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## Funding for University dwindles

State-wide budget cuts leave students short-handed.

**COHEN SIMPSON**  
STAFF WRITER

Faced with a level of funding 32 percent lower than that received in 1981, Clemson University now stands among the ranks of public institutions affected by the nation's economic crisis as a university charged with curtailing the negative effects stemming from a \$25 million cut in state funding.

In October, the South Carolina General Assembly passed an amended version of its 2008-2009 appropriation act resulting in a permanent loss of \$25 million in state funding and a reduction of state support by \$25 million for the 2008-2009 year.

According to Clemson University Chief Financial Officer Brett Dalton, the per-student funding amounts to 32 percent less than what it was in 1981, adjusted for inflation, making it impossible to maintain every service and activity.

"In summary these cuts are very serious," said Dalton. "Cuts of this magnitude demand that the University looks at every program, activity, support service, and et cetera... In short, everything is on the table."

President Barker has created a Budget Strategy team, which includes Dori Helms, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; John Kelly, vice president for Public Service and Agriculture; Chris Pritzmebel, vice president for Research and Economic Development; Cathy Sams, chief public affairs officer; Ange Leindger, secretary to the Board of Trustees; and Dalton, to develop strategic steps to counteract the financial challenges currently faced by the University.

## Thinking orange

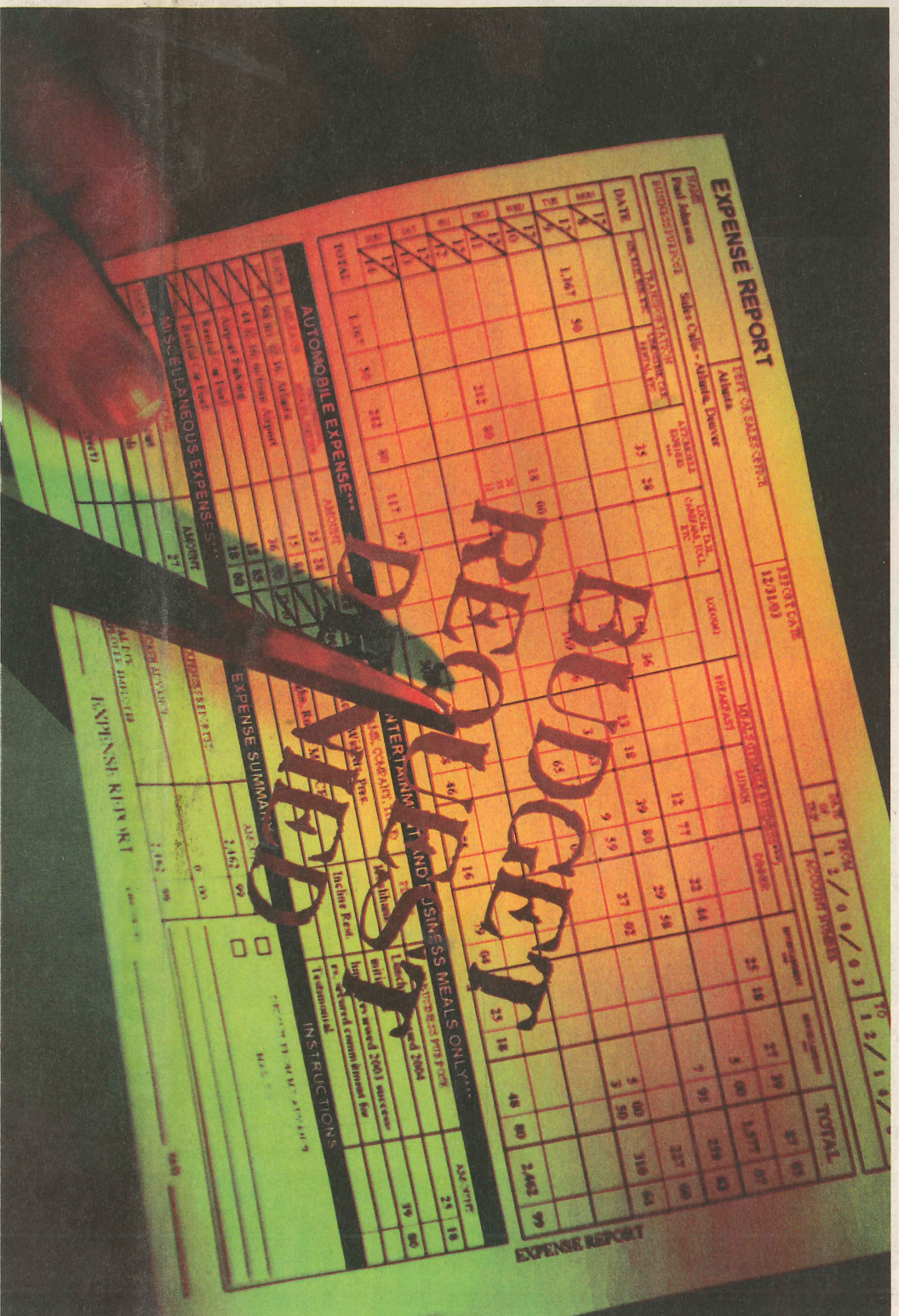
Tigerama brings school spirit to campus.

**TAYLOR REEVES**  
NEWS EDITOR

The leaves are changing, the temperature is dropping and football season is well underway. Amidst this time of year that many Clemson students and fans live for, one particular tradition stands out.

Tigerama, the University's annual homecoming celebration, is one of the nation's largest student-run pep rallies, with upwards of 5,000 in attendance. Since its beginning in 1957, Tigerama has established itself as the embodiment of Clemson pride and spirit. "Tigerama serves many purposes with the first and foremost being the best possible pep rally offered to students, faculty and the entire Clemson family," said Maddie Stoddard, 2008 Tigerama director. "In my eyes as well as many others' Tigerama is one of the most important events in the fall football season."

In addition to providing an entertaining outlet for school spirit, Tigerama also gives back to the University by pro-



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Funding limits leave many student organizations with questionable support. Photo illustration.

In 2000, Barker developed a set of guiding principles to assist in making the appropriate decisions necessary to stay on track and reach the goals of the University in trying financial times, and, after their review and revision, maintains them in this particular situation.

The first principle championed by Barker in his March 5th letter to

Clemson is a commitment to reaching the Top 20 directly followed by a holding of students as a top priority and a focus on the combination of internal reallocations, increased private support, tuition and fees and all other sources of revenue.

In his letter, Barker said, "We will work to protect faculty and staff. Position cuts will be our last

recort." According to Dalton, the University is currently working to find ways to improve efficiencies, however, "It [Clemson] will also have to make some difficult decisions regarding programs and priorities."

As the process is ongoing, Dalton was unable to comment on accounting matters concerning specific cuts of departments. The University has developed a special Web site to ensure communication about the budget situation and allow faculty, staff and students the opportunity to make suggestions and ask questions. That link is <http://www.clemson.edu/president/budget/index.html>.

## CSCC goes joy riding

Sports Car Club creating winners.

**TAYLOR REEVES**  
NEWS EDITOR

Weaving and bobbing, a driver navigates his way through a course of traffic cones in an empty parking lot, testing the limits of his automobile and his own maneuvering skills. While this image may bring to mind flashbacks of high school drivers education courses, this particular exercise is actually a part of the Clemson Sports Car Club (CSCC), an organization that is putting the pedal to the metal on Clemson's campus.

Founded in 1968, CSCC was originally formed by a group of students sharing a common interest in cars and motorsports. Members attended and competed in various racing events. Since the '70s, CSCC has been holding autocross races in large parking lots across campus.

In an autocross race, drivers are timed individually on a temporary



MAX THOMASON/senior photographer

Clemson Sports Car Club members race in local autocross events.

course marked by traffic cones, as they compete with one another for the best time. "It's considered by most to be the easiest and cheapest way to get into motorsports or to test and learn the limits of your car in a safe controlled environment," said Club President Ross Hennings.

Indeed, the club offers aspiring racers or car enthusiasts a safe and cost efficient outlet to pursue their passion. CSCC has propelled some of its members into higher level competitions.

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# Opportunity of a LIFETIME

ClemsonLIFE gives new beginnings to intellectually disabled students.

## TAYLOR REEVES

NEWS EDITOR

College is a period of transition and growth for students, a time during which they acquire skills and lessons needed for life in the "real world."

With the help of Clemson's new LIFE program, a select group of young students is receiving a considerable chance to do just that.

ClemsonLIFE is a postsecondary educational opportunities program that serves as a school-to-job transition for students with intellectual disabilities.

Students involved in this two-year program live in apartments close to campus along with two roommates and a supervisor while attending classes specifically designed to better prepare them for the workforce.

Primarily taught by graduate students, these classes equip LIFE participants with academic skills such as basic reading or math as well as other abilities including budgeting and time management.

Participants will also take certain courses, such as leisure skills classes and freshman orientation, with Clemson students.

Currently, students with intellectual disabilities are allowed by law to attend public school until they are 21 and exit with a certificate rather than a diploma.

According to Program Manager Sharon Sanders, this sometimes leads to limited employment opportuni-

ties for these individuals.

With the help of ClemsonLIFE, these students will make themselves more eligible job candidates.

ClemsonLIFE also hopes to promote social integration among its participants.

Undergraduate program volunteers will serve as LIFE mentors and attend sporting events or other group outings.

Even the Clemson Undergraduate Student Government has contacted Sanders about offering committee positions to LIFE students.

While the program is geared toward enhancing the lives and minds of its participants, it also benefits the Clemson campus and community as well, providing valuable experience to Clemson students, such as education majors who present lessons to and work one on one with LIFE students or physical therapy majors who are now developing individualized workout regimens for program participants.

Furthermore, Sanders hopes that working with LIFE students will expand the outlook of program volunteers and dispel some of the misconceptions currently held about disabled individuals.

"They make wonderful employees if they are placed in the right positions with the proper supports," she said.

As one of only three schools in South Carolina to implement this program, Clemson serves as a model



Dr. Sharon Sanders manages the ClemsonLIFE program and welcomes its unique group of students.

MAX THOMASON/senior photographer

## Career options limited

Economic failure predicts cloudy future for graduates.

### KATE RIPLEY

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With the recent economic crisis, more undergraduate students look to graduate schools to wait out the storm.

However, this may in fact worsen the job market in the future.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the slowing economy is giving people, especially recent graduates, the idea to go back to school.

While this may seem like a smart idea, statistics show increased competition in graduate programs at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

NYU's Stern School of Business reports a 30 percent increase in attendance in off-site campuses as well as a 22 percent increase in applications alone at Northwestern University.

Along with school applications and attendance increases, GMAT and LSAT prep courses have shot through the roof in comparison to last year.

Companies such as Veritas Prep that counsel students in preparation for the GMAT and graduate school in general said their numbers have

gone up 50 percent.

Not only have business schools been flooded with new students but law schools are now expecting a rush in applications as well.

Similar to Veritas Prep, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions' program is growing due to the increasing need for LSAT preparation and guidance.

While this surge in higher education seems like a good idea, experts are predicting a declining job market when these M.B.A.'s graduate.

"But the severity of the financial crisis and the demise and consolidation of financial powerhouses that in previous years have nabbed top talent at schools across the country make this year's flight to business school different," said Anjali Atharvaly in his article in the Wall Street Journal.

"When this year's M.B.A. applicants graduate, they will enter a dramatically different Wall Street and potentially smaller job market that has been altered by the ripple effects of the credit crunch."

Here in Clemson, students are looking to the Michelin Career Center for advice concerning this dilemma.

"Choosing to go to graduate school just to wait out the econom-

ic downturn is not always a good idea," said Flora Ripley, executive director of career services. "Going to graduate school is a tremendous commitment. Students need to have a clear career path in mind and have determined that graduate school is the best way for them to get there. Additionally, some employers do not want to hire at the master's level so you could eliminate yourself from consideration unintentionally. Students really need to research their options before they decide on graduate school to make sure this is the best course of action for their career path."

Concerning dismal job markets, Deb Hernan, also with the Career Center, sees the opposite, observing that there is a lack of interest from students, not employers.

"In recent months, we have had many employers posting jobs and coming on-campus to interview, but they are not finding the interest from students they expected," Deb said. "From what we have seen there are many opportunities for upcoming graduating seniors and students seeking internships."

Students might need to think outside the box and look at other industries that would help to position them for their ideal job down the road."

## Habitat house goes green

### CARLEE ROSEN

STAFF WRITER

For the past 15 years, students have spent countless hours on Bowman Field during Clemson's Homecoming Week building a house for the University chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Each fall, more than 500 students take time out of their busy lives to volunteer. But this year, something will be different.

For the first time, this year's homecoming house will be built with the environment in mind. Created by a group of students studying Construction Science and Management (CSM), the design for this year's house will be as "green" as possible.

According to Chris Heavner, an advisor to Clemson's Habitat for Humanity chapter, the house will increase energy efficiency for heating and cooling, maximize water conservation and reduce waste in the construction process.

"The house is designed to minimize waste and conserve as much energy as possible," said Homecoming Coordinator Greg Stalbert, a junior studying computer science. "Any waste materials are recycled or reused."

Volunteers work on the house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Nov. 4 through Nov. 14. After the house is complete, it will be moved to Copperfield Drive in Central,

edu/culife. While ClemsonLIFE is sure to bring growth and recognition to the most important goal of enhancing the lives of its participants.

"I think that the ClemsonLIFE program is refreshing in the fact that it makes students stop focusing on themselves and start focusing

on helping those that don't have it as easy," said Chelsea Lappin, a freshman language and international trade major.

"Programs such as this one are really making a difference in people's lives. People are learning skills that will help them for the rest of their lives and students are seeing first hand the benefits of helping others."

where a family will take ownership of it.

Angela Marvin, the secretary of public relations for Habitat for Humanity feels that building the house during Homecoming brings students together for a good cause.

"It helps make everyone more aware of what's really out there, such as poverty, and that not everything is easy for people," Marvin said.

Heavner feels that many of the homecoming events that create memories for students and alumni are designed around large student organizations and clubs.

The Habitat for Humanity house allows individual students to become involved in homecoming. "It has allowed homecoming to become the celebration that we want it to be for a larger circle of students," Heavner said.

Many alumni do come back to watch and help work on the house. Hugh Moore, a graduate of Clemson's Construction Science and Management, started working on habitat houses during homecoming for the first time in 1999 and comes back nearly every year.

Moore thinks that the switch to the "green" design is a good idea.

"I feel like I have an obligation to leave the world a better place than when I came into it," Moore said. "Working for Habitat helps me grow by doing things for other people."

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# BENJAMIN R. TILLMAN

ROSS KUCSERA & MELISSA WHITSON

*the real roots of CLEMSON*

Clemson students are bound to be able to tell you the name of the best dining hall, an academic building where they have class or their favorite place to hang out on campus.

They are less likely, however, to know the person for whom those buildings are named.

A landmark of the University, Tillman Hall is one such example. Its namesake, Benjamin R. Tillman played an instrumental role in founding Clemson as the state's first agricultural college, yet few know the history of the man whose name adorns the University's most iconic building on campus.

While his policies and convictions starkly contrast current national attitudes, his history is our history.

Born in 1847 near Trenton, S.C., and raised on a plantation, Tillman's politics never abandoned the inter-

ests of the Southern

*“ I would [hopel] to God the last one of them was in Africa and that none of them had ever been brought to our shores. ”*

white farmers with whom he closely identified. When an illness cost

him both his left eye and a position in the Confederate Army, Tillman returned to his roots as a farmer, only to be frustrated by the Reconstruction policies he long opposed.

Finding dissatisfaction in a post-Civil War nation prompted the Democrat to take up arms as a paramilitary fighter. Along with other similarly minded insurgents, Tillman attempted to depose the state's interracial Republican coalition and overthrow the black majority. In 1876, Tillman's presence at the Hamburg Massacre earned him the reputation of a proactive compatriot of white farmers — despite Tillman's support of the murdering of five black Republican activists.

With a voice loud in resistance of a desegregated South, Tillman served as South Carolina's Governor from 1890 to 1894, speaking out against African American voting rights, Northern corporate interests and the Republican aim to reestablish political dominance in the South.

As governor, Tillman had a significant hand in the establishment of Clemson College and Winthrop College. Both campuses have named buildings in his honor.

The Democrat's dedication to rural South Carolina aligned with Thomas Green Clemson's vision for establishing an institute for practical and scientific education.

Tillman campaigned for the state legislature to select Clemson as South Carolina's premier agricultural school, as South Carolina College (today's University of South Carolina) was also being considered.

Tillman also used his political prowess to shift the tax burden to the wealthy, set standards to improve pub-

lic education and regulate railroad transport. Equally notable was Tillman's call for the 1895 State Constitutional Convention, a meeting that ended with the disenfranchising of South Carolina's African American men and the establishment of the state's first Jim Crow laws.

The Democrat identified himself more closely with the South's poor white farmers than the wealthy aristocrats of the nation's capital, and carried his support all the way to the United States Senate. Elected senator in 1895, Tillman continued his advocacy for rural white supremacist ideals on a national level.

Tillman served as senator until his death in 1918.

*“ We have done our level best [to prevent blacks from voting]... we have scratched our heads to find out how we could eliminate the last one of them. We stuffed ballot boxes. We shot them. We are not ashamed of it. ”*

The authoritarian attitude Tillman carried throughout his lengthy tenure was manifested by the Democrat's malevolent attacks toward his political opponents. Tillman even had to be censured for physically attacking a colleague on the Senate floor.

Tillman rarely agreed with Washington's decrees, and often found himself an adversary of the nation's president. His criticizing of President Grover Cleveland earned Tillman the moniker “Pitchfork Ben” after the senator threatened to “poke old Grover with a pitchfork” in hopes of prodding the president into action.

At one point, President Theodore Roosevelt disliked Tillman so strongly that the Commander in Chief banned Tillman from the White House.

Clearly, the Senator's heretage played a commanding role in Tillman's political career, his anties earning him the reputation of a defender of agrarian reform and white supremacy.

It cannot be contested that Tillman is an integral figure in both Clemson's and South Carolina's history.

It also cannot be contested that his antebellum racist attitudes are not shared by Clemson, or the rest of the country as evidenced by this week's election result. Honoring an individual with such an inflammatory public persona says a lot about who we are and what we value. Yet completely disregarding the sometimes marred past of the state's history would not be wise either.

Then again, Barker Hall doesn't sound too bad.

*“ Great God, that this proud government, the richest, most powerful on the globe, should have been brought to so low a pass that a London Jew should have been appointed its receiver to have charge of the treasury. ”*



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*“ I have three daughters, but so help me God, I had rather find either one of them killed by a tiger or a bear and gather up her bones and bury them, conscious that she had died in the purity of her maidenhood, than to have her crawl to me and tell me the horrid story that she had been robbed of the jewel of her womanhood by a black fiend. ”*

# Weekly World Update

## Nation on Point

### Time Magazine

After much debate, California has voted to ban gay marriage, leaving thousands of homosexual couples in a "legal limbo" as *Time Magazine* puts it.

After the vote on Tuesday, the final court ruling decides marriage in California is defined as being between a man and a woman.

Many people have protested the ban, including Brad Pitt and Steven Spielberg; even companies such as Apple donated thousands of dollars to aid the cause.

Similar bans have been in place in 27 other states, such as Arizona, Florida and Colorado, however none with 18,000 already married homosexual couples.

With this number of married couples, state attorney general Jerry Brown has said that the marriages will remain valid despite some legal changes.

In California, with 95 percent of precincts reporting Wednesday, the ban had 5,125,752 votes, while there were 4,725,313 votes opposed. So it was a very close call with 52 percent were for the ban and 48 percent against.

### Chicago Tribune

A Massachusetts man is convicted of killing his wife and 11-year-old stepson on Tuesday out of anger for time spent in a Mormon church.

Jeremias Bins turned himself in, covered in blood, in May 2006 after telling the police he bludgeoned his wife and stepson with a hammer. His response was, "I'm sorry." Both wife and stepson were found an hour earlier by police responding to her 911 call.

His wife, Carla Souza, had been attending a Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints church in Framingham, Mass. Before the killings, Bins was reported to have called the church, telling the ward members he didn't want any of "you missionaries" in his home ever again. A few of the church members were aware of Bins' disapproval but were shocked by the killings.

After two years, Bins was found guilty by the jury and given two life sentences in prison.

### AZfamily.com

In Arizona, 40,000 children's identities were stolen from a Department of Economic Security burglary.

The break-in occurred this past October in Phoenix and that involved the loss of some of DES' hard drives, putting many children at risk. The department announced that anyone who applied and was accepted into DES' "Early Intervention Program" over the past year is at risk of identity theft.

The Early Intervention Program is set up to aid the parents of children with special needs to support their children's growth and learning.

Each hard drive contained information holding a child's name, social security number, disability, address and date of birth. All of this is lost or in the hands of those who stole them.

Police are on the case of the suspects but now DES is working on a safer way to keep the children's information.

### Associated Press

After the political news was announced Tuesday night, stocks plummeted Wednesday morning causing many investors to wonder at the effect Barack Obama will have on the economy.

With the economy in a recession period, many are questioning the endurance of Obama to pull the United States out of this slump. Many companies such as Goldman Sachs Group Inc. are laying off more than 3,200 employees globally.

"The celebration is over. Today we saw a bit of reality," said Al Goldman, chief market strategist at Wachovia Securities in St. Louis, Mo. "President-elect Obama is coming into a situation with limited experience, having to handle an economy in serious trouble, a couple of wars and terrorism. It's an extremely tough job."

## World in Review

### CNN

Osama bin Laden's son has been denied asylum in Spain after being denied in Britain as well.

As soon as Omar bin Laden stepped off the plane in Madrid, the informed Spanish authorities that he was planning to request asylum.

Soon after this, Omar sent a public message to his father asking him to change his ways and "abandon terrorism."

Even though this plea was sent, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recommended the request be denied, however no reason was given. Omar bin Laden's visit was quite unexpected as his plane originated in Cairo then stopped in Madrid on the way to Casablanca, Morocco.

### CNN

The United Nations has reported that the African refugee situation has gotten worse over the past 10 months.

Out of 96,000 refugees most were on the way to Yemen and Italy while the rest headed for Malta, Greece, Spain and the Canary Islands.

Yemen coast guard has improved their watch in hopes of deterring smugglers.

With the immense amount of traveling, many die along the way.

The United Nations reports that the cause of the bulk of the deaths were a result of being thrown overboard by smugglers who were not paid the \$100 fee of passage.

Most of the refugees are coming from Somalia and Djibouti where there are the most smuggling routes.

### British Broadcasting Corporation

Russia plans to deploy new missiles towards the Baltic exclave in order to "neutralize the United States' anti-missile shield in Poland," said the BBC.

Russia is placing Iskander short range missiles on the European Union in Eastern Europe's border as protection, it seems.

Iskander missiles are conventional warheads that have a range of about 248 miles.

While the United States sees the anti-missile shield as a protection against "rogue" countries, such as Iran, Russia sees it as a direct threat.

Dmitry Medvedev was reported to have made several provocative speeches concerning the U.S. government.

Some of these speeches include jamming the U.S. anti-missile system electronically and using the same force in the navy.

### Chicago Tribune

Foreign investigators look into a plane crash in Mexico that could be related to drug wars.

Two Mexican officials were killed and 40 people were injured in a possibly accidental plane crash in the midst of a drug trafficking conflict.

Investigators say that the crash wasn't caused by fire or explosion but by a mechanical failure of the engine.

Many of Mexico's fleet of government planes have endured accidents throughout the past ten years but new aircraft don't seem to be in sight.

The plane went down in an affluent Mexico City neighborhood.

Police and fire fighters crowded around the scene, trying to clean up the site and evacuate more than 1,200 people.

### International Herald Tribune

Fifty-five Tibetans were imprisoned for a riot in March.

Sentences range from three years to life for riot actions in the ethnic revolt in western China.

It was vague as to what sort of trial the prisoners had received, if any.

The protesters were arrested for attacking the Han Chinese living and working in Lhasa.

The violence resulted in 18 deaths and 382 injuries and economic losses of \$47 million.

# TIGER BRIEFS

The Office of New Student and Sophomore Programs is looking for motivated students who would be interested in applying to be Clemson Orientation Ambassadors this summer.

Students who apply must exemplify great leadership qualities and a desire to make a difference on campus. Orientation Ambassadors receive a \$1500 stipend and housing at Calhoun Courts. Students can also take Maymester and Summer Session II classes.

There will be an informational meeting in the Hendrix Student Center meeting room B from 8-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Contact Amy Gray at gray6@clemson.edu with questions.

With the Housing Office's preparations for mid-semester room change, those intending to

be away from campus in the 2009 spring semester must complete a form indicating intentions in Mell Hall.

Students may drop in during regular office hours that are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Housing needs to know by Nov. 12

Habitat for Humanity plans to build a house for Homecoming. This is the 15th year that Clemson has built a Habitat home for homecoming on Bowman Field.

Volunteers are needed and will be working from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays. Anyone can sign up to help build or donate money or equipment for this event by going to <http://www.clemson.edu/~habitat>.

There is an opportunity

to go to the Bahamas with the Geological Sciences Department during spring break 2009.

Pre-requisites include Geology 101, and it is recommended to have taken Geology 375 as well.

15 students will be taken to Andros Island in the Bahamas and will conduct research on marine environments.

Enrollment is limited, so apply early by emailing Dr. Castle at [ycastle@clemson.edu](mailto:ycastle@clemson.edu). For more information, visit <http://www.ces.clemson.edu/cees/geo375/>.

The Clemson ONE Campaign is collaborating with Ten Thousand Villages to bring a Fair Trade festival to Clemson University.

There will be jewelry, instruments, baskets, purses, kitchenware, ornaments and plenty of unique Christmas presents from all over the world. Prices are great, and the cause is even better.

This will take place in the Hendrix Center from Thursday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

## News By Numbers

**12** Children were released from the Taliban in Pakistan. They were accused of spying for Pakistani security forces.

**66** Year author Michael Crichton was when he died after his long battle with cancer on Tuesday. He contributed many loved novels over the years, such as "Jurassic Park" and "Andromeda Strain."

**10,000** Dollars was tipped by musicians in the Trans-Siberian Orchestra at a restaurant in Omaha, Neb. There is no word as to how many servers shared the tip.

**18,000** Homosexual couples were married before the Californian gay marriage ban was voted into law on Tuesday.

**150,000** Dollars was spent on Governor Palin's wardrobe during the election. The Republican National Committee did not hold back this year.

## Need Physical Therapy?

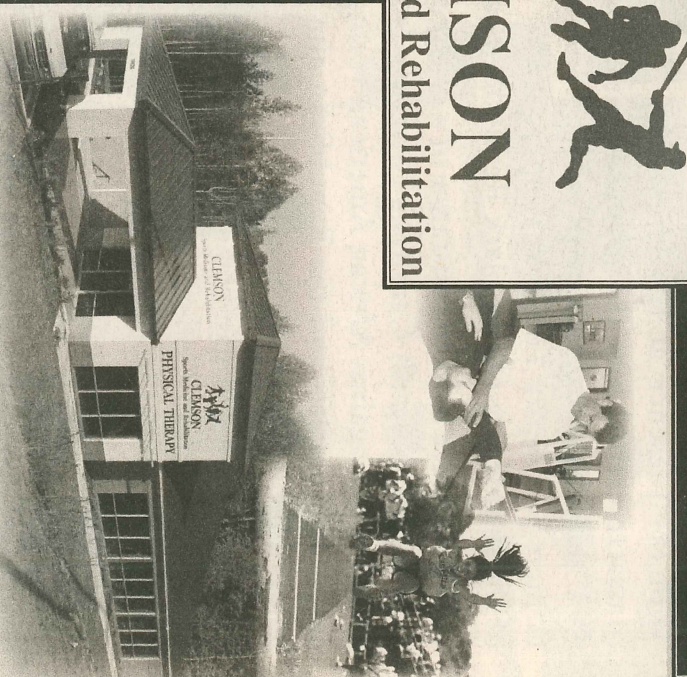


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*"You can be joyous; you cannot be a jackass."*  
**Mayor Michael Nutter** of Philadelphia, Pa., on celebrations for the Philadelphia Phillies World Series win.

*American people have spoken and they have spoken clearly."*  
**Sen. John McCain** during his concession speech.

*"It remains a house of dreams, and a thousand George Bushes and a thousand Dick Chensys will never be able to tear that house down."*

**Bruce Springsteen** on the ability of America to overcome the aftermath of the Bush administration.

*"The victory of Sen. Obama is our own victory because of his roots here in Kenya. As a country, we are full of pride for his success."*

**Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki** on Sen. Obama's victory.

*"The American people have presented a tremendous example to the world by ignoring racist attitudes — and this is an unprecedented example of democracy."*

**Sadeq Riqabi**, advisor to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Maliki.

*"We have come to the end of a long journey. The*

*Believers are praying that God will enlighten him and help him in his great responsibility, which is enormous because of the global importance of the United States. We hope Obama can fulfill the expectations and hopes that many have in him."*

Pope Benedict XVI's spokesman, **Federico Lombardi**.

*"I'll be a careful shot."*

**Governor Sarah Palin** during a prank phone call in which the caller posed as French President Nicolas Sarkozy and invited her to go hunting for baby seals.

*"Your extraordinary journey to the White House will inspire people not only in your country but also around the world."*

**Manmohan Singh**, Indian Prime Minister.

### On this day in History

1665- The London Gazette, the oldest surviving English newspaper, is published for the first time.

1874- A political cartoon by Thomas Nast depicts an elephant as the official symbol of the Republican Party for the first time.

1989- New York City elects its first African American mayor, David Dinkins.

2000- In one of the most controversial presidential elections in American history, Al Gore wins the popular vote but loses the electoral vote to George W. Bush.

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crowning of Miss Homecoming and a fireworks finale.

The show will be held in the Littlejohn Coliseum at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14. Doors will open at 6:30 following the Tigerana Tailgate. This pre-event will include athlete autographs, free food, inflatable games, live music, vendors, face painting and much more.

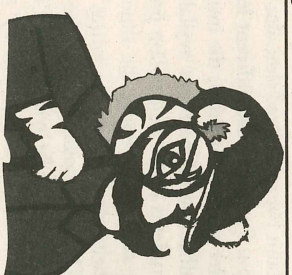
Tickets will be available on campus the week of November 10 through 14 and at various vendor locations such as Hendrix Center Bookstore, University Union Box Office, Alumni Center, CU Athletic Dept., Ticket Office, Mr. Knickerbocker, The Athletic Department, Hubbard & Young Pharmacy, The Student Bookstore

and The Tiger Sports Shop.

Tickets also may be purchased online at Ticketmaster or through the Littlejohn Coliseum.

Advance student and date tickets cost \$6 and \$7 respectively, and tickets at the door will cost \$8 for everyone beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Students, faculty and the entire Clemson family are already experiencing the exciting and anticipatory atmosphere that comes with Homecoming week and such traditions as Tigerana. "A pep rally in support of the football team is essential to encouraging school spirit and pride," said Stoddard. "We are excited to celebrate the 52nd year of Tigerana at next Friday night's show."



### EYE ON CRIME

This week's Eye on Crime comes from Columbia, SC where two women face neglect charges for leaving their five children, ages ranging from one to eight, while they went to a party out of town.

Gale Lindeman and Milkicia Byrd were arrested Friday, although the event occurred on Oct. 18. The charges were unlawful conduct towards a child. The women were attending a party in Spartanburg and left that night around 8 p.m.

A police officer found the children

by accident around 11:15 p.m. While the officer was called to the Rose Hill Apartments in Columbia for another incident, a 7-year-old girl told him of her mother's absence and how she had to care for her younger siblings and two other children.

Reports show that the mother came home 30 minutes later and told the officer she thought the girl was watching the other children. All of the children were placed in emergency protective custody.

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Many Sports Car Club members have competed and placed in national autocross events. Alumnus Doug Wind and current student Devin Clancey have placed 5th and 14th respectively in One Lap of America, a national autocross event in which races take place nearly 24 hours a

day with competitions set as time trials on race tracks throughout the country.

Members of the club as well as spectators are enthusiastic about upcoming events. Currently, CSCC is holding an autocross race Nov. 9 and plans to have additional autocross, drag racing and car show events scheduled in the coming months.

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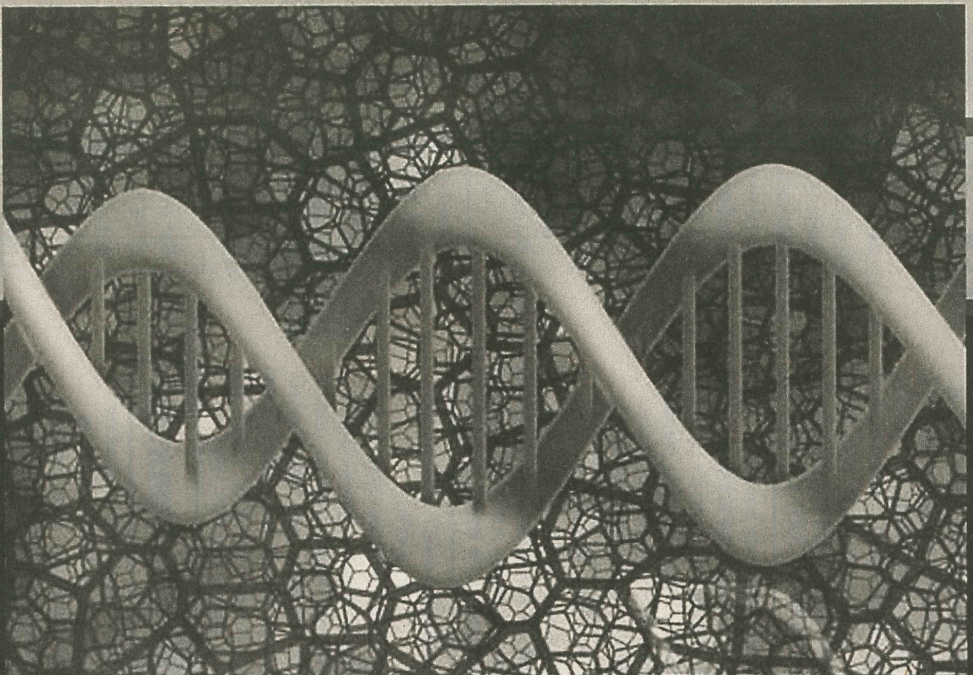
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# Intramurals still need improvement

Students complain about flaws in sports system.

**SANDY HAYDEN**  
STAFF WRITER

With the first phase of Clemson's fall intramural sports ended and the second phase in full swing, students are speaking out on some of the issues surrounding the completed season. Despite student complaints, though, interest in the sports continues to grow.

One of the chief areas of complaints among students is the registration process. The process takes place online and requires a registration code that is distributed to potential teams at the captains' meeting. By registering online, students are spared the hassle of going to the intramural office, though the online process has several drawbacks.

With approximately 120 team spots available and more than 300 interested captains, the interest in intramural sports greatly surpassed the number of available spots. Anyone who has attempted to register a team online can attest to the speed that is required to successfully create a team through the first-come-first-served registration. Some phase one leagues filled up within 10 minutes of opening registration.

Sophomore and mechanical engineering major Archie Adams said, "One of the biggest problems with intramurals is the sign up procedure. I know several people, including myself, who weren't able to sign up because the system used by the intramural office just plain sucks."

Because the intramural system pulls all its information from student data, students who registered for classes only a few days before intramural sign ups found they were not able to sign up for a team. Some students who indeed registered for classes long before the intramural registration were still not recog-

nized by the online system, because the software has not, for an unknown reason, pulled everyone's information in.

April Flint, director of Clemson's intramural sports, said, "If you have a problem with registration, pick up the phone and call the office. Don't send an e-mail, because you have a better chance of getting something done by calling. I was able to get six out of 10 of the people who called registered in the course of our phone call."

Flint has considered time-slot registration. By having the different leagues register at different times, the intramural office would be more available to aid students in the registration process. Flint said, "I'm hoping the time slots will help out a little in the spring."

There is a possibility that the waiting list will not be available next intramural season, but replaced by a late registration. The late registration would take place shortly after the initial registration once the intramural office had the opportunity to reassess the upcoming phase and see which divisions could be opened at that point.

Flint discusses some of the obstacles of fall intramurals. "One of the things in the fall is football games. They park on our fields, so we cannot play on the weekends at all," said Flint. "What that does is it limits a consistent schedule because we schedule weekly, so for the fall, we can only play Monday through Thursday. Both lower and upper fields are parked on. We can only play five to 11 because of staffing and classes. You can't really schedule at two o'clock in the afternoon."

Although the second semester phases offer more flexibility for outdoor sports, only soccer and softball are played outside in the spring. The obstacle regarding indoor sports is the requirement to leave court space avail-



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Although intramural policies are being questioned, the season goes forth. Leah Berry keeps score at an intramural event held as planned.

able for like patrons as well as intramural athletes.

Flint explains that a significant limiting factor is the budget. She explains that in order to have the desired standard of care for risk management and injuries, a certain number of staff members present at each sport are necessary. "We can't offer 10 sports because I wouldn't have enough staff to safely offer those sports," said Flint. "Safety is a big thing and it's on the top of my priority list."

One of the most common complaints among intramural athletes who managed to get on a team this semester was the amount of forfeits. Sophomore and health science major, Caitlin Poole, said, "It was frustrating when teams

didn't show up." Some teams that made the playoffs had only actually played two games the entire season due to forfeits.

Currently, students are not charged to play intramurals, although Flint discusses the possibility of a fee in the future. "It is a disadvantage for teams that show up and don't get to play," she said. "We're definitely looking at that. That's another thing at the top of the priority list: to decrease the number of forfeits. Right now it's on average about a 25 percent forfeit rate."

In contrast to the complaints of intramural sports this semester, much praise is being given to the student staff members. "They're hard workers," said Flint. "They are invested in the pro-

gram. They want it to go well. We've worked hard on improving our officials' knowledge and skills to provide a safe and fair environment."

Adams said, "This past ultimate season I broke my ankle. The staff at the field helped out a lot with getting me off the field and getting me ice for my ankle."

Flint has plans to start an intramural sports council for participants who have played multiple sports in intramurals. "I want to get more participant voice in the program," said Flint. With hopes to have a representative from every class, including graduate students and faculty, any interested athletes are encouraged to e-mail April Flint at [Flintat@exchange.clemson.edu](mailto:Flintat@exchange.clemson.edu).

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*Do you think the United States has a greater responsibility to cut back on resource consumption than other countries do?*

"Half of it is because the U.S. has greater production than other countries, so it will use more. But as far as world leadership goes, I think the U.S. has a responsibility to not necessarily use less but recycle more."



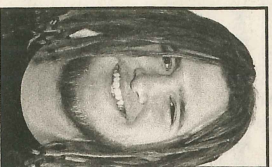
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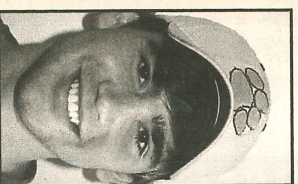
"I'd say yes. Just because we use so many resources but we don't think about the repercussions. For example, everyday people go to Starbucks and throw away paper cups. It's a big waste."

"No, We have a greater ability for resource conservation, but not necessarily a greater responsibility."



**David Lee**  
*geology sophomore*

"No, the countries have an equal responsibility to conserve resources."

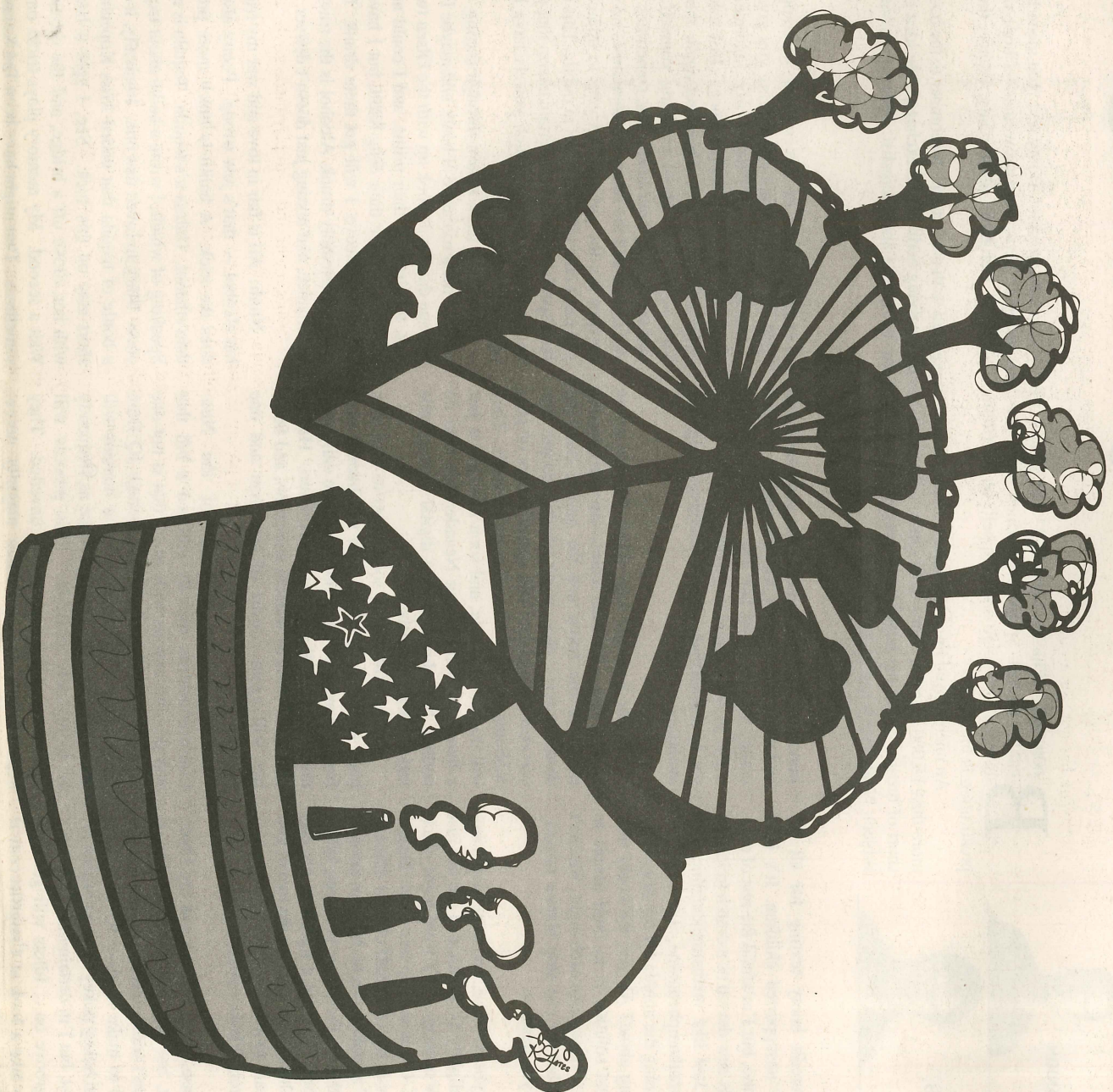


**Josh Mitchell**  
*civil engineer sophomore*

"Yes, because if we don't conserve resources now then it will hurt us in the future."



**Angelica C. Brown**  
*philosophy sophomore*



Pointing the finger at risky spending, oh, how we are hypocrites.

## Let them eat cake

**W**e've heard a lot about deficit spending lately. It's been at the forefront of the \$700 billion bailout plan for America's financial institutions, and it was a major issue in the presidential race.

The last few months have taught us how devastating it can be when people lend or borrow beyond their means. We're quick to point fingers at these kinds of people who throw caution to the wind and hurt us all as a result.

But, as Americans, we're guilty of similarly bad moves with resources that are far more essential than money. As a country, we're borrowing well beyond our means in natural capital.

We're overusing and polluting forests, water, soil and air, and our recklessness will have global consequences if we don't change our ways.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) recently released its Living Planet Report, a biannual study that measures the effect humanity's consumption of natural resources has on the planet.

The study found that the demands we place on natural resources worldwide outrun the planet's ability to renew those resources by a third.

In other words, as a species we are borrowing beyond our means from the planet. America is especially guilty of this.

According to the report, the

United States uses about 20 percent of Earth's capacity for renewable resources, and these resources are being used faster than they can be naturally replenished.

What's more, the per capita figures for resource consumption are higher than those of any other country.

To put it in other terms, the report found that we would need four and a half Earths if everyone in the world lived the way we do. What's obvious from reports like these is that America is over-consuming.

What's perhaps less obvious is the effect that our lifestyles have across the world.

Think about it this way: If our country is consuming a fifth of the world's resources faster than they can be replenished, then we're putting the American lifestyle as we know it on a very short leash.

Indeed, the Living Planet Report found that if resource consumption habits continue as usual we would need the equivalent of two planets just to maintain our lifestyles.

That's pretty alarming since we only have one. But are these alarm bells enough?

We all love our lifestyles, and understandably so, but the comforts we're enjoying are harming our planet's ability to sustain human life.

Still, we don't want to give them up. They're all we've ever known,

and that makes us unaware of how we're affecting the world through how we live.

For instance, probably none of us stop to think that our favorite t-shirt took almost 3,000 liters of water to produce, from the cotton field to the department store.

It's no surprise that America's water consumption per person doubles the global average.

The most important way to think about our country's problem of overconsumption is to understand what it means for other parts of the world.

Our lifestyles, supported by using natural resources faster than they can renew themselves, are condemning large parts of the world that are poorer than us.

We're basically telling countries in the Third World they aren't allowed to use resources in the same ways we do.

We're telling them they aren't allowed to give their people a better quality of life because we don't want our quality of life to decrease in the slightest.

We're making it physically impossible for these countries to bring themselves into the developed world and to enjoy all that entails. Doesn't seem fair, does it?

Our consumptive habits can't last. That much is certain.

We can clutch onto them with all the rabid intensity of a wild animal if we like.

It doesn't change the conclusions made by every major sci-

entific analysis of the problems we face.

Ocean levels will rise. Low-lying countries will flood. Millions of refugees will be displaced from their homes.

Diseases will spread — faster, faster and more numerous than before.

It sounds like a Doomsday Prophecy because, in many ways, it is.

Poorer parts of the world will bear the brunt of these problems, but there's no doubt that one day they will hit America just as hard.

So let's address these problems now, while there's still a little time to do something about them.

The Doomsday Prophecy hasn't yet been etched in stone.

We have to own up to the fact that our consumption of natural resources has given us better lives than the rest of the world — at the expense of the rest of the world.

It's up to us to use our unparalleled power and influence as Americans not only to make our planet more livable, but to make it more just and prosperous.

There's no one who can do it more than us. There's no one who should do it more than us.

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## COMMENTARY

# Booty Texting

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist

NOAH WELSH  
Columnist

**B**ooty call? What's a booty call? Oh, I know what you're talking about. Booty text, you mean booty text. Texts, actually; it's plural... Very plural if you catch my drift. Speaking of which, what you doing tonight? Avez vous un wether? I hope not. You see I speak French? Beautiful language. Ever listened to Django and Grappelli on les Champs-Élysées? Delightful place really. France, the country of love, where the soldiers are volunteers and prostitution is mandatory.

An unemployed French sergeant, Jaques Lepew, is credited with creating the forerunner to the booty text. The "Téléphoner de beauté" is said to have given more than 15,000 German officers the crabs. Like many things involving bodily fluid exchange, the idea grew on people. As America grew lazier and dangerously short of breath, so did the beauty call, eventually becoming the booty text and Craigslist. Today, for your degenerate entertainment, we bring two experts on the subject: Noah Welsh and Mike Manion.

**Mike:** I credit booty texting for all my unknown and unsupported children. It's been very good for me, but I'm afraid the rest of society will use this new device as a crutch to initiate relationships. Just like methamphetamine. Not that I'm anti-methamphetamine, it's just that I can't stop cleaning the aphids off my dog. What were we talking about? Ah yes, the booty text. Clearly the best solution is to limit people to one purchased text message each night. We can't stop all usage, but we can stop blatant misuse. That's change you deserve.

**Noah:** Maybe so Mike, but some would say you are being slightly hypocritical. I see you just received a new message. It's from some chick named Jenna J. Oh, is she that busy little blonde thing who lives in the other half of your duplex? She's a hell of a looker alright, but you need to take it easy with her. Plus, have you even talked to the girl before? I've got a jigsaw in my car, and I can put a hole in the wall for the two of you if you really want to avoid contact while you're doing the horizontal hockey pokey.

**Mike:** Please...you give me and my libido too little credit, but this isn't about me. This is about how I don't want others to be like me. Do we really need to make it easier for kids to do the... horizontal hockey pokey? I'm no evolutionary psychologist, but I'm certain that if any idiot can get their groove on... Idiots will get their groove on. Go take a look at Craigslist.com if you disagree. Biologically speaking, we exist to reproduce. Society so far has existed in order to make it easier to do so, but what happens when it gets too easy? Take the story of Sacagawea for example.

Two men charted unheard tracts of land, made it possible for a young country to flourish and discovered countless new species and cultures. Out of all these the discovery of females in the Louisiana Purchase was deemed the most

important. The government even gave her a coin and made it mandatory for fifth graders to write crappy reports about her. The one time I found a girl in the Louisiana Purchase, I didn't even get to second base. We're effectively negating evolution.

**Noah:** I am not sure where you are trying to take this. As man enters the reproductive frenzy of the booty text the human dumbing down begins. See, weak-minded people like you destroy society. You spread scores of your subhuman meth-babies all over the earth. They will do just the same, and soon mankind is just a bunch of tweaked out Neanderthals who do nothing but relay scores of digital mating calls and lick their genitals.

On the other hand, some want to lead men back to the glory days. The neo-human rises from the ashes of modernity into true enlightenment. Love will rise above sex again. Human bonds will destroy modern alienation, and families will again consist of one man and one woman.

You see, the chairman of the Neo-Constitutionalists recently outlined a bill that will prohibit anyone with an IQ that is not one standard deviation above the average IQ from reproducing. The upper echelon humans will then choose a mate and reproduce as frequently as biologically possible. This process will continue, and the supeman is unveiled. They hope to have the two-thirds majority necessary to override the presidential veto by early December.

**Mike:** What if you look really really good naked?

**Noah:** Then you can go text out naked pictures of yourself.

**Mike:** I can't do that. You know I have

a crippling fear of government wiretapping. That is, of course, not considering you give me some Jagermeister. When I say Jagermeister, I, of course, mean "naked juice." Just ask my friends' mothers. I'm digressing again though. This article isn't about exposing yourself; it's about exposing your heart. Yes, sometimes they can be one and the same, but sometimes no matter how hot the girl you're trying to impress is you can't take off your pants in public. This calls for a special approach: A certain charm that can't be found in words in which vowels have been replaced by numbers.

You can't learn charm through texting. You can call me a romantic at heart, and maybe I am, but one day I will hook up with the Olsen twins. Yes, they're past their prime, and I could never afford to finance their drug habit, but I have an ace up my sleeve. I will get them drunk. They will be incredibly drunk. Alcohol is the true key to romance, and texting just doesn't deliver.

**Noah:** All is fair in love and war my friend, but alcohol — that's just wrong. Poetry always does the trick. A haiku is much more proper than ethanol. Unless it's tequila. Tequila is nice. Speaking of which, I wrote a haiku about tequila once. Mary Jo loved that one. Ironically, it was a bottle of tequila that ended Miss Kopechne's short stay on this rock. See, I split a handle with her, drove off a bridge, and she drowned. Wait a second. My memory plays tricks on me sometimes. That might have been Ted Kennedy. One way or the other, she's no longer here. The point is you don't have to molest the girl's liver or send out a foray of text messages. I've heard talking works.

How about some good ole' day-to-day interaction. Even cavemen had that. Me no like woolly mammoth meat. Woolly Mammoth meat build fat for winter. That type of thing, not this "tyl lol" bullshit.

**Mike:** I tried talking to a woman once.

## COMMENTARY

## Surviving the budget cuts

BRYAN  
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**W**hile the current economic situation is incentive for nearly everyone to pinch pennies any place they can, Clemson is trying to do the same thing as a result of a new round of budget cuts have that come through. With a possible second budget cut around the corner the University has been looking for any way to trim some of the fat off its budget.

Clemson's President James Barker spoke recently about the latest cuts to the budget a cut that amounts to about \$9 million. Adjusting for inflation, he says, this puts the amount of funding that Clemson receives at levels similar to 1981.

The economic slump doesn't just impact the public funds the University gets from the state; it impacts other sources as well. Any source of money the University utilizes feels the same effect and is most likely making its own round of cuts to the money they send to Clemson.

On top of this, there are rumors

the state may hand down another budget cut that surpasses the previous one.

So far, most of the changes the University has made have been personnel-related. The solutions the University has explored have included closing job openings, eliminating temporary jobs and shortening the pay periods of some employees.

With another feasible budget cut on the way, the student body has been buzzing with ways the University could save some money. A few of them seem rather outlandish, but some actually have merit.

One of the best ideas involves turning the CAT bus into a fare-based bus system. A recent article in The Tiger Town Observer, a conservative-leaning newspaper on campus, makes a good case for a fare-based CAT bus.

The idea may seem improbable at first, especially since something that appears free is hard for people to give up, but the author of the article, Justin Prescott, points out there is never a free lunch. Clemson students are already charged a \$33.50 "transit fee" regardless of how often they use

the bus.

If the University eliminated this fee and instituted a fare-based system CAT bus then the students at Clemson would actually benefit, Prescott argues, because there is more incentive for the managers of the CAT bus to create routes that maximize the amount of fares that the buses collect and thus maximize how many students are transported.

Efficiency, something the CAT buses now lack, would actually be attainable by applying a free-market principle to something that could certainly use it.

If the University found it was not making money on the new fare-based CAT bus system then it could simply raise the fares or eliminate routes that could not be justified. At the very least, the University would benefit as well because it would no longer have to dump money into a bus system that sends empty buses to questionable locations.

Besides the CAT bus, the most obvious way the University could save a little bit of money would be to stop building things for a while.

While it's probably a little too late to do anything about the large

number of buildings under construction, someone probably should have thought about building them all at the same time. There are at least five construction sites on campus, and most of them will be worthwhile investments. However, they probably should have been spaced out.

One theory for the reason that the University decided to do all this construction is that the contracts for the buildings were obtained a few years ago when the economy was doing well, and now that the sky is falling down it's too late to get out of them. Maybe spacing the construction out a little bit in case of possible economic downturn would have been sensible.

Today, it seems as though a lot of economists talk about how the current downturn could have been predicted years ago. Clemson might even have a top-notch economics department that could be consulted on issues such as these.

It might be a worthwhile conversation to have, especially if there is any indication that money might be better utilized in some future economic downturn. Regardless of what is happen-

ing to the economy, the gazebo-like structure in the garden near Sikes Hall certainly did not need to be built. Anything the University is building in the middle of a garden for cosmetic purposes alone should be extremely low on the list of things to spend money on, unless it was money specifically donated to the school only for that purpose.

While these are certainly not the only ways the University could save money, it seems like they are falling into the same trend as our federal and state governments. They all spout the same rhetoric about how the economic downturn results in a loss of tax dollars, yet at the same time they refuse to cut spending.

Before long, the blame game will start between Clemson and the state government. Even though the budget cuts hit almost every part of the state, it is hard for anyone involved with education to realize that the government makes cuts across the board because they, too, cannot control spending.

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## COMMENTARY

# My first election



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This election season was my first. I didn't expect myself to get so caught up in it. I have always been opinionated, but I have also rejected the principles of government and politics. However, the 2008 election was unique in the way people seemed called to participate, and I was no exception.

After all, it contained all the characteristics of a best-selling movie. There was the black man who would defeat racism in a country that battled segregation less than 50 years ago. There was the former prisoner of war who stiffly hobbled around stages, impaired by war wounds. There was the ultra-conservative hockey mom, who was so full of personality that her presence single-handedly rejuvenated a weakening Saturday Night Live. (There was also a Joe Biden, but he wasn't as dramatic.)

Toss in recent economic crisis, soggy ballots and unprecedented voter participation (24 million voters age 18 to 24 hit the polls), and it was almost impossible to avoid at least some of the hype. Personally, I was glued to the television all day Tuesday to see if Election Day would bring any unexpected blows. I decided to highlight my favorite moments from the day and night.

As a registered voter in Pickens County, I voted at a Baptist church. Apparently there were no other public buildings at which to hold the polling. Regardless, what I found was a very short line at noon and some masked confusion.

One of the amendments South Carolina residents voted on regarded the age of legal consent to sex. I had to read up on various versions of it because of the way it was presented, but eventually I was able to decide how I would vote before leaving the house. Unfortunately, many people at the polling location were reading the amendment propositions for the first time.

What they read was that the state was trying to change the legal age of consent of a girl from 16 years old to 14. Wrong. The State Constitution currently has the legal age at 14; a yes vote would have deleted this entirely from the document and left it to legislature, which generally sets the age at 16.

The documents were unclear not by wording but by lack of definition. They should have emphasized the fact that nothing would change with a "no" vote; the legal age of consent for an unmarried woman would remain at 14 years. I tried to explain that to the two elderly citizens in front of me in line, but I was cut off as one was ushered to the next available booth. I hope that other South Carolinians were more informed than those at my polling location.

My eye was on North Carolina for several reasons. It was an unlikely

swing state, and I was feeling guilty for not "driving for change," as Barack Obama had been soliciting me to do via e-mail. Also, we're close enough in Clemson to receive some North Carolina television coverage.

Elizabeth Dole's campaign ad appeared a few days before the election, and it was hilarious (if slander is funny). What's more shocking than the fake Kay Hagen voice-over shouting "there is no God!" is the fact that 44 percent of Tar Heels still voted for her! There should have been a record landslide against this woman. While Obama voters have restored my faith in Americans, Dole supporters chip away at it again.

This brings me to my next point: Ted Stevens. By Wednesday, the incumbent senator from Alaska was actually leading 48 percent to 47 in the race for senator. This is startling not only because of the 80-year-old's desire to drill in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge and strong support of federal earmarks on Alaska's Bridges to Nowhere, but he is also a convicted felon! Only eight days after being convicted on seven different accounts for lying on Senate papers, he is leading the race to Senate in his state. In this case, I'm actually hopping for ballot errors. How could so many support this man?

The previous point was also a translation. The media coverage was pretty amusing. Switching between the channels, it was evident I wouldn't find an unbiased network, but the resulting

amusement I experienced was worth it.

My favorite moment was when Sarah Palin exited the voting booths and faced reporters outside in Alaska. All I heard was "I am going to practice my right to privacy. I don't have to tell anyone who I voted for." Cut to CNN anchorman.

Cut immediately to commercial, because CNN anchorman can't stop laughing. I was with him; it was hilarious to imagine Palin voting for anyone but herself and John McCain in the presidential race.

My roommate and I immediately turned to Fox to see what they were reporting. CNN failed to mention that Palin had been responding to a reporter's question regarding Stevens in particular. While admitting she voted for him would make her look bad, voting for a Democrat would have been just as repulsive. She responded in the only way possible.

The enthusiasm of the U.S. citizens moved me to tears several times. While many Republicans are hurting, frightened, or confused, the overwhelming positive reaction of Obama supporters has been emotional for all.

Hope and unity to some may be rhetorical clichés used by Obama supporters, but the very fact that he was elected proves the reality of their definitions.

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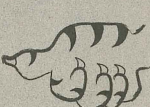
A determined 92-year-old Texan voted from an ambulance because of her reliance on a feeding tube. Paws up: That's democracy, baby!



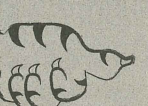
A Sydney teen was arrested early Monday morning for breaking into a police station. Paws up: The kid gets brownie points for bravery.



A man in Dallas was arrested for stealing more than 130 pairs of panties from a Victoria's Secret store.



Joaquin Phoenix recently announced his retirement from acting in order to pursue his music career. Paws down: Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton and Russell Crowe all tried and failed.



An Arizona jogger ran a mile with a rabid fox clamped down on her arm before receiving medical attention.



Police in Arkansas arrested a woman after she demanded the officer return her car of compressed air so she could finish huffing.

## COMMENTARY

## I have a dream

of America ignorant to the real issues of abortion, gay marriage, our struggling economy, immigration, foreign policy, the War in Iraq and health care?

This has truly been a frustrating and heartbreaking subject for me. I was not born in South Carolina, but I was raised here. I was raised by conservative, Christian parents who taught me that all people of every color, religion and gender are equal human beings. And I have had friends of every race, religion and gender. Maybe it is my upbringing that makes me unbiased towards human beings, and maybe others do not see things my way. I understand that.

But this is the 21st century, and this is America. As Americans, we should have moved beyond racial bias!

Last night as I watched Obama supporters celebrating, I heard some of them say how great it was to have a black president. I love the fact that we can have a minority or a woman as president of the United States! However, when this is the only thing I hear about our new president-elect, it really frustrates me. I have heard nothing from any Obama supporters about how great his policies are!

Race has not been the only "issue" with this election. Gender has been another one. I heard

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## JENNA SHELTON

## Guest Columnist

**M**artin Luther King Jr. had a dream. A dream that "one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" Amen, Dr. King. You have truly been an inspirational figure to our country. And I mean that with all of my heart.

This dream has come true for America. However, I cannot help but ask just one question: could race still be an issue after we have come so far? This presidential election has proven just that. Our country is STILL stuck in the 1960s.

Within the last month before the election, I have personally heard dozens of people, of all races and ethnicities, say that they were either voting for Sen. Barack Obama because he is black, or they were not voting for him for the same reason.

Could it be? Could it be that race is still an issue to Americans? Are we the people of the United States

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would just like to thank Chase Urschel for writing the thought-provoking article "Nader for President?" about the heinous misdeeds of the two primary presidential candidates. I was especially appalled at the revelation that McCain eats the souls of small children and to learn of Obama's support of small animal abortion, which I am strongly against except in the case of Christmas critters. The documentary I attended in the library about these two candidates did not bring any of these issues to light, and I would like to commend Urchel for his excellent investigative journalism. Due to these disturbing new facts, I voted for neither candidate and instead wrote in Chase Urschel on my ballot.

Thanks again,  
Alex Pelc  
Freshman Engineering Major

Although I can appreciate the humor and wit of Kyle Swearingen's article "Sexual Devolution," I must disagree with his main point that the key to improving the sexual health of Clemson lies in changing the "hearts of people" rather than policy. Swearingen himself acknowledges that college students have sex more than they did before going to school, yet to improve on our sexual health we must, according to him, completely alter this mindset that is shared by thousands of students rather than educating them about sex and providing them with more protection. We must get real about this problem. I see the distribution of condoms not as "giving the kids toilet paper on Halloween" but rather putting seat belts in a car: the manufacturer knows that people will drive whether the seat belts are there or not, but providing those safety measures helps protect the consumer from injury. Although driving less would reduce a person's chances for an "accident," why not make the cars safer and, most importantly, make people more intelligent drivers.

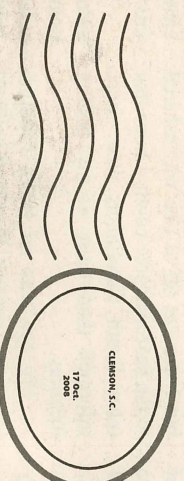
Jeff Champ  
Freshman Political Science Major

The "Sexual Devolution" article caught my eye last week as a strongly worded opinion article that made a point most college kids do not recognize anymore the fact that our attitudes about sex has greatly changed over the past 40 years. However, I did want to point out a bit of very wrong information. The "smart kids" in the Honors dorm did indeed have posters up advertising "Sex in the Dark: You know you want to." These posters were advertisements for a sexual education program in which Jennifer Goree of Redfern answered anonymous questions (the "in the dark" part) about sex health and education from residents in the dorm.

Granted, the RAs who ran this program used sex to catch people's eye, which proves Mr. Swearingen's point about America's opinions on sex. However, the program was not tasteless or disgusting. It simply was informative for those people who do not feel, as Mr. Swearingen does, that college is "one of those times when it's best not to have sex."

Stephanie Swift  
Holmes Hall Resident Assistant

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## Tiger Rants

Why is everything in the University bookstore so outrageously expensive? \$4.26 for chapstick? \$3 for a packet of notebook paper? It's bad enough that we're already getting raped (metaphorically speaking) by tuition and other fees...

When you tell me a story I really listen... I listen. I got home from practice today, I took like a hundred hour nap. No you did not, Karen, you'd be very sick if you took a 100-hour nap. No one takes 100-hour naps.

Sooooo, like yesterday, I tried, ugh, like random on the elliptical... Oh. My. gosh. I am soooo sore. Like, seriously, it was so hard.

Half of this country doesn't know what the word "socialism" means. Instead, they use it in place of "something I don't like."

Vice President Palin would have been interesting. I would have liked to see her address Africa when she apparently doesn't know that it's a continent! Amutrical!

I feel like a douche for letting Kyle Swearingen's name go misspelled in our last issue. Sorry, broseph.

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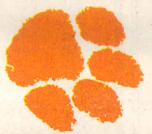
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# SPORTS

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## Tigers rebound against BC

### Interim Head Coach Dabo Swinney picks up his first win at the helm.

**MICHAEL MYLAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Clemson fans can breathe a sigh of relief as the Tigers finally got a mark in the win column against Boston College last Saturday. It had been more than a month since Sept. 20, when Clemson ran over lowly South Carolina State by a score of 54-0.

Since then the team has gone through some difficult times, losing three straight games by a combined 12 points, losing their offensive coordinator Rob Spence and losing their Head Coach Tommy Bowden.

Boston College, since joining the Atlantic Coast Conference has given Clemson considerable trouble on the gridiron.

The past three years have all been heartbreakers for the Tigers (4-4, 2-3 ACC) including last year with Mart Ryan's game-winning touchdown pass into the corner of the end zone. In fact, the Tigers had been winless against the Eagles (5-3, 2-3 ACC) since 1958.

Throughout the game, the introduction of the O'Rourke-McFadden Trophy was constantly highlighted on TV.

The award was created to honor the winner of a budding ACC rivalry. The MVP of the game would be awarded a leather helmet in blue and orange colors worn by Clemson, commemorating when Hall of Famers Charlie O'Rourke and James McFadden met in the 1940 Cotton Bowl.

Interim Head Coach Dabo Swinney recorded his first victory as the Tigers triumphed over the Eagles 27-21.

During the first half, Clemson looked to be running away with the game unchallenged. However, in typical Clemson fashion, Boston College began to creep back in the second half before the Tigers could put them away.

Most of the Boston College points came as a result of Clemson offensive errors.

One of the touchdowns was created by the Boston College special teams when Justin Jarvis ran in and blocked a Clemson punt and Rodrick Rollins took the ball 25 yards in for the touchdown.

The other two touchdowns were set up by interceptions: one interception was the first offensive play after the punt block.

Cullen Harper looked at times to be in his last season form but struggled through much of



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Senior wide receiver Aaron Kelly and the Clemson football team rebounded Saturday against a talented Boston College Team. Kelly had a crucial touchdown catch for the Tigers in Boston.

however throw for a 63.6 completion percentage, which was up from his last two games.

To put it in perspective, Harper threw three interceptions against Boston College while in the entirety of last year he only threw six. He did

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## Tiger volleyball is the team to beat

### Lady Tigers defeat Virginia and Virginia Tech, jump into sole possession of first.

**ANDREW BAKER**  
STAFF WRITER

Not taking a fall break, Tiger volleyball worked their way into sole possession of first place in the ACC over the weekend. They dominated Virginia and Virginia Tech and face a tough stretch ahead that will determine whether they repeat as ACC champions.

Friday, they faced the Cavs on Dig for the Cure night to raise money for breast cancer research. Clad in pink uniforms, the Tigers wasted no time in dispatching the Cavs. The Tigers won the first set (25-14) by not committing a single error and holding Virginia to a .61 hitting percentage. The Tigers fended off the Cavaliers to win the next two sets (25-12) (25-18) and take the match. The defense paved the way for the Tigers' victory.

The Cavs only had a .96 hitting percentage for the game as the Tigers recorded 54 digs on a night in which each dig helped to raise money for breast cancer. Lia Proctor and Diden Ege led with 15 and 13 digs respectively. Offensively, Danielle Hepburn led with a .684 hitting percentage and 13 kills. Jeanette Abbott tallied eight kills as well and a .421 hitting percentage.

Saturday the Tigers got revenge on the Hokies who handed them a tough early season loss in Blacksburg. Early on, however, the Tigers struggled to put away the Hokies winning the first two sets (25-20) (25-20). But in the third set, the Tigers had a .565 hitting percentage, rolling to a 25-11 win to put the Hokies away in three sets.

The Tigers were led by Hepburn and Abbott for a second night in a row as they both recorded 10 kills. Clemson's defense was led by Diden Ege with 13 digs. Setter Kelsey Murphy contributed nine digs. As a team, the Tigers tallied 41 digs in another strong defensive performance.

Hepburn's exemplary play was recognized, as she won ACC player of the week for the second time this year. Hepburn, considered one of the top players in the conference leads the Tigers and the ACC in blocks this season.

The Tigers will play their next four games on the road against some of the ACC's toughest competition. This weekend, the Tigers can sweep the season series with Duke and Wake Forest. A victory over Duke would give the Tigers breathing room in the ACC championship race. The next home date will be Nov. 21 against Maryland.

## Don't Cry for Bowden

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
sports editor



Sorry for any confusion, but this Yip Yip outfit from Sesame Street fetched me and a buddy 100 bucks at Tiger Town Tavern, so I wasn't ready to retire it yet. Halloween should really come twice a year — there's candy, stupid costumes and no buying presents to worry about. It is also a crying shame that one particular French Maid outfit I saw in TTT is only allowed in public once a year — yip yip yip.

Halloween and the Clemson win over Boston College added up to a great weekend. It was certainly better than my previous weekends, as I had to stomach ESPN's bashing of Clemson over the Tommy Bowden situation. To my surprise, nearly every ESPN analyst criticized Clemson's decision to dismiss Bowden mid-season. The GameDay crew, the PTI guys and seemingly everyone else from the network teamed up against us. Mark May stood as the sole ESPN personality to agree with us. While these experts are paid to have an opinion on everything, they have no idea what they are talking about.

For one, no one was more critical of Bowden than ESPN. Nearly every season, Bowden would earn a spot on their hot seat list, which names certain coaches that need to win more games or risk being fired. They expected Bowden to lose his job numerous times. However, Clemson proved ESPN wrong for a decade and remained patient with Bowden.

Pre-season was not the only opportunity for ESPN to take pot shots at Bowden. After disappointing blowouts, we had earned the reputation as a school that was always overrated and never showed up to big games. Clemson became a synonym for let-down. To ESPN, a Tommy Bowden-coached Clemson was its personal whipping boy.

Even immediately before Clemson's decision, ESPN parroted in Bowden Bashing. During the Maryland game, both commentators appeared almost in shock at our team's lack of enthusiasm. One of the men remarked that he shouldn't say anything, but if he was a front office man at Clemson — he would be wondering what was going on here. As a Clemson fan, it was difficult to listen to such bitter (but well-founded) criticism.

In the face of this ridiculous Clemson finally ended the Bowden/Era. Yet as soon as Clemson made its decision, ESPN suddenly became great defender of the former Clemson coach. They criticized our school for being too harsh and not letting him finish his season. They even attempted to antagonize the situation by reporting negative, spur-of-the-moment tes-

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BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Senior Jeannette Abbott goes up for the spike.

## TIGERS SCHEDULE

### FOOTBALL

Saturday 11/8  
Florida State  
3:30 p.m.  
Tallahassee, Fla.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Friday 11/7  
USC Upstate  
7 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

Tuesday-Thursday 11/11-13  
ACC Tournament  
TBA  
Cary, N.C.

### SWIMMING & DIVING

Saturday 11/8  
Virginia Tech  
11 a.m.  
Blacksburg, Va.

### VOLLEYBALL

Friday 11/7  
Duke  
7 p.m.  
Durham, N.C.

Saturday 11/8  
Wake Forest  
TBA  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Friday-Sunday 11/7-9  
ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor  
Championships  
All Day  
Charlottesville, Va.

# Clemson baseball team reloads

Head Coach Jack Leggett boasts the nation's ninth-ranked recruiting class coming into 2009.

## HUNTER KNOWLES

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tiger baseball team closed out the 2008 season with a record of 31-27-1 (11-18-1 in ACC), but the team looks to improve on last season's less than stellar performance. A big step in the right direction this offseason was the addition of a top-notch recruiting class. Jack Leggett's 2009 recruiting class was ranked ninth in the nation by Collegiate Baseball and 13th by Baseball America.

The hard work of Coach Leggett and Recruiting Coordinator Tom Rigins paved the way for the outstand-

ing class. The group consists of ten high school seniors and two junior-college transfers.

Of these 12 recruits, six were selected in the 2008 Major League draft.

Pitcher Scott Weismann, the 83rd ranked prospect by Baseball America, went in the 18th round to the Detroit Tigers.

Infelder Jason Stolz won the East Cobb Rawlings Golden Glove Award in 2007 and was taken by the Atlanta Braves in the 31st round.

Pitcher Chris Dwyer who, as a junior, went 7-0 with a 0.07 ERA and just 12 hits in 41 innings of work

was drafted in the 36th round by New York. Dwyer was also an All-New England selection in football, leading his team at quarterback with over 5,000 yards passing and 79 total touchdowns.

Shortstop Brad Miller, the 33rd ranked shortstop by Perfect Game was drafted by the Rangers in the 39th round.

Catcher Phil Pohl was taken by the American League Champion Tampa Bay Rays, and pitcher Kevin Brady was taken in the 44th round by the Orioles.

The class did lose one recruit to the draft. Pitcher/third-baseman

Ethan Martin of Toccoa, Ga., was drafted in the first round by the Los Angeles Dodgers. Martin, who was highly touted for being one of the more athletic infielders with incredible arm strength, soft hands, excellent bat speed and easy power, opted out of his college experience at Clemson to sign a lucrative deal with the Dodgers after being taken 15th overall.

The other members of the class include: pitcher Tomas Cruz from Amarillo, Texas; pitcher Alex Frederick from Lagrangeville, N.Y.; pitcher David Haselden from Sparanburg, S.C.; outfielder Will Lamb from Seaford, Va.; pitcher Joseph Moorefield

from Woodruff, S.C.; and outfielder Richard Mounce from Columbia, S.C. Miami and Florida State are also Atlantic Coast Conference teams whose classes ranked inside the top ten.

The Hurricanes' haul is ranked seventh while the Seminoles are ranked eighth.

In-state rival, South Carolina, picked up the 13th ranked class in the nation.

With the returners from last year's squad and the newcomers in this highly touted class, there's plenty of reason to get excited about the 2009 Clemson baseball team.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Junior first-baseman Ben Paulsen stares down the line. Paulsen and the Tigers have reloaded in the offseason and look forward to an exciting 2009 season.

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messages from our recently-benched quarterback.

ESPN made no effort to mention that Bowden could have stayed on until the end of season. The mutual decision to walk away mid-season also netted Bowden 3.5 million dollars—another point that ESPN failed to highlight. Furthermore, ESPN spared Tennessee and Washington from the same degree of criticism, even though those schools made similar mid-season findings after Clemson.

Despite mocking Bowden throughout his tenure, ESPN somehow took the high road after his dismissal and became a moral authority over Clemson. This hypocrisy made me sick, but people around the country seemed to follow ESPN's take. For those still wondering what to think about Bowden, I would like to offer my thoughts on his tenure and our decision:

Despite what some critics on TigerNet would say, Bowden was a fine person. I still remember meeting

him at one of my first football interviews. I was a nervous, lowly staff writer who wasn't even sure if he was in the right place. Trying to fit in, I weakly attempted to make conversation with another writer — only to have him laugh at me when I told him I was from The Tiger. Yet after practice, Coach Bowden made it a point to talk to me. He started a conversation by saying something like "Hey, I haven't seen your face out here." We connected briefly about Daniel High School, as his kids (Ryan and Lauren) and I graduated there around the same time. The effort was small, but it made an impression on me. While The Greenville News writer would just as soon spit in my face, at least the Head Football Coach smiled when he saw me after practice. He came off as good-natured and sincere.

I have that a decent person like Tommy, who did everything but win, is no longer the face of the program. But let's get one thing straight — no one should feel sorry Coach Bowden. His 10-year salary (much of the time well over one million dollars per year)

was more money than most of us will ever see in our lives. Bowden has a beautiful home and has already paid for Ryan's and Lauren's college education. At his age of 54, most men are calculating retirement and are eager to make the move to professional couch potato as soon as it is financially feasible. The "settlement" of 3.5 million dollars has essentially given Bowden an early 401K check, which is larger than that of the average Clemson retiree by ten-fold.

He never has to work another day of his life and can forever enjoy football from the Lay-Z-Boy. Should he decide he wants to work again, Bowden could easily find another coaching gig or become an analyst. He already has connections with his brother Terry in the broadcasting business. I could definitely see a segment "Bowl Talk with Bowden and Bowden" in the works.

ESPN overlooked all this reasoning and chose to sensationalize the situation. Even Bowden's own family didn't harbor ESPN's hostility towards Clemson. When asked about his thoughts on the decision, his father

Bobby had no criticism of Clemson, at least publicly. With his typical Southern charm, the Florida State legend joked that at least he wouldn't have to worry about losing to Tommy this season (Clemson has won four of the last five matchups against Florida State). Bowden's brother Terry also shared this realist attitude. Terry was one of the few brave analysts to say Tommy's performance probably justified a dismissal. To those that still said a mid-season firing was premature, Terry made the point that his brother knew the expectations of college football when he entered the coaching profession.

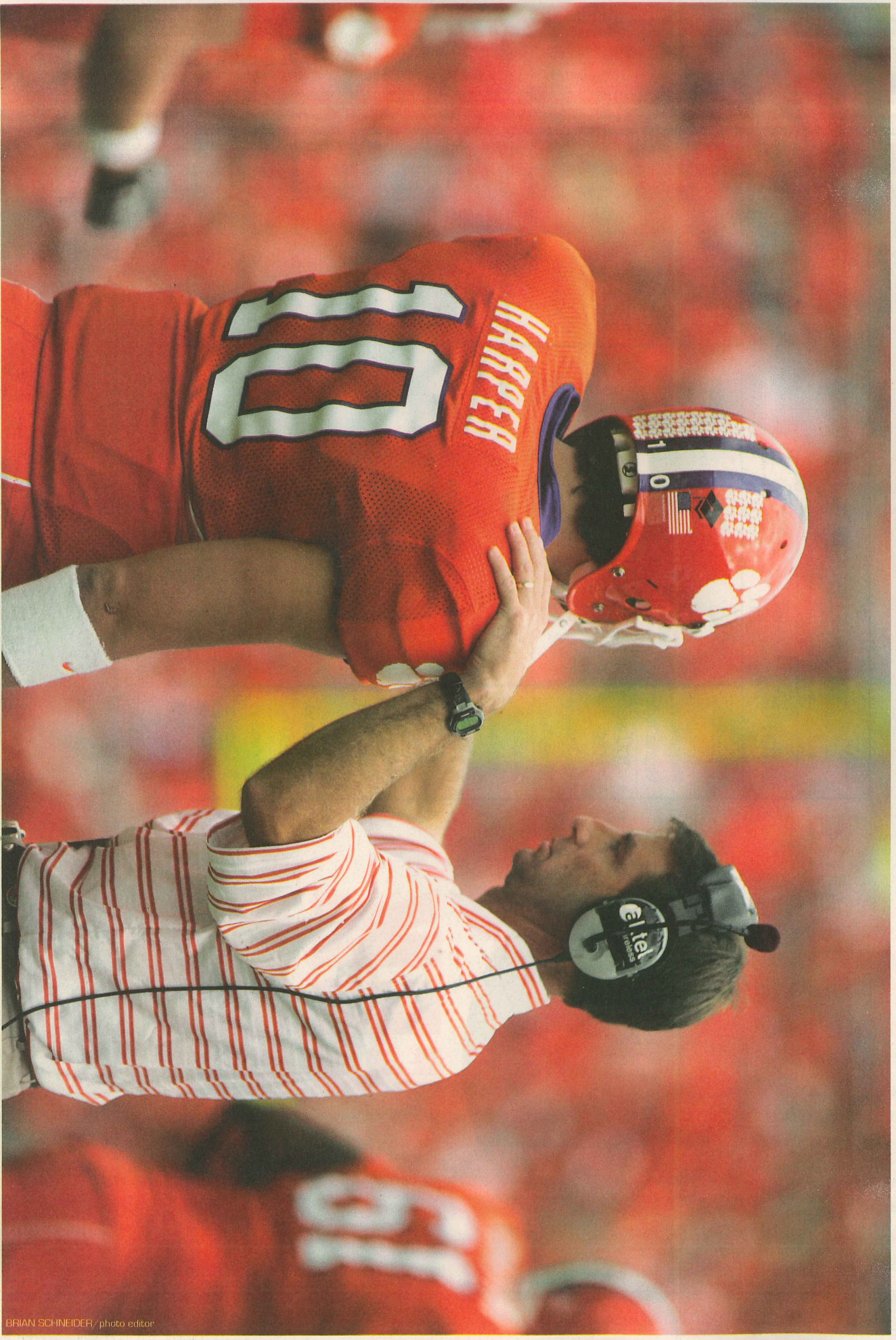
Terry raised a fine point: collegiate coaching is a brutal world. Even coaches who build programs and win national championships aren't safe if they have down years. R.C. Solcman established the Texas A&M program with his Wrecking Crew defense in the 1990s. The highlight of his tenure was three straight Southwestern championships 1991-1993, even though A&M's facilities that could not compete with Texas and Oklahoma. His

latest conference championship (in the Big Twelve) came in 1998, however a 6-6 record in 2002 cost the Aggie coach his job even though he defeated No. 1 Oklahoma earlier that year.

One can also look at more recent criticism of Bobby Bowden and Joe Paterno. If those guys can come under fire, no one has job security in college football.

Terry is right. Tommy knew how dirty college football can be. When his dad was coaching at West Virginia, there were many fans who wanted Bobby fired after a 4-7 season in 1974. One disgruntled Mountaineer fan hung a doll of Bobby Bowden from a tree in the Bowdens' yard. A young Tommy Bowden with tears in his eyes had to climb the tree and cut the doll down his father's figurine. This experience must have made an impression on the young Tommy Bowden.

Even in his youth, Bowden knew how a malicious a fanbase can be. Compared to his father's experience at West Virginia, Tommy's departure from Clemson must have felt like we threw him a parade.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/ photo editor

AP  
TOP 25  
standings

1. Alabama
2. Texas Tech
3. Penn State
4. Florida
5. Texas
6. Oklahoma
7. USC
8. Oklahoma State
9. Boise State
10. Utah
11. TCU
12. Ohio State
13. Missouri
14. Georgia
15. LSU
16. Ball State
17. Brigham Young
18. Michigan State
19. North Carolina
20. West Virginia
21. California
22. Georgia Tech
23. Maryland
24. Florida State
25. Pittsburgh

# CLEMSON AT FLORIDA STATE

BRETT MILLS  
STAFF WRITER

When Clemson and Florida State take the field this Saturday, the game won't garner the same national fanfare of the previous nine years. The game, once dubbed so enthusiastically by the national media as the "Bowden Bowl," became just another ACC matchup when Tommy Bowden abruptly resigned on Oct. 13 following Clemson's demoralizing loss to Wake Forest.

"This is the first time ... I don't have to worry about Tommy whipping me, or me beating him," said Seminoles Head Coach Bobby Bowden, who had lost three straight to his son and four out of the last five.

However, despite the absence of media hype and family drama, the game remains vitally important to the seasons of both teams. No. 24 FSU, fresh off a devastating loss at Georgia Tech last Saturday in which running back Marcus Sims fumbled on the goal line in the final minute, needs a victory to maintain pace with Maryland in the ACC Atlantic race. At 3-2 in conference play, the Noles no longer control their own destiny, and they cannot afford a fourth straight loss to Clemson.

Likewise, Clemson enters the game with their backs against the wall as well. Last week resulted in a thrilling and much needed victory on the road against Boston College, the first win for Interim Head Coach Dabo Swinney and the first for the team in more than a month, but at 4-4 on the season the Tigers still have to win three of their final four games to attain bowl eligibility.

To do that, the Tigers must improve in two areas: the running game and turnover margin. Two things that have long been considered strengths of the team have since become major weaknesses. In their four losses,

Clemson averaged a scant 73 yards a game rushing, a mindboggling stat when one considers the backfield of both James Davis and CJ Spiller. Part of the reason for that stunning lack of success is an inexperienced offensive line that has sustained numerous critical injuries. To put the injury situation in perspective for some Bobby Hutchinson, who started at center for the Tigers against BC, had hung up his pads to become a player-coach during August Camp rather than remain buried in the depth chart at guard. Another glaring weakness for the Tigers this year has been turnover margin.

Despite leading the league in passing offense at 216 yards per game, Cullen Harper has nearly doubled his interception total from last year through only eight games, throwing 11 on the year and a season-high three against BC. His three picks killed several promising drives for the Tigers and gave the Eagles spectacular field position on multiple occasions, turning what appeared to be a blowout victory into a nailbiter. Going up against the ACC's top defense in FSU, Harper has to clean up his mistakes and return to his efficient '07 form in order for the Tigers to succeed.

Clemson will also need a continuance of stellar play by CJ Spiller and the entire defense. Spiller, who missed the entire Georgia Tech game due to a pulled hamstring, came back with a vengeance against BC, amassing 224 total yards and setting up Harper's go-ahead touchdown toss to Aaron Kelly with a spectacular 55-yard kickoff return. His play earned him game MVP and ACC offensive back of the week honors. In the victory, the defense continued its stingy ways, and they enter the FSU game giving up an average of

16.1 points per game despite dealing with numerous short field situations.

The Tigers will have to continue their good works against a far more potent offense than BC in FSU. In addition to having the conference's top-ranked defense, the Noles also boast the best offense in the league, leading the ACC in scoring offense (35.2 points per game) and total offense (393.2 yards per game).

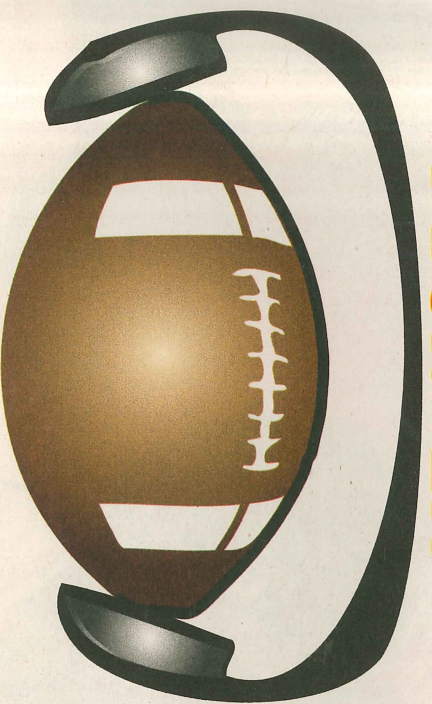
The Noles employ a two-quarterback system with sophomores Christian Ponder and D'Yontery Richardson; both are far more mobile than former starter Drew Weatherford. With leading rusher Antoine Smith "beating up" Bobby Bowden is looking for the duo of Ponder and Richardson, along with freshman running back Jermaine Thomas, to pick up the rushing load.

The matchup, while formidable on paper and on the road in a hostile environment, is a very winnable one for Clemson so long as they limit their mistakes and play with the same fire and intensity they have shown the past two games. Over the past five years, the Tigers have proven that they can beat them at Doak Campbell Stadium. If the Tigers win on Saturday, this senior class will be the first ever to go 4-0 over FSU, a feat that surely is nothing to be sneezed at.

This game might no longer be the Bowden Bowl, but it is still Clemson versus FSU: a battle of two of the ACC's most storied programs, a battle against the legendary Bobby Bowden and the nascent defenses of Mickey Andrews, a real slobberknocker that will play a crucial role in the ACC Atlantic race. It will be a good one.

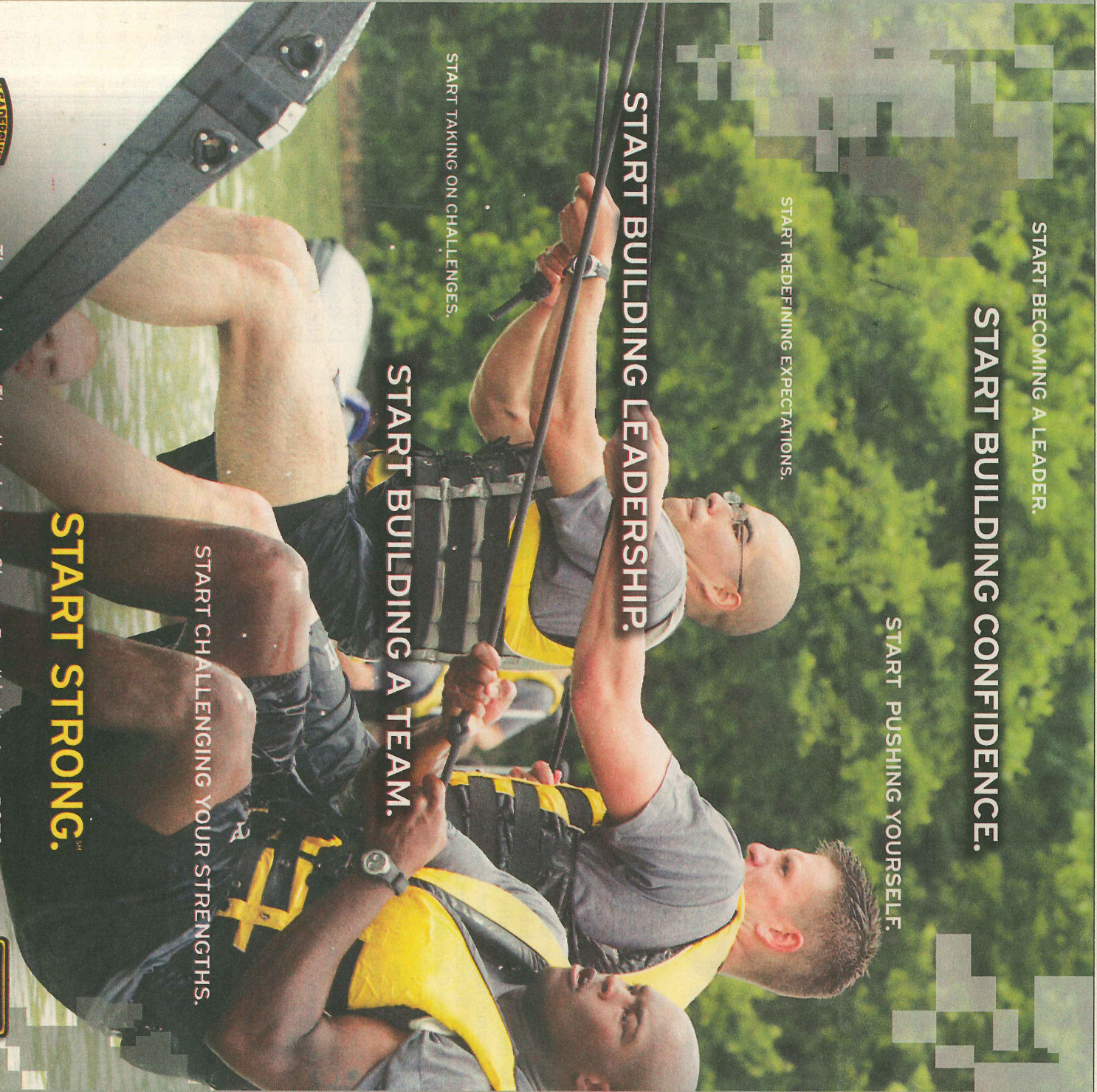


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As much as the offense struggled, they also looked incredible at times, specifically because of C.J. Spiller. Despite being injured during portions of the game and missing last week's match, Spiller caught the ball for 105 yards, the most for a Clemson running back in the team's history. Early on in the game Spiller had a 57-yard burst, breaking numerous tackles, which set up a James Davis touchdown on the next play. Spiller was awarded the blue and orange leather helmet as the MVP of the game.

Wide receiver Aaron Kelly set a school record himself with his 19th career touchdown.

Kelly was able to grab the ball in the right corner of the end zone, despite a pass interference call against Boston College.

The play was originally ruled out of bounds but overturned on replay. The touchdown left just more than seven minutes on the clock. As the moments ticked away, the Eagles began to drive down the field, and Clemson fans held their breath.

However, Clemson linebacker DeAndre McDaniell forced Eagles receiver, Clarence Megwa, to fumble the ball. Megwa had to be taken off the field. The fumble set up the Tigers for a 43-yard field goal with under three minutes to play making the score 27-21. Boston College tried one last time to drive down the field until it came to fourth down when BC quarterback Chris Crane threw a sideline pass to James McCluskey who was ruled out of bounds.

The Clemson defense played strong throughout the game, especially when the offense set them up in bad field position.

The defense held Boston College to a 3-18 third down conversion ratio and only 116 passing yards while forcing two turnovers.

While the chances of Clemson, the preseason favorite, to win the ACC championship are slim, the Tigers now very well may have a shot at a bowl game.

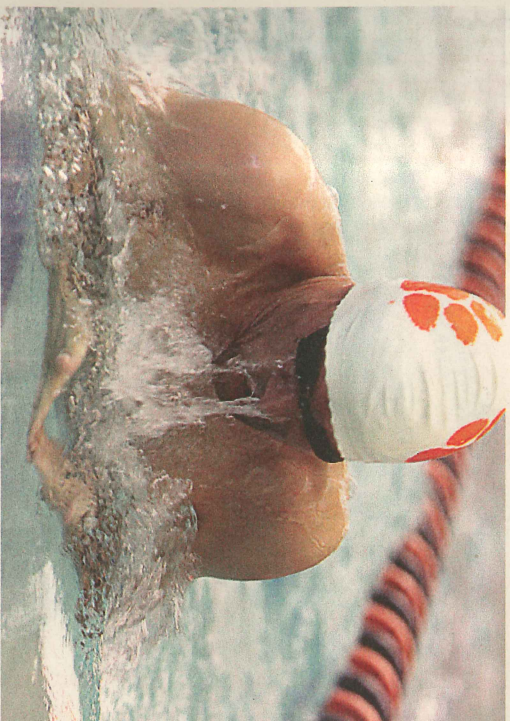
With four games remaining on the schedule, three of which are within the ACC, Clemson needs to keep their momentum from last Saturday in order to salvage the season.

Next week, Clemson heads down to Florida State where they will take on the Seminoles in ACC play. Saturday's game has a 3:30 p.m. kickoff.

# Swimmers

## struggle

Both men and women take losses.



A Clemson swimmer pushes toward the finish.

TYLER SMITH/staff

### SARAH PORRI

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson swimming and diving teams had a tough two weeks, facing former ACC champion UVA two weeks ago and arch rival South Carolina last Friday. Both the men's and women's teams lost, dropping the Clemson men to 1-3 and the women to 2-2 for the season. The Lady Cavaliers won by a small margin, just 38 points over the Lady Tigers with no exhibitions. The Lady Gamecocks won over Clemson 171-28. For the men, the Cavaliers beat Clemson 189-105, and the Gamecocks defeated Clemson 178-119.

On the women's side, the 200-yard medley relay team of Kalli Kyle, Karina Obas, Maddie Tarantolo and Rachel Regone continue to be undefeated, edging out both UVA and South Carolina. Senior Michelle Parkhurst claimed the top spot in the 200-yard freestyle in both meets, with a time of 1:50.31 seconds against UVA and full two seconds faster against South Carolina. Parkhurst also dropped time in her 100-yard backstroke which she swam only about four minutes after her victory in the 200-yard freestyle.

The sprint duo of Regone and fellow senior Lauren Sindall kept their one-two punch in the 50-yard freestyle alive for both UVA and South Carolina. Both girls along with seniors Parkhurst and Summer O'Donnell would out swim UVA but place second against South Carolina.

Freshmen backstrokers Kyle and Cara Lennon helped out Parkhurst in the 100-yard backstroke, with Kyle placing third in both meets and Lennon taking fourth against South Carolina. These three would come back later to swim the 200-yard backstroke and add more points to the Lady Tiger effort. Parkhurst took off three seconds from her time against UVA to place first against USC with a time of 1:59.55 seconds. Kyle and Lennon would place third and fourth for the Lady Tigers, respectively.

In the butterfly events, the Lady Tigers had a strong showing in both meets with Meggie Mizelle, Sara Bechard and Sarah Porri. The three would place second, third and fourth, respectively against South Carolina in the 200-yard butterfly. Tarantolo would team up with Bechard for the 100-yard butterfly, each improving their time in the week between UVA and South Carolina. Tarantolo and Bechard placed second and third, with senior Ashley Clay rounding out the top five.

The Lady Tiger duo of distance seniors Casey LaRussa and O'Donnell had a tough draw against both UVA and South Carolina. LaRussa placed third in the 500-yard freestyle against UVA with O'Donnell taking third in the 1000-yard freestyle. In Columbia, LaRussa battled it out with Christine Thompson to take second in the event

less than a second separating the two swimmers. It would be O'Donnell's turn to face Thompson a short while later, and she too would finish less than a second behind the first place Lady Gamecock.

On the other end of the pool, Lady Tiger divers Brooke George, Stephanie Fura and Cassie Self swept the top three spots in the three-meter competition against UVA. Fura would win the one-meter competition against UVA with Self third and George fourth.

On the men's side, Tiger distance specialists David Gordon, Will Clark and Alex Carr swept the top three spots in the 1,000-yard freestyle against South Carolina, each dropping a lot of time from their event against UVA. A short time later, Clark would win the 500-yard freestyle against South Carolina, a fall four seconds in front of the second place Gamecock.

In the 200-yard freestyle, senior Dan Mengering would take second against both UVA and South Carolina with teammate freshman Lee Grose close taking third against South Carolina, dropping a second from his time against UVA. Clary placed fifth, also dropping time in his event.

In the stroke events, freshman Chris Dart improved his time in the 100-yard breaststroke against South Carolina, placing second. Gordon would also swim the 200-yard butterfly, placing third against UVA and second against South Carolina, also dropping time in between meets. Teammate Matt Angelini rounded out the top four against South Carolina.

Junior Tom Recko would place second in both backstroke events against South Carolina, getting narrowly out-touched by the Gamecocks. Dart would be joined by junior Joe Knecht in the 200-yard individual medley, placing third and fourth, respectively. In the sprint events, Mengering and freshman Myles Oliver lead the way for the Tigers. Mengering won the 50-yard freestyle against both UVA and South Carolina, with a time of 20.85 seconds against the Gamecocks. Oliver took the 100-yard freestyle against the Cavaliers with Mengering taking second in this event against South Carolina. Freshman Seth Broster improved his standing in the 100-yard freestyle, taking fourth against UVA and third against South Carolina.

On the boards, junior David Giambra recorded a lifetime best score on one-meter, 318.60 points, to break the school record and defeat the Gamecock SEC Diver of the Week Cory Christiansen. Giambra would later beat Christiansen on the three-meter boards, posting a season best score of 328.28 points.

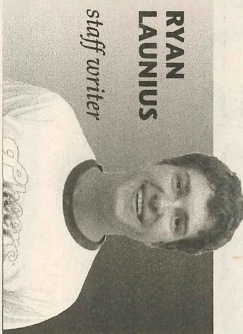
After tough losses to nationally ranked UVA and rival South Carolina, the Tigers look towards ACC foe Virginia Tech. They travel on Friday to face the Hokies on Saturday at 11 a.m.

## Fantasy Football: Gross, Man.

### Rex is back at the helm.

#### RYAN LAUNIUS

staff writer



Surprises and great games were in high supply through week nine. The Titans continued their winning ways by defeating Green Bay in an emotional overtime game that leaves them undefeated at the halfway point in the season. The Bengals also got their first win of the season, which puts the boys from Cincinnati halfway to the amount of wins that TJ Houshmanzadeh guaranteed his fans last week.

The Falcons continued to win even with a lack of talent and experience. Yet despite shutting out the Raiders, Atlanta still cannot catch the Carolina Panthers. Dallas was embarrassed by the G-Men on Sunday as Brad Johnson could not seem to do a single thing correctly. This puts the mighty Cowboys in the last place slot of the NFC East.

And who could forget the touching story of Rex Grossman getting yet another shot to blow at being the starting quarterback of the Chicago Bears?

I could go on about that all day, but since this is a fantasy column I guess I'll just get started with some ways to help out your team this week.

#### Running backs:

Highly anticipated rookie back Ryan Torrain was extremely disappointing in his first game of the season. The Denver back only managed one yard on three carries while he was overshadowed by Michael Pittman and Andre Hall. Since then, Pittman has injured his neck and was placed on injured reserve along with Andre Hall (hand). With those two out and Selvin Young still recovering from a groin injury, Ryan Torrain will be the starter for Denver, which will get him a lot more than three carries on Thursday against the Browns.

Cleveland has the fifth worst rushing defense in the NFL, giving up 148 yards per game on the ground. Denver also has given up some career days to backs lately (see: Larry Johnson or Sammy Morris), which makes this game a running back duel. Look for both Jamal Lewis and Ryan Torrain to put up big numbers this week as both square off against two of the worst opposing de-

fenses in the league.

Kolby Smith suffered a season ending knee injury Sunday while he was starting in place of the suspended Larry Johnson. While this is sad for the Chiefs and Smith, it makes Jamaal Charles one of the most picked up and talked about players in the NFL by fantasy standards. The former Longhorn is not a sure thing, but if he can learn to run against an NFL defense, he should be a big contributor to any team. Charles is currently available in 65 percent of Y! leagues.

Ray Rice had a crazy day this past Sunday as he accumulated 176 total yards against the Cleveland Browns. He did not score a touchdown because LeRon McClain stole his goal line picks. But even with his redzone attempts being taken away, Rice should be a strong play this week against the 10th worst rushing defense in the nation as he heads to Houston to make up a game that was supposed to be played during Hurricane Ike. Even with his fast-growing popularity, Rice is only owned in 51 percent of leagues and might be available to help you in yours.

Jerious Norwood owners have been upset with the under-utilization of this back since he began playing a few years ago. First he backed up Warrick Dunn and now he's behind Michael Turner, who has been giving off his best work-horse impression for awhile now. Head Coach Mike Smith has been calling more of a rushing attack lately, which means that he will have to spread out the carries between Turner and Norwood. This week the Falcons square off against the Saints, who have allowed 4.2 yards per carry this season and might give up a big game to the opposing backs.

#### Wide Receivers:

Shaun McDonald has had a couple big 65-yard-plus games in a row against the Redskins and the Bears, which both possess strong secondaries. This week the Lions will face off against the Jaguars, who give off 221 yards per game through the air. McDonald has received attention due to the amount of receptions he has logged lately as opposing defenses go into double coverage against Calvin Johnson more frequently.

The development of young quarterback Tyler Thigpen in Kansas City has given wideout Mark Bradley a more fantasy-friendly stat line.

With Dwayne Bowe taking some of the heat of the secondary off of

him, Bradley is free to play pitch and catch with Thigpen. The former Bears second-round pick has been targeted 14 times and has both thrown for and caught a touchdown in his past couple games.

The Chiefs square off against the worst passing defense in the NFL when they battle the Chargers. While LT will more than likely slice right through the KC defense, the Chiefs' wideouts will torch a defense that has allowed 265 yards per game and 14 touchdowns through the air.

#### Quarterbacks:

Former Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn will get his first start this week as he faces off against the Broncos. While Quinn should do well with weapons like Edwards, Lewis and Winslow Jr., Derek Anderson certainly made it look difficult with the same team. But the truth is that Quinn will only go as far as his receiving corps will let him. It has not been Anderson's fault that Braylon Edwards contracted a severe case of butterflies this season, but Browns Head Coach Romeo Crennel has decided that Quinn may be the best option for the anemic Cleveland offense.

Matt Schaub tore his MCL on Sunday, leaving Sage Rosenfels to take over as field general for the Texan offense. Rosenfels averaged 235 yards per game in his two starts this season, and he managed to throw for three touchdowns as well. Anyone could throw touchdown passes to someone as talented as Andre Johnson, so I'm guessing that Rosenfels will be just fine. This week Houston will face off against Baltimore, who has allowed the 10th most fantasy points to quarterbacks since week six.

Veteran Vikings quarterback Gus Frierote has been impressive over his past three games, throwing for six touchdowns. The downside is that he also threw six interceptions, but he has averaged 259 passing yards per game in that time. I think that Frierote is worth picking up, but he will be playing the fifth best passing defense when they head to Minnesota.

With Kyle Orton down, Rex Grossman will once again come off of the bench to screw the season over for yet another offensive. Just remember my advice from past articles and know that you should not trust Rex Grossman, no matter how nice an addition he looks to be for your fantasy team. He'll always end up hurting you. Just ask Bears fans.

limovic and Federica van Adrichem lost Friday but rebounded by defeating Northwestern and UCLA to finish fifth in flight two.

The best Tiger performance of the evening came in singles play from Henry. She defeated her opponent from North Carolina and would play Robison from Northwestern for the flight seven championship.

Unfortunately, she lost in two sets, but the second place finish was the best finish by any Lady Tiger of the weekend. Wong lost her singles match but finished third in flight two by default. Balda lost both her remaining matches to finish fourth in flight six.

This tournament was the end of the fall season for most of the Lady Tigers. Their spring season will begin Jan. 23 against College of Charleston at the Hoke Sloan Cen-

## Duel in the Desert

### Lady Tigers' tennis team competes in California.

#### JASON PATSKOSKI

STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, the women's tennis team made a cross country trip to Cathedral City, Calif., to compete in their fifth tournament of the year, the Duels in the Desert. The eight-team field provided some serious competition which included defending national champions UCLA and four other teams that reached the Sweet 16 last season along with Clemson. These teams were Baylor, Miami, Northwestern and Texas. Top 20 teams North Carolina and Southern California were also invited to the tournament. The three day tournament began October 31.

On the first day of competition the Tigers competed in all seven flights of singles and all three flights of doubles. In singles, rookie Keri Wong won her flight two match,

but the most dominant player was Estefania Balda who won her flight six match in straight sets. Laurianne Henry won her flight seven match in three sets even though it was only her second tournament of the season. The other four Clemson singles games were losses, leaving only three players still in contention. Doubles went much better for the Lady Tigers, advancing in two of three matches. Ani Mijacic and Keri Wong won in flight one, and Estefania Balda and Alexandra Luc won in flight three.

The doubles competition continued with Mijacic and Wong losing to North Carolina and having to play Baylor in the consolation final. The team rebounded, defeating Baylor 8-2 to finish third in flight one. Balda and Luc had a similar fate, losing to Northwestern and defeating Southern California in the flight three consolation final. Ina Hadzise-

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## TimeOut

Blue is the new red.

## Kid Rock's album covers rock, country

GREG BLANTON  
STAFF WRITER

You must excuse me for not taking Kid Rock seriously. Any man who addresses himself with a binomial moniker consisting of a synonym for a child and the genre which he (sometimes) plays does not immediately demand respect. Compounded with the singer's ridiculous musical forays in the '90s, his faux white-trash-and-damn-proud-of-it image and taking part in Pamela Anderson's recent marriage carousel, and you've got a character about as likely to produce good music as William Hung. Imagine my surprise, then, when the artist formerly known as Robert Ritchie's new record, "Rock N Roll Jesus," turned out to be really, really good.

As for being a cohesive record goes, "Rock N Roll Jesus" throws caution to the wind. It is the sonic equivalent of a patchwork quilt: virtually every genre and decade of rock — and each is represented brilliantly.

"Jesus" covers classic rock, country old-fashioned and new, blues and Kid Rock's own brand of rap-rock, taking us through the highlights of each genre decade by decade. There's boogie; there's emotion; there's angst, and there's humor. There are turntables, horns, gospel choirs, fiddles and shredding guitar solos. "Jesus" stuffs in 57 minutes of every known element of rock 'n' roll dating back to 50 years.

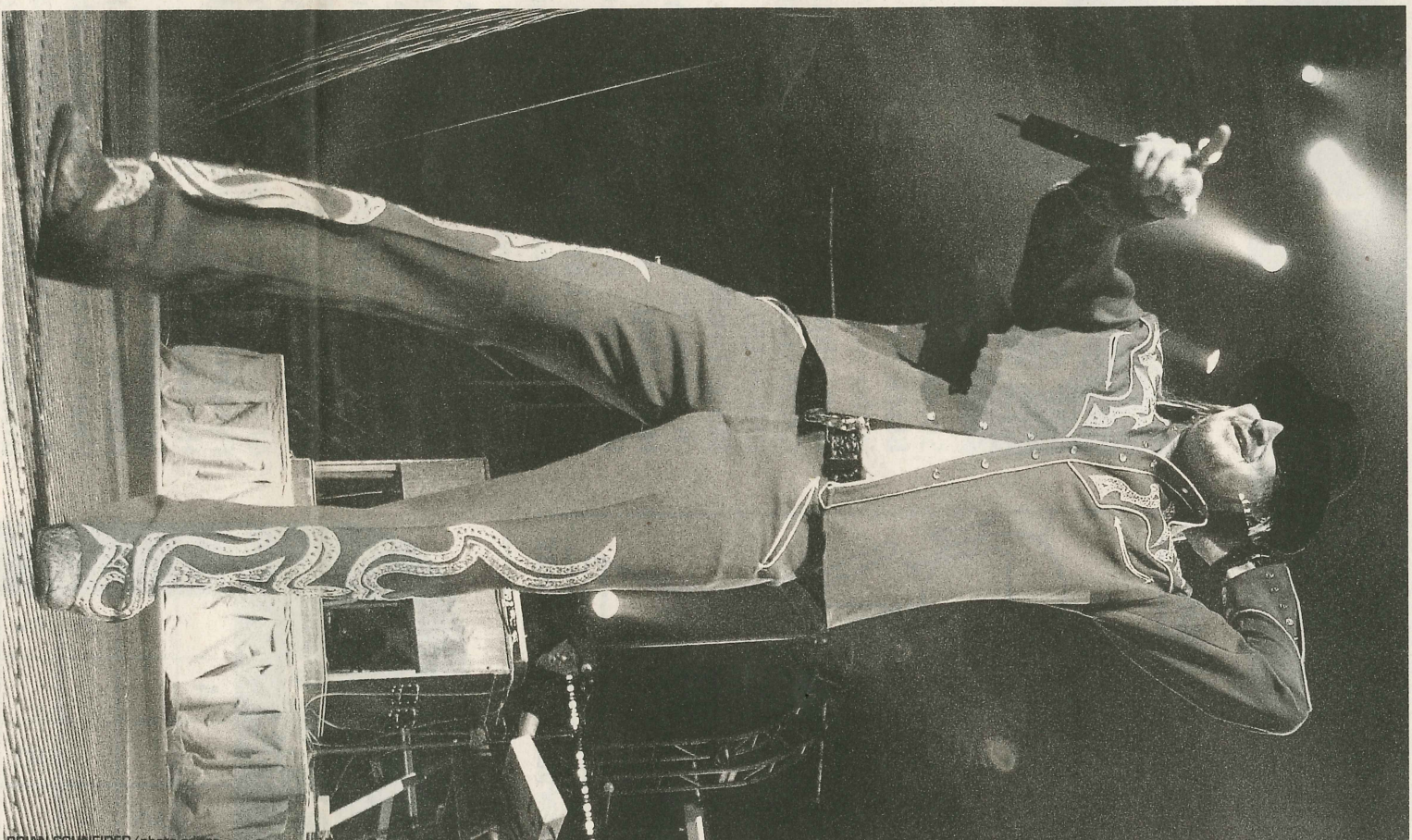
Once a rapper, Mr. Rock can pull off a country croon and a rock roar second to none. And proving he's not just a hollow voice, he whips out some lyrics of substance and meaning. "Amen" is a ballad displaying a valid social consciousness never before seen in Kid Rock. Elsewhere in "When You Love Someone" and "Blue Jeans and A Rosary," Kid allows us a glimpse under his bad-boy facade where we become acquainted with a big-hearted and genuine human being.

The irresistibly catchy "All Summer Long" seamlessly integrates samples from "Werewolves in London" and "Sweet Home Alabama." Lifting from two of rock's most hallowed songs is dangerous, but Kid Rock uses them reverently in homage to teenage summer-time memories. It is this wildly popular single alone that catapulted "Jesus" into double platinum territory.

While 10 of the record's 12 songs are heavy, wholesome rockers, there are two regrettable performances. Just to remind you of his career roots, Kid Rock lets the strip club sleaze fly with "So Hot": "I don't want to be your friend/I want to f\*\*k you like I'll never see you again."

"Sugar" begins with a tasty country lick but suddenly turns into the cock-rock that made Kid Rock famous in the '90s, featuring ridiculous and nonsensical lyrics like, "Bad like Brutus, hit like Joe Lewis/I got lots of cash, but I'm not Jewish/I'm not no nudist, I'm fully clothed...." Surrounded by 10 great, heartfelt songs, these two huge heaps of sonic drivel sink up an otherwise fantastic record.

Though offering nothing original in "Rock N Roll Jesus," Kid Rock's evident allegiance to rock 'n' roll in all its forms is genuine and honest. Robert Ritchie is a guy who absolutely loves rock 'n' roll. Kid Rock is his alter ego who gets to share that love with the world. As ridiculous as the Kid Rock may be, his latest record is a wildly fun ride through the history of rock 'n' roll.



Kid Rock performs in Little John on April 6, 2006.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photographer

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## Juicy Campus site makes waves across campuses

CAITLIN ROLLER  
STAFF WRITER

It seems gossip is one of today's most popular forms of entertainment. With shows like "Gossip Girls" dominating the small screen, copies of Us Weekly and InTouch flying off the shelves, and a newly formed Web site Juicycampus.com reaching its one year anniversary with more than 500 campuses in its rumor-filled grips. But what was once a whispered secret among friends about who hooked up with whom is now where millions of people can log on and get the dirt about YOU.

That's right you, regardless of whether you ever have even heard about the site, your name can be circulating around juicycampus.com racking in post upon post. By the time this article goes to publication Juicycampus.com will have garnered more than 80,000 posts from col-

## Unstate Calendar of Events

**11.7**  
2008 Homecoming Build. Come help build a house in 9 days for a family in need. Sign up online to be a party of the event. Bowman Field. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday for the rest of the week.

Helping Hands Charity Dinner. Gamma Sigma Sigma will be hosting a charity dinner to benefit the Help Hands children's shelter. Includes a four course dinner and silent auction. Clemson United Methodist Church. \$40 seat/\$300 table. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHTS presents "Non-Stop Laughs." Featuring Clemson's Mock Turtle Soup, Comedian Ryan Corner and Greenville's Laughing Stock. Union Recreation Center. Free. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**11.8**  
Dwali: Indian Festival of Lights. Come experience Indian dance, food, music and culture. Tillman Hall Auditorium. Non-Members of CISA: \$15. Members of CISA: \$5. 6:30 p.m.

**11.9**  
Clemson Sports Car Club Autocross at Anderson Fair and Expo Center. Register now at MyAutoEvents.com. Anderson Fair & Expo Center. \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members, free for spectators. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**11.10**  
This is An EXAM... this is only a Final Exam! Workshop. In a discussion-oriented format students will learn the best way to prepare for their final exams. 309 Cooper Library. Free. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

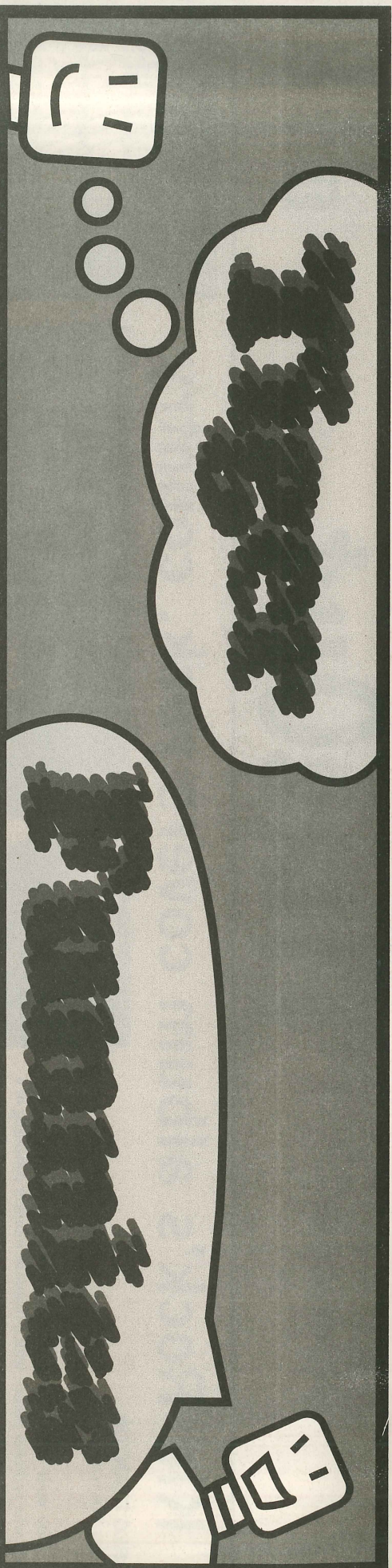
**11.11**  
Hispanic Film Festival featuring award-winning movies from Mexico, Spain, Argentina and others. Kinard Hall. Free. 5 p.m.

Clemson University Choral Ensembles. Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. \$8 adults/\$5 students. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**11.13**  
Clemson Bands Pass-In-Review and Extravaaganza. This event features the best of the Clemson Band programs and ticket revenue will support the Tiger Band scholarship fund. Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. All seats \$5 at the door. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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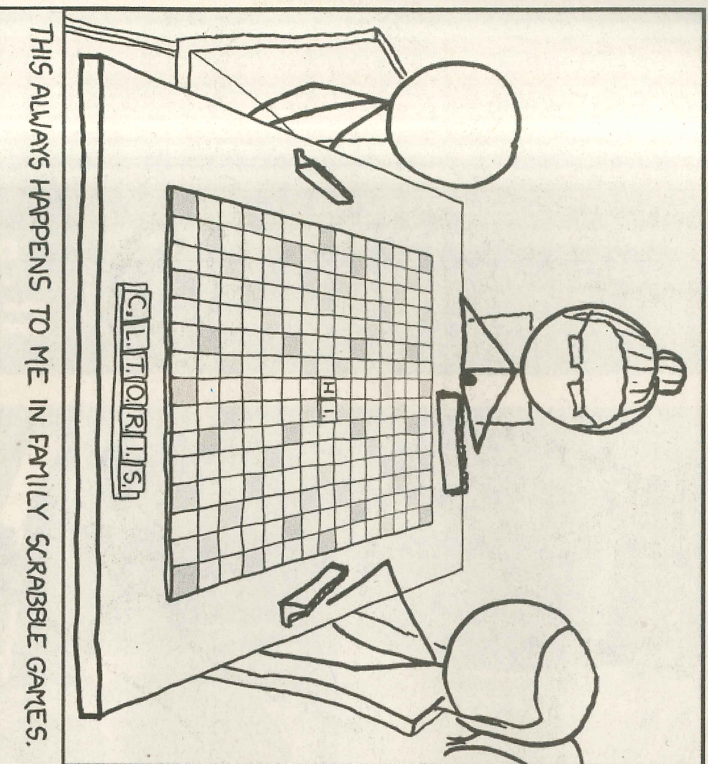
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Real election result status updates

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**South Ingeneral** – is mad at America.  
**Black Kennedy** – is witnessing history in the making. this is the man on the moon s\*\*\* ... YES WE DID!  
**Dirty Hippie** – proud of his country for the first time.  
**Great Unwashed** – for the first time in his adult life, UNPROUD to be an American.  
**Shite Tawlk** – is laughing at people who think this country is going to S\*\*\*...look around you. we're already there.  
**Horn Dog** – still wants to have Sarah Palin's illegimate children.  
**Oblivi Us** – is on the way to Canada!  
 –Cu L8r–Canada is more liberal and socialist than here. they don't want you either.

**ILL lterate** – was not gonna go cryin if McCain was the next president, let it go ppl! We all Americans right??  
**Over Dramatic** – is mourning the death of America as we know it.  
**Noone Cares** – is about to take a REALLY hard test...  
**Doom Andgloom** – hopes Obama won't be the massive disappointment to the American people that she think he will be.  
**TruTru Seriously** – is waiting on everyone who said they're moving out of the country to get out ! My President is Barack Obama : ).  
**Pyscho Path** – is warning im a bitter christian clinging to my gun.  
**Honkey Donkey** – is confused... isn't Obama white too??  
**Southern Boy** is hahah can the South secede again?  
**Abbrev Bro** – is Obama FTW! FTMFWI!  
**Pearl Necklace** – is quitting school to live in government housing selling drugs and popping out babies all day...its okay..Obama will support me.  
**Internets Lurker** – Can't decide whether to debate politics or poke his friends. thanks facebook.  
**Bear Infour** – I would like to inform everyone that this has just been one big joke, the election isn't until next year and the candidates are Hilary and a polar bear.  
**Mmm Creamy** – wants Beng&jerry's to add BARACKY Road as a new ice cream flavor.  
**White Liberal** – is ready for damn change so y'all let the man shine.  
**Straight G** – Black is the new White. d\*\*n it feels good to be a gangsta  
**Mega creep** – wishes President–Elect Obama wisdom, courage, and luck in the years to come, and great post–election sex with his wife tonight.



THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS TO ME IN FAMILY SCRABBLE GAMES.

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

Instead of walking your usual path to class today, try a new route! There's a good possibility you'll run into someone or something interesting. Hey, if you're late, you can blame me.

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

I sense that you're spending way too much money way too quickly. The culprit? Java City! C'mon, didn't you think that a chat late every morning would add up? Next time, try using a refillable water bottle. Your wallet and environment will thank you.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**

I foresee that you will get into a rather physical confrontation with your printer this week after it refuses to print an assignment. Sure, you'll win the fight, but then you may have to settle for an "F-". Save yourself the bloody knuckles, and pick up some ink before the day your paper is due.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

The stars predict that you will encounter the dreaded "Blue Screen of Death" sometime this week, and during an online test, no less! The solution? Stop going to those sketchy sites. You know the ones I mean. I don't know what kind of research you're doing at BigBody.com, but I can't imagine that it's very academic.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**

Explore your creative side this week! Cook something challenging, take some artsy photos or paint a mural! Well, as long as you're not painting this mural on one of the campus buildings. Tagging is a form of expression, albeit an illegal one....

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

I advise you to get started on that project early. You never know nowadays when a squirrel is going to get itself blown up on a transformer and deny you precious hours of electricity.

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

Leo, you're just going to have to accept that not everyone loves Broadway show tunes! Please stop playing them all the time. For the sake of your social life, I implore you.

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

Alright, Virgo, let your Leo friend know how much you dislike their blaring of "Hatspray." In turn, you have to accept that they don't really appreciate your Japanese techno pop. In all good friendships, there's give and take!

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

There's the real world, and then there's Fable II. Just keep that in mind this week.

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

Mercury's position in relation to the sun suggests that you will reconnect with a friend you haven't seen in a while! However, I would not recommend commenting on how much weight they've gained since you last saw one another....

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

Your natural optimism will surely help you this week, which will inevitably be the worst of your entire life. Remember: the glass is always half-full! Unless it's empty.

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

Your foreign language class may be giving you a hard time, but adding the word "ie" in front of English words is probably not the best route to take on this week's quiz.

# ON THE PROWL

BY IVANNA JOHNSON

It goes by a dozen names: Head, dome, eating out, cunnilingus, fellatio, blow job; but in essence it's all just oral sex. But when you do get to third base, do you know what to do? Here is a quick guide to pleasuring your partner orally.

Let's begin with the basics. Fellatio refers to oral stimulation performed on a man. Cunnilingus is oral stimulus on a woman. And last but not least, analingus is oral stimulation on anyone's anus. Though all these go by different terminologies, for the sake of this article I will be using their most proper scientific names.

Ah cunnilingus, the trickiest of all oral endeavors, but with the right know-how you will have your partner squirting and screaming with pleasure. For those receiving, being bare down there is the best way to entice your partner to perform oral on you. For those giving, the most important point of stimulation is the clitoris. The clitoris is button-like and is located at the very top-most portion of the anterior part of the vulva. My first tip is be gentle; gentle sucking, kissing and licking of the clitoris are all good stimulation. Also guys, shave your beards as to reduce stubble.

After you have mastered gentle oral clitoral stimulation, you can move to more advanced moves. Try using your hands, enter the vulva with one or two fingers and gently stimulate the g-spot (rough walnut-sized spot located on the interior of the vagina a few inches below the belly button). Also try moving the angle of your head from direct frontal stimulation to the side or from above.

Fellatio is a bit easier. It's hard to be bad at head; one way to suck at it is using your teeth. It should seem as if you're toothless when you are giving a guy oral. When giving fellatio, being gentle isn't as important, and the deeper into your mouth you can get the shaft the better. Also using your hands is important; work them up and down the shaft in and out of rhythm with your mouth and also use them to gentlyroll the testicles in your hands. A little trick is when your partner is about to ejaculate to gently pull down their testicles as they climax. It makes their orgasm last longer. Also

make sure you have settled whether or not you're willing to swallow before you begin. Analingus is for the more adventurous. The first and most important rule of

going oral on anal is to be clean, very clean.

Oh, and don't forget to ask permission; a lot of people consider the anus a no-go zone. To begin, lick in gentle circular motions. This area is very sensitive, and these moves should be enough to pleasure your partner. If you're feeling more adventurous, the next step is to, well, insert your tongue. Finally a word to the wise: you can get all the same STIs through oral sex that you can



get through regular sex. Protection-wise, you can use dental dams and flavored condoms to avoid swapping fluids.

Also examine your partner for open sores; if the giver has any sores on their mouth or the receiver on their genitals, then it's highly possible to catch whatever they have. Don't floss before giving oral either; irritating the skin, gums and such makes the transfer of STIs much easier.

Now that you know the basics of oral sex, feel free to experiment. Each person has their own wow zone. Find what you like to do and get the best.

## THE TOP 5 PLEASURES OF PROCRASTINATION

BY TATE SMITH

**Procrastination = sleep.** Ahh college... freedom, friends and work. Sleep is sold separately. What better way to gain back those extra zzzs than to end today early and start tomorrow later? Put down those books, and hit the pillow. Those problems will be waiting to wake you up in the morning. It should be nice to wake up to something you love, right?

**Procrastination = fun.** All work and no play makes a Debbie Downer. Guidance counselors suggest that a well-balanced day is necessary for normal social growth. Truly, you will be doing yourself a favor to put it all off. Just ignore the stress that will affect your social growth during your scrambled day.

**Procrastination = possibilities.** You know you've set your sights on that special someone... but all your previous time commitments have been holding you back from making your move. It's time you partnered up with procrastination, shut those books and opened your mouth. Time to say hello. Just ignore the fact that you'll be working on that architecture project during your scheduled putt-putt date.

**Procrastination = You don't have to come up with a fourth pleasure of procrastination... now.**

**Procrastination = Never having to think of how truly terrible procrastination is in your life... or at least not thinking about it... anytime soon.**

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Do you appreciate good writing? Do you consider yourself a language snob? Are you in at least two Facebook groups dealing with good grammar? Do you consider pluralizing with an apostrophe a sin? Can you identify at least nine of the twelve items listed above? Then come be a copy editor for The Tiger.

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### CAMPUS from page D1

lege students around the country. On topics like fake tits, who is gay and the most popular viewed post on the Clemson section of the Web site, Sorority Sluts. Yes, in this post users are encouraged to post the full names of sorority girls on our campus whom they consider sluts. And the worst part, posts are 100 percent anonymous.

While topic posts fuel users to divulge the secrets of their fellow classmates, protests can be felt all over the site. Users become defensive upon seeing their friends or their own names being slandered for pure entertainment. One such post reads as a karmic warning, "... (O) ne day, you all will realize that one person is going to take this seriously and you will forever blame yourself for the hurt you caused them. Get a life, and karma is a bitch." But when the only way to defend yourself on the site becomes posting on it, it only further increases the site's popularity.

And how can these posts affect people's lives? In an age where typing someone's name into Google.com can reveal anything and everything about a person it only stands to reason that anyone can go on [juicycampus.com](http://juicycampus.com) and find out whatever they want, even future employers. And although the site is not

crawled by search engines, it is still very easily accessed. And maybe the possibility of losing a job because of the site may not happen, but the hits to people's reputations and self-esteem are real.

Many campuses, like Pepperdine University, have taken steps to prohibit access to the site through school networks with little success. And with what right could they? Basically none.

The Communications Decency Act of 1996 protects JuicyCampus.com and other such sites; it states that "no provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider." Furthermore, Juicy Campus's official blog recently posted that, "A recent court case held that universities that take federal funds (which are most) MUST give students notice that their IP address has been subpoenaed AND give them an opportunity to quash the subpoena." This means that college students retain the right to keep their IP address (the only thing that can trace you to an anonymous post) private.

So how does former Duke frat boy and founder Mart Ivester defend himself? Representatives of the site state that "JuicyCampus is a gossip Web site. We do not make any representations as to the truth or accuracy of any information posted on the site, and in fact we expressly disclaim any such representations."

"(And) Juicy Campus cannot be held liable for the manner in which it enforces its terms and conditions." Basically they are saying it's legal, so if you don't like it, sucks for you. But Ivester does take some responsibility and action against out-of-control gossipers.

"Please consider whether your post is entertaining or just mean, and whether using a person's full name really adds value, or if it would be just as juicy as a blind item. Remember that words can hurt, and the people you are talking about are real." He said, "Hate isn't Juicy."

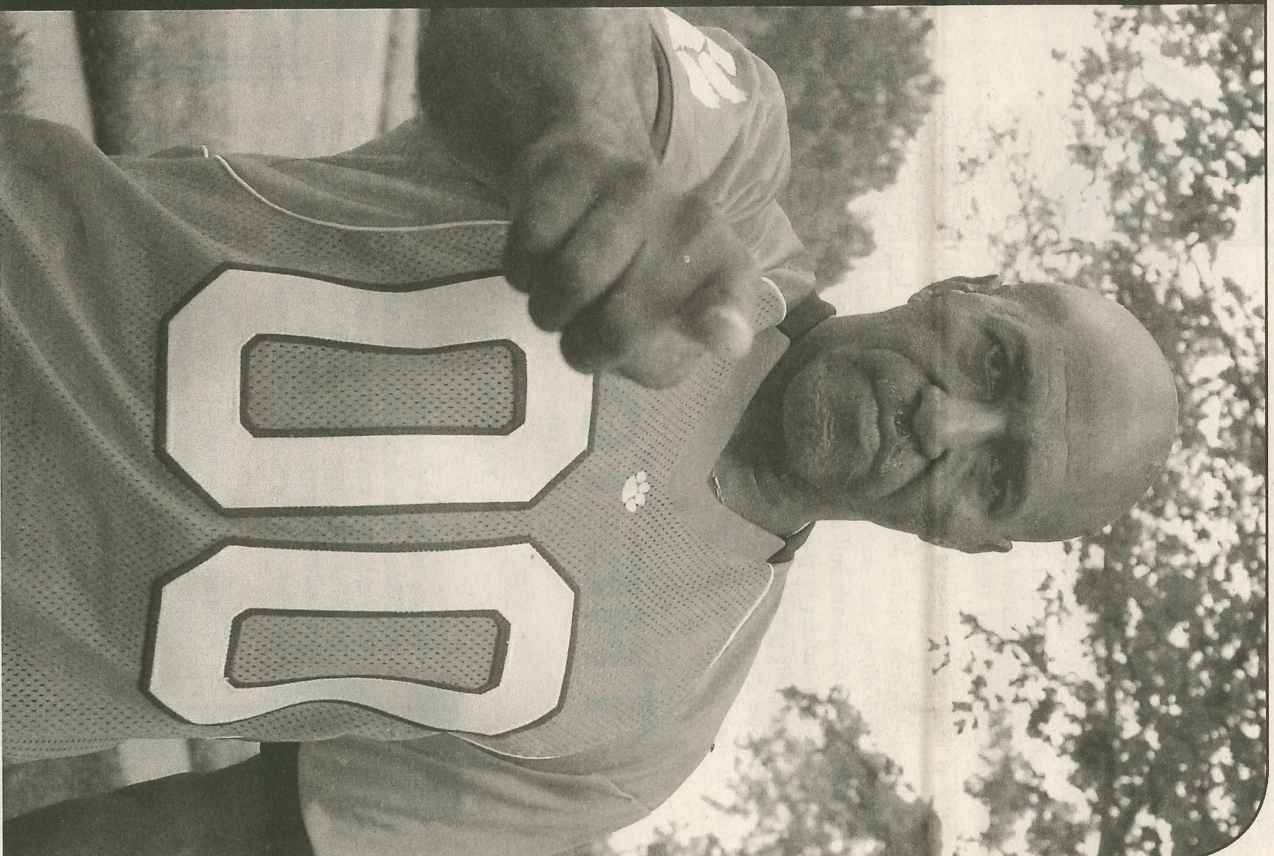
And although legal ramifications for virtual gossip seem very unlikely, in cases where students have made outward threats on the site, action has been taken. In December of last year, a Loyola Marymount University student, Carlos Huerta, posted a message on Juicy Campus alleging that he would begin a shooting spree. Site founder Ivester traced the threat to Huerta at the request of police, and Huerta was arrested but released without charges. Since then similar instances have happened at other colleges, including Colgate University.

Many universities and college students are calling for censorship, but it's not the answer. If gossip were to be censored, then what wouldn't? In a society based on the idea of freedom of speech, we would be sliding down a slippery slope if we were to censor sites such as [juicycampus.com](http://juicycampus.com). But it seems many students feel those who post should take responsibility for their words.

Clemson student Ted Allen sees the good and bad in sites like Juicy Campus, "People love to live in a world where they are talked about, but on (Juicy Campus) postings can be said about anyone or anything without any consequences. It's exciting and dangerous." But not everyone see the upside, "Juicy campus is a disturbing way to gossip about people behind their back with no real personal accountability," said Clemson student Tim Wright.

So whether you are for or against gossip sites like Juicy Campus, it seems they are here to stay. Before you post, remember: "What goes around comes around."

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# Photo of the Week



Pier at Sunset - Ryan Boury

# PREVIEW

GREG BLANTON  
STAFF WRITER

**"Quantum of Solace"**  
Nov. 21

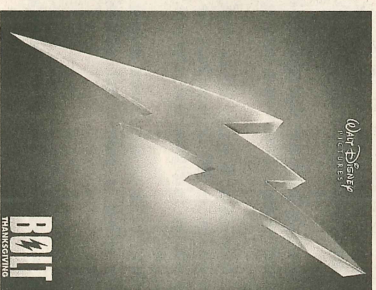
James Bond is back with a vengeance. Never before has 007 been portrayed with such force, such power — such balls! Always a smooth operator dating back to the Sean Connery and Roger Moore days, Pierce Brosnan sisified the character. Daniel Craig's rugged handsomeness and muscular physique have introduced a new and more exciting James Bond.



FILM

**"Bolt"**  
Nov. 21

What do you get when you combine Disney, a cute animated dog and Miley Cyrus? A huge blockbuster film. Co-starring the voice talents of John Travolta and the flavor du jour Cyrus, "Bolt" continues Disney's groundbreaking innovation in feature-length animated motion pictures. Even though the target audience consists of kids and dragged-along parents, you really can't go wrong with a Disney flick.



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## Solutions from D2

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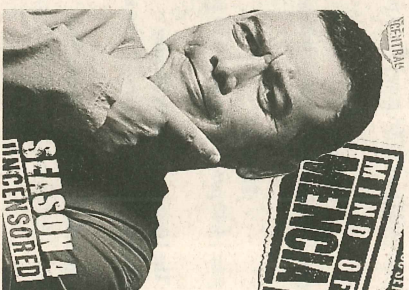
**"The Sopranos: The Complete Series"**  
Nov. 11

"The Sopranos" is one of the greatest television shows in history. The HBO series lasted six seasons, beginning in 1999, and ended with a famously controversial penultimate episode. Possessing such a DVD collection on your shelf serves not only as a reliable source of entertainment but also as a bona fide collector's item given the magnitude of the series.



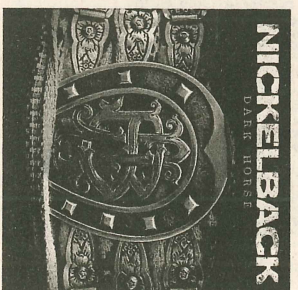
**"Mind of Mencia: Season 4"**  
Nov. 11

You can't go wrong with buying a stand-up comedy DVD. It's not so much an expenditure as it is an investment when the comedian is good, so Carlos Mencia is a sound purchase. His fourth season of comedy is a DVD for all occasions and for all moods: dates, sick days, rainy days, boredom — you name it, Mencia is good for it.



**"Dark Horse"**  
Nickelback  
Nov. 18

Nickelback is rock's guilty pleasure. They symbolize the overreaching commercialism of the music industry, turning everything into pop to turn a profit, spawning countless sound-alike miming acts (Theory of A Deadman, Default, etc.). But we still can't deny that their songs are so damn catchy. "Dark Horse" is the Back's latest serving of pop-rocking fun after their seven million-selling "All the Right Reasons."



MUSIC

**"When the World Comes Down"**  
The All-American Rejects  
Nov. 18

The All-American Rejects' self-titled debut was an easily digestible album of pop-flavored punk. Their follow-up, "Move Along," was more along the lines of straight-up pop. Though there is nothing wrong with some good pop, word is that the Rejects' forthcoming record is making a return to the group's punk-rock roots.



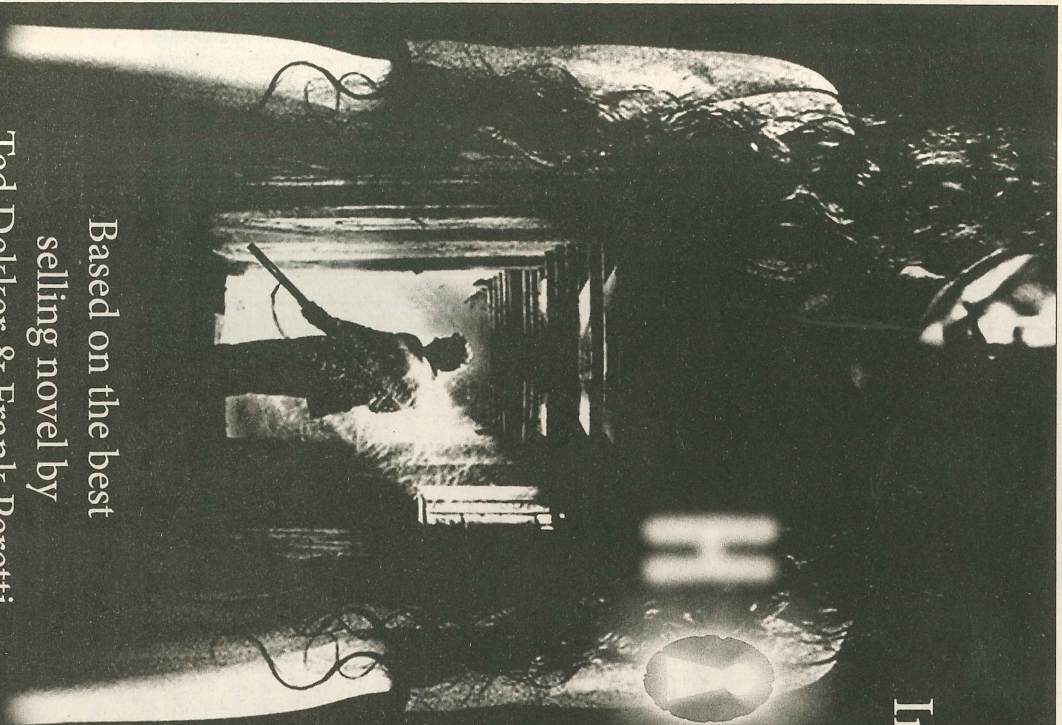
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## Quick Cut-Out

### Italian Quiche in a Hash Brown Crust by Kelly Croughwell

Serves 2-4

- 3 cups shredded hash brown potatoes (if using frozen, thaw and drain well)
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 1/3 lb. sweet Italian sausage (about 2 links)
- 1/2 cup mascarpone cheese (found in fine cheese aisle; can substitute with cream cheese)
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 packet Good Seasons Italian dressing mix (about 2 tablespoons)

- Pre-heat oven to 425 degrees.
- Press hash browns onto the bottom and sides of a 9 inch pie dish (disposable, aluminum works fine). Pour melted butter over and bake for 20 minutes, or until beginning to brown.
- Cook sausage in a skillet lined with the olive oil over med-low heat for 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain over paper towels and cut into bite-sized pieces.
- In a large bowl, combine eggs, half-and-half, sausage, cheeses, and dressing mix.
- When crust is ready, reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Pour the egg mixture over crust and return to the oven.
- Bake for about 40 minutes or until entire filling is puffed and golden brown.

## Brioso Fresh Pasta

Katie is from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and on her victory lap as a senior. After former Diva Amanda graduated Clemson (and is now a graduate student at Georgia State), she decided on recruiting Nick to bring a male perspective and some red meat to the column. Nick is originally from Maine and grew up with family in the restaurant business.

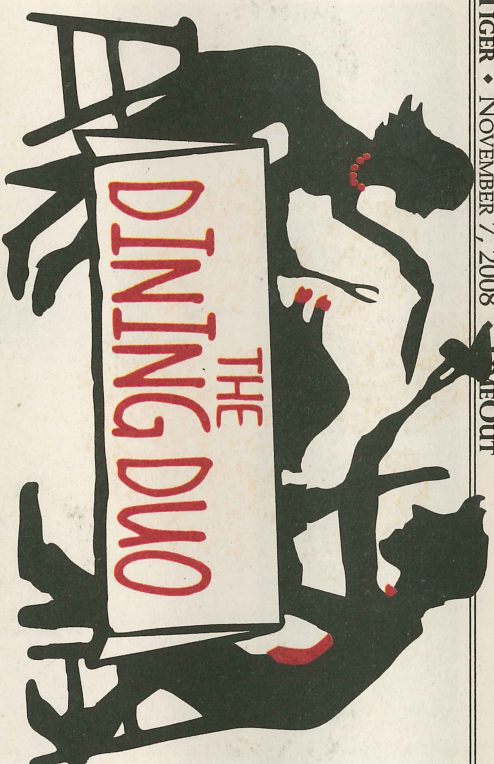
### Pre-game

Nick: So a new place in downtown Clemson, amongst the endless supply of sandwich shops, there had to be different to find here. Luckily, Brioso came to town; it has a great pasta menu with equally impressive prices. So as soon as they opened, we had to give it a try.

Katie: With the past weeks of construction, I was eager to see what was going to be new downtown. After going downtown at night and seeing the beginning stages of the restaurant, I was eager to see the finished product.

### The Scene

Nick: This place is in Clemson, S.C.??? When you walk in, you place your order and they hand you a pepper grinder. At first I was wondering, okay, how are they going to figure out where we sat? Every pepper grinder is different, so



all the servers have to do is find where it is. The atmosphere is that of a city Italian restaurant, and no, I'm not talking about the Olive Garden in Anderson. The high ceilings and close tables create a nice noise level without having to yell across the table to get some more bread. The open kitchen allows you to see what's going on, which is a nice change.

Katie: Beautiful interior with artwork and an impressive-looking bar. We sat at a table in the back near the giant cappuccino machine. From our table we got to watch the hubbub of waiters and diners and felt as if we were in a city.

### A Look at the Menu

Nick: Pasta, pasta, and more pasta, it is an endless mixing and matching. You pick your pasta; I went with the five-cheese ravioli. Then onto your sauces, I opted for the Sorrentina, which was a mix of

chopped tomatoes, hunks of fresh mozzarella, and basil. Also, I opted for a Stella Arrois as opposed to wine, because I'm a beer guy.

Katie: Besides pasta, there are appetizers, salads and paninis. They currently don't have everything on their menu, but there were still many options available. Oh and did I mention dessert? There are traditional Italian desserts as well as a full gelato bar.

### The Taste Test

Nick: If I knew any Italian, I'd use some adjectives to describe the food. I do not know any Italian, and

I assume most of you reading this do not either. So plain and simple, this place is a knock out. I've eaten pasta in the North End of Boston, in Little Italy in NYC, and this is right up there and for a fraction of the cost. This is officially my first must-eat place of downtown

## SHOWTIMES AT THE STARLIGHT STADIUM 14 TONIGHT

### Appaloosa

12:30 p.m. | 4:30 p.m. | 7:15 p.m. | 9:55 p.m.

### Beverly Hills Chihuahua

12:00 p.m. | 4:05 p.m. | 6:55 p.m. | 9:35 p.m.

### Changeling

12:55 p.m. | 4:00 p.m. | 7:05 p.m. | 10:10 p.m.

### Eagle Eye

12:25 p.m. | 4:45 p.m. | 7:25 p.m. | 10:05 p.m.

### Fireproof

12:20 p.m. | 4:40 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | 10:20 p.m.

### The Haunting of Molly Hartley

1:00 p.m. | 4:15 p.m. | 7:35 p.m. | 9:50 p.m.

### High School Musical 3: Senior Year

12:35 p.m. | 4:25 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 9:40 p.m.

### Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

12:15 p.m. | 12:45 p.m. | 2:25 p.m. | 2:55 p.m. | 4:35 p.m. | 5:05 p.m. | 7:20 p.m. | 7:50 p.m. | 9:30 p.m. | 10:00 p.m.

### Role Models

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### Saw V

1:05 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. | 7:55 p.m. | 10:35 p.m.

### The Secret Life of Bees

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### Soul Men

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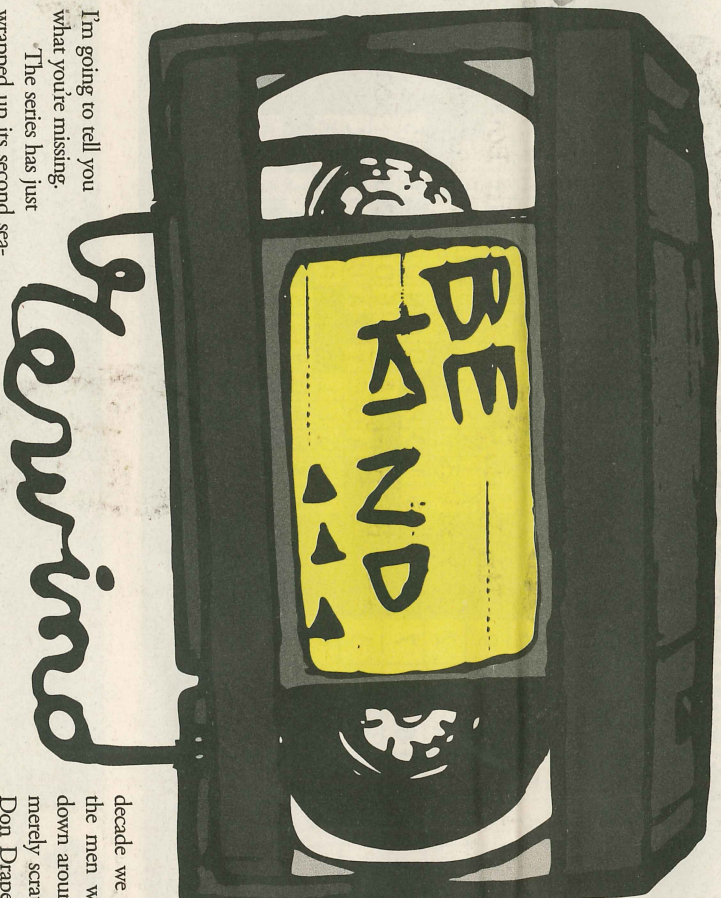
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LIZ HUNTER  
STAFF WRITER

How did you spend your Election Day? I hope that at some point you spent your Election Day, you know, participating in the election. Me? I spent my Election Day standing in line outside in the rain for two hours, casting my first presidential vote, and then spending the next six hours sitting on my parents' couch, Bogarting the television as I caught myself up on an entire season of the best show ever created. Let's not mince words here; this show has changed my life. This show will change your life. This show is so good, no one knows about it (somehow the worse a show is, the more people watch it—I'm looking at you, "Gossip Girl"). This show is so good, that apparently Northland Cable here in the Upstate can't even handle broadcasting the network it's on. So, because these are the ironies that define my life, I have spent the entire semester pinning over the absence in my life of the only television show I actually care to watch. So it goes.

Television isn't film. And this isn't a television column. But every now and then, a series comes out that transcends the heights of crap that make up the television industry and establishes itself as a reputable force in fiction on screen. If you're interested in plot lines and character development, think "The Sopranos." If you're interested in pop culture, think "Sex and the City." But those two cultural megatar shows are but mere minnows when compared with what AMC has got going on now. This, the most recent show in this prestigious group, is the 1960s-period series "Mad Men." If you have heard of this show, we will forever be friends. If you haven't heard of this show, jump onboard, grasshopper!



I'm going to tell you what you're missing.

The series has just wrapped up its second sea-

son. The first season set in 1960, the second in 1963. The hour-long drama follows the men and women who work in the fictional New York City advertising agency Sterling Cooper. Modeled no doubt after Leo Burnett, the advertising firm is in its heyday, the consumerism and middle class social order of the 1950s still lingers in the offices of Sterling Cooper. This is a world that we know will eventually die a painful death at the hand of the tumult of the 1960s.

Knowing this makes the show bearable to watch, as taking the viewpoints of the show seriously in contemporary times is unimaginable. The men at the agency keep steadily flowing alcohol in their offices, drinking during meetings, before meetings, and after meetings. They take three-hour long lunch breaks, charging six martinis and two orders of lobster to their expense accounts. They smoke perpetually, and they brutally objectify and dominate their secretaries and wives. They commit adultery with a vengeance. And yet none of this strikes them as morally questionable. Perhaps it was the '60s, or perhaps they're just so good at their

jobs that they're able to sell their own lies to themselves. It's the stuff that a modern individual's nightmares would be made of, except for two simple facts: history tells us that these men are a dying breed and that their excessive lifestyles will be imminently punished even if they don't, and the creators of the show just make it look so damn good.

The show centers around Don Draper, played by Jon Hamm, who is quite possibly the best-looking man to ever live on the planet Earth at any point in recorded (and pre-recorded) history. Don is a rising star at Sterling Cooper with a trophy wife named Betty at their home outside of Manhattan raising their two beautiful children. Don is Sterling Cooper's best and most inspired ad man; he basically runs the place. His increasingly high profile day job keeps him playing into the night, leading often to ridiculously melodramatized adulterous relations with some of the most beautiful and powerful women in Manhattan social circles. You simultaneously love

and slightly less than love Don Draper. There is no hate involved. Though he is

Clemson.  
Katie: Il cibo italiani ed il vino era delizioso (sorry Nick). I ordered the artichoke ravioli with the arrabiata sauce (spicy red sauce), and it was delicious! I also took a bite off Nick's plate of the very fresh mozzarella and tomatoes. The bread in the beginning was served with olive oil and had a hint of rosemary to it. Even though I'm more of a martini girl (I like my men how I like my drinks, strong), I tried the Red Truck red wine, and it was excellent. Then for dessert, I couldn't resist the gelato bar. Even though it's gotten pretty chilly out, I ordered the tiramisù gelato and was an instant fan.

### Impressions

Nick: Great food always makes for a great time; the atmosphere makes it even better. Brioso is top notch food, with great employees, and a scene that is extremely refreshing. Get your friends together or ask that girl in class you've been too nervous to ask out, and go enjoy some fresh pasta.

Katie: I will definitely be going back! Come to Brioso and experience la dolce vita.

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horrible to his wife through his actions, and though his job involves twisting reality to buy dumb stuff, he does it all with such incredible grace and class that you eventually stop caring about little details like morals, right and wrong. His pencils ties and shoe-shine hair keep him looking as pristine as he has us believing he is.

The show is a brilliant exposition into the 1960s through a sneaky, back-alley approach. It gives us the story of that decade we don't ever see, the story of the men whose world comes crashing down around them...before it does. It's merely scratching the surface to explain Don Draper, as there are tons of issues getting face time in the show—early waves of feminism as a result of the oppressive '50s, race relations, religion and social upheaval all get passing mentions, reminding us of what is to come. But generally, we're content to stay put in the backwards but beautiful offices of Sterling Cooper with its backwards but beautiful men and women. The show provides a contrary fictitious contrast to the exciting change that is occurring in our country today. "Mad Men" gets the much-sought-after Be Kind, Rewind Seal of Approval. Do yourself a favor and spend your winter break in 1960 Manhattan, though I warn you, coming back to Clemson will be hard.

Hear more  
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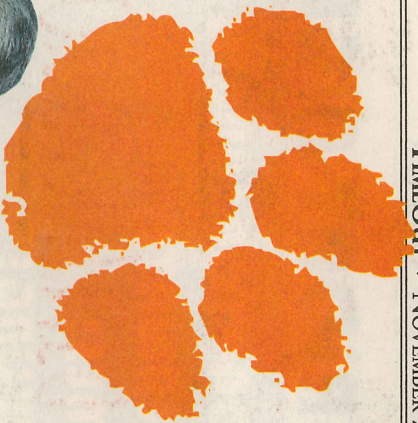
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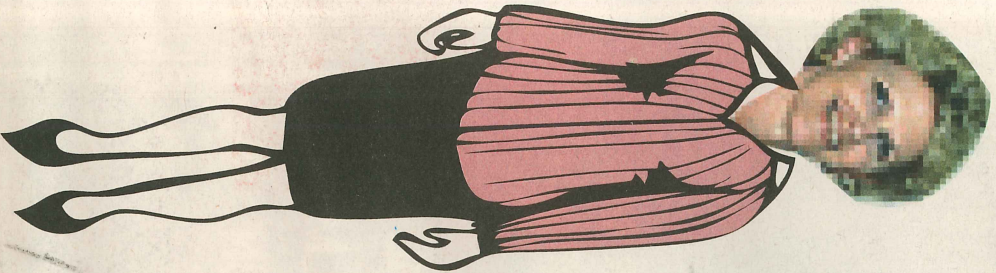
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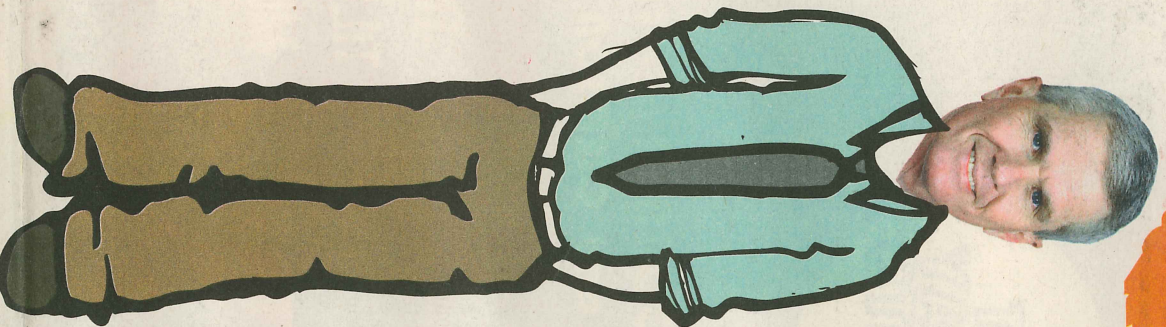
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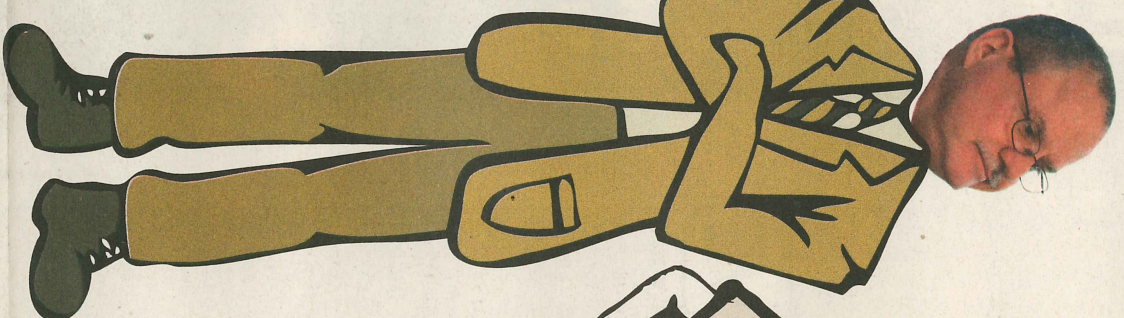
**Marcia Barker**  
(President's wife)  
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**Pam Beasley**



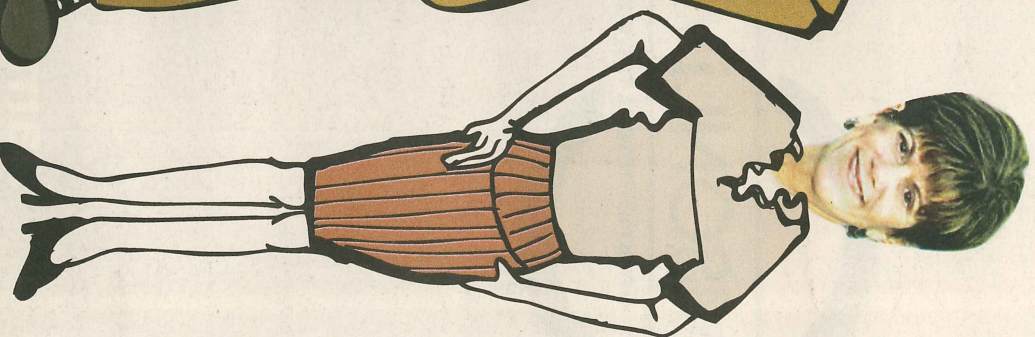
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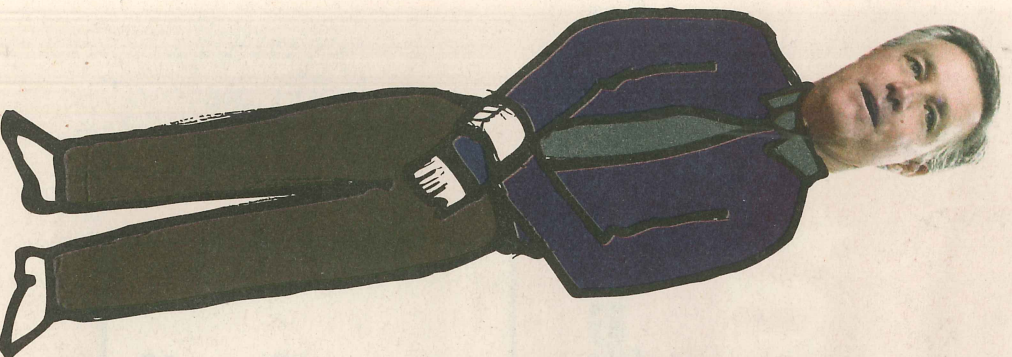
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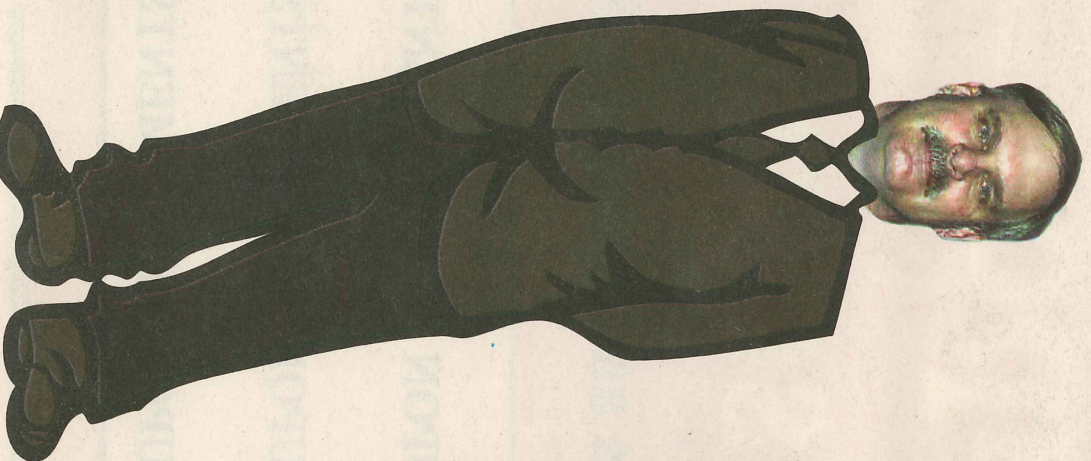
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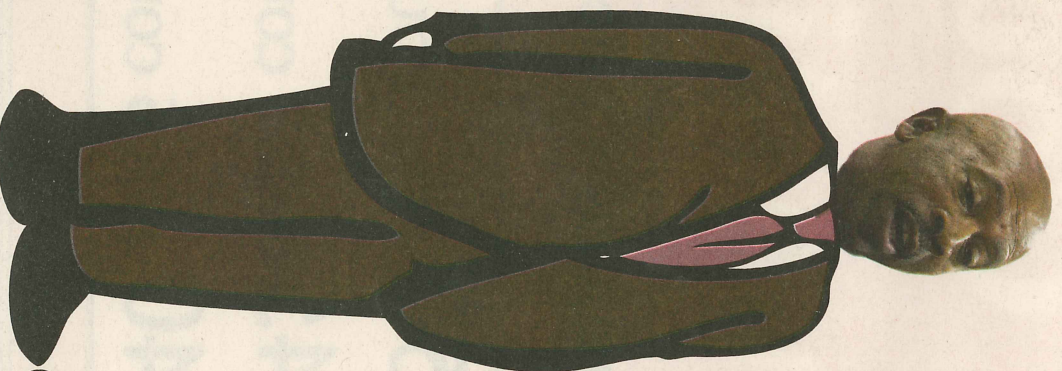
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**Angela Martin**



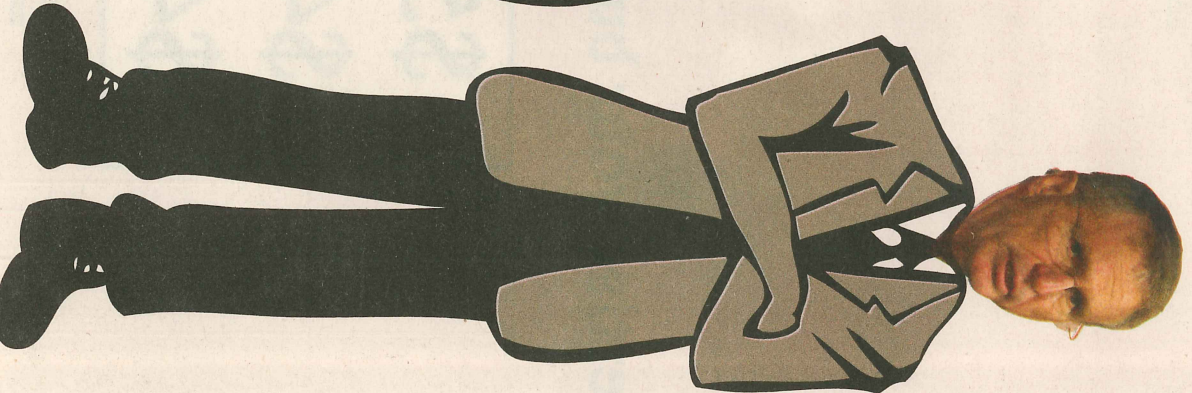
**Tommy Bowden**  
(Former Football Head Coach)  
as  
**Ryan Howard**



**Chief Link**  
(Glendon Police Chief)  
as  
**Kevin Malone**



**Oliver Purnell**  
(Basketball Head Coach)  
as  
**Stanley Hudson**



**Terry Don Phillips**  
(Athletic Director)  
as  
**Creed Bratton**

