point. Paradox? It's a possibility. They say you can never travel back in time to kill your grandfather.

Maybe, I just don't know what my point is. Maybe, the irony is that to make the point explicit is to negate from that point itself, and maybe, you just got tricked into wasting five minutes of your sweet, sweet time.

You are now, five minutes closer to death. Hey, I warned you about that. I wasted it in the title.

To conclude an article that makes no sense to anybody, I quote something that makes no sense to me. Again it is Yonnegut, "Somewhere outside, out under the apple trees, the Nocturnal Goatsucker asked his question again."

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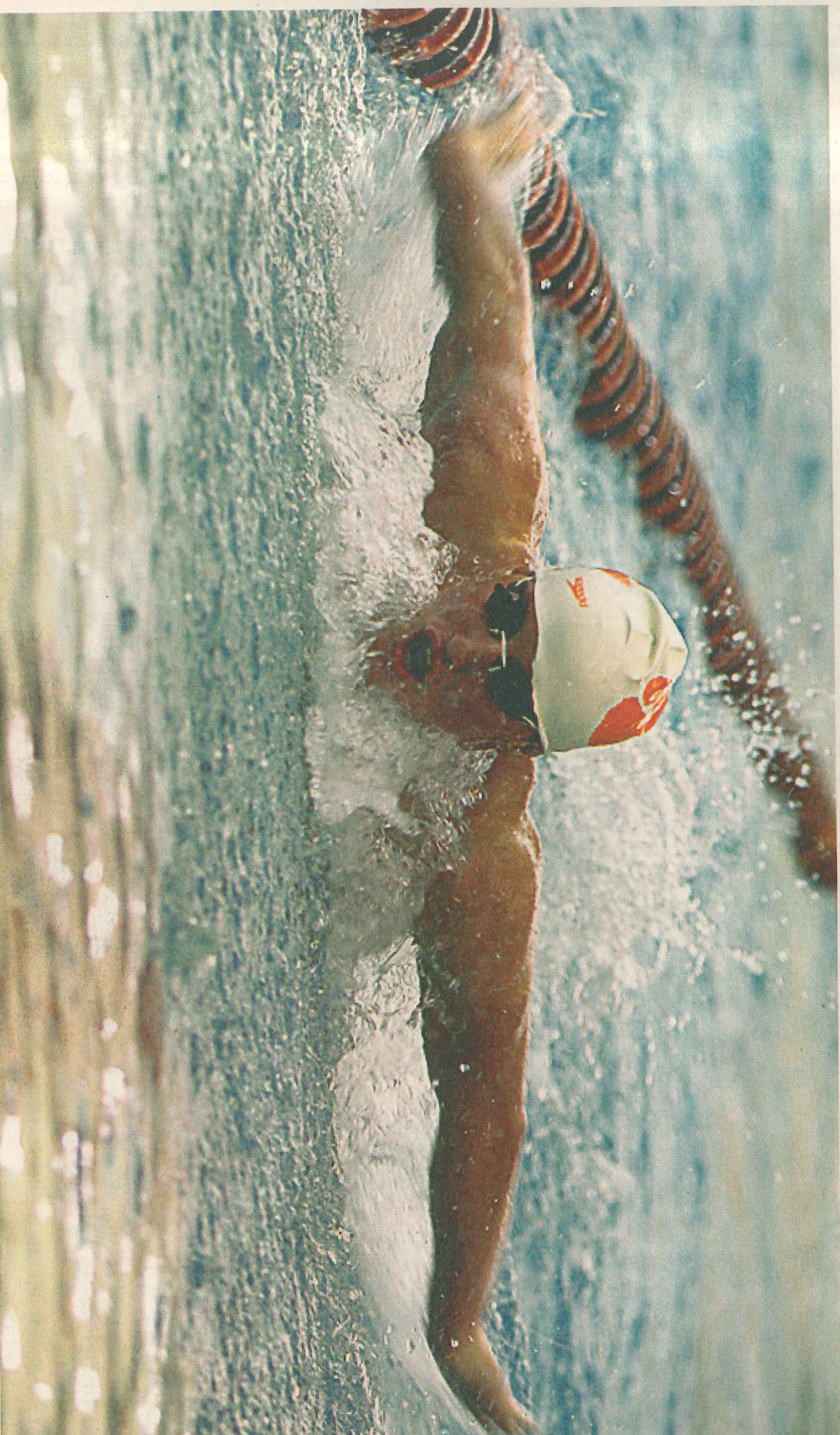
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Swim team dives into ACC

Men's and women's team split ACC opener against Georgia Tech.



TYLER SMITH/staff

Clemson swimmers split meet. The women's team blew past the Yellow Jackets, but the men's team struggled slightly, dropping their opener.

SARAH PORRI

STAFF WRITER

Tech. The Lady Tigers defeated Georgia Tech 187-110 while the Clemson men had their first loss of the season to the Yellow Jackets, 172-126. The Lady Tigers remain undefeated, and the Tigers are even for the season at

1-1. "On the women's side, we are very pleased about how they responded to their first ACC meet," said head coach Chris Ip. "In winning all of the swimming events, there were repre-

sentatives from all four classes, which really gives me the idea that we are balanced all the way around. I don't think we have any areas where we are

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Road struggles continue for men's

Men lose heartbreaker to Virginia; Lady Tigers fall to Wake.

BRETT MILLS

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tigers lost another heartbreaker Friday night as Chase Neinken scored in the 88th minute to lead the 18th-ranked Virginia Cavaliers to a 1-0 victory in an ACC match at Klöckner Stadium. The play began with a corner kick by Cavalier forward Matt Mitchell, which Tony Tehani

headed toward goal. A Clemson defender deflected the header, and it fell to Neinken, who then gathered the loose ball and pushed it past Tiger keeper junior Joe Bendik into the lower left corner of the net. For Neinken, a sophomore from Roswell, Ga., it was his first goal of the season and the first game-winner of his career. With the loss, Clemson fell to 3-

5-2 overall and 2-2-1 in league play, while Virginia improved to 8-3 overall and a perfect 4-0 in the ACC with its sixth straight win. Freshman Nick Burton and junior Nathan Thornton both had shots for the Tigers, while keeper Bendik had five saves. Clemson will resume ACC play next week when they play host to

N.C. State Friday night at Historic Riggs Field.

The Clemson women's soccer team fell 2-0 to 15th-ranked Wake Forest Sunday afternoon at Spry Stadium. Jill Hutchinson and Amy Smerdzinski led the way for the Lady Deacons with a goal apiece.

Wake dominated the entire game offensively, holding a staggering 18-3 advantage in shots. They jumped to an early 1-0 lead in the fourth minute when Hutchinson received a cross from senior Whitney Berry on the right wing and slipped the ball just inside the left post from six yards out. The goal was the seventh of the season for the junior Hutchinson, a team best.

The Lady Tigers mustered their only shot on goal in the 72nd minute, but Deacon keeper Laura Morse saved freshman Rachel Hurd's attempt to maintain a 1-0 advantage. 10 minutes later, Wake put the game out of reach with Smerdzinski's strike from 22 yards out, her third goal of the season. With the loss, Clemson fell to 5-6-1 overall and 1-3-1 in league play, while Wake Forest improved to 9-4 overall and 2-3 in the ACC.

"Wake Forest showed a lot of emotion on their Senior Day, and they took advantage of that emotion by scoring an early goal," said head coach Hershey Strohsberg. "They are a very experienced team and were certainly the better team today. We lost our composure a bit after they scored and just did not have the answers for them."

The Lady Tigers will host the Miami Hurricanes on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in their final home game of the regular season. It will be Senior Day for four-year starters Julie Bolt and Molly Johnson.

Christmas comes early in Clemson



TYRONE GAYLE
staff writer

Sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, the majority of the Clemson student body was overwhelmed with tears of joy, and one did not have to travel far to hear the shouts of jubilation echoing across campus.

Had Christmas come early perhaps? Had world peace finally been declared? Sadly, none of the above but hope for a better tomorrow had in fact been restored to Clemson fans near and far with the resignation of head football coach Tommy Bowden. The reactions from many around campus were so strong, that at the rate things were going by mid afternoon, a parade before sunset seemed inevitable. It is no secret that Bowden had begun to lose control of the team early in the season, but he lost the respect and praise of the Clemson fan base long before that.

Yes, it's true the Princeton Review had named Clemson as the place with the happiest students in the country, but ever since that Chernobyl-like collapse in Atlanta on August 30, that ranking had hardly been justified. Until Monday, Sports don't define our culture here at Clemson—they simply reveal it.

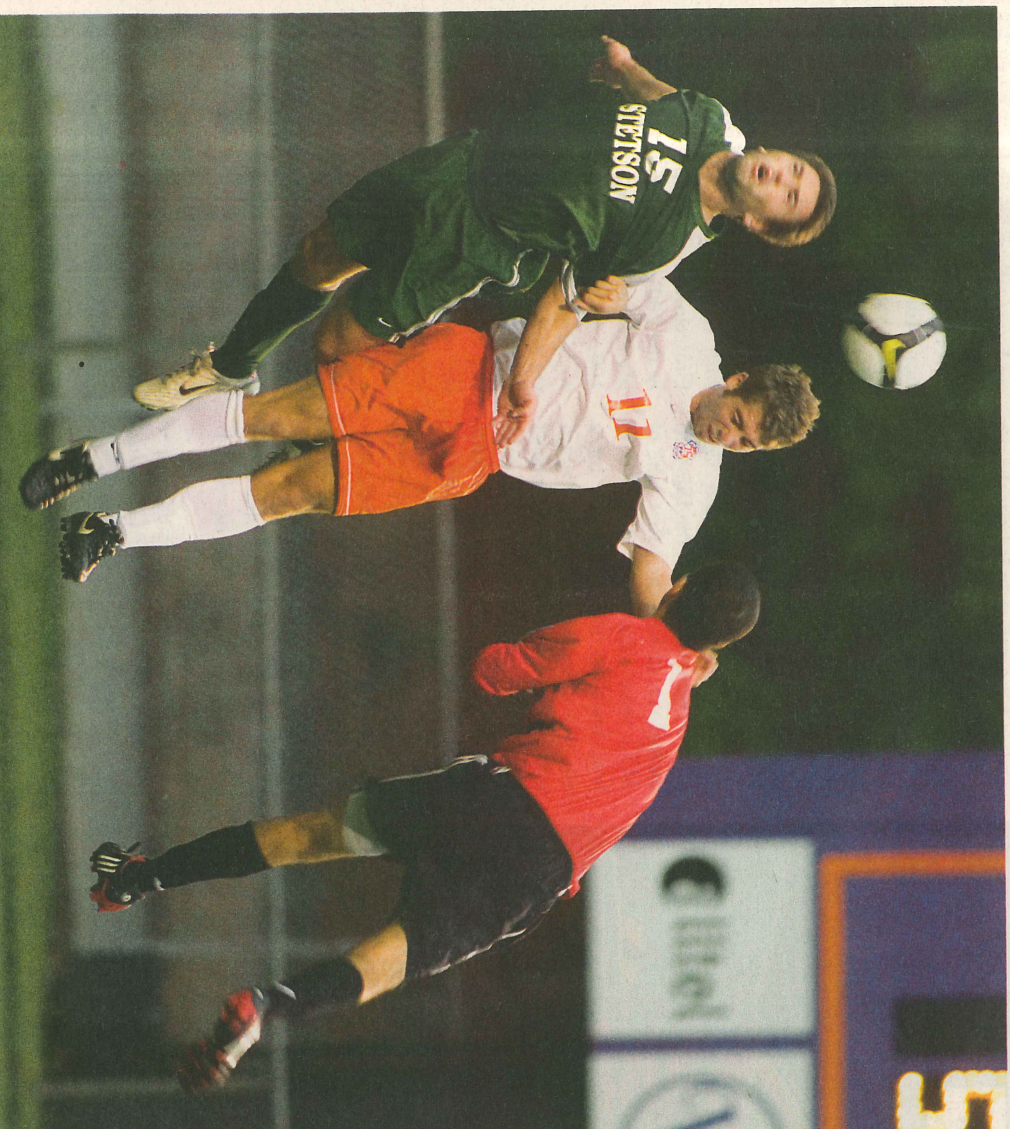
Tests, quizzes and papers were put aside at a moment's notice to reflect on what exactly was unfolding in front of our very eyes. A change can get anybody fired up, but all it took was a drive by the football practice fields that afternoon and a stroll around town to observe the media circus and realize how monumental this kind of change would be.

Nearly a decade of mediocrity was simply unacceptable for a big-time program such as Clemson University football. Tommy Bowden has had success against better teams while here, so it's not hard to say that he is not a bad football coach, but he is not a great manager either. Bowden had nothing to do with the play calling, but perhaps he should have when the questionable play calling seemed to be a consistent problem. Over the past three seasons, it's hard to name a team that has snatched defeat from the jaws of victory more often than Clemson.

Despite the barrage of criticism from many, he simply refused to make staff changes. So in the end the only change that could in fact be most effective was himself.

In retrospect, Bowden peaked eight years ago. Behind former Tiger great QB Woody Dantzler, the Tigers started the 2000 season 8-0 and reached a No. 5 ranking but eventually fell to a Chris Weinke-led Florida State team and lost to Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl. Bowden had nine-

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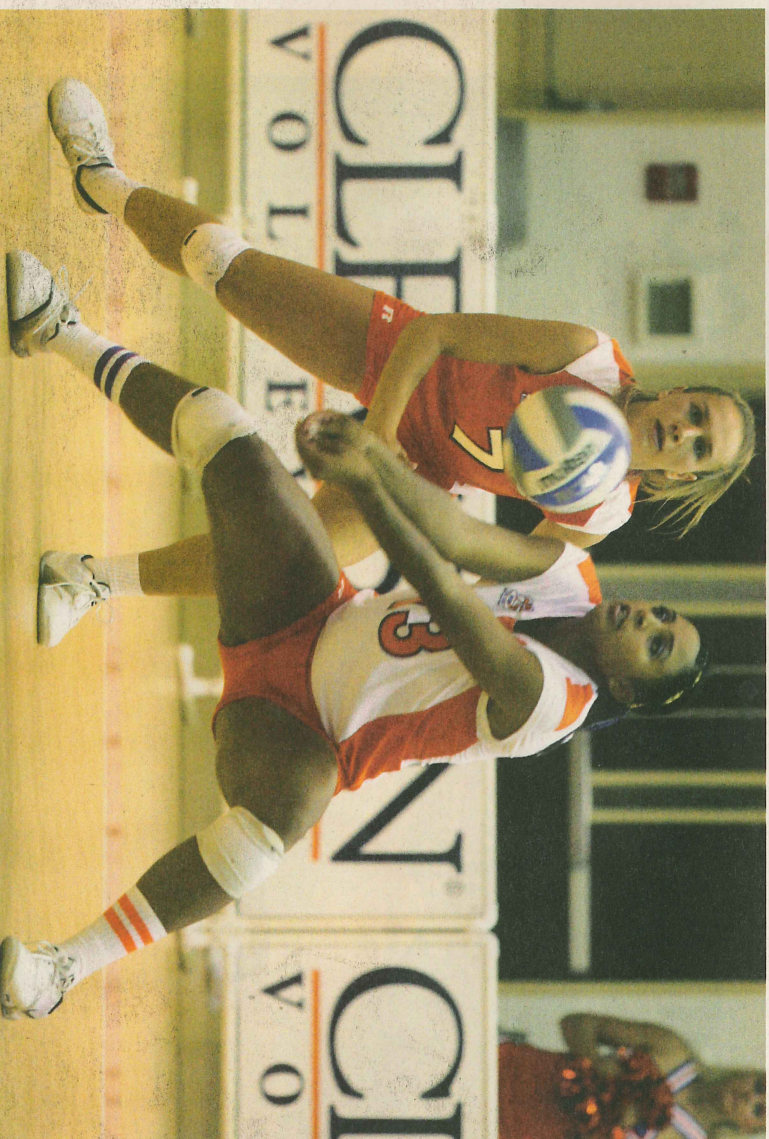


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Sophomore Eric Cava contests a defender. Cava and the men's soccer team are now 3-5-2 overall this year.

Volleyball team dismantles ACC foes

Senior Danielle Hepburn named ACC volleyball player of the week.



DAVID STEWART/staff

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Playing host to ACC rivals Wake Forest and Duke this past weekend, the Clemson volleyball team defeated both of their North Carolina foes, improving their overall record to 13-5 and 5-2 in the ACC conference.

First, the Tigers swept the Demon Deacons Friday night, controlling all three sets (25-19, 25-10, 25-22). Early in the first set, Clemson pounced on their rival to make the score 7-1.

Then, rallying eight points against Wake's one, the Tigers increased their lead to 24-12. Wake Forest retaliated with their own seven-point run, which ended with senior Jeannette Abbott's kill, polishing off the set (25-19).

Maintaining the same charisma as at the first game, the Tigers jumped to a 14-2 lead in the second game. With a .474 hitting percentage, six team blocks, and only one error, Clemson posted a 24-10 score over Wake Forest. Finally, inflicting Wake's 13th error of the game, the lady Tigers seized the set 25-10.

The third set marked the Demon Deacons' first lead of the match, 8-6, but was terminated by sophomore Didem Ege's seven straight service points. At 23-21, the Tigers edged the Deacs by a mere two points. Two powerful kills from junior Lia

Sophomore Lia Proctor positions herself. The volleyball team defeated both Wake Forest and Duke last week.

Proctor closed out the match for Clemson, 25-22. Together, the Tigers recorded 40 kills and 12 blocks on the night. Individually, Proctor tallied 10 digs and 16 kills, 10 of which were in the decisive third game alone. Senior middle hitter Danielle Hepburn also picked up 10 kills of her own.

Determined to put on another great show for their fans at Jervey Gym, the Tigers outmatched the Duke Blue Devils Saturday night. After a narrow first set loss, the Tigers recuperated and snatched three sets in a row, sealing the ACC win (16-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-19).

The Tigers' offense started off sluggish, enabling Duke to grab the first set 16-25. But Clemson set

the tone for the match in the second game. At 21-18, a combination of Proctor's kill, Ege's ace and Hepburn's block and kill fastened the win for the Tigers, tying up the match 1-1.

In the third set, the Tigers were fueled by junior setter Kealey Murphy's assists resulting in a 14-7 edge over Duke.

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That was a good meet this year for us to see that we are really on track for our goals this year."

In the women's meet, Clemson won all 14 events and had the top two times in eight of those 14 events. The Lady Tigers were led by junior Katarina Obas, who placed first in all four events that she competed in Friday evening. Obas was part of the 200-yard medley relay with teammates Kelli Kyle, Maddie Tarantolo and Lauren Sindall. This group missed the pool record by less than a second, taking first in the event while Cara Lennon, Elizabeth Savage, Alex Allen and Rachel Regone took second.

In the 1,000-yard freestyle, senior Cassy LaRussa had her first win of the day with a time of 10:08.92. Teammates Sara Smith, Mandy Snell and Lauren Cranston rounded out the top four spots. LaRussa swam to her second first place finish in the 500-yard freestyle a short while later with fellow senior Summer O'Donnell taking second. O'Donnell also had another second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with teammate Michelle Parkhurst placing first with a time of 1:50.44.

Freshmen Kelli Kyle and Cara Lennon went one-two in the 100-yard backstroke, getting their first taste of ACC swimming. Both girls would later team up with Parkhurst for a one-two-three punch in the 200-yard backstroke. Obas and Savage placed first and second in the 200-yard breaststroke with Carmen Greene-woud taking fourth. Tarantolo had her second win of the evening in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.12 seconds. She then switched from butterfly to breaststroke and took third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Sophomore Meggie Mizelle swam to a first place in the 200-yard butterfly with teammate Sarah Porri rounding out the top four.

The women's meet ended on a high note with last year's ACC champion 200-yard freestyle relay of Allen, Sindall, Regone and Parkhurst taking first in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

"On the men's side, we were concerned as a coaching staff," said Ip. "We are a very young team with our

Outplaying Duke both offensively and defensively, Clemson held the edge as they snatched a 25-15 win.

The decisive fourth set was awarded to the Tigers, recording a whopping 16 kills as a team. Clemson pulled ahead of the Blue Devils at 15-10 and never looked back.

Posting her sixth double-double of the season, Proctor had 14 kills and 10 digs. Ege tallied 14 of the team's 51 digs, and senior Captain Jeannette Abbott contributed 15 kills to the win. After leading the Tigers in both of their ACC victories this weekend, senior middle hitter Danielle Hepburn from Miami, Fla., was named ACC Volleyball Player of the Week.

She is currently averaging 4.00 kills per set and leading the ACC with 1.54 blocks per set. Against Duke alone, she set a team record of 18 kills and also picked up six blocks.

Expect great things from Hepburn as she continues to guide her team to even more success this season.

Next, the Clemson volleyball team heads northbound to face other ACC rivals Boston College and Maryland.

The Tigers face the Eagles tonight at 5 p.m., and will take on the Terrapins in College Park, Md., on Sunday at 1 p.m.

A loss senior class that we lost last year. A loss always hurts, and Georgia Tech was fourth last year at ACCs. This year, our freshman class really stood up, did their job and did it well. We are very proud with how quickly they adapted and were brought into the philosophy by our upperclassmen."

On the men's side of the scoreboard, freshmen combined with upperclassmen to challenge the Yellow Jackets on every race. Junior Tom Recko claimed both the 100 and 200-yard backstroke. Freshman Chris Dart and junior Matt Angelini took second and third in the 200-yard backstroke, a strong event for the Tigers. Angelini had a busy night and would swim to a third place in the 200-yard butterfly and a second place in the 200-yard individual medley.

The freshmen distance duo of Will Clark and Alex Carr placed first and second in both the 1,000 and 500-yard freestyle.

The two men were only four one-hundredths of a second apart in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Freshman Harry Foster made one last push to the wall to take second place away from the Yellow Jackets by two one-hundredths of a second.

Senior Dan Mengerling teamed up with freshmen Scott Clay and Lee Groseclose to place third through fifth in the 200-yard freestyle, respectively. Mengerling would take second in the 100-yard freestyle a short time later with freshman teammates Myles Oliver and Seth Broster taking third and fourth. On the boards, David Giambra and Ryan McDaniel went one-two in the one meter competition. McDaniel took second with Giambra third in the three-meter competition.

The Tigers will have a week off before taking on another ACC opponent at home, the University of Virginia Cavaliers. The Cavaliers will start their season off against UNC this weekend.

"This week was tough mentally and physically across the board," said Ip. "Each coach had an opportunity to step up the training one more notch. We sat the team down and explained that this is the time to be mentally tough before going into a UVA team next week and a USC team not far down the road."

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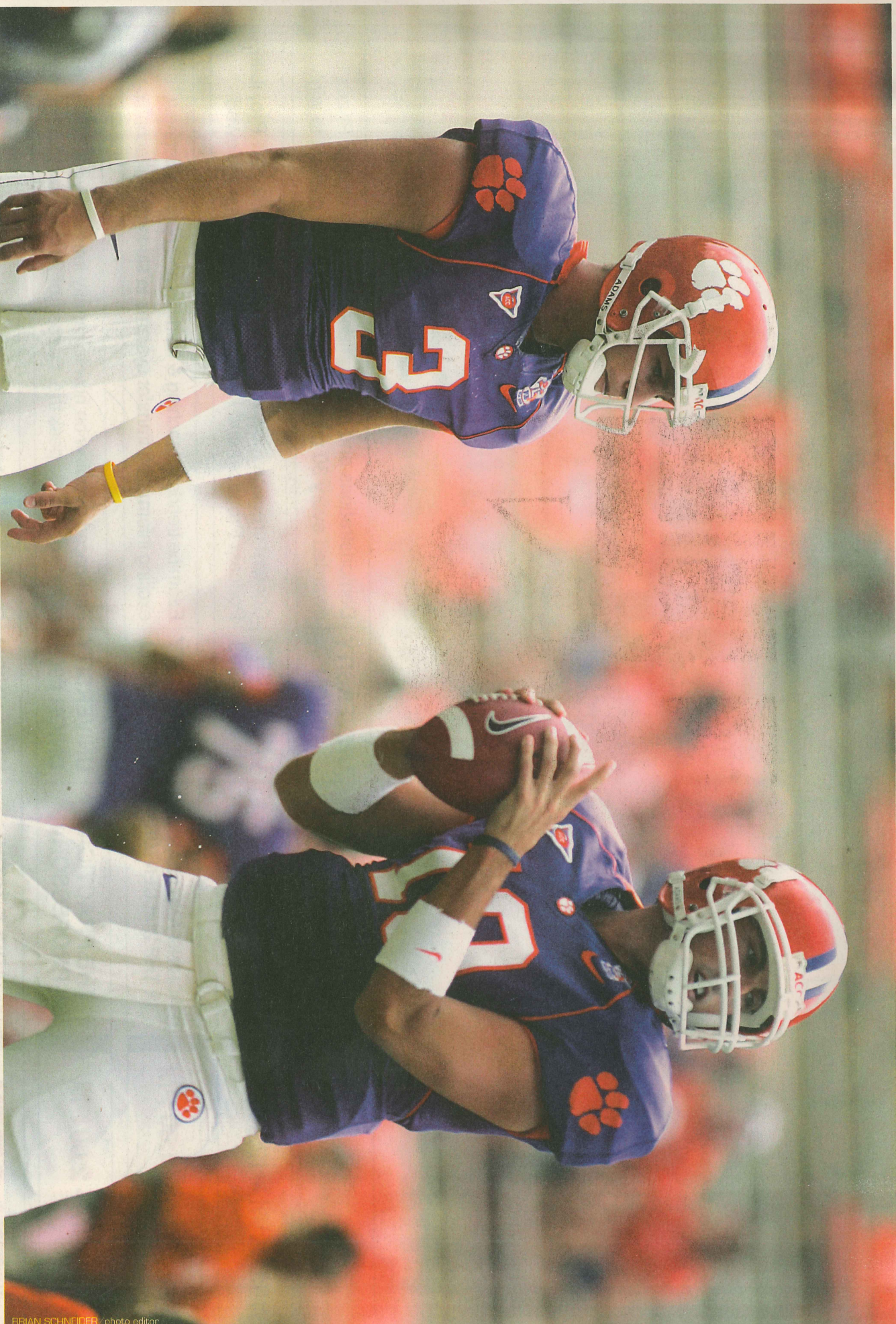
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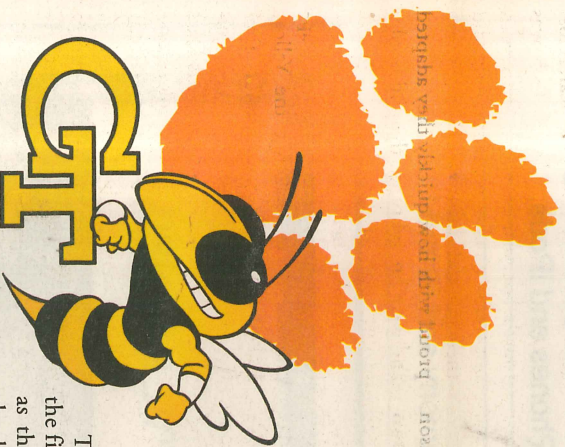




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13. LSU
14. Utah
15. Boise State
16. Kansas
17. Virginia Tech
18. North Carolina
19. South Florida
20. Michigan State
21. Wake Forest
22. Vanderbilt
23. Pittsburgh
24. Ball State
25. California

The Tigers hit the practice field Monday for the first time since 1999 without Tommy Bowden as their head coach. Bowden resigned earlier in the day after meeting with Athletic Director Terry Don Phillips. Dabo Swinney, who has coached receivers since 2003 and served as assistant head coach since 2006, was named interim head coach. Bowden's departure has greater implications beyond just this weekend's game against Georgia Tech but for now the Tiger's must focus on the task at hand. With Swinney's decision not to retain offensive coordinator Rob Spence, Clemson should provide a different look in offensive philosophy. Swinney has already announced that the offensive line will be utilizing a three-point stance, abandoning the spread-friendly two-point stance.

Redshirt freshman Willy Korn will get his first career start this Saturday. Korn's debut is the most anticipated first start for a Tiger quarterback in years. Bowden, announced Korn's starting role at his Friday teleconference. After taking over, Swinney confirmed that Korn would get the start. Cullen Harper, who Korn will replace, has thrown four touchdowns and six interceptions this year (he had just six interceptions all of last season). Harper, the ACC pre-season player of the year, completed just 42 percent of his passes against Wake Forest with one touchdown and an interception.

Despite their option offense, Georgia Tech has excelled at moving the ball through the air. The threat of the run is opening big gains, as the Jackets are averaging 20 yards per completion, which leads the ACC. Tech isn't a passing team though and in the era of spread offenses, they look like something out of the Danny Ford era, which Tiger fans would be familiar with.

Tech will line up on most plays with a running back called a B-back directly behind the quarterback and one or two running backs called A-backs lined up outside of the tackles. Most of the time, they will have just one or two receivers

split out. This wing bone offense carried Georgia Tech's coach Paul Johnson to success at both Georgia Southern and Navy. His first season with the Jackets has been more successful than anticipated.

The Tigers' offense hasn't been nearly as successful as anticipated but the changes that took place this week may provide some surprises. With Spence's departure, control of the offense will be handled by Swinney who will work with Billy Napier on play calling. It will be difficult for them to make any big changes as far as new plays go on such short notice. Swinney wouldn't tip his hand on what kind of offense he would run, but perhaps some surprises are in-store.

Leading the way for Georgia Tech is B-back Jonathan Dwyer. Dwyer has rushed for a league leading 596 yards and 6.6 yards per carry. He is a strong, durable back who wears defenses down. The two A-backs are Roddy Jones and Lucas Cox. Jones and Cox have combined for 286 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Former receiver Greg Smith also gets significant playing time at the position and has rushed for three touchdowns. The quarterback in this system also runs the ball a great deal. Josh Nesbitt who hasn't played in two games due to injury, has run for 290 yards and four touchdowns this season.

When Nesbitt has thrown he has gone to one receiver almost every time. Demariyus Taylor has 18 catches for 359 yards and two touchdowns. Tech has thrown the ball just 71 times this season with 35 completions, a marginal completion rate, but successful in terms of total yards.

Jacoby Ford has stepped up to lead the Tigers receivers with 304 yards and two touchdowns. Aaron Kelly follows with 262 yards. Clemson's receivers will be challenged as they try to get open for Korn. Georgia Tech gives up just 145 yards passing per game. Kelly and Ford will have to keep their heads on a swivel as sophomore safety Morgan Burnett is one of the league's best defensive backs. Burnett is extremely athletic and leads the

Jackets with 39 tackles and three interceptions.

On the ground, Clemson could be without running back C.J. Spiller. If Spiller does play, he and Davis will be challenged by Georgia Tech's front seven. Two years ago, in the last home meeting, the two earned the nicknames "Thunder" and "Lightning" but this time around they face a solid front seven and have a young offensive line in front of them. If Clemson can establish a ground game against Tech, it will take some pressure off Korn in his first start. As a pass rushing unit, Georgia Tech has 16 sacks and defensive end Derrick Morgan leads the team with 6.5 sacks.

Clemson will have an advantage in special teams. Georgia Tech has only converted on six of 11 field goals with a long of 32 yards. Mark Buchholz is perfect on the season. The Tigers will also have the most team speed on defensive of any opponent Georgia Tech has faced so far. Georgia Tech also has put the ball on the ground. They fumbled five times in their opener and three times at Boston College.

The Tigers also have emotion. Some teams collapse after a coach leaves in the middle of the season. Based on player reaction this week, it appears the Tigers have united behind Swinney.

The fans should have more emotion as well. Fan excitement is higher as they have rallied behind Swinney. The Tigers will wear all-orange and participate in the first ever Tiger Walk to help generate enthusiasm.

The jackets, however, have faced a tough road crowd before. They lost by a late field-goal at Virginia Tech earlier this season but the crowd should still be a factor with the emotional upturn that occurred this week in the fan base. The Tigers will have to win on the field, however, and there will be one key.

If the Tigers can shut down the Tech run game, they will have a good chance of winning. If Georgia Tech is able to run effectively and Clemson can't force turnovers, then it will be a long first game for Dabo Swinney and Willy Korn.

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MATCH UP	Daniel Taylor	Ryan Launius	Brandon Boatwright	Hunter Knowles	Rob Patterson	Kevin Vincent	
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Vanderbilt vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	
Wake Forest vs. Maryland	Maryland	Wake Forest	Maryland	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	
Kansas vs. Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	
UNC vs. UVA	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	
Miami vs. Duke	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Duke	Miami	
Missouri vs. Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Missouri	Texas	
Virginia Tech vs. BC	BC	BC	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	
LSU vs. South Carolina	LSU	LSU	South Carolina	LSU	LSU	LSU	
Georgia Tech vs. Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Georgia Tech	Clemson	Georgia Tech	

TIGER SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Saturday 10/18
Georgia Tech

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MEN'S SOCCER

Friday 10/17
N.C. State

7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Tuesday 10/21

Furman
7 p.m.

Greenville, S.C.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Thursday 10/23
Florida State

7 p.m.
Tallahassee, Fla.

VOLLEYBALL

Friday 10/17
Boston College

5 p.m.
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Sunday 10/19

Maryland
1 p.m.

College Park, Md.

MEN'S TENNIS

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All Day
Chapel Hill, N.C.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Wednesday-Thursday 10/22-23
ITA Southeast Regional

All Day
Winston-Salem, N.C.

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 10/17
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Fantasy Football: Corn on the Cobbs

RYAN LAUNIUS

Staff writer



Surprises and exciting finishes were not hard to come by in week six. The Cardinals downed the Cowboys with an overtime blocked punt for a touchdown while the Falcons won on a field goal as time expired despite the Bears taking a lead with only 11 seconds left to play. Even the Giants were surprisingly knocked out of the ranks of the unbeaten by the Browns, leaving the Titans as the only undefeated team left coming out of their bye week.

And for every one of those games, I am sure there were thousands of down-to-the-wire fantasy matchups out there in week six. While some team owners experienced the joy of a close victory, their opponents were left as broken as Tony Romo's pinkie finger.

I wouldn't consider myself a surgeon, but I can certainly help piece together the teams that have already been shattered and left for dead this early in the season. All it takes are a couple good moves and a few strong weeks with just a twinge of luck and your team will find itself in a league playoff game soon enough.

Running backs: The truth about fantasy writers is that we do not possess any skills involving clairvoyance. Last week I predicted that Ronnie Brown would be the best fantasy option of the week in the NFL, but if I had used my crystal ball correctly I would have discovered that Brown was not even the best fantasy option on his own team.

Patrick Cobbs erupted for 153 receiving yards and two touchdowns — his first and second receiving touchdowns in his career. The odds of the third string back (who was behind Ronnie Brown and Ricky Williams in the depth chart) putting up more receiving yards in one game than any Dolphin has in the past 15 years is so capricious that even David

Blaine, John Edwards and Miss Cleo combined could not have predicted it.

Even though Cobbs managed to put up numbers that could have carried any fantasy team this past week, he is not going to be a reliable option in the future. Next week, Cobbs will manage to find himself back on planet Earth, where he is a third string backup to the best running back tandem in the NFL. The most telling sign about Cobbs is that he had only 86 total yards in his two-year career before week six. Do yourself a favor and let Patrick Cobbs stay in the free agent market in your league because he is likely to never repeat this.

If you have an extra spot on your bench for the coming weeks, it may be worth your while to pick up the rookie Broncos back Ryan Torrain before someone else does. Torrain is an electric back out of Arizona State who suffered a fractured elbow in the preseason but is still slated as Denver's main rushing option for when he returns. Torrain will not play this week, but it is looking like he will get the starting nod on Nov. 2 against the Dolphins.

Joseph Addai suffered a hamstring injury last week against the Ravens which let veteran Dominic Rhodes take over the backfield for the Colts. Rhodes certainly impressed football fans around the country as he sliced through the best rushing defense in the NFL for 73 yards and a touchdown. It's beginning to look like Addai may not be back at 100 percent for a game against the Packers, who have the sixth worst rushing defense in the league. If Rhodes can rush for 73 yards and a touchdown in less than a full game against the best defense in the league, he is likely to accomplish even bigger things this week against the Packers.

The fantasy world came to a shocked halt when Thomas Jones scored his third touchdown against the Cincinnati Bengals. By hitting paydirt twice on the ground and once through the air, Jones managed to score more touchdowns against the Bengals in week six than he did in all 16 games last season combined. Jones has never seemed to have a problem

raking up the yardage, but when it comes to touchdowns he has always been a frustrating fantasy fallout. But this raises the question of whether Jones has finally turned the corner in regards to his end-zone phobia, or whether the Cincinnati defense is just that bad.

Upon much investigation, I have decided that the Bengal defense is so weak up front that even Thomas Jones has no problem acting like a power back.

This brings me to my pick of the week, which is whoever happens to be marching up against Cincinnati's defense. This week it happens to be a newly recovered "Fast" Willie Parker and Mewelde Moore.

Parker has been out with a knee injury since playing Philadelphia in week three, which has left Moore as the starting back. Moore has really turned it on lately, rushing for 99 yards in Pittsburgh's week five matchup against the Jaguars. The Steelers will be coming off a bye week, and it is likely that Parker will be licking his chops at the idea of picking up triple digits in yardage during his return against the fifth-worst rushing defense in the NFL.

Wide receivers:

For those of you who accidentally drafted the wideout named Steve Smith on the New York Giants thinking that he was the stud receiver from the Carolina Panthers, you may finally be able to talk about it without all the embarrassment you once suffered through. The New York Smith has become a force in leagues that give points per reception as he has averaged six receptions for more than 60 yards through his last three games. Smith is currently available in 95 percent of Yahoo leagues and could help out any team looking for a third string wide receiver.

With Brandon Lloyd out for the Chicago Bears, Kyle Orton has had to find new targets to keep his offense moving. The man most singled out is receiver Rashied Davis, who has managed 10 receptions for 138 yards over the past two weeks. Lloyd will be out again this week as the Bears face off against a mediocre Viking defense in the Windy City.

Joey Galloway may make his triumphant return to a Buccaneers offense that has greatly missed him this week. Galloway has been out with a foot injury since week two, and despite going more than 1000 yards receiving with six touchdowns last year he is only owned in 43 percent of Yahoo leagues. I recommend snatching up Galloway in your league before someone else manages to.

Quarterbacks:

Tony Romo, Matt Hasselbeck and Carson Palmer will all be out injured this weekend, leaving the backups fair game for anyone who wants them as fantasy players.

The most intriguing backup starting for an injured QB this week is veteran Brad Johnson, who will inherit the high powered offense of the Dallas Cowboys upon his arrival. If you are in need of a strong quarterback option, I think Brad Johnson should definitely be considered as he will be starting the next four to five weeks while Romo nurses his pinkie finger.

My pick of the week is Matt Schaub because he will be playing against the inept defense of the Detroit Lions on Sunday. Schaub has the benefit of playing on the same team as Andre Johnson, who managed to go 178 yards and score a touchdown on 10 receptions last week. While he may not manage the same stat line, Johnson will help Schaub stretch the field this Sunday as yet another team tears apart the pathetic Detroit Lions.

Tight ends:

One of the top performances of the week from the tight ends was from Alex Smith.

I know what you are thinking, and the answer is that this is a different Alex Smith than the one who was drafted out of Utah as the first overall pick by the 49ers and turned out to be a complete bust. Smith is actually good, which he proved by recording 43 yards and a touchdown against the rival Panthers.

Smith is available in most leagues and is worth picking up because of how often he is targeted in the end-zone through the Buccaneers' offensive scheme.

BOWDEN *from page C1*
athletic facilities in the country and with the help of recruiting classes richer than Bill Gates. Since the 1999 season, his teams have finished better than 5-3 in ACC play only once in a single season. In 2000, the Tigers finished 6-2 in the league, good for second-place.

In fact, the 2006 season was almost eerily reminiscent of that 2000 season. The team started strong (7-1), including a 338 rushing yard performance against a ranked Georgia Tech team with plenty of YouTube worthy highlights that was ultimately followed by a dismal 1-4 finish.

Even more frightening is since that 7-1 start in 2006, the Tigers have had a record of 13-11. The numbers speak for themselves when taking a look at Bowden's overall body of work. A 61.5 winning percentage record at Clemson with no conference championships and only three bowl wins will not keep the Board of Trustees very happy.

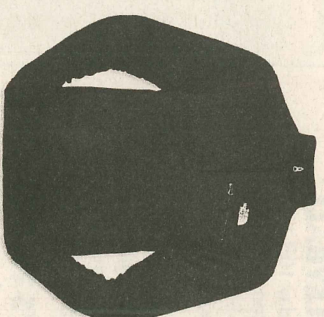
Bowden fooled us all into thinking he could get over the hump.

So how was Bowden able to keep his job for so long with so many bouts of prosperity followed by so much heartbreaking humility and disgust? Tiger fans always find a spark of light in a mine of darkness, so wins like the 63-17 shellacking of South Carolina in 2003, the recent success in the "Bowden Bowl" rivalry (3-1 since 2004) and others kept hope alive.

But enough was enough, and although Bowden gracefully resigned, those in the know are aware it was much closer to a forced resignation than a graceful bow-out.

With an already fervent buzz over the start of a new quarterback this weekend and the change of coaching personnel, Tiger fans across the country will certainly have something to look forward to tomorrow at noon.

This will not necessarily be a one-night turnaround, but the possibilities seem a little more wide open now. Right? We can only hope.



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Last year, the Clemson men's basketball team finished third in the ACC, went to the ACC Tournament Championship Game, went to the NCAA tournament, and finished ranked in the top 25, but they aren't satisfied. The women's team looks to build on last year as well. The young team returned most of its players from last year and will hopefully turn the valuable experience they gained into wins. Not only were the results of last year's season great and met every expectation, but the future looks even brighter. All fall there has been an excitement for basketball on campus, and the season officially gets kicked off tonight at "Rock the John." Coaches Oliver Purnell and Crisly McKinney are ready to show Clemson fans why they shouldn't be satisfied with last year's accomplishments.

Tonight's event is comprised in two halves. The first half is centered all about giving students the chance to win great prizes. The first 500 students will get free pizza, and everyone can get free Coke products. The merchandise given out during the first half includes Wii, an X-Box 360, gift certificates, tickets to both men's and women's ACC tournaments, and the grand prize is a \$250 gift certificate.

to any Clemson athletic event. Six students will also get to compete in a game of knockout for a chance to win a car. The winner will then take a half court shot, and if it is good, that student will be driving home in a brand new car.

The second half of the event showcases both the men's and women's teams. Both Purnell and McKinney will address the crowd, and then each player will be announced. The first competition of the night will be a three-point shootout. Then both the women's and men's teams will be showcased with scrimmages. The women will go first and be followed by the men. The night will close with a dunk contest among the men. Both coaches will be commentators during the two competitions adding to fun of the evening. Afterwards, all the players and coaches will be signing autographs.

Last year there wasn't an event like this because the start date of the basketball season was during fall break, but that will make this year's more exciting. Mike Money, the director of marketing for the Athletic Department, was relieved that fall break was later this year so that the event could take place. "We like to use this event to get people excited about basketball before the season starts," said Money. Last year the excitement couldn't really begin until the first game of the season. Having this event will hopefully improve attendance for the early season games. The event will begin tonight at 8 p.m., which is different than the traditional

midnight time. These events used to always start at midnight because basketball practice could not officially begin until then. The NCAA has changed the rule, and now practice can begin at 5 p.m. The Tigers will be practicing before "Rock the John" starts. The evening start time is also perfect for families in town for the Georgia Tech game.

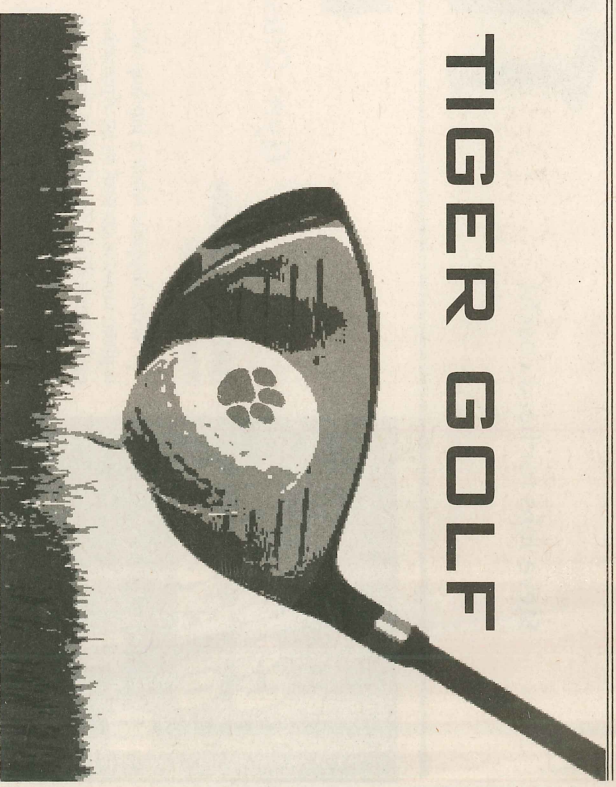
This event is designed to create excitement among students. In fact, some students are just as excited about basketball as they are for football.

"Oliver Purnell came here and wanted Clemson to be more than just a football school. And, the level of excitement the program has reached is a testament to Coach Purnell," said Money. Coach Purnell does whatever he can to create excitement for his team among the students, whether he is sending out e-mails to the student body or playing Guitar Hero for the band. He and the Athletic Department want to see as many people in Littlejohn as possible. "I hope Littlejohn is packed Friday night and every night."

Everyone is encouraged to come out to "Rock the John" tonight when the gates open at 7:30 p.m. There is a lot of stuff being given away and the entire event absolutely free. It will be a night full of excitement when the team that's giving Clemson something to believe in is unveiled. The students are encouraged to sit on the pull out bleachers so they are as close to the action as possible and give Littlejohn the best atmosphere possible.

On an even more encouraging note, tonight's event will also feature Sky Hawk, the Atlanta Hawks mascot. Last year Sky Hawk performed at Kansas, who went on to become National Champions.

TIGER GOLF



ALEX URBAN

STAFF WRITER

With a recent third place finish at the Brickyard in Macon, Ga., this weekend and a seventh place finish at the Ping/Golfweek Preview played in Toledo, Ohio, a week ago, the Clemson Tiger Golf Team is off to a fast start.

The Tigers finished seven shots off of the pace set by Georgia on Monday after being two shots back going into the final round. On a tough course, Georgia's 19-over 859 was good enough for the win, followed by Georgia Tech at 24-over, and Clemson at 26-over.

Clemson's seniors David May and Phillip Mollica were the low scorers for the Tigers with total scores of five-over at the par-70 course. May was sitting near the top of the individual leader-board after a brilliant 69 on Sunday that left him at one-over par, but he couldn't get a rally going after suffering a double-bogey six on the par-four ninth on Monday, firing a four-over 74.

Mollica had a more even tournament, shooting similar scores each day en route to his five-over finishing score.

May and Mollica were followed by freshman Alex Boyd, who finished at nine-over, junior Kyle Stan-

ley who finished at 12-over, and junior Ben Marrin, who finished at 16-over for the tournament.

Clemson finished behind Georgia Tech, but defeated four other ACC schools at the event, including Florida State and Wake Forest.

The Tigers finished seventh at Inverness Golf Club in Toledo that boasted eight of the top 10 teams in the nation, including the sixth-ranked Tigers. The event was played at the site of the 2009 NCAA Championships in May and had a field of 15 teams.

Oklahoma State ran away with the event, winning by 16 shots with a team score of nine-under par 843. The Tigers ended with 874, 22-over par.

Stanley paced the Tigers with a score of two-under 211, good for fifth place. He was within striking distance of the leaders, but faltered on the last three holes, playing them at four-over.

May finished 17th overall with his score of 217, 4-over par. Junior Ben Marrin, freshman Jacob Burger and junior Sam Saunders rounded out the scoring for the Tigers with scores of 223 (+10), 225 (+12) and 230 (+17), respectively.

Stanley still has one of the best scoring averages in the country; his average is 69.8 on the year.



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10 - 18

Empower Blitz Tailgate featuring PictureMeFree. Join us for the Second Annual Empower Tailgate for food, fun, music and games. Southwest Corner of Littlejohn Coliseum. Free. 9 a.m. to noon.

10 - 20

SLT: Google Apps Web Page. Get started creating a web page using Google Apps. Visit <http://www.clemson.edu/ict/ittraining> to sign up. Barre B105. Free. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Also Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

10 - 21

Concerts: This performance by six virtuoso string players and Ullinard graduates will include repertoire from Richard Strauss, Frank Bridge and Brahms.

10 - 22

Docutalks: The Choice 2008. This documentary video series examines the biographies of Barack Obama and John McCain to discover how they arrived as presidential candidates. 416 Cooper Library (Brown Room.) Free. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

10 - 23

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Gym Class Heroes' new CD, "The Quilt," deviates from rock label.

Hip-hop or rock?

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER

What happens when a hip-hop MC is given creative control in an alternative rock band? Well, the alt-rock drops out of the equation and the product is just hip-hop.

Consider Travis McCoy, frontman for Gym Class Heroes: McCoy's vocal stylings have always been more rap than rock, giving the alt-rock quartet a unique flavor and identity. Through the course of the group's three records, though, that hip-hop flavor has become more and more prevalent in its sonic palette. The steadily growing infusion of rap has reached its greatest heights yet with the Heroes' latest album, "The Quilt," a hip-hop record under the guise of the group's now irrelevant rock label.

Looking at the song titles and their credits is an ominous sign of what lies within. Subscribing to the traditional hip-hop format, many songs have the "Feat." credit in their titles, citing such rappers as The Dream (twice) and Busta Rhymes. A litany of songwriters and producers are attributed to each song, forsaking the pride that alternative rock bands usually take in writing and performing their own music.

The lyrics have also undergone a dramatic change. In their first two records, the Heroes wrote clever, funky rock tunes satirizing the life of a modern teenager; penning comical odes to Myspace friend requests and scandalous romantic school relationships. Now,

though, McCoy drops an F-bomb in every verse, raps about giving the middle finger and professes his love for tasting all the various flavors of women. If "The Paper Cut Chronicles" and "As Cruel As School Children" found Gym Class Heroes navigating adolescence, "The Quilt" glamorizes the decadence of a questionably mature adult in his 20s.

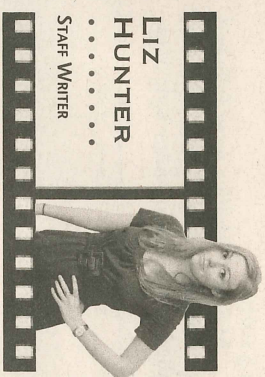
To be fair, "The Quilt" is an excellent record. The opening track, "Guilty As Charged" is a boory-shaking funky masterpiece, with horns and background female vocals reminiscent of Prince at his greatest. "Like Father, Like Son" is classic McCoy, an introspective autobiographical jingle with astonishingly deft rhymes. One of the album's biggest surprises is the emergence of guitarist Disashi Lumumba-Kasongo as a vocalist. Disashi handles lead vocals on several songs, displaying the range and depth of a seasoned singer.

Despite the album's numerous shining moments, a long-time Gym Class Heroes fan can't listen to "The Quilt" without feeling betrayed. It's too obvious that McCoy has his three bandmates on a leash and is leading them further and further into hip-hop territory; last year, they toured with Fall Out Boy. This year, they're with The Roots.

Whether the non-McCoy portion of the group is comfortable with its direction is unclear. What is clear, though, is that Travis McCoy has traded in his emo skinny jeans for hip-hop bling, and all we can do is blow a kiss goodbye to the beloved Gym Class Heroes of old.



Travis McCoy performs as frontman for Gym Class Heroes. They performed with Fall Out Boy in Littlejohn last fall.

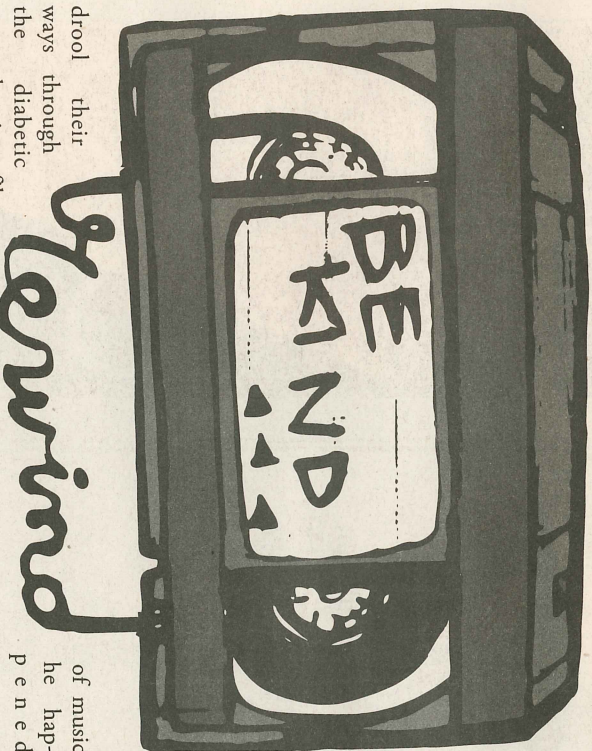


LIZ HUNTER

Staff Writer

I know what you're thinking. "Liz, your job is so cool. You get to watch a ton of films and make phenomenal insights every week into the art form that defines our culture. You get to attend glamorous parties and mingle with important people who offer you drugs, which you turn down because you take film seriously enough to keep your noggin in a perpetual state of lucid intellectual rumination. You actively engage with your eager fan base, creating a culture of highbrow film discussion in Clemson. You sleep all day in yesterday's clothes, the scattered papers of your latest brilliant and manic thought-purge crumpling between the weight of your body and your bed sheets. You stay up all night, chain smoking and feverishly assaulting the worn keys of your sea-foam-green Smith Corona Galaxis Deluxe typewriter with the calloused tips of your precision fingers. You even get paid to do it all!"

In thinking any of this, you would, of course, not be correct. Not even a little. Well, except maybe about the phenomenal insight part. But look, it's a gritty job, one that somehow sandwiches itself between 19 masochistic hours of class each week. And on weeks like this one, when "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" is the clear leader in the box office, and when I didn't have time to even think about film (much less view one), I feel like a total fraud. Who am I to attempt to engage you peoples' latent film intellectuality when I myself am running on empty, and when the American public would rather



drool their ways through the diabetic coma that is a film involving computer-animated talking Chihuahuas and Jamie Lee Curtis? My neurons go limp even thinking about it all. The horror!

In other words, the economy isn't the only thing in recession. We're facing a major film recession, people, and ain't nobody gonna bail us out. Into the darkness we go. The day of film as art form above commercial product is out like Tommy Bowden. Though, in both cases, the argument could be convincingly made that neither of those things ever actually delivered in the first place, but are instead nostalgic lies we create as a means of blaming the present for its mediocrity. For as long as film has existed, some of it has been bad. Like, real bad. But, shh, ignore that fact. If you're going to be a true film scholar like your's truly, you've got to pretend you don't know that.

Yeah, that's it, mediocrity. We drown in the rushing tsunami of lameness caused by cultural mediocrity on a daily basis. In fact, the late and great Lester Bangs described this sorry phenomenon when he occasionally classified the uninspired bits

of music he happened upon as

"aggressively mediocre." For the record, it's phrases like that one that made that man a genius. I digress. Check this though: it's this aggressive mediocrity, which to me would make an apt slogan for today's film industry, that actually makes Hollywood recession-proof. Recession proof because it rides the wave of mediocrity safely, never crashing, but seldom catching a gnarly wave, either. Hollywood ain't nothing if it ain't consistent. "Beverly Hills Chihuahua." Same as it ever was.

We're the post generation; post rock 'n' roll, post film, post superstardom, Post Secret (ugh); it's all so disseminated and fleeting now. Recession proof because it's never up enough to go down, or down enough to go up. Letting the days go by, letting the water hold us under. And we may ask ourselves, "Well, how did we get here?" For the record, I only kind of know the answer to that question. I'm still trying to figure it out.

So what does one do to cope? You sift through the mountains of trash, looking for the discarded dia-

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Crime show recap; new one premieres



ALLYSON KINARD

Staff Writer

After a long wait, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" finally released the much-awaited season premiere, victim to that nasty habit the producers have of being behind. However, the emotional episode was satisfactory, even if it was unextraordinary. Long-time CSI Warrick Brown (Gary Dourdan) was, in fact, killed off, but as I said last week, we still have the comfort of knowing that Morphews will soon be in to take his place. The episode was slightly anticlimactic; there was no way I expected the team to be able to take down McKean so quickly.

On another note, "NCIS" is off to a strong start this season, reuniting the team and managing at the same time to revamp the show. I'm beginning to like new director Leon Vance (Rocky Carroll) better every episode; he seems to work well with Gibbs (Mark Harmon) and the rest of the NCIS team. I'm sensing a definite tension between Ziva (Cote de Pablo) and Tony (Michael Weatherly) and see a possible relationship in the near future.

CSI: Miami has fallen back into the old routine for the most part; however, viewers were granted an interesting insight into Eric Delko's (Adam Rodriguez) life when his psychiatrist was murdered and Delko had to read through patients' files with Calleigh Duquesne (Emily Procter). Duquesne conveniently gets Delko's file in her

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ON [tech]

JASON YANG
Staff Writer



Cars of the future have been the subject of many science fiction films, and the more fantastical ones like the Bond cars have all been sleek and stylish in design. Ford is now approaching cars of the future with an incentive for parents.

Starting in 2009, Ford will roll out a new line of cars targeted towards parents, allowing them to

set a maximum speed limit and maximum volume level for the car's sound system to better ensure the safety of their teenage drivers. These features would be activated when the teenager's key is inserted into the ignition, so if the parents wanted to use the car themselves they would not be met with the same restriction.

Ford already uses a similar technology to prevent car thefts. Most cars today use a system where the car will not start if it does not recognize the chip embedded within the key. Using the same technology for features like this seems like the next step.

Some of the concerns including the 80 mph speed limit were addressed as a backup in case situations would arise. Some also claimed that setting the physical speed limit of the car to the speed limit of most states provides a

strict limit and may deter customers as they feel it might be too limiting. Surveys say that in the long run, teenagers seem more likely to accept the new limitations if it is what allows them to drive in the end.

These features are to be included in all Ford, Lincoln and Mercury line cars as they come out next summer. This opens up a new horizon in automotive technology including previously unattainable dreams like cruise control systems that control your vehicle's speed by measuring distances between the cars in front of and behind yours. This is a step towards the ever so popular auto-drive features that allow the driver to shave and eat breakfast while on their way to work. Then again, some people already shave and eat breakfast while in the driver's seat on their way to work.

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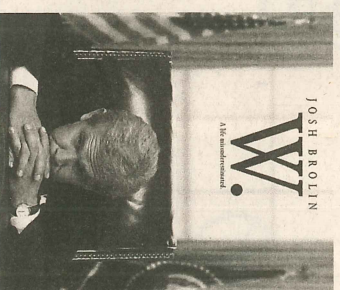
PREVIEW

GREG BLANTON
STAFF WRITER



FILM

"Max Payne" | In the latest adaptation of pop-culture hero to the big screen, Mark Wahlberg brings to life video game hero Max Payne. The film features every element of an action thriller a dude could ever ask for, including guns, violence, hot chicks, a heavy metal soundtrack and Marty Mark's muscles. Who can resist that combo?



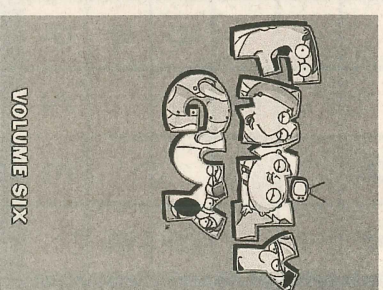
FILM

"W." | Love him or hate him, no figure on the planet has drawn more ire than President George W. Bush. Between the controversial election of 2000, the 9/11 attacks and the Iraq War debacle, Bush's life has been a story of tragedy and hardship. Oliver Stone tells that story with his middle-initial-titled Hollywood portrayal of Bush, starring Josh Brodin as "W."

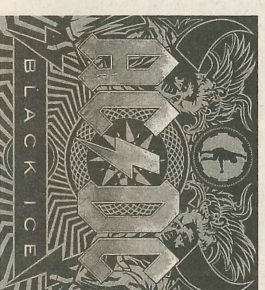


DVDS

"Casino Royale: Collector's Edition"
Oct. 21 | Daniel Craig's first stint as James Bond was hugely successful. Replacing Pierce Brosnan as the suave British secret agent, Craig portrayed a tougher, more muscular Bond. Although a far cry from the classic 007 films of the '60s and '70s that saw Sean Connery and Roger Moore establish the franchise, "Casino Royale" is an excellent action film nonetheless and a huge improvement over Brosnan's latter reprisals.

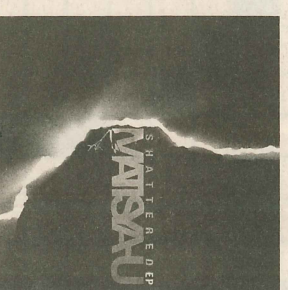


"Family Guy: Volume 6"
Oct. 21 | There is no animated comedy funnier than "Family Guy." Though "The Simpsons" is a close second place, the Griffin family takes the prize. Seth MacFarlane's beloved show was inexplicably canceled several times around the turn of the century, but thanks to multi-million DVD sales and strong fan response, FOX brought the show back. It remains today as one of the most popular shows on television.



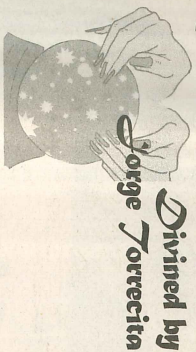
MUSIC

"Black Ice"
AC/DC
Oct. 20 | It can be argued that AC/DC release the same album over and over again, but there is no doubt that the band's rock 'n' roll formula is a winning one. The Aussies' blueprint remains unchanged in their upcoming release, "Black Ice," save for a modified distribution method: the record is set to be sold exclusively by Wal-Mart, a repulsive business decision — but who cares? It's AC/DC.



"Shattered"
Matisyahu
Oct. 21 | In 2005, Matisyahu was the flavor of the day. With his hit single, "King Without A Crown," the reggae-and-rap-flavored singer became everybody's favorite Hasidic Jew. However, his full-length record "Youth" was merely a moderate success, and Matisyahu has since declined into somewhat obscurity. With his upcoming EP, though, he aims to prove that he isn't a one-hit-wonder novelty act.

Horoscopes



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Time yourself this week: How much of each day do you blow on your Nintendo 64? Old video games may bring back memories, but they're also more addictive than heroin. One way to never get hooked is to never start, but it's too late! I hear the Betty Ford Clinic has a program for Smash Bros. fiends like you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You could write a book about the seven habits of highly effective people. Include an appendix featuring complete recipes from Gordon Bleu and still have enough time left in your day to re-string your roof. If the rest of your skills were as highly developed as your time management, you'd be sifting pretty indefinitely. They're not, though. Retake both your required classes next semester.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Graffiti is art. Art that will land you in jail. So as much as we all love free speech around here, it still stands that people don't like free speech on their business' facade. Quit your bitching and deal with it, you were never destined to be the next Banksy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

I know things have been depressing lately, especially after that embarrassment that was the Wake Forest game. At least things can't get much worse! Well, knowing Clemson Athletics we'll go out our his way to build a time machine and return to a few weeks ago so we can lose to the Citadel and SC State, too. So maybe you shouldn't feel better quite yet.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

That third-world country you've had your eye on might now be for sale. After all their banks folded the government had nowhere to stash the debt and so was overthrown. Call your friends in the Marines and make a long weekend of it. The passage of Mercury hints you could be emperor before the new moon rises.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You're going to get a great job offer working for Fox News. Don't let the lavish salary, obscene benefits and pseudo-professionalism draw you in. This simple astrologer predicts you'll hang yourself before you draw your second paycheck.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You never realized how thin the walls are in apartment complexes until your roommate's girlfriend came up for the weekend. You're now very familiar with their propensity to conduct certain types of sound exactly when it would be best if they did not. So you lie on your mattress awake, being freaked the hell out. Sucks, doesn't it?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your intelligence called in sick this week. It said it needed some time off to recuperate and also to evaluate future career options. But I'm worried for you. Once it realizes all the other things it can do with its life, it's likely to hand in its two-weeks notice. Good luck finding a replacement.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Talk to the friends you haven't heard from in years. Catch up on old times since you're feeling down. This psychic's prediction is that their lives are more pathetic than yours. Should be some good old schadenfreude for you, buddy.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Even when you're worried about timeframes and how things might get very awkward very quickly, they never do. You have good luck; this makes things nice and easy for everyone involved. Yesss.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You are a champion. Between the classified information not staying classified, the midterms not being passed and the death of your pet chinchilla, you're just getting everything right lately. It would have been understandable if Sparky had been ill, but no, you just didn't feed him for three weeks. You win the championship of life.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You know now what you knew then, but you didn't know then what you know now. So if you could possibly know now what you don't know yet, you'd be ahead of the game! Once you figure this out, write a book and make millions, don't forget what you knew then now that you know something from the future in the present. Twice.

ON THE PRRROWL

by IVANNA JOHNSON

Dating is nerve-wracking. And making the first move on someone can be terrifying. So here is a list of do's and don'ts on making the first move with your desired partner.

Don't take advantage of beer goggles. Yes, it is true that a few drinks are a good icebreaker when it comes to getting down for the first time, but any more than that and you're in dangerous territory. Why?

People look prettier the drunker you are. And the hottie you took to bed might be the fugly mistake you wake up with in the morning. If you're too drunk to drive, then you're too drunk to bump it for the first time.

Do be prepared. When you're ready to finally get it on, you don't want to be running to the bathroom to get a condom. Try keeping protection discreetly throughout your abode so you're always ready no matter where you decide to get down.

Don't assume that because you are ready to fornicate your partner is. This mistake is common among

those getting down for the first time. Rejection is never an aphrodisiac. Test your boundaries before ripping off your clothes.

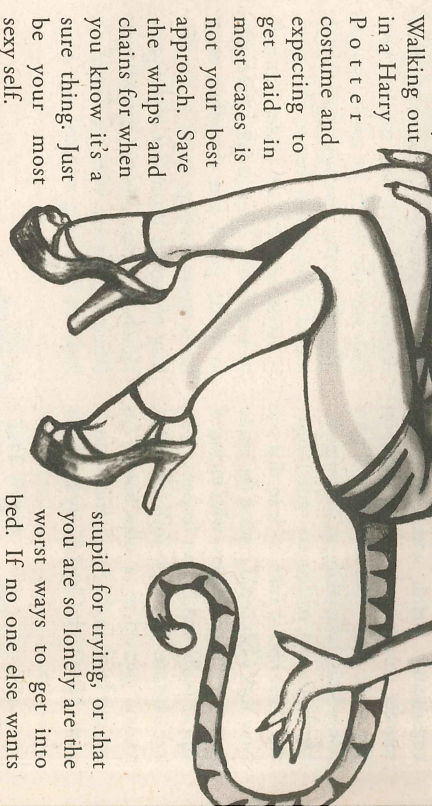
Do practice proper hygiene. It may have been six weeks since your last booty encounter but it's not an excuse to stop grooming. Always be shaven and waxed so you're not excusing your bushastiness mid-session.

Don't beg for it. In fact, don't even ask. If it happens, it happens. But it's definitely not going to happen if you ask "are we doing it or what?" Try asking someone in for a beverage or a tour; be subtle. And if someone says no, it means no. Don't embarrass yourself further by getting rejected again.

Do choose a familiar place. Your partner is more likely to get down with you if they are comfortable with their surroundings. Club bathrooms, frat houses and back alleys are not good places to try and get your freak on for the first time. And if they will do you in the bathroom, then there is probably

not much else they have ever said no to.

Don't use the first time to try out a fantasy.



Walking out in a Harry Potter costume and expecting to get laid in most cases is not your best approach. Save the whips and chains for when you know it's a sure thing. Just be your most sexy self.

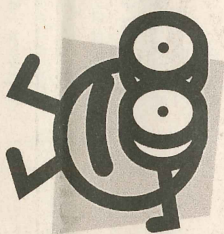
Do wear the right underwear. Revealing your granny panties doesn't say, "I am ready to get down." It says you never do. Make sure your undergarments are properly washed and appropriate for doing the deed.

Don't play the pity card. Saying you always get rejected, you feel so

stupid for trying, or that you are so lonely are the worst ways to get into bed. If no one else wants to do you, why would they?

Try saying, "I don't do this often, but you seem like someone I could be comfortable with;" still sounds a little corny, but not as desperate.

If you do commit one of these hook-up faux pas, it's your fault, not your partner's. But don't be too hard on yourself, it happens to everyone.



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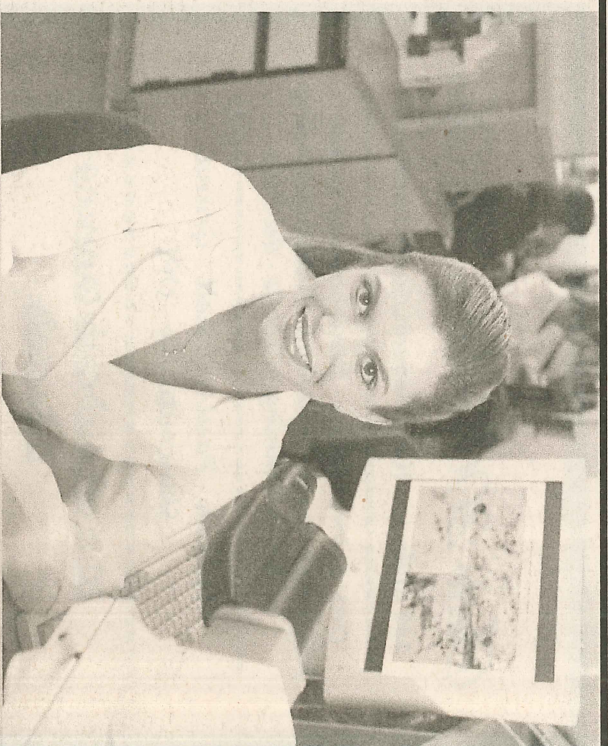
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stack and comes across a statement Delko made implying that he had feelings for her. More importantly, the new medical examiner, Dr. Tara Price (Megalya Echikunawoke), has lasted for longer than two episodes without getting shot, implying that she has a least a long-term replacement for the previous M.E., Alex Woods (Khandi Alexander).

"CSI: New York" has remained consistently weird, with last week's murder conveniently taking place on the same plane that Detective Taylor (Gary Sinise) was taking to Washington. Much to the passengers' annoyance, the plane had to turn back so that the New York CSIs could process the crime scene and its passengers, who included rapper Nelly and his pet leopard. The week before that, New York fell victim to, you guessed it: a killer book. An antique book in the Antiquities Branch of the New York City Library had been

covered with Thallium and was giving severe radiation poisoning to anyone who touched it. The relationship between Messer (Carmine Giovinazzo) and Lindsey Monroe (Anna Belknap) remains largely unresolved, much to my disappointment.

The cast of "Criminal Minds" seems to be putting themselves in danger early this season: in last week's episode, Agents Emily Prentiss (Paget Brewster) and Dr. Spencer Reid (Matthew Gray Gubler) go undercover to investigate a cult accused of molesting children, but the raid goes bad, and the agents are taken hostage. They are further endangered when it is leaked to the media that an FBI agent is inside, and the cult leader demands to know who. Prentiss takes the bullet in Reid's place, but the effort earns her a severe beating, much to the dismay of Agents Rossi (Joe Mantegna), Hotch (Thomas Gibson) and Morgan (Shemar Moore), who are forced to listen to her being tortured over bugs

given to her and Reid. Other than the cult leader and his brainwashed fifteen-year-old bride, everyone makes it out alive, even if Prentiss is worse for the wear. Nevertheless, the episode ends with Prentiss comforting a guilt-racked Reid.

Also premiering this week after CSI was a new drama called "Eleventh Hour," based on British miniseries and the exploits of Dr. Jacob Hood, a brilliant biophysicist investigating scientific crimes with the FBI. The first episode is disturbing and macabre, dealing with a distraught father trying to clone his dead son. However, one of the dead fetuses from the attempted cloning is thrown out in the road and picked up by the FBI, which is where Hood (Rufus Sewell) and his talented partner, Rachel Young (Marley Shelton) come into the picture. The show is confusing and could prove difficult to both watch and follow, but I think it ultimately be worth keeping up with. Only time will tell.



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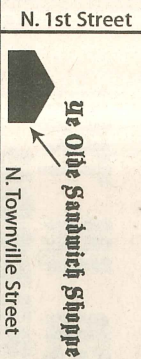
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Katie: Chicken fingers, chicken salad, chicken sandwiches (I felt like I was in Forrest Gump). Sorry, vegans, probably not the place for you.

Pre-game

Nick: I had heard from a couple people that this place was pretty good, so we decided to give it a try. That and I am a sucker for good chicken and sweet tea.

Katie: I was intrigued by the new restaurant and decided to look it up online. The Web site is <http://www.guthrieschicken.com>. I know I'm game for fast chicken and knew Nick would be, too.

The Scene

Nick: I think of KISS: keep it simple, stupid. There is a very clean dining area with televisions in the corners. The service is quick and friendly. It doesn't have a whole lot going on with things hanging on the wall but it's nice not going to a place that just has a bunch of random things everywhere.

Katie: It was very clean and uniform, which is nice to see in a college town setting, and the workers were very pleasant and helpful. The walls were lined up with televisions strategically placed in the corners.

A Look at the Menu

Nick: Chicken, nothing but. They specialize in chicken tenders but also have some sandwiches. So it's really easy to make a choice. And the price is cheap, so of course I'm a huge fan.

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Impressions

Nick: With sit down and drive-thru it's a great stop for good chicken and sweet tea. They aren't trying to be something they aren't, which is refreshing when everyone else is trying to be an expert in everything.

Katie: Great for on the run or sitting down, delicious chicken and great sauce.

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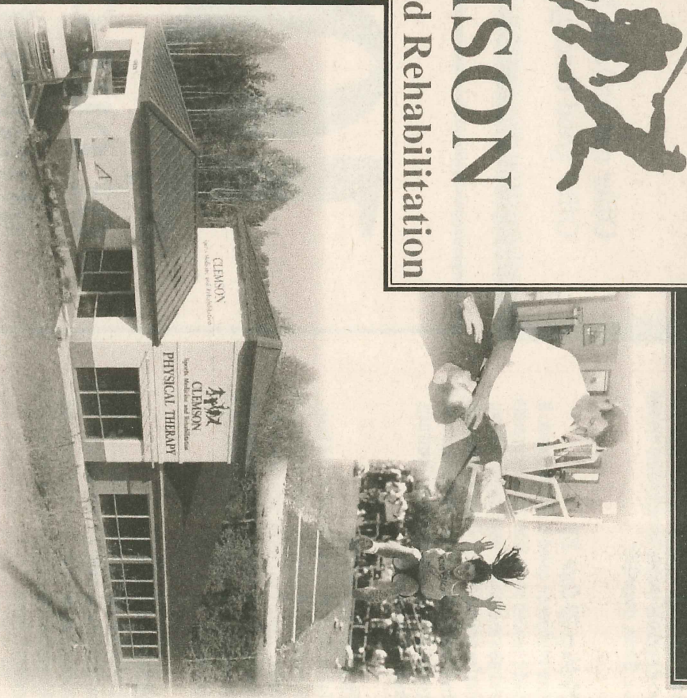
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- Fireproof
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- Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist
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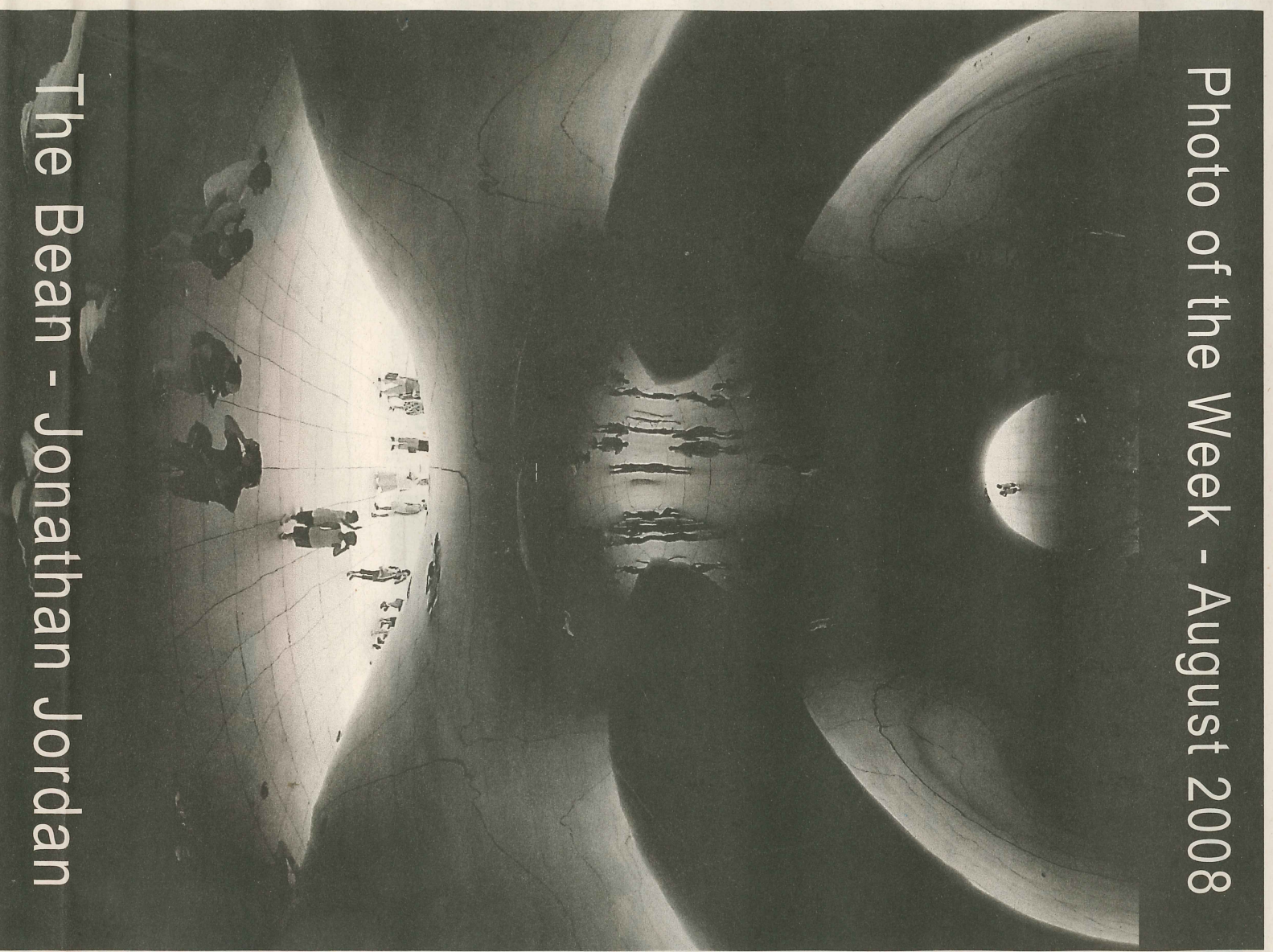


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THE TOP 5
BEATLES MASH-UPS
BY MEREDITH HUMPHREY

- 5** **Green Beatles "Righty Stew"** John Lennon's voice against the musical stylings of Green Day. Who would have ever thought? The lyrics of "Eleanor Rigby" with Green Day's "Brain Stew" instrumentals provide for an entertaining YouTube video and surprisingly catchy tune.
- 4** **Jay-Z, Linkin Park, Paul McCartney** At the 2006 Grammy Awards a mash-up of epic proportions was performed. Jay-Z performed "Encore" and Linkin Park, "Numb." At a break, a piano begins playing The Beatles "Yesterday" as Jay-Z continues rapping. The "Encore" chorus is replaced with the chorus of "Yesterday," and Paul McCartney himself joins in for the last verse. While finding a copy of the song might prove impossible, you have no choice but to watch the video on YouTube.
- 3** **Running with the Beatles** Van Halen's tight spandex and wild hair partnered with the Beatles at the peak of their career can only equal an amazing mash-up. David Lee Roth leads the track crooning his "Running With The Devil" with his four backup singers John, Ringo, George and Paul singing "Baby You Can Drive My Car" throughout the chorus.
- 2** **The Beaches "Sgt. Patsound's Lonely Hearts Club Band"** If you think synching Pink Floyd's The Dark Side of the Moon to "The Wizard of Oz" is entertaining, then you will admire Clayton Counts. Counts discovered that Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band matches The Beach Boys' Pet Sounds track-for-track. Naturally, there was a boycott against EMI and Capitol Records. It is difficult to find tracks, but a few Web sites have them.
- 1** **The Beatles "Tripper Trouble"** Thanks to Boston's dj BC, another clever band name and set of mash-ups was born — combining the Beastie Boys and the Beatles. Despite controversy and a few lawsuits, dj BC released the album "dj BC presents The Beatles and Let It Beast," and he was featured in both Newsweek and Rolling Stone. Although trying to get your hands on both albums would be ideal, "Tripper Trouble" should be at the top of the list — mashing together The Beatles' "Day Tripper" with the Beastie Boys' "Triple Trouble."

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Quick Cut-Out
Chicken and Rice Pot Pie
by Kelly Croughwell

Serves no. 2

- 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast (1/2 lb.), cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/2 cup Basmati rice
- 1 cup frozen, mixed vegetables
- 1 10 3/4 oz. can Cream of Chicken soup
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup diced sweet onion
- 1 packet Good Seasons Italian Dressing Mix
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed (from 17.3oz. box found in freezer section)
- 1 egg, lightly beaten with a fork

Combine 1/2 cup rice with 1 1/2 cup water in a microwavable dish. Microwave on 70 percent power for 12 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a sauté pan, cook chicken with the onion over medium-low heat, about 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Mix in vegetables and soup.

In a shallow baking dish, combine chicken mixture with cooked rice, cheese and dressing mix.

Set puff pastry sheet over filling and press pastry edge all around to adhere to baking dish. Cut four 1-inch slits in the center of the pastry. Brush top of pastry with beaten egg (if you don't have a pastry brush, dip a sheet of paper towel in egg and brush top).

Bake in the preheated 375 degree oven for 10 minutes. Turn down temperature to 350 degrees and cook another 20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.

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TimeOut interviews "Max Payne" cast

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TimeOut recently participated in an interview with Mark Wahlberg, star of the new action film "Max Payne." The film is about DEA agent Max Payne, an unorthodox hero and a man hell-bent on revenge for his murdered family. Also joining the interview was Mila Kunis who plays assassin Mona Sax and Charles "Ludacris" Bridges as the internal affairs agent.

Question: What attracted you to the role of Max?

Mark Wahlberg: Well, I'd been looking to do something with some action, some energy, some intensity. After doing "The Lovely Bones" and doing M. Night's movie "The Happening," I definitely wanted to do something where I could really kinda go off. And I read the script before I realized it was based on a video game, and I just thought it was a nice fit for me.

Question: What's your favorite genre of movie to be a part of and why?

Wahlberg: I like doing the exact opposite of what I did the last time around. I'm a "grass is always greener on the other side" kind of guy,

so right now I'm looking for like a broad comedy or a romantic comedy, something along those lines. But I'm really drawn to the kind of movies which I see, which are, you know, guys' guys: I love anti-heroes and crime saga.

Question: How did you shoot the "bullet time" sequences?

Wahlberg: We actually didn't use any wires or anything. We used a new 1,000-frames-per-second camera, and I actually was just jumping off a bunch of apple boxes and landing on my face or body.... The great thing about it was that John ["Max Payne" director John Moore] is such a good shooter that he really came up with new and cool ways to shoot all the action. There's actually very little CGI in the movie aside from the demons and the blowing up the roof of the building.

Question: What drew you to the role of Jim, because he seems like such contrast to Ludacris the rapper that everybody knows?

Chris "Ludacris" Bridges: Exactly. That is the exact reason why I choose roles like that to get away from the persona of Ludacris. Ludacris is a character all within itself. When I'm acting, I don't want anyone to think that I am Ludacris, and that is the exact reason why I do that. So, just trying to not only surprise myself, but surprise everyone else and continue to choose these diverse roles that let you know that I obviously must be acting because it's nothing like what the persona of Ludacris is.

Question: What was the most challenging part of your role?

Bridges: The most challenging part of my role... I would definitely have to say, this is my first time playing on that side of the law and being an internal affairs agent. So, instead of being a bad guy, I was kind of a good guy. And with that being said, I just had to put myself in the mindset of the PO-lice! So that was pretty much the most challenging part for me. And because I knew the role was written for a 60-year-old white man, and I felt like I was kind of young, so I had to be as mature as possible and make sure I was 100 percent aggressive with that role.

Question: You've become really well-known for your comedic work in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "That 70s Show" and, my personal favorite, "Family Guy." What's with the switch to drama? Was that a calculated move? How is it different from the comedic work you've done and all that jazz?

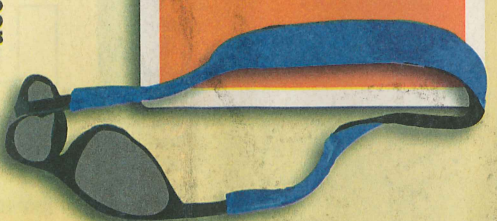
Mila Kunis: I mean, no. It's as calculated as anything is. It's one of those things where when you get the opportunity to do a movie like this, you jump at the chance. It was different. It was challenging. There's actually no reason as to why I shouldn't have done it.

It's not like I did "Sarah Marshall" and thus made a conscious decision to be 'oh, the next film I do is going to be an action movie starring Ludacris and Mark Wahlberg.' I don't quite work that way. I mean, yes, one day maybe, but at this very moment it just kind of happened, and I couldn't have been more excited when it did."



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mond in the rough, that's what you do. And then you throw the diamond away and keep the box, because the box isn't trying to be a diamond, it's just being a box, and besides, it has more utility. You pull a Wall-e. You learn to love crap because you have no other options.

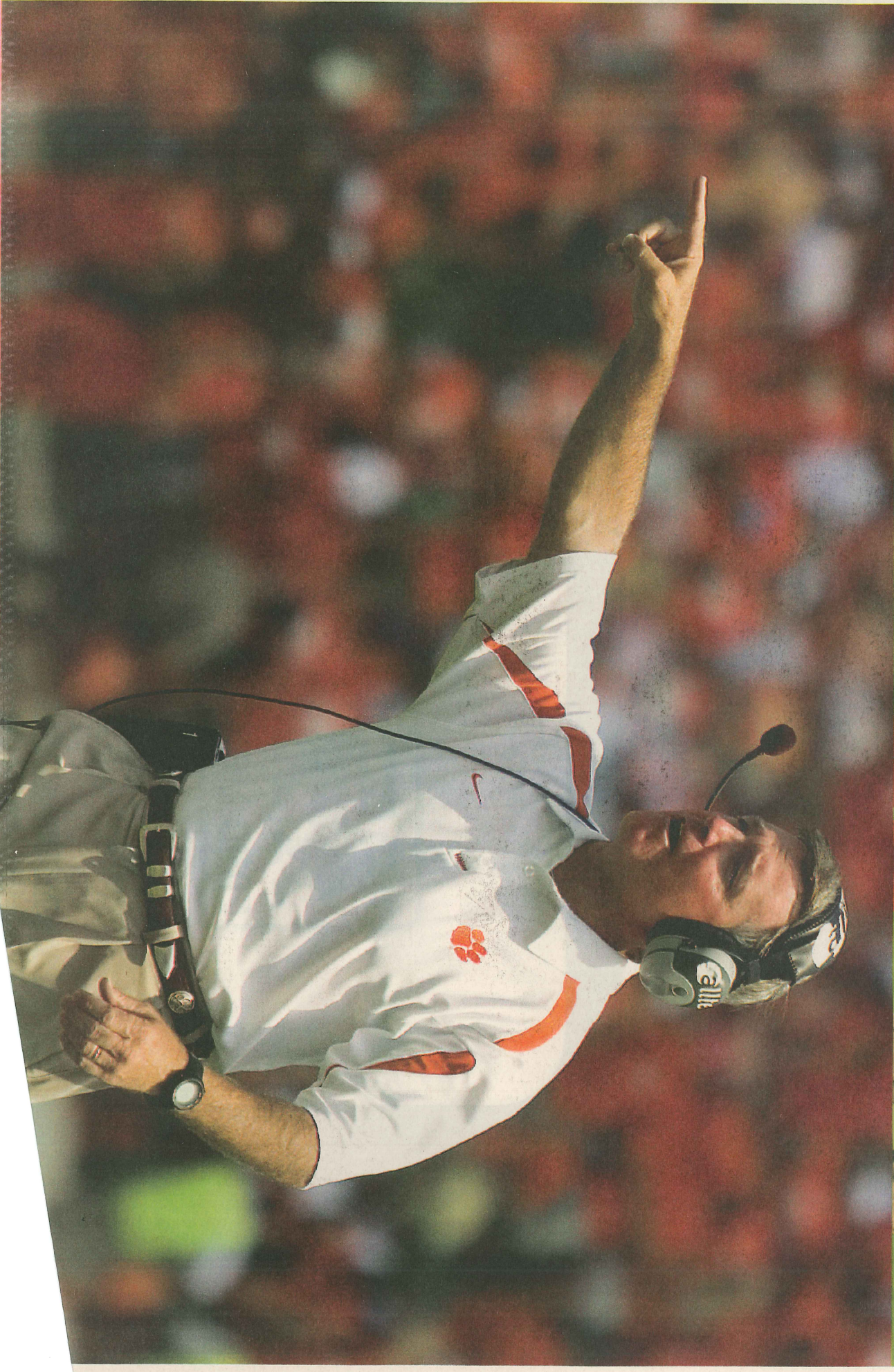
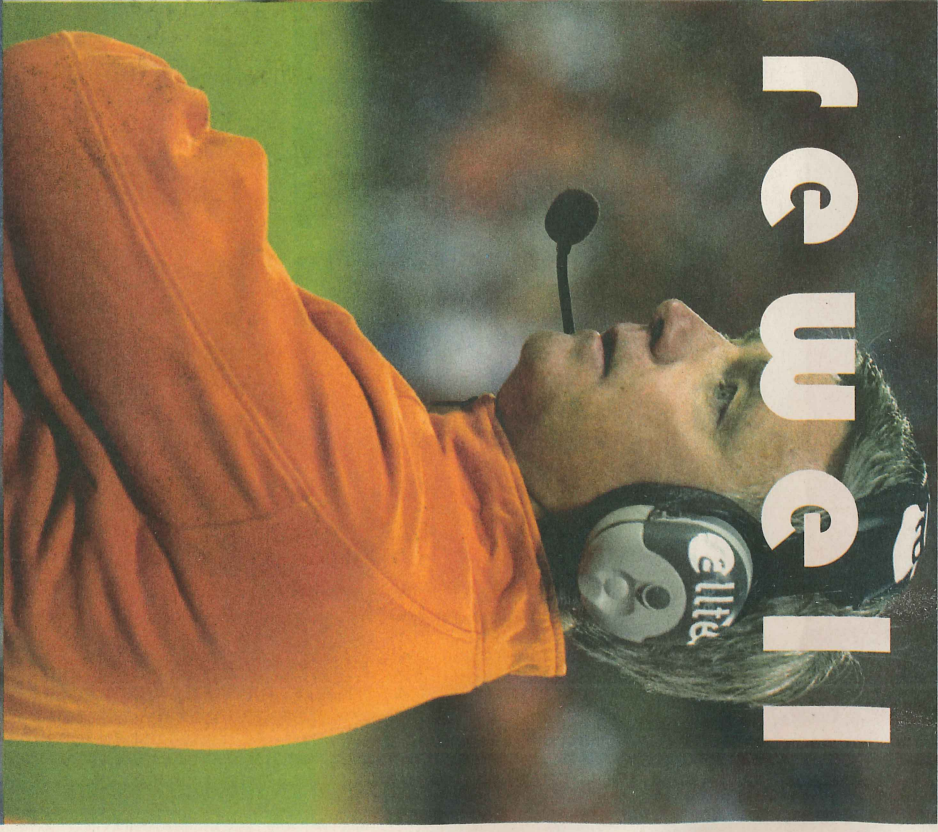
You appreciate the films that manage not only to function within the existing structure, but to say "poo poo" to it all the same. I'm not talking about the films that safely straddle the mediocrity wave. I'm talking about the films that have the gonads, the cojones, the arrogance to propel themselves fully through the floodgates of the bad, the despicable, the deranged. It's a film that's bad because it wants to be bad, because it deconstructs that which is good, because it deconstructs that which is considered good but it really quite bad. It's a box and it knows it's a box and it focuses all of its energy on being as boxy as possible and it turns its box self into something exciting.

When it comes to the purposefully heinous cinema, my amp goes to 11, y'all. I'm not going to name names because these are things you should discover yourselves, wee ones. But please, for the love of pencil-thin mustaches, learn the difference between films that are so bad they're good and films that are just so bad they're bad. It is in many ways a matter of opinion, but just remember that my opinion is, generally speaking, correct.

Really, and I'll be completely honest here, it's a form of self-preservation. I'm just biding my time, waiting for a new film to show up and save our souls. You remember when that new robot comes to Earth and Wall-e falls in love with her because she's shiny and new and doesn't look like the rest of the crap around him and then he does everything in his power to make sure she stays alive amid the ruins? Yeah, like that. Despite the depth of mediocrity through which we swim, there's a film right around the corner ready to pluck us up and dry us off for a while. There always is. But until then, I encourage you all to stay afloat by holding onto the big door, and never let go. Oh and by the way I just saw that "Hairspray 2" is in pre-production for release in 2010, and if I've taught you all anything yet, you should know by now how completely unnecessary that is.

A final farewell

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