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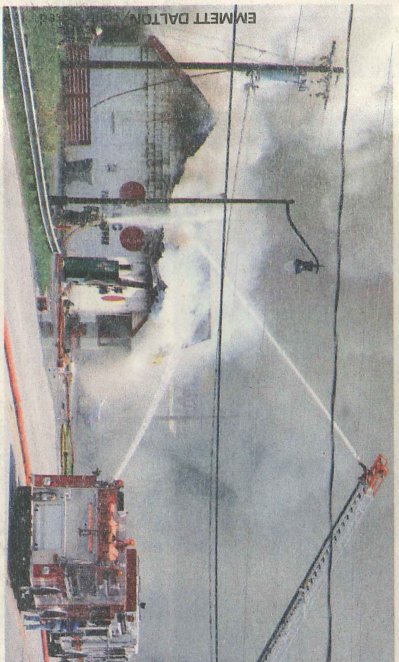
THE TIGER

EST. 1907, SOUTH CAROLINA'S OLDEST COLLEGE NEWSPAPER ROARS FOR CLEMSON

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Local ABC store
tragically burns.

Fire crushes Spirits



EDEN ARMSTRONG/staff

Left: Clemson Fire Department works to extinguish the flames in early August.

Top: Tiger Spirits left in ashes after firefighters were unable to save the building.

ALLIE RICE

STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 1:29 p.m., the Clemson Fire Department was dispatched to 1363 Tiger Boulevard, where the Tiger Spirits liquor store was ablaze.

"The smoke was all the way across the road... It was heavy and it was everywhere," said Fire

Marshal Kevin Christenbury. "We had trucks there from the Central, Pendleton, Oconee and Clemson departments."

The firefighters initially attacked from the interior, but were later forced outside when the roof collapsed.

As the building was originally built in the 1940's, it was no surprise that they structure did not last long in such fire.

There they set up a defensive attack using the aerial truck, and the trucks were eventually able to extinguish the fire.

It was not until six hours after the teams arrived on scene that 123 was re-opened to traffic and the fire and police departments dispersed.

The owner of the store, Raman Patel, rented the building from William Field of Liberty.

According to Christenbury, Patel lost more than \$300,000 worth of liquor from a shipment that had recently come in.

Patel had no comment for the paper.

The building, which was declared in the right-of-way back when Tiger Boulevard expanded from a two-lane to a four-lane

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No Notes means no problem

New transcription service allows students interact in the classroom.

ALLIE RICE

STAFF WRITER

No Notes, an online service created by Matt Whitteker and Rob Imdeault, is the newest method of note taking that is changing the way students engage in classroom lectures.

The company, which was founded in Canada in 2007, provides a service that allows students to focus their full attention on lectures by ridding them of the task of taking notes. No Notes does this by transcribing lectures over the Internet and then sending a verbatim copy of the lecture back to the student. All the user has to do is record the lecture, download it onto an audio file, and then send it to the company through the Internet. Then, using voice-recognition software the lecture is put into paragraph form word-for-word, read over for errors by technicians, and sent back to the user. The turnaround for the notes is one to three business days whereupon the user is then alerted by e-mail that their file is ready.

Today, the company has anywhere from 500 to 1,000 active accounts and thousands more inactive members. This new service, which is made up of 80 percent students and 20 percent teachers, has quickly taken off since its start a year and a half ago. No Notes has grown to span Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

"The idea first came to us when we were talking to some of our friends who are medical transcribers," said Whitteker. "We wanted to try and apply this concept to a different group and we figured who takes more notes than students? No one."



KALI BOWERS/art director

The service proved a success with much positive feedback including highlights on national television, write-ups in university newspapers and a recent deal signed with Sony.

"Certainly gaining a Fortune 500 company like Sony as a partner was a milestone for us," said Whitteker. Sony, which recently signed with No Notes, is promoting a deal on their Web site for users who buy a Sony voice recorder.

With this purchase, buyers will receive one hour of No Notes services for free. After that, the service runs around \$9 per hour of transcription with packages of five and 10 hours that are slightly cheaper.

"Users buy them like prepaid phone cards and then just use up the hours and reload the cards if they like the product,"

said Whitteker. While the company has proved a success thus far, some students still remain skeptical of the concept.

"I think it promotes laziness and eliminates the incentive to pay attention if you know the lecture is going to be transcribed for you anyways," said senior engineering major, Kar Mehdara.

When asked what he thought of this opinion Whitteker said, "You only have so much cognitive bandwidth with which you can engage in the subject matter. No Notes is meant to be a learning tool to allow students to focus their attention on the lecturer and ask questions in class. We want them to let the lecture seep in and make the most of their class time and enjoy it."

The scores are in and rankings show that Clemson University has placed 22nd in the U.S. News and World Report Best Public Universities for the second year in a row.

While this is a huge honor, some students have questioned why the University hasn't improved its status. Much of the reason lies with the economic downturn that has gripped all universities and colleges in the country.

"We are in challenging times and the challenges have changed," said Dean of Undergraduate Student Joy Smith, referring to the economy. "The external challenges have changed."

However, through these times, Clemson has risen to the occasions with innovative thinking that stretches the budget in ways that haven't been done before, with surprisingly positive results.

"Throughout the budget difficulties of the past year it has become essential at Clemson to change the way we think about the operations of the University," said Undergraduate Student Body President Abby Daniel. "We are currently doing more with less funding than ever before, which is the result of some very innovative thinking and some very necessary changes to the way we go about business."

Another reason for staying in 22nd place is Clemson's current position on the list.

Some of the other colleges this high on the ranking have been in these positions for years, making competition more difficult to, as Smith said, "exchange positions."

Part of Clemson's appeal is also that the University has been striving to make changes that affect only University as a whole, not based necessarily on only those standards required by the U.S. News and World Report.

"We need to make sure that we way we measure ourselves is not only the Top 20," Smith said. "Those are the external measures. The internal measures may not be as visible but are important too."

With the results in from U.S. News and World Report, many different departments on campus have been thinking of ways to improve their particular requirement of the Top 20.

For student government, Daniel wants to raise student involvement this year, thus increasing the student voice in CUSG decisions as well as student retention and alumni giving.

"We daily try to improve the services we provide to students, the amount of student input that reaches the ears of administration and faculty, the support provided to student organizations, the opportunities for engagement on campus and the continued feeling of community and family felt on campus by helping to uphold the history and traditions of the University," said Daniel. Similarly, Student Affairs is working toward improving upon their already successful freshman and sophomore retention programs.

By synchronizing these goals with the overall goal of the University, Clemson is on its way to reaching its high goal.

"The bottom line is that the things that the U.S. News and World Report measures, I can look at those things and say that these are things that are good for our students. These are things that will help the students have a better experience," said Smith. "And that's what I've given my life to, helping you all have a better experience. It's important to me to keep improving on that experience for you and if the University focuses on that Top 20 goal, that's helping us make a better experience for you."

Criteria for the Top 20 list include retention rates, graduation rates, percentage of classes under 20 students, percentage of classes over 50 students, student to faculty ratio, alumni donations, reputation among other schools, academic statistics of the most recent incoming class and average faculty salary.

Buying books by the millions

University Bookstore prevents theft and prepares students for the new semester.

BETHANY IRWIN
STAFF WRITER

The University Bookstore had a busy first week preparing and supplying the students with class materials for the start of the new semester. In part because of the volume of students attempting to get merchandise at one time, as well as concerns for theft, book bags were checked at the door of the bookstore during the first week of classes.

Bookstore General Manager Kevin Herrington said that he does not like the image of checking bags but views it as a temporary necessity.

Some speculation was made that the reason for the checking of students' bags was due to the theft that occurred in February of this year.

The process of checking bags the first week of classes was implemented this year with the purpose of protecting inventory, as well as to assess which boxes of books had or had not been paid for. When asked if the bookstore would check backpacks for the first week of the spring semester, Herrington replied that he was unsure.

While concerns for another bookstore theft are still being debated, the

on-campus Barnes and Noble has had yet another great year of sales despite the growing number of students ordering books online.

"Sales are strong," said Herrington. "So far, it has been good."

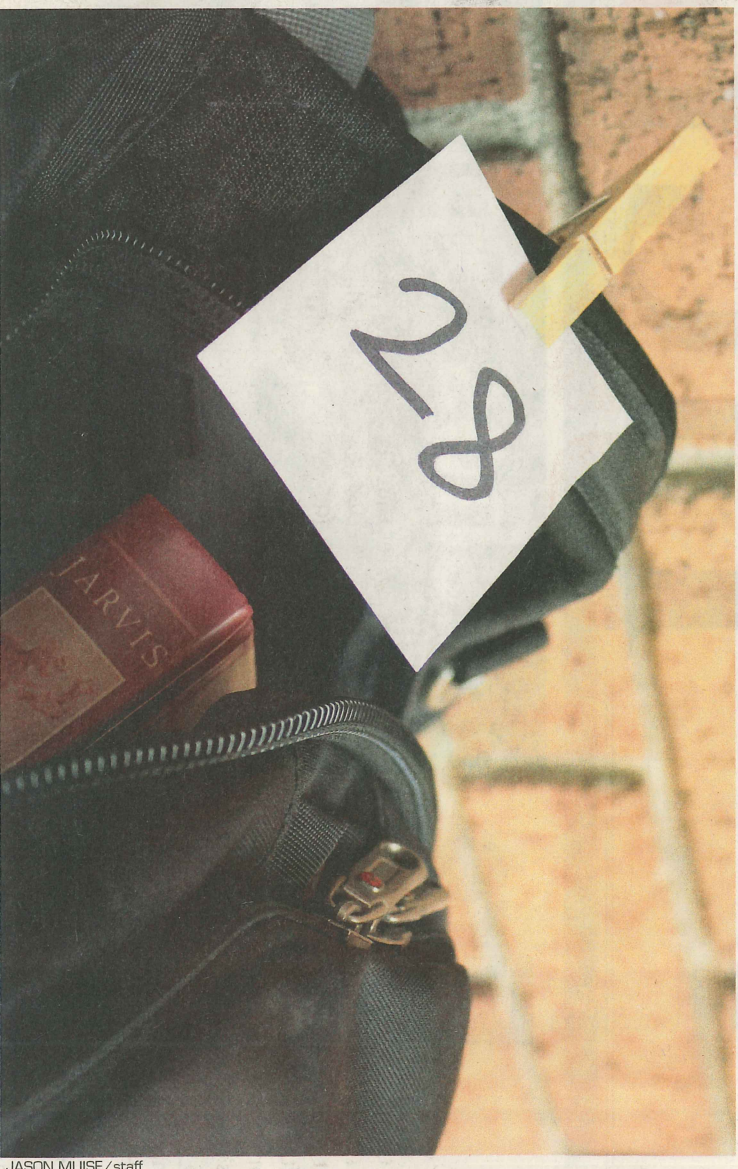
The pre-packaged boxed sales have doubled since the bookstore began going to web site sales of pre-boxed books two years ago. In addition, the bookstore bought back close to \$2 million worth of books in 2008.

Herrington reported that about 4,000 boxes of pre-packed books have been prepared for the new semester. Two weeks before freshmen move in, the book orders are processed and ready for student pickup by the first week of classes.

He reported that the pre-packaging of books is "down to an art." He said that the only problem is the sheer volume of students picking up boxes.

Because of the lines and high prices, some students have taken to online web sites for their textbook shopping.

When asked why she chose to buy her books at the University Bookstore, freshman Ellen Amos said, "I want to go to classes first before buying books." She then bought them at the bookstore



JASON MUIGE/staff

Student backpacks were numbered as requested by employees to avoid theft during the bookstore's busiest time of the semester. Photo illustration.

because it was easy to get books there.

Austin Hart, sophomore, has not bought books from the bookstore. Instead, he ordered them online "to get

them earlier." He also said that he sometimes uses the bookstore to get supplies because of its convenience.

Another sophomore, Bethany Donn,

stated that she bought most of her books online because it is cheaper. However, Donn said, "You sometimes have to wait longer for online books."

Center connects

Programs merge to benefit students.

ASHLEY CRISP
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This summer, the Division of Student Affairs created the Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Center for Student Life to provide a "one-stop shop" for students looking to create their own Clemson experience.

The Center for Student Life was created out of two previous departments — the Center for Student Involvement and the Gantt Intercultural Center (GIC).

According to Altheia Richardson, assistant vice president of student affairs and the executive director of the new center for student life, the goal was to create one place encompassing all aspects of involvement for students, whether it is awareness of other cultures, engaging in the community, or joining a student organization. Combining these two departments of Student Affairs allowed all students to find all aspects of the Clemson experience in one location.

The previous Center for Student Involvement included student organizations such as CLEMSONLIVE, Clemson University Undergraduate and Graduate Student Governments, Central Spirit, Civic Engagement and Fraternity and Sorority Life.

The GIC focused on students with an international or multicultural background. It provided support services for international students, cultural awareness programs and diversity education. Some programs and events hosted by GIC included the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, International Awareness Week and the One World Project.

Some student organizations saw change over the summer due to the creation of the new center. Abby Daniel, undergraduate student body president, said that some officers within CUSG did see a change in advisor and members have been more strategically paired with staff members who can best help their particular positions. Approval procedures have also been simplified.

"Through a seamless approach to student organization advising, individual student support leadership/diversity/citizenship education programs, we

successful in achieving their goals while at Clemson and in the future," said Dr. Gail DiSabatino, vice president of student affairs.

In addition to the new Center for Student Life, Campus Life expanded to include Tiger Paw Productions, Central Spirit and CLEMSONLIVE; previously, these three organizations were a part of the Center for Student Involvement. They are now housed together in Hendrix Student Center on the second floor.

This was done in order to allow these similar organizations to work more closely with each other. Joey Johnson, president of CLEMSONLIVE, said that the opportunity to interact with other similar organizations is one benefit of this change.

Laura Oglesby, executive director for Tiger Paw Productions, said the grouping of these three organizations creates a good combination. "Taking the unique components of the three and combining it all into one event makes for one awesome mixture. The possibilities are far greater than any one group can do alone."

The University's budget cuts for 2009-2010 also played a role in the development of the Center for Student Life. In order to maintain efficiency with spending, it was important to evaluate what staff positions were necessities and which could be used in another way, said Richardson. While some specific staff positions were eliminated, all employees remain employed in a field of that aligned with their skills.

Students interested in visiting the center or receiving more information can e-mail studentlife@clemson.edu, call (864) 656-7625 or visit the Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Center for Student Life on the sixth and seventh floors in the Union.

The center will soon have a Web site and plans to have an open house later this fall.

"I think that the combination of the Intercultural Center with the staff responsible for overall student involvement will bring added attention to ways students can participate in and further appreciate the diversity on our campus," Daniel said.

Faculty Research Spotlight

Dr. Michael Silvestri

LOUISE GOODMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Micheal Silvestri of the history department ended the summer by finalizing his book "Ireland and India: Nationalism, Empire, and Memory."

The publication is a culmination of the various historical perspectives and techniques he brings to his British Imperialism and Irish history classes as a professor with archival visits and hours of researching he logs as a scholar.

While writing his book, Silvestri found his interests in two distinct places: Ireland and India.

This study allowed him to compare the relationships between the two cultures and how these relationships played a distinct role in developing both nations' history.

The topic has been bypassed in current explanations of both countries' individual history.

Combining interests and re-evaluating relationships that are not labored in textbook history is a lesson Silvestri practices in his own work and also encourages his students to follow.

History, like most scholastic research, is a continuous process that can take years to deliver a masterpiece.

Silvestri explained that this particular topic is not new to him but because of external forces the published work is just now coming into fruition.

"I first became interested in this topic while I was in graduate school, but I couldn't find a way to craft a dissertation on the subject. Two developments helped me in researching and writing my book. [First] changes in information technology were a big factor, as more and more archives and libraries began to place their catalogues and listings on-line. This helped me to locate what were a pretty diffuse set of source materials.

"Secondly, other scholars, both in history and literature, began to examine the topic of Ireland and empire. The development of this scholarship helped me to frame my arguments, and place the things I was writing about in their historical context."

Silvestri encourages undergraduate students interested in this kind of research not to be intimidated and take advantage of the various resources available to them.

"If students are interested in researching the British Empire, our library Web site has the Times of London newspaper on-line going back to the late 1700s. It's a fantastic resource for studying British history. In addition, I was writing about what the global aspects of Irish history, and this is also something that interested students could pursue on a local level. There are many sources like newspapers, letters and diaries that relate to the experience of the Irish in South Carolina and elsewhere in the American South," Silvestri said.



RYAN BOURY/assistant photo editor

Dr. Silvestri of the history department completed his book this past summer.

The book is a part of the Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies series.

The series offers a collection on the history of the British Empire using a variety of historical approaches and revisits the era from later time periods.

Those interested in reading more can pre-order the book through on-line retailers Borders, Amazon and Barnes and Nobles.

The book's tentative release date in Britain is in Nov. and will be available in the United States in Dec.

In addition to publishing on this topic, Dr. Silvestri currently teaches an undergraduate course comparing British Imperialism in Ireland and India.

Dr. Silvestri is an Associate Professor in the history department.

He did his doctoral work in the British Empire at Columbia University.

He currently teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses on subjects pertaining to the British Empire, Ireland and India.

The Tiger would like to feature the new or innovative research projects being done by your professors or in your departments. Please send a project description to news@thetigernews.com.

Moving up and out

KATE RIPLEY
NEWS EDITOR

PHOTOS BY BRIAN SCHNEIDER
PHOTO EDITOR



Crowded hallways, long lines in dining halls, fewer available seats in classrooms and make-shift dorm rooms have all been

byproducts of the increase in freshmen this year, totaling to 505 more freshmen living on campus this year than last year.

Because of this dramatic increase, housing has implemented the Overflow Housing plan, which places 274 students in temporary housing across campus.

Some of these may include rooming with resident assistants or in traditional study rooms in the high-rises.

"I've heard people say that they are staying rooms that are a lot smaller than they thought," said freshman Jonathan Darling. "I was lucky enough to get a room in the middle of the hallway, but it's weird to live with so many people around you."

Another common concern among students was the effect a larger freshman class on the lesser number of faculty and staff.

As budget cuts required,

some employees were laid off, raising questions about class size and course offerings for this semester.

"We have added lecturers and class sections and worked hard to make sure we can offer all the classes our students need," said President Barker in a recent e-mail to the student body. "However, we know some students will not get their preferred room assignments, classes, sections or teachers."

While space might be tight for a few more weeks, the squeeze does not mean Clemson is lowering its notably high academic standards. In fact, the new freshman class holds an average of a 1,223 SAT score and 45 percent were ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating high school classes, according to Teresa Hopkins of Clemson's Media Relations.

The current economic situation also had much to do with the number of accepted students this spring.

More enrolled, paying students ensures that budget cuts

to other programs will not have to be made.

"Universities across the nation were unsure what impact the economy would have on enrollment and admissions yield. One metric that we track on a daily basis is the number of paid confirmation deposits, because that's a good indicator of a student's level of commitment," said Barker. "In the spring, deposits were significantly lower than previous years, so we made the decision to accept more students in order to maintain a stable enrollment."

The Housing Department has been working extremely hard to meet the needs of all on-campus freshmen, especially those in temporary housing, said Director of Residential Life Kathy Hobgood.

"We have expanded our training and support efforts to other areas of campus that might not have traditionally had as many FY (First Year) students so that we can continue to provide that high level of service to our new students as they acclimate to Clemson," said Hobgood.



Weekly News Update

World News

LA Times

Greece undergoes continuous fires.

Wildfires continue to threaten the historic capital city of Athens. Since the fires began on Aug. 21 more than 90 wildfires have devastated or 37,065 acres.

The fires began in Grammatiko, 25 miles outside of the capital city.

The following day Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis declared a state of emergency.

As the fires neared the capital 20,000 residents of nearby suburbs evacuated their properties.

The evacuation of schools and elderly care communities were required, all other evacuations were highly recommended.

No injuries have been reported but the government has taken extra precautions to ensure hospitals and treatment centers are fully equipped.

Neighboring nations and fellow European Union countries sent aide, France and Italy sent both two water drop airplanes over the city.

More assistance is expected if the fires persist.

No cause of the fires has been determined yet.

Greece has not seen such devastating wildfires since 2007, which killed 65 people.

BBC

The Somali government announced on Aug. 20 that it had regained control of the central town, Buulo Burde.

The town had been formerly occupied by Al Shabaab, an Islamist terrorist group. The town's central location offers its occupants easy access and control to the majority of land area in the country.

Al Shabaab is closely linked to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda organization and is consistently on the U.S. list of terror organizations.

Somalia has received support from the United States during the past two months, including weapons to arm government forces in their fight against insurgents.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made a trip to Somalia in early August to offer her support to Somali leaders in their dealings with terror organizations.

CNN International

First solar cell phones to be used in developing countries.

A cellular phone provider in Kenya, Safaricom, introduced the nation's first solar-charged phone.

Safaricom hopes to expand the mobile phone market by allowing more people to own cell phones. Currently only 1.3 million Kenyan residents have routine access to the nation's electrical grid. Safaricom estimates that 17 million Kenyans own, use, or at one time owned a mobile cell phone.

The portable phones will come with a solar-powered charger and a standard electrical charger. The phones were manufactured by ZTE Corp a Chinese telecommunications company.

The phones are expected to be most popular in with erratic electrical supply such as Kenya and India. In such countries where energy is costly the phones are considered well priced at about \$35 each.

The Samsung Corp has shown similar phones at global technology trade shows and sold limited supplies in India in mid-June.

The company has not given any tentative dates that it will expand its line of solar powered phones but has indicated that they will be available in markets in Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

National News

Washington Post

Guantanamo Bay detainee released after seven years.

On Aug. 24 Mohammed Jawad was released from Guantanamo Bay after being held illegally for seven years.

The Justice Department announced that arrangements for Jawad to return to his native home Afghanistan.

The release comes after a federal judge ruled that the U.S. government was illegally holding Jawad three weeks ago.

The judge upheld that Jawad was coerced into a false confession by the Afghan government and had been originally tried as an adult when he was a minor.

Jawad was arrested in 2002 in downtown Kabul for allegedly throwing a hand grenade at a U.S. military vehicle.

A translator and two U.S. service men were killed in the attack.

Although Jawad has no birth records health reports indicate he was likely between 14 to 17 years old at the time of the attack.

Jawad was represented by an attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union in the appeal that led to his release.

Business Week

CARS program comes to an end.

Aug. 24 marked the close of the almost two month long CARS program.

The program that began in early July allowed consumers to trade in high energy consuming vehicles for new fuel efficient vehicles.

Eligible consumers used a predetermined classification system based on the cars model, weight, MPG consumption rate and year made to determine the amount of rebate a consumer could receive on their vehicle.

That rebate was then applied to the purchase of a new vehicle. Consumers received on average between \$3,500 to \$4,500 in a rebate.

In total the U.S. government allocated \$3 billion to finance the CARS program.

The program was expected to run until November 2009 but popularity of the program consumed the project's funding in mid-July.

The U.S. government increased the initial budget to allow for more deals to be made.

According to the White House Press Secretary, the CARS project used only preapproved funding from the stimulus funds and no unexpected funds were used to finance the project.

CNN

Federal advisory committee issues guidelines for H1N1 vaccine.

A federal advisory committee approved guidelines for the dispensing of H1N1 vaccinations.

The H1N1 virus is commonly known as the 'swine flu.'

The guidelines suggest that in case of a pandemic the vaccine first be given to the five population groups the committee feels faces the highest risk.

Groups include emergency personnel, pregnant women, adolescents and young adults, household caregivers and healthy adults with certain medical conditions.

Half of all American citizens 159 million people, fit into one of these five groups.

This would not prevent those that are not listed from having access to the vaccine.

The guidelines only give preference to these patients if the virus escalates and the vaccine is limited.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicated that they were confident that the vaccine supplies will be sufficient.

All aboard to victory

Grad student's canoeing team finished with their best time yet.

CARLEE ROSEN

STAFF WRITER

Clemson University graduate student Michael Smith started his canoeing race in Kansas City, Kan., and didn't finish until he was in St. Charles, Mo., 65 hours and nine minutes later.

Along with his partner, Theodis Gatlin, Smith competed in the longest non-stop river race in the world, the 4th annual 340-mile Missouri 340 River Race.

With a motto of "This ain't no Mama's boy float trip," this race pushes you to your limits.

The race began on Aug. 4, 2009, and participants have exactly 88 hours to complete the course, and are required to check in at nine different checkpoints.

If the rowers do not make it to the checkpoints on time, they could be disqualified.

Smith decided to do this race as some sort of a midlife crisis. "I just wanted to prove that I still had the adventurous side to me, and that I could still accomplish the crazy and outrageous."

Smith and his partner rowed in the Men's Tandem division, and took on the 340 miles in a 17 foot nine-inch canoe.

Battling off the heat, rain, bugs and waves, the two beat their original goal of 80 hours.

"We finished far better than we had anticipated," Gatlin said.

The two are very proud of their time, especially since they did not do that much training prior to the race.

"Finishing in 65 hours nine minutes is really hard for a first time 'recreational' participant," said Smith.

Ninety percent of their sleep during the race was accomplished right in the canoe.

They took two-hour rotations at night.

While one person would rest, the other would keep the boat away from things like parked barges, buoys, wing dykes and sand bars.

"Sleeping in the canoe enabled us to stay on the water and kept our boat moving toward the finish, even while we rested," Smith said.

After about 50 hours into the trip and only six hours of sleep, Smith started to lose it.

"I really went over the edge mentally," he said.

He began to hallucinate things like waterfalls, drop-offs and even a skull reaching out into the river to eat him.

Gatlin was stronger mentally

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Additional Notes

- The December Graduation Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. in Littlejohn Coliseum.
- Anyone applying after September 8, 2009 will be charged an initial late fee of \$25 with an additional charge of \$5 each day thereafter.

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"We will get in a rocket and fly around the moon if that is what it takes to get everybody together and get an agreement."

Robert Gibbs, White House spokesman, said concerning President Obama's proposed health care reforms.

"People came out of the woods to work for Obama during the campaign, but now they are hibernating."

Lyda Smith, an Iowa Democratic stalwart, upon finding volunteers to raise support for President Barack Obama's health-care plan.

"It's a condition that could fly under the radar, but it can lead to problems."

Dr. Dan Blazer, lead author of a Duke University study that found a large number of people over the age of 50 are binge drinking.

"Conservatives can have fun, too!"

Tom Delay, former House majority leader under indictment for alleged money-laundering, who will be a participant in a new season of "Dancing with the Stars."

"We do not want war, but we are not afraid of it."

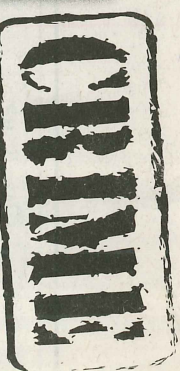
Hassan Nasrallah, Secretary General of Lebanese paramilitary group Hezbollah, give fair warning to Israel on the consequences of bombing Beirut.

"Mam, trying to have a conversation with you would be like trying to argue with a dining room table. I have no interest in doing it."

Rep. Barney Frank said to a protester at a Dartmouth, Mass. town hall meeting accusing Frank of supporting what she called a Nazi policy.

On this day in History

- 1996 - Charles, Prince of Wales and Diana, Princess of Wales divorce.
- 1991 - Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as the Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Union collapses.
- 1973 - The hit single "Monster Mash" goes gold.
- 1963 - Martin Luther King, Jr. gives his "I Have A Dream Speech" at the Lincoln Memorial.
- 1957 - Sen. Strom Thurmond begins 24-hour filibuster against civil rights bill in Congress.
- 1921 - Babe Ruth starts his infamous streak of an extra-base hit in nine straight games.
- 1898 - The name "Pepsi-Cola" is branded to Caleb Bradham's carbonated soft drink.
- 1883 - Slavery is banned throughout British Empire.
- 1862 - The Civil War Battle of Bull Run (also known as The Second Manassas) takes place.
- 1609 - Henry Hudson discovers and explores the Delaware Bay.



ARRESTS

- CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**
SUNDAY, AUG. 16 THROUGH SATURDAY, AUG. 22
- Aug 20**
12:28 a.m., three minors arrested for underage possession of alcohol, Bradley Hall, Officer: Evans
 - 6:52 a.m., subject arrested for driving under a suspended license, HWY 93, Officer: Leslie
 - Aug 21**
3:02 a.m., subject arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, SC 93, Officer: Evans
 - 12:13 a.m., subject arrested for public disorderly conduct, National Guard Armory, Officer: Miller
 - 3:45 a.m., two minors arrested for underage possession of alcohol, West Damon Road, Officer: Schutt

REPORT

- CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**
SUNDAY, AUG. 16 THROUGH SATURDAY, AUG. 22
- Aug 16**
12:00 p.m., pornography was reportedly sent across the Internet, Byrnes Hall, Officer: Schutt
 - Aug 19**
6:00 p.m., trespass and damage to property reported, McCabe Hall, Officer: Salisbury
 - Aug 20**
8:00 a.m., hit and run causes damage to vehicle, Endocrine Lab parking lot, Officer: Miller
 - Aug 21**
3:40 a.m., intoxicated individual found asleep in restroom, Byrnes Hall, Officer: Byers
 - Aug 21**
5:32 a.m., a suspicious person was reported, Earle Hall Lounge, Officer: Lehmann

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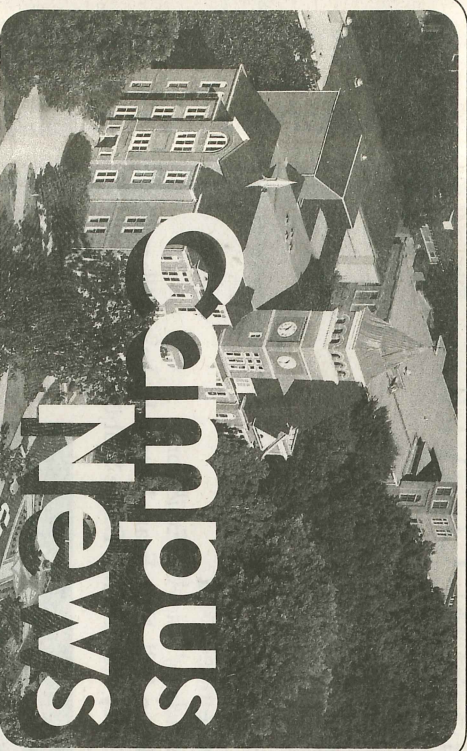
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11 The total number of seasons of the social phenomenon "Big Brother" has been and will ever be produced. The program producers announced that next season will be the end of the show.

65 Percent of organ donations are taken from death row inmates in China, as stated by unnamed officials to the China Daily.

12,000 Permits given to Palestinian construction workers to build in the long disputed Gaza strip settlements this year.



Aug. 30 will be the 3rd Annual Clemson Familyfest at Hendrix.

The event is designated for Clemson employees to learn about organizations in the Upstate South Carolina area. Entertainment for the event will include outdoor inflatables, educational opportunities, and arts and crafts. Clemson employees, including faculty, staff and employed graduate students, are invited to bring their families. The free event will be held outside from 2 to 4 p.m.

Annual Ring Ceremony at Brooks Center on Sept. 3

Students are welcome to come and watch fellow students receive their Clemson ring in the traditional ceremony. A history of the ring and its significance to Clemson will be given. Clemson alumni will also be present to share their own personal stories. The event will be held in the Brooks Center's main theatre from 7-8:30 p.m.

First Friday Parade Sept. 4
The annual First Friday Parade will begin at 6 p.m. on S.C. 93 near

the President's Home. It will conclude at Riggs Field. Following the parade is a pep rally and then the men's soccer team's home game.

The theme for this year's parade is "We're All In for Clemson."

SC Botanical Gardens will be hosting the Corn Moonlight Night Walk on Sept. 4.

The walk will begin at the Discovery Center at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Participants are reminded to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

The price is \$7 per family, and \$5 for members and volunteers of the Botanical Gardens.

Clemson University Professor David Bradshaw will be leading the First Friday Nature Walk on Sept. 4.

Participants should meet at the Red Caboose at the Botanical Gardens at 7 a.m.

The informative walk will last between one and two hours. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. This is a free event.

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highway, is now unable to be rebuilt. It is unknown at this time what caused

the fire and the investigation into the cause has been closed. Whether Tiger Spirits plans to relocate is also currently unknown.

"I really enjoyed their wall of whiskey," said senior engineering major Ryan Starnes. "I guess I'll have to find somewhere else to pick up that

perfect bottle of Jack." Also destroyed by the fire, was an apartment complex, leaving its residents displaced and with virtually no

possessions. Local church, Fort Hill Presbyterian, will be taking donations to aid the family affected by this tragedy.

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In conjunction with *The Speed of Dark*, 2009 freshman reading assignment
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Creation of "Tractus"

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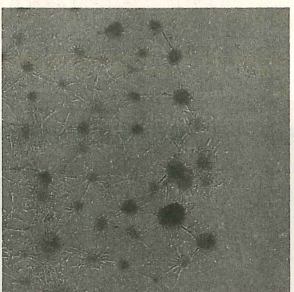
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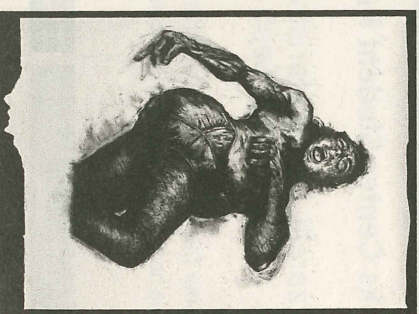
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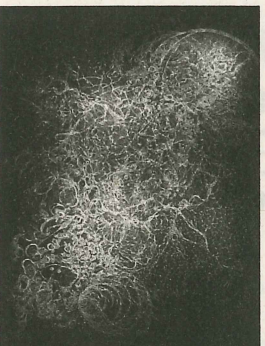


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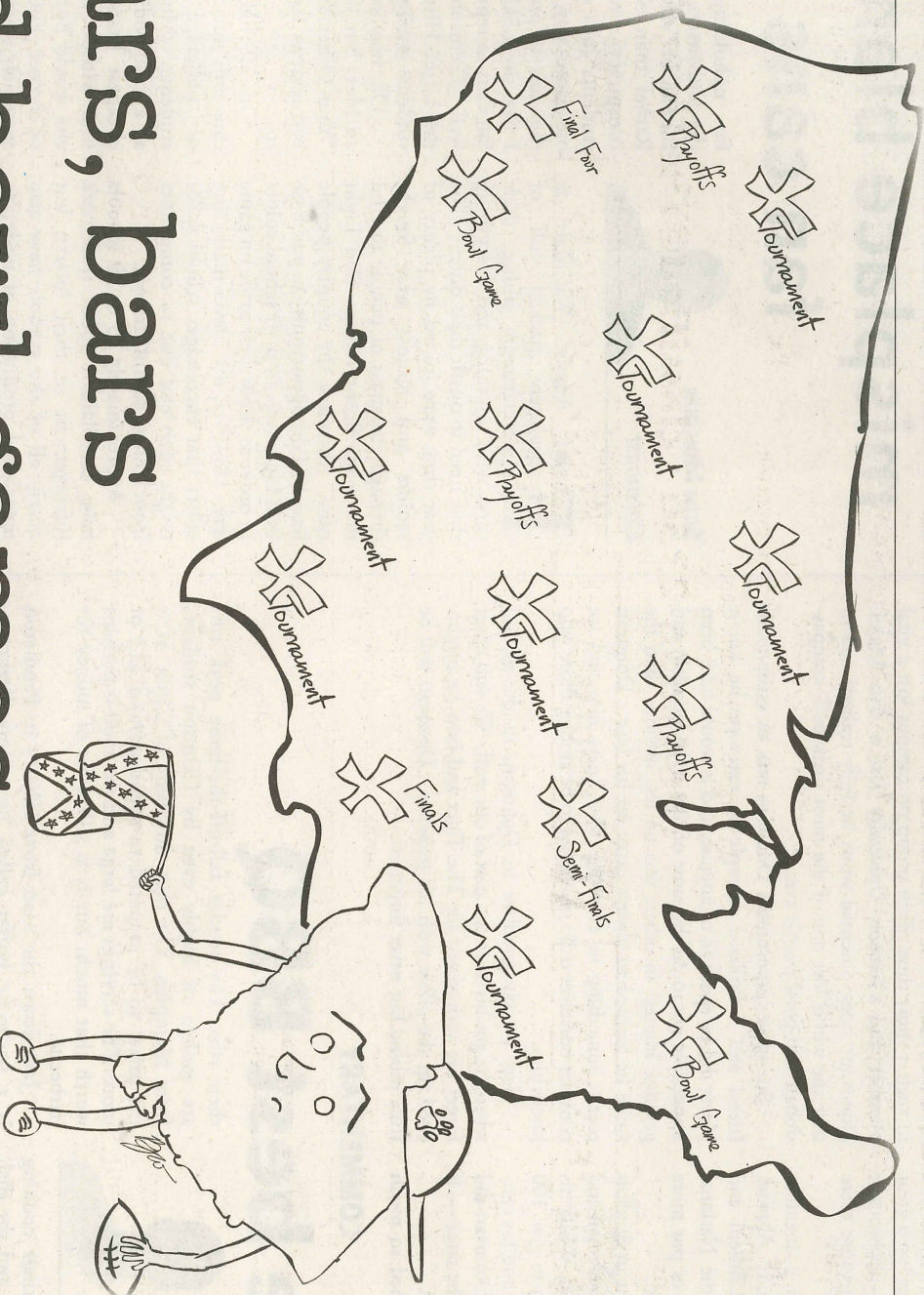
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SPEAKING OUT

Should the Confederate flag deter the NCAA from hosting post season events in S.C.?

"Yes the Confederate flag does not represent what Clemson stands for so if we participate in the games it should be without the flag."



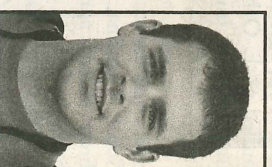
Alix Boster
senior

"To so many people the Confederate flag represents too many hurtful subjects. So yes, NCAA is correct."



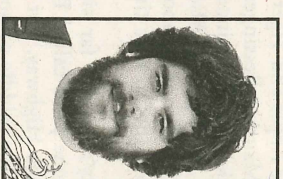
Kristie Shannon
agricultural education junior

"I don't think the Confederate flag should deter the NCAA because it is part of South Carolina history that people should know about and make their own decisions."



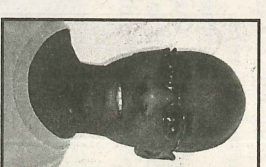
Donald Harter
chemical engineering junior

"I agree with the rule preventing games from being played under the Confederate flag."



John Burgess
computer science freshman

"No. Because I think it's a part of history that means different things for different people. I don't think we should punish the whole state because a few people in charge think it should still be there."



Peter Mukwehwo
food science and nutrition graduate student



"If it's just about the flag, then it shouldn't be an issue. Bringing games here might have other advantages."

Shubhada Gadkam
civil engineering graduate student

Stars, bars and bowl games

As many of you have probably noticed, there hasn't been a bowl game or NCAA tournament held in South Carolina for quite some time. Smiling faces and beautiful places haven't greeted sports enthusiasts from across the country as they make their way into crowded arenas and stadiums. While such an event would garner publicity and a much needed economy boost for the state, the possibility of its occurrence is slim due to the Confederate flag flying on State House grounds in Columbia.

Since 2005 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has held a ban on pre-determined post season sporting events in South Carolina, a policy encouraged by disapproval of the flag's presence from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The issue was once again raised when the Atlantic Coastal Conference (ACC) renewed on a contract to play the league baseball championship in Myrtle Beach for three seasons beginning in 2011. Facing opposition from the state chapter of the NAACP and the threat of a possible boycott on the events, the ACC reassigned the tournaments to be played in North Carolina, sparking a debate over the controversial symbol and its place in South Carolina.

Although many believe the flag to be a display of historic reverence, the offensive connotation it holds with others is preventing millions of dollars and positive publicity from entering a state in serious need of both. Some feel that relocating the flag due to monetary gains it would afford our state would be "selling out." But one must wonder how much we are willing to sacrifice for the preservation of an outdated emblem.

Regardless of which side you are on, there's no denying that recent economic and political troubles have rocked the Palmetto State. The benefits of holding a bowl game or league tournament are enormous. Not only would the profits be advantageous to a state that relies heavily on tourism, but the promotion of South Carolina in a positive light, through a venue that we all love and can be proud of, would also generate a boost in morale.

We are a state full of sports fanatics housing a huge college football rivalry. We camp out for days on end for four

quarters on a Saturday, and leave the stadium hoarse from cheering. Ours is a university that boasts the most exciting 25 seconds in college football. Our state holds numerous facilities suited perfectly for tournament play that would fill up in a heartbeat with screaming fans (the smart ones wearing orange). What a shame that we don't get to share this enthusiasm, this passion, with the nation because of the location of a flag.

Before some of you take up arms, though, it's important to note that any debate concerning the Confederate flag is going to ruffle some feathers, as it hits a little too close to home for some. The issue concerns more than a simple piece of cloth. Surely it isn't impossible for us to remove our blinders for a few brief, shining moments and view the controversy in a different light.

I am a born and bred South Carolinian. I love the Palmetto State and its heritage. But even I can see the ridiculousness of this controversy in that the true problem lies in the fact that it centers on a point of emotions rather than logical thought, stubbornness rather than open mindedness.

The crossing of sports and politics is rarely a harmonious one, but it seems impossible to avoid in this case. Granted, the relics adorning Gervais Street aren't exactly the NCAA's concern, but a boycott of an NCAA event could turn a simple baseball tournament into the center of a heated political and racial debate and also shed negative light on the NCAA as a whole. It's no wonder that the league decided not to dirty its hands with the matter.

It would be pointless to argue for or against the Confederate flag as a symbol in this instance. Rather, an examination of the appropriateness of the flag in this context and setting would be more productive.

A considerable argument for the flag's continuance on State House grounds is its historical relevance. Yes, the flag is a significant part of South Carolina history and should be regarded as such. However, history belongs in museums and textbooks. The flag's historical value would hardly be compromised if it were moved to the state museum where it would adequately represent a piece of our past, which is exactly what it is. Such a move

wouldn't downplay or degrade the flag in any way either, seeing as to how the governing body it once represented was defeated over a century ago. I was under the impression that once a war is won, the defeated party removes its flag. Therefore, if one views the Confederate flag as a representation of South Carolina's role in the Civil War, relocating it from State House grounds wouldn't insult or jeopardize that sentiment.

For many, though, the flag encompasses the pride we take in our region both in the past and present. It is characteristic of the South, specifically, "Yankees" just wouldn't understand right y'all? Not exactly. This attachment to the South is certainly understandable. I couldn't imagine a better place to spend four of the best years of my life than "where the Blue Ridge yawns its greatness." But, stripping the State House of the flag isn't blasphemy to the South. Rather it can be seen as a display of our progress, a testament to new beginnings.

Also, regional and cultural differences between the North and South don't change the fact that all regions and states are virtually interdependent today. It seems that the division between the North and South is strictly customary. We, as broad-minded college students, should realize this more than anyone and understand that we can hold on to our heritage without being withheld by it.

Moreover, it must be noted that the flag's continued presence is offensive to some people, and while removing it would do nothing to damage the reputation or discredit the history of our state, allowing it to fly potentially could. Those who take offense to the flag associate said offense with South Carolina and its residents. By displaying such a controversial figure on state grounds, we assign any disrespect it may evoke to ourselves.

Here, a discussion of the connotation of the flag itself in relation to slavery and racism would be arbitrary given that a sound agreement will never be reached on that front. There will always be those who believe that the Confederate flag represents slavery, racism, and oppression, and there will always be those who think otherwise. No amount of blind argumentation will settle that issue. However, isn't the fact that the flag is offensive to a large

number of people grounds enough to consider its relocation? It should at least be acknowledged that the flag is insulting to some even if others don't agree with the reasoning behind such sentiments. Those who are baffled and angered by the offense that some people take with the flag are probably, themselves, opposed to certain symbols that others find acceptable. Anyone hoping for the other side to change their way of thinking shouldn't hold their breath. Trying to force unilateral agreement is completely useless.

This isn't a matter of changing minds, but of changing actions. It may be time for South Carolina to make a mature decision to solve things with action that spurs progress rather than spin our tires attempting to argue an inarguable issue.

One can't help but think that if the idea to relocate the flag had come through the state government and not an outside entity, there would be much less debate. If the decision were made internally, perhaps such opposition would not be felt. As it stands, relocating the flag would appear to many to be an admittance of the error of its presence.

Also, many fear the "slippery slope" that may be provoked by the flag's removal. What symbol, emblem, or statue will a given group find offensive next? Will bending on this issue only lead to more controversies?

While these are legitimate concerns, we must remember that the Confederate flag has been at the forefront of debate for a long time. Opposition to the emblem isn't new.

With that in mind, it would be in South Carolina's best interest to move forward by taking control of the issue and relocating the flag. Doing so would not compromise the state's heritage, pride or reputation in any way, but would serve as a positive and progressive action in favor of a more open-minded and tolerant state. In this way, the flag would not only be preserved as a symbol of South Carolina's rich history, but also would serve to stand for our bright future.

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COMMENTARY

The Tiger says goodbye

This past week, the Clemson community lost a great student and friend. Donovan Xavier Jones brought a smile to everyone's face, usually because there was always one on his own.

Several groups can claim Donovan as a member and an asset to their organization — Study Abroad, Leadership, Programs for Education Enrichment and Retention (PEER), TAPS, The Tiger and the National Scholars Program. No one spent more time or put more honest effort into his future like Donovan did.

We know Donovan from his involvement in Student Media, starting with the Opinions staff as a freshman and eventually in his role as our business manager. While his dedication was unsurpassable, his motivation to give 100 percent was clear with every task he took on, and his contribution will not be forgotten. With what Donovan did for The Tiger, it can only be assumed he did the same — if not more — for every group he was a part of.

He influenced so many and accomplished so much

in such a short time. Each group on campus lost a vital member and Clemson University lost a true leader. Donovan's huge potential won't be fully realized and in that the world lost one of the most dedicated, compassionate and good people ever.

But most importantly, Donovan was an exceptional friend and a brilliant example to everyone he knew. Never did he speak ill of anyone, and it would have been impossible not to do the same of him. His optimism and genuine interest in others was no less obvious than the smile he seemed to always carry on his face. Donovan meant something to everyone who knew him and we consider ourselves truly privileged to be among those who know him.

Here we say goodbye to Donovan, in the section where he got his start as a part of our staff. We will never forget his enthusiasm for The Tiger and how he brightened up the office with his presence. Donovan will be truly missed but never forgotten.

COMMENTARY

The best BBQ



BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist

Southerners have been known for their cooking since the invention of the frying pan, and the dish that ties most southerners (and even Texans) together is barbecue. There is an almost infinite number of ways to cook barbecue, from the vinegar-based barbecue of the low country, the mustard sauces from Charleston and Columbia (especially from the Bessinger brothers), to the tomato and ketchup based barbecue from the Upstate.

It should be noted for the benefit of those new to the area that barbecue is neither a verb nor a grill. Barbecue refers to meat that, in general, has been slowly cooked over fire. Of course, when South Carolinians talk about barbecue, they're almost always talking about pulled pork. Other states have their own ways of cooking barbecue, but compared to South Carolina they are barely worth mentioning.

Most barbecue historians believe the first people to ever cook barbecue were from coastal regions in or near South Carolina, and they cooked pork using vinegar. From there it spread. There is, in fact, quite a variety of barbecue just in the area around Clemson.

The best barbecue around can be found in a small place in downtown Six Mile called Spanky's Backyard BBQ. Six Mile is only about eight miles away down 133, and it's a worthwhile trip for the food. About \$8 buys a plate of tender pulled pork, two sides, and bread. Spanky's features many homemade sauces on the side, including the unique Apple and Tiger sauces. The establishment also has Maurice Bessinger's sauce on hand from Columbia, which is a treat since it is so rare to see a mustard sauce in the Upstate. Also, the owners and staff are especially friendly and go above and beyond the other local barbecue joints to take time to get to know their regulars.

Just past Spanky's on the far side of Six Mile is another great barbecue joint called B & B Bar-B-Que. B & B is on Walthalla Highway, but it is a small hole-in-the-wall place in the middle of nowhere so it is very easy to miss. A plate of pulled pork here (called "Loose Meat" for some bizarre reason) will be comparable in price to Spanky's. The sauce is served on the meat, and the folks at B & B seem to pride themselves on the spiciness of their sauces, which range from "mild" to "purgatory." The plate comes with two sides and does not disappoint.

On the other side of Clemson from Six Mile is a place called Circle M BBQ. Located at 345 Martin Sausage Road in the outskirts of Liberty, Circle M has phenomenal pulled pork but is much better known for

Some colleges misplace blame in fan cans

COMMENTARY

SETH MULIKIN

Columnist



Every August Wal-Mart is absolutely packed full of undergradsmen filling their carts with anything and everything they need to outfit their dorm. This year they were joined by plenty of seniors and juniors who fought through the mass of people to find the magnificent orange Bud Light cans. All across the country people have had the opportunity to purchase Bud Light cans in their school colors in order to show their pride on game day. However, this clever marketing effort that encourages school spirit might soon end due to complaints from college administrators.

Approximately 25 or 30 schools have complained about trademark infringement in their letters, but nearly all of the schools have also mentioned promotion of underage drinking as a reason for opposition. (Most of the complaints were private; therefore, I do not know Clemson University's position on this.) The University of Colorado-Boulder even worried that the Bud cans could make their cozy relationship with Coors as cold as the Rockies. The University of Texas has not objected because the orange is not quite burnt enough. LSU has not officially complained, but agreed to "keep an eye on it."

The Federal Trade Commission has gotten involved because it says the marketing campaign does not meet the industry threshold of 70 percent of the target audience being of legal drinking age. They came to this conclusion by assuming the target audience for fan cans was college campuses, one of the least likely places for the cans to be sold. If they were State U Student cans this would be reasonable, but they are fan cans. Death Valley holds more than 80,000 fans, but only designates 11,000 student tickets. Which means, most likely, people of age bought more than 70 percent of the tickets. That is just in the stadium; the percentage of fans older than 21 would exceed 70 percent of the total fan population for any school. The FTC also claimed that college students "engage almost exclusively in binge drinking." This is wrong. Binge drinkers make up a proportion of college students similar to that of students entering school older than the age of 25, and college students are not "almost exclusively" over the age of 25.

LSU's school newspaper wrote: "Students should think of the can as a reminder that when they hold a LSU colored beer in their hands, they are also responsible

for upholding the integrity of the University." I think the same should be said of Clemson fans. Rather than claiming a Budweiser conspiracy to induce college students into drunken debauchery on game day, colleges could use the cans to promote responsibility. I like the LSU idea of linking the fan cans to representing your school well. Clemson could run ads with the Litter Hitter tackling drunken students holding the orange cans.

Ok, maybe it's not that great of an idea, but it definitely bears the "Your Other You" ads that received bad reviews from everyone I talked to. In all likelihood though, the cans will not affect binge drinking or underage drinking amongst students. Most students treat beer as a commodity — they buy the cheapest brand of beer they can find, without regards to taste. Why else would Busch Light be the beer of choice? This makes types of beer extremely elastic, meaning students are very unlikely to pay for Bud Light despite the orange cans. If they are on sale and comparable in price to cheaper beers, sales will increase, but a sale throughout the season is unlikely.

If students do decide to splurge and purchase the orange Bud Light cans they may be less likely to binge drink because students on a budget could not afford the more expensive option without buying fewer. For example, if an organization spent \$150 on beer for a tailgate they could buy approximately 15 cases of Busch Light or approximately 10 cases of the fan cans. If they chose the fan cans on this hypothetical budget they would have 120 fewer beers. Also, it seems people would be less likely to give away beer to underage kids if it costs 50 percent more.

Fan cans, most likely, will not be that popular among students due to their higher price. However, I am sure some tailgates will have them at every school, and I am sure that someone will get arrested for doing something stupid after drinking from them. But to say the cans are the problem, or even to say they exacerbate the problem of binge drinking is untrue. To say the color of a can induces a student to drink excessively is insulting to students and the administrators of colleges that admitted them. This hinders progress in preventing binge drinking by placing blame on an easy target — evil profiteering brewers — without addressing the real question of why students binge drink and what can be done to prevent it.

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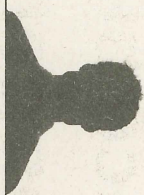
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COMMENTARY

A Change in Perspective

NICK ROTH
Guest Columnist



“Alright, that’s all I’ve got: I will see you all on Monday.” With that, my last class of feeling relieved and certain. Relieved that I had made it through the first day and certain that I was dropping Economics.

With no place to be, I meandered through campus, down Fernow Street, past the last of the academic buildings and within eyesight of the commuter lot. My pace quickened when the thunder clouds alerted me to their imminence. As the first signs for the commuter lot appeared, so did the first signs of rain. I found no pressing need to hurry out of the now spitting precipitation because, around the corner, sat my car. I hope it was to at least someone’s amusement that my vehicle no longer resided where I had left it.

I looked around the surrounding area hopelessly, like someone would for their remote or cell phone. Denial subsided and I accepted that my car had been towed. Feeling like the burt of someone’s sick joke, I walked back to the parking services office in a downpour to recoup my vehicle.

Just as it should have been, the parking services office was closed and a yellow sign on the door mockingly directed me to the Clemson Police Station. Repleved from the rain by the concrete bleachers of Death Valley, I walked briskly to the Police Office (which, if you do not know, is at gate 10) where I was forced to pay \$76 for someone to escort me to my impounded vehicle, which, I was informed, was being held ransom exactly two miles from campus.

Beyond the anger, the frustration, the impatience and the injustice, I dejectedly took my place in the passenger seat of the pine-scented Parking Services vehicle. Smelling of wet dog, I sat in a stale silence that was only interrupted by the vehicle imploring the driver to put his seatbelt on. I was too defeated to be annoyed by the shrill beeps. At least it couldn’t have gotten any worse.

At this point the man started talking to me. It was like when your parents talk to you about school; you can’t tell them to shut up but you really wish they would. But because he had a sense of humor about his ramblings, including “an old war story” followed by a Santa-like wheezing chuckle, I decided to tune in. It was only another mile and a half.

After I answered “English” to the most asked question on campus, my riding buddy began to tell me a story. He told me about his daughter who had double majored in English and History at the Duke University. The pride in his voice caught me off guard, but more importantly kept me interested.

My interest was also piqued when he mentioned her score of 176/180 on the LSAT and her acceptance to the finest law schools: Columbia, Stanford, etc.

At this point I began to chalk up his sprawling stories to those of a proud father. I could have blocked him out but I resigned myself to giving him my attention. A good thing, too, because the story had a twist: He said that one morning his daughter came downstairs as he was signing the tuition payment to Columbia law and asked about possibly staying in school and taking a few more math and science classes. I could already tell he would have done anything for his daughter and was correct in assuming that he gave her his blessing. He cracked a smile when he told me there was also a boy involved.

“To make a long story short,” he said, “she is now a pediatrician married to that same boy who is also a doctor.” I earnestly replied that it was a very nice story. At that moment he stopped me and said you haven’t even heard the best part. He directed me to flip open his cell phone and take a look. On his background was a little girl, no more than three, with blond hair, an innocent smile and a blue dress. I didn’t even have to fake a smile. He said she was beautiful and smart. She was his whole world, his granddaughter. His steady voice cracked when he said, “she’s my little angel.”

I closed the phone and put it back in the cup holder. He smiled at me and said, “we’re here.” The rain had stopped and a dull gray overcast was all that remained. Slowly and deliberately he unlocked the gate. On queue with click of the lock he asked me a question that I will never forget. “Do you want to know the sad part?” Unsurely, I nodded.

Painfully, he looked into my eyes and said, “That little girl has cancer. She has a four in 10 chance of living.”

Without the words, I simply and somewhat coldly looked at the ground and said, “I hope she makes it.”

“Makes it?” he asked calmly, “Makes it? She is going to make it, I know it in my heart. She’s too beautiful not to.” I hope I never again have to look into eyes like that.

After the silence, he said, “Her name is Lauren if you could keep her in your prayers.”

My car got towed, I lost \$76 and I’m ashamed I was ever upset about it. Sometimes we need a little perspective.

NICK ROTH is a guest columnist. E-mail comments to letters@TheTigerNews.com.

PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN



A man in Anchorage, Alaska was taken into custody after authorities say he showed his photo ID and account number before robbing the bank.



A man complaining about his food at a Florida McDonalds was slapped by the employee’s 21-year-old daughter and later assaulted by the mother.



A 20-year-old Jacksonville resident dialed 911 while intoxicated to ask for a ride to a Lil’ Wayne concert.



A man was recently arrested in North Dakota for being found intoxicated in a grocery store deli eating a plate stacked high with avocados, cookies, plums and cake.



Three Texas deputies were suspended and one fired after they allowed a scantily-clad waitress holding a rifle to pose for photographs on the hood of their patrol vehicle.

In Colorado, officials rescued a bear who had got stuck in a sunken skateboard park by lowering a ladder to him so he could climb up.

Tiger Rants

Parking Services isn’t ticketing until the 31st...this does not mean that you can park just anywhere!

Why are we building a grassy knoll across from the stadium when we have no money?

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Is it just me or are the CAT buses gradually disappearing?

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I hate having to pee! I wish it could just evaporate!

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Why do some teachers insist on having an actual lesson on the first day of class. They call it syllabus week for a reason!

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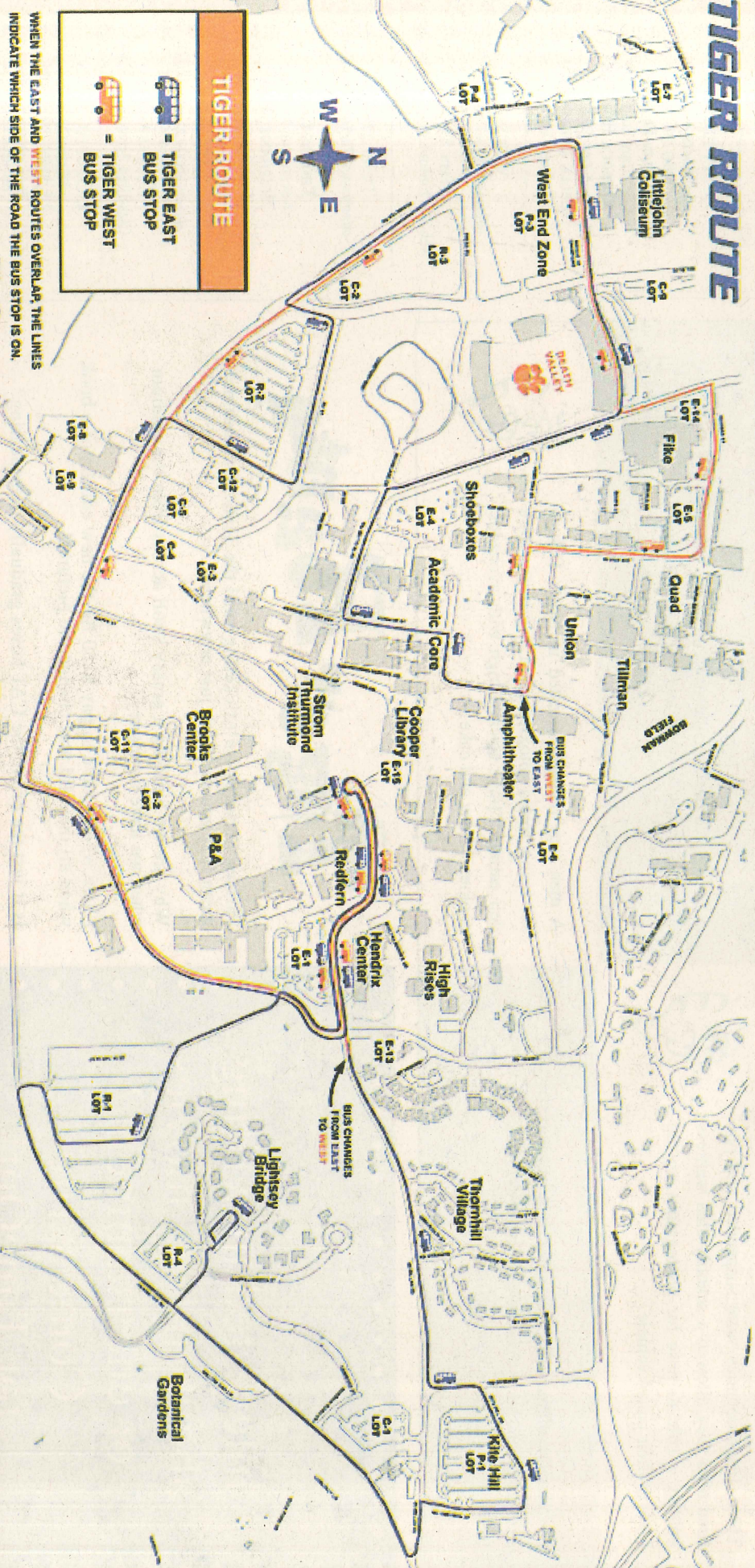
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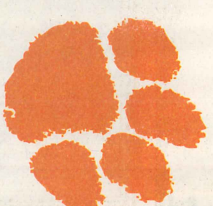
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Rabon walks(on) tall

Junior from Aiken leads class of new Tigers from last weeks tryouts.

RYAN LAUNNIUS

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Born and raised in Aiken, George Rabon has been a Clemson Tiger fan for the entirety of his life. With a father who was attending Clemson University during the 1981 national championship, George was brainwashed to bleed orange from very early on. But even with his lifelong Clemson allegiance, George never really found himself dreaming about running down the hill in uniform on game day.

This was not due to a lack of imagination or a disinterest in the subject. George's exclusion of the Clemson football fantasy was in large part due to his sense of reality. Having never even played a snap of varsity football at any level, George was not expecting college recruiters to be calling when it came time to graduate from high school.

Despite his inexperience in the realms of varsity football, George was still an accomplished athlete. He managed to receive a varsity letter for baseball in his eighth grade year at Aiken Christian School. During his time at South Aiken High School, George received varsity letters in basketball, track and field, swimming and cross-country. He also played kicker/wide receiver for an undefeated JV football team; the first undefeated football season to ever grace South Aiken.

So when George Rabon first noticed an e-mail from Dabo Swinney this past week offering an open tryout to the students of Clemson University, he felt conflicted. The prospect of playing football enticed the senior accounting major, but his lack of experience placed a daunting task in front of him. After all, George was years removed from the small amount of organized football he had played in his life. Having only one day to come to a resolution, George turned to prayer and asked God for a guiding sign.

An answer came almost immediately. Within minutes after George finished his prayer and looked up at the computer screen, he received an e-mail from his father. The message contained a link to a Web site talking about the football tryouts coupled with a single inspiring phrase: "It's never too late."

The next day, George showed up to the football tryouts along with 38 other students to compete for the 10 open positions on the roster. While many of those 38 students had been working all summer in the weight room to reach peak physical condition for the tryouts, George's recent discovery of the tryouts did not reserve him the option of training. Fortunately, George had been training for triathlons throughout the summer. Managing to place tenth in his age group at a June triathlon in Charleston, George was already in proper physical condition for a tryout.

The entire group started off with the usual: wind sprints, high kicks, etc. After warming up and giving the coaching staff a good sense of their speed, the students split up into their respective groups by position for skills testing. George went with the wide receivers and proceeded to show off his route-running and ball handling abilities. As the tallest of the eight potential wideouts, George's medium frame and able hands impressed the coaching staff enough to hold a few conversations with him. Naturally, George was elated when he received the call Friday night informing him of his spot on Clemson University's football roster. Like most Clemson fans, George has watched the Tigers run down the hill in Death Valley during the most exciting 25 seconds in college football from the stands countless times at home games. Now he can be a part of it.

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BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Six-foot-six George Rabon took a chance and now will be lining up at tight end for the football team.

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Even with the glamour of living out the fantasy of almost every male Clemson fan, the road ahead will not be an easy one for George. Practicing with a team that has already been together through the summer will require the walk on to play catch up both on and off the field. Working out, practicing and studying plays will quickly become George's life over the ensuing months.

As a walk on, George will not be expected to line up across from Ras-I Dowling of UVA or take a hit from Deunta Williams of UNC on the first day.

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Soccer aims to return to ACC's elite

ANDREW BAKER

STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team is trying to start a new page with most of the same cast and crew, but with a new face at the top. Coach Trevor Adair is gone, having resigned from his post this June. Adair's replacement, Phil Hindson, has served as an assistant coach at Clemson for the past four seasons. Hindson says there will be some changes, but a great deal of continuity.

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Hindson will be making decisions for a veteran team. The Tigers return nine starters and 13 lettermen. Hindson believes graduate student Mike Matson, a transfer into the program, will have a big impact from his position as forward. Goalie Joseph Bendik started every game last season and ranked among the top goalies in the ACC in saves per game. But there will be room for freshmen to make an impact as well.

Austin Savage, Josh Shutter, Alex Darsinos and Brannon Blanke are expected to play immediately. Savage, whom Hindson called "a natural goal scorer," may add a threat to the Tiger's offense. Shutter has the versatility to play defense as well as in the midfield.

But for all of the Tiger's experience and young talent, their play must improve from the past two seasons to return to the level for which the program is known.

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BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Keegan Priest stabs for the ball during a match with USC-Upstate.

Let the kids play baseball



Brandon Boatwright
sports editor

As a kid I loved playing baseball. Whether it was on a team or in my backyard playing catch with my dad, I loved playing baseball. Every week my friends in the neighborhood would get together at someone's house and get a game going. It was spontaneous. It was stress-free. More importantly, it was fun.

That's why I've had such a problem watching ESPN's coverage of the Little League World Series this week. Sure, these 11 and 12-year-old kids are having fun. They obviously love to play. But I have to question the morals behind putting children in that kind of spotlight.

In my opinion, when boys who aren't even old enough to throw a curveball are playing on nationally televised broadcasts we subject them to the same kind of scrutiny we would a major leaguer. Granted, I know this is an amazing experience for these kids. Chances are this may be the only chance they get at playing on TV, but at what cost?

If an 11-year old shortstop makes a critical error to lose a game, will they be able to shrug it off and put it in perspective if they know the game is being broadcast across the country? My guess would be probably not. And his teammates wouldn't be quick to let it go either. That's just too much pressure.

Don't get me wrong, I love the concept of the Little League World Series. But let's be honest, there's no need put such stress on them by putting them on television or in the papers. Let them experience the highs and lows of playing the game for what it is. Let them enjoy the camaraderie associated with it, but keep everything in perspective.

The sad truth of it is that Little League baseball, just like its adult counterpart, has been tainted by cheaters and scandals.

In 2001, the Bronx, N.Y. team was, for lack of a better term, nasty. One very big reason for the team's success was pitcher Danny Almonte. The southpaw absolutely dominated opposing hitting. He was clocked at more than 70 miles per hour and pitched a perfect game and a no-hitter in the tournament.

His perfect game came against a team from Apopka, Fla. Almonte struck out the first 15 batters in the game. He finished the tournament with 46 strikeouts and only allowed three hits.

There was only one problem. He was 14. Almonte was then ruled ineligible after government records experts determined that he was actually two years older than every other player in the tournament, giving him a clear advantage.

That's just a little bit worse than a shortstop making an error. Danny was caught cheating. His father, Felipe de Jesus Almonte, had allegedly falsified Danny's birth documents. His young talent had been thwarted by corrupt adults who blatantly dis-

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CLERMONT FOOTBALL FOR

TYRONE GAYLE

STAFF WRITER

To say that the 2008 Clemson Football team underachieved is comparable to saying the nation's economy is not exactly doing so hot right now is obvious to most but no one really wants to talk or think about it.

Head Coach Dabo Swinney begins his first full-year at the helm looking to continue the post-Bowden era with an old and traditional mantra. From his "all in" mantra to his request for Clemson to sport retro-uniforms in their games this year, Swinney is showing a desire to characterize the success of former great Tiger teams and blaze a trend for this season.

First and foremost, questions will need to be answered with key positions on offense and a few on the defensive side of the ball. Replacemakers like Aaron Kelly, James Davis and Michael Hamlin who were all record-setters in the last four years and were team leaders for a season class that led Clemson to 32 wins and four bowl games, will be a tough task to say the least. Despite an absence in the AP top-25 preseason poll, the stable of capable players on Clemson's roster is far from empty. Six new welcomes back 53 lettermen, including 15 starters from last year's team that closed the regular season with four wins in the last five games earning a Gator Bowl bid.

With lesser expectations this season, Clemson could certainly themselves in the thick of the Atlantic Division race at the beginning of November. The toughest in-conference opponents all have to travel to survive in Death Valley. This season, those opponents come in the form of Boston College, Wake Forest and Florida State. The team travels to Georgia Tech to kick off conference play in early September for a prime-time ESPN game, with other road tilts at Maryland, Miami and N.C. State down the road. The non-conference slate consists of the season-opener against Middle Tennessee, a premier matchup with a preseason Top 25 team near the end of September, a Halloween showdown against Coastal Carolina and the usual season finale against South Carolina.

Offense: Let the hype begin. Preseason Maxwell Award candidate running back C.J. Spiller has created enough highlight reel footage to put himself into the YouTube Hall-of-Fame, and enters his senior campaign as a Heisman Trophy candidate. All five starting offensive linemen are back this season — turning last year's greatest weakness into one of this year's biggest strengths. Wide receiver Jacoby Ford is a proven big play threat. The offensive line has the potential to be the team's backbone. Thanks in large part to senior All-American candidate Thomas Austin, will play guard this season despite being regarded as one of the nation's center prospects and preseason Outland Trophy Award candidate.

This line will be heavily relied upon to protect the inexperienced offensive men at the helm. Redshirt freshman Kyle Parker, who is a force on the baseball diamond as well, will begin the season as Clemson's starting quarterback. However, look for redshirt sophomore Willy Korn to make his presence felt in a strong push to step in if Parker falters.

Korn has seen the majority of his playing time come at the end of games but does have one start last season to his credit.

Running back Jamie Harper will be in fine position to make some noise backing up Spiller using his broad 225-pound frame to complement S

STARTERS

OFFENSE:

LT - CHRIS HAIRSTON
LG - THOMAS AUSTIN
C - MASON GLOY
RG - ANTOINE MCGLAIN
RT - CORY LAMBERT
TE - MICHAEL PALMER
WR-X - XAVIER DYER
QB - KYLIE PARKER
RB - C.J. SPILLER
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NG - JARVIS JENKINS
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BE - RICKY SAPP
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MLB - BRANDON MAYE
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10/03/09 AT MARYLAND. COLLEGE PARK, MD. TBA
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10/24/09 AT MIAMI. MIAMI GARDENS, FL. 7:00
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11/28/09 AT SOUTH CAROLINA. COLUMBIA, SC. 12:00

ON TIGERS BRAD VIEW

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speed with his strength. Swinney will likely continue to run a spread offense, but this year's attack will feature more running plays for the quarterback as Parker and Korn can both dazzle on their feet.

Defense: The most accomplished of the three units heading into this season, Clemson's defense was outstanding in many areas last year, finishing in the Top-20 in the nation in scoring defense, total defense and pass defense.

The pass defense was particularly outstanding, allowing the second few yards per pass attempt in the nation throughout the season.

The strength of that pass defense lies within two of the best cover-corners in the nation in Crezdon Butler and Chris Chancellor.

Both are two of the 31 preseason candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award, and Clemson is the only school in the country with both starting cornerbacks on the list.

Both safety positions will need to be replaced, but Deandre McDaniel and Sadar Chambers look poised to fill the vacancy.

The linebacker core is a formidable unit as well; with Kavell Conner leading the charge after charting 125 tackles last year.

Conner will combine with first-team freshman All-American Brandon Meeks (87 tackles, two sacks), and Scotty Cooper to provide the defense with a stable group that will be counted on to make the big plays.

One area where the team was especially unreliable last year was in creating a pass rush, finishing with only 14 sacks, to rank 108th nationally in that category. Highly covered defensive ends Ricky Sapp and DaQuan Newberry will be expected to regain the form that placed them into the top of their respective signing classes.

Special Teams: No unit will see a bigger makeover than the special teams. The kicking game will welcome two new starters with the departure of Mark Buchholz and Jimmy Maners. Redshirt freshman Spencer Bennett appears to have secured the placekicking job heading into the season, while sophomore Dawson Zimmerman will get the go ahead as the team's punter.

The return game may get a different look as well to lighten Spiller's load. C.J. continues to return kickoffs with Jacoby Ford, the two will likely continue to provide one of the most dynamic and explosive kick returning tandems in all of nation as they have for the previous three seasons.

Final Thoughts: If the Tigers can catch fire the first few games with some wins in September against pre-season Top 25 teams before heading to the thick of their ACC schedule, they may be able to ride that wave of momentum into November.

Parker and Korn have the leadership skills, talent and supporting cast to be effective game managers and provide ample quarterback play. C.J. Spiller's health will be imperative to the success of the team, and the ball-moving skills of the defensive playmakers will keep them in the majority of the games.

The Tigers are more than capable of achieving the success that last year's team failed to capitalize on. All they have to do is provide a consistent effort from game to game and, as Dabo says, go "all in."

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BRETT MILLS

STAFF WRITER

Well, we're finally here. After nine long months, National Signing Day, spring practice, summer workouts and several weeks of fall camp, it's finally that time of year. It's the eve of the college football season – a time of optimism and hope. Every team has a shot at the title. For Clemson fans, this is a year of new beginnings. Heading into our first full year with Dabo Swinney as head coach, we will encounter not only a new coaching staff but also a new starting quarterback, new starting safeties, a new attitude and even new (er...well, really they're old) uniforms.

But it is always in times like this – times of changes and

new beginnings – that I can actually sit back and fully appreciate the few things about Clemson that never change:

our traditions. Those simple little rituals, like Cadence Count, Tiger Rag, waving our hands in the air at the end of the alma mater, building floats on Bowman Field, Tiggerama. First Friday and so many more are deeply ingrained within the hearts and minds of every person who has ever called Clemson home.

Many, like myself, were born into it. We learned about The Hill and Howard's Rock on our parents' knees. Before we could walk and talk, we were clad from head to toe in orange, clapping along with the rest of the crowd to Tiger Rag. The first word we learned to spell was not "mom"

or "dog," but rather "Clemson," simply because we'd been doing it all along.

But the wonderful thing about Clemson and our traditions is that someone doesn't have to be a third generation Clemson fan to love and appreciate everything we do. Whether Sept. 5 is your first game or your fiftieth game, it doesn't matter in the least so long as you have a basic knowledge of all the traditions. And that's what I'm here to do. Huge history nerd that I am, I fully believe that in order to truly appreciate a tradition, one must learn its story, its origins. So here now are four of Clemson football's finest and recognizable traditions. Bear in mind though, these are only the beginning.

Tiger Pushups

I mention this one first not necessarily because it is the most famous or longest standing of Clemson's traditions, but purely because I honestly think my dad might disown me if I don't shamelessly plug the practice, he started when he suited up as The Tiger in the late '70s.

Zack Mills, who Clemson legend Bob Bradley once called, "perhaps the most innovative and fun-loving Tiger of all" (where would we be without shameless plugging!), started the tradition in 1978 by doing pushups after each Clemson score. The pushup total corresponded to the number of points Clemson had after that particular score. So theoretically, if Clemson scored a touchdown to give it 35 points, Mills did 35 pushups. If they scored again to give Clemson 42 points, Mills did 42 pushups.

As the Tiger mascot suit weighed more than 45 pounds (the head alone weighed 20), this was no easy task. In fact, when Clemson defeated Wake Forest 82-24 on October 31, 1981, then-Tiger mascot Ricky Capps was so dog-tired he couldn't even finish. Even the Demon Deacon threw his hat in the ring on that legendary Halloween afternoon, completing 76 of the required pushups in order to give the exhausted Tiger a brief respite. Capps ended the day with 465 pushups, the most in Clemson history.



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Running Down the Hill

Like so many other cherished traditions at Clemson, the tradition of "running down the hill" rose from humble beginnings. It actually started out in 1942 as a matter-of-fact entrance, mainly because of necessity. The shortest entry into the stadium was a walk down Williamson Road from Fike Field House's dressing rooms to a gate at the top of the hill behind the east end zone. There were no dressing facilities in the west end zone, only a big clock where the hands turned, and a scoreboard, which was operated by hand. The team would dress at Fike, walk down Williamson Road, come in the gate underneath where the big scoreboard now stands and jog down the hill for its warm-up exercises.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

There was no fanfare, no cannon shot fired, no tiger paw flag, no Tiger Rag played... just the team making its entrance and lining up to do the side straddle hop. And things pretty much stayed that way for a quarter of a century. It wasn't until that fateful Wake Forest game in 1967 when Frank Howard had his players rub Howard's Rock that the practice of running down the hill took on a whole new meaning.

When Hootie Ingram succeeded Howard as head coach prior to the 1970 season, Ingram decided that the team would make its final entrance on the field out of the dressing room in the west end zone. In all home games in 1970 and 1971 and the first four of 1972 when the Tigers did not run down the hill, their record was 6-9. The team decided it wanted to come down the hill once prior to the South Carolina game in 1972. The result, in a cold, freezing rain, was a 7-6 victory, and from then on the Tigers decided to go back to the entrance that had served them so well for so many years.

Nowadays at games, Tiger players leave the field after the final warm-up and go back into their dressing room under the west stands for final game instructions. About 10 minutes before kickoff, the team boards two buses rides around behind the north stands to the east end zone and disembarks to the top of The Hill behind Howard's Rock. At the appointed time, the cannon booms and led by a high-flying tiger paw flag, the band forms two lines for the team to run between and strikes up "Tiger Rag" and the frenzy starts in all sincerity... and usually lasts two and a half to three hours.

It is a tradition that has inspired not only Clemson players for many years, but people around the country as well. As legendary broadcaster Brent Musburger once so famously said: "When Clemson players rub that rock and run down the hill, it's the most exciting 25 seconds in college football."

\$2 Bills

The story behind Clemson fans' use of \$2 bills on road trips is quite honestly probably my favorite one. Legend takes us back to the fall of 1977, when Georgia Tech was threatening to end annual series with Clemson. Tech, who was not yet a member of the ACC, was a national powerhouse, and their officials fully believed that they stood to gain absolutely nothing from squaring off with that "cow college" up I-85. In fact, one of them went as far to say that if they stopped playing Clemson, it would have no effect whatsoever on Atlanta's economy.

Clemson, of course, took this slight as a challenge, and then-IPLAY director George Bennet came up with a brilliant idea that would show Tech's snooty officials just how much money 10 or twelve thousand orange-clad fans brought to the city that one weekend every fall. That idea came in the form of \$2 bills – thousands of them – stamped with Tiger paws.

In those days people weren't using credit cards as much as they do now. So people got the \$2 bills and stamped them," Bennet said. Since \$2 bills had long been out of circulation (cash registers didn't even have places to store them), this Clemson money stood out like a sore thumb and proved to Georgia, Tech and Atlanta merchants just how big of an impact they had on the local economy that one single weekend.

Despite the success of that weekend, however, Tech still dropped the annual rivalry with Clemson until they joined the ACC, but the idea went over well with IPLAY members and Clemson fans in general, so Bennet opted to repeat the idea later that year in Jacksonville. "That was the first year we went to the Gator Bowl, so we decided we'd do it at the Gator Bowl down in Jacksonville, and it became a tradition to carry them wherever we go."



KAU BOWERS/art director

Howard's Rock

Mounted on a pedestal at the top of The Hill overlooking Death Valley, Howard's Rock is one of the most visible and sacred traditions in all of college football. Yet it's amazing to think that something so famous, so synonymous with everything that is Clemson football, had such a humble beginning.

Here's one trivia fact for you – and any Clemson fan worth his salt already knows this – but did you know that when Howard's Rock first came to Clemson it spent several years as nothing more than a doortop? Yes, really, a doortop. It was presented to legendary coach Frank Howard in the early '60s by a friend and Clemson alum, S.C. Jones, who said proudly while handing it over: "Here's you a rock coming from Death Valley, California, to Death Valley, South Carolina." Howard, true to his famous grumpy demeanor, thought nothing of the gift, and it laid on the floor in his office for more than two years – an afterthought. Not what you'd expect for an object that now spends most of its time encased in glass and that the Army ROTC actually guards for 24 straight hours leading up to the South Carolina game, huh?

And it goes even further: in the summer of 1966, Howard was cleaning out his office when he stumbled across that simple two-and-a-half pound rock that held carelessly tossed aside a few years prior. He called in Gene Willimon, who was the executive director of IPLAY at the time, and told him to "take this rock and throw it over the fence or out in the ditch...do something with it, but get it out of my office."

Now Willimon didn't think that was the way a gift should be treated, especially since it had been brought 3,000 miles by a very sincere friend and Tiger fan. So instead of chucking it, Willimon had the old rock mounted on a pedestal at the top of The Hill, a spot he knew Clemson players would pass. It was unveiled September 24, 1966, on a day when Clemson rallied from 18 points down with 17 minutes to play and came back to beat Virginia 40-35 – quite the spectacular debut for that little old doortop.

Howard soon recognized the motivational potential in that object he cared so little for before, and before a game against Wake Forest the next season, he told his players before the game that if they would give 110 percent, they could have the privilege of rubbing his rock, but if they didn't, then to keep their filthy hands



BRIAN BOURY/assistant photo editor

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However, this does not lift the burden of catching up and getting into proper physical form that awaits him this fall. Although he will not be receiving financial support for school, George is expected to become a contributing member of the football team.

Whether he will see playing time on Saturdays will depend on how quickly George learns the plays and how well he executes them in practice.

Wanting Clemson to prosper, George is trying to find the place he can best contribute towards the team's success. Whether that place is on the field or the bench is yet to be seen, but do not immediately write off George or any of the other nine recent acquisitions just because they are walk-ons.

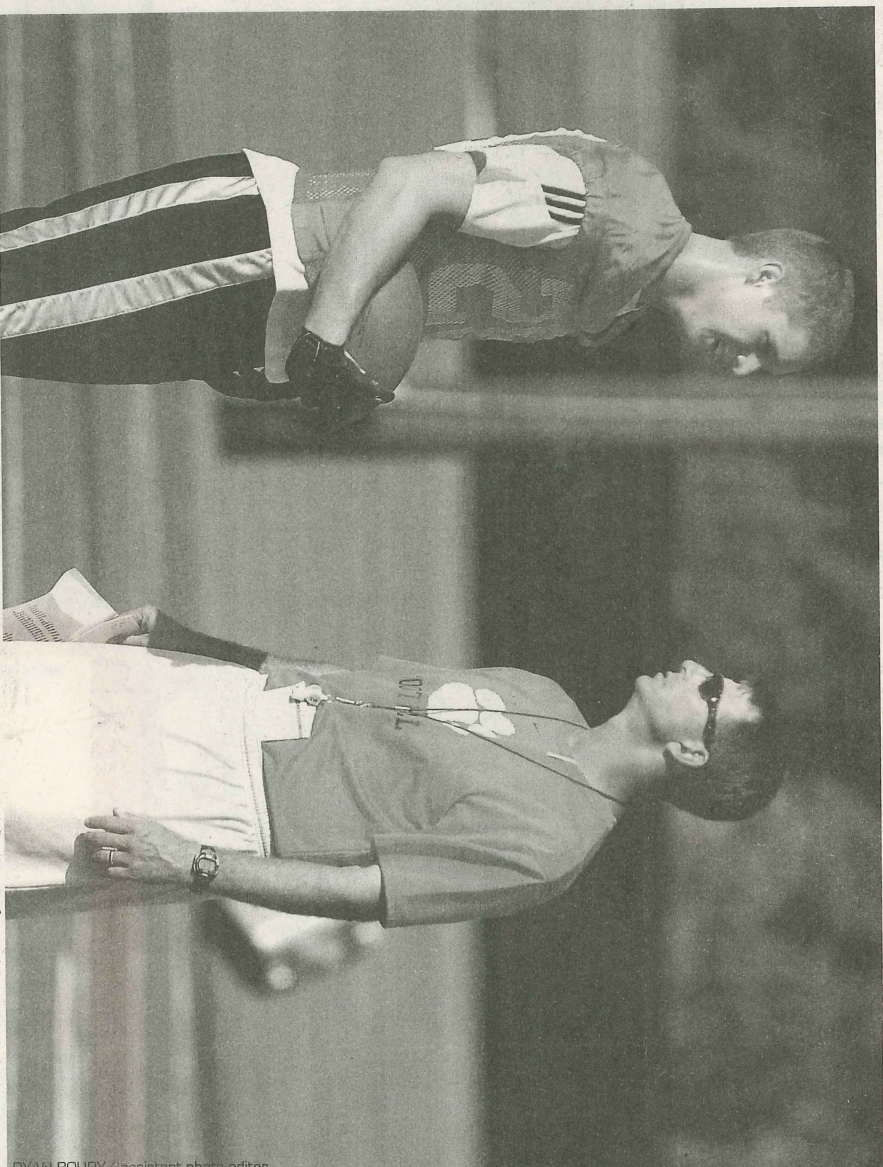
If George or any of the other non-scholarship athletes play well, they could end up with scholarships for future seasons. This would be following in the footsteps of players like Terrance Ashe, Rob Bodine, Tony Elliot, Tommy Sharpe, Nelson Faerber, Ed Glenn, Mitch Belton, Thomas Hunter and Jessie Picken, just to name a few.

Looking towards the future, George hopes to graduate with his B.S. in accounting this May and return to play more football as a graduate student if the option is open.

The coaching staff is now training George to be a tight end. With our current two tight end set, George may get to see some action on the field this season.

While some students may become arrogant upon receiving an invitation to join the football team, George's jump from Clemson accounting major to Division I-A football player has not affected his faith or humility.

When asked about all of his hard work culminating in the form of a



Coach Dabo Swinney speaks with Rabon during the open tryouts held this past Friday evening.

roster spot, George stated, "To God be the glory, because it's nothing I did. It is only by His Grace."

George continues to place praise on the coaches for selecting him while hoping that he does not disappoint.

Asked what he is most looking forward to about the football season, George simply replied,

"I am looking forward to being part of something greater than myself; being on a team again where we all work hard toward achieving one goal."

And after a long pause, George finally responds, "I am excited and a little worried about running down the hill rubbing Howard's Rock and being a part of the most exciting 25 seconds of college football."

Walk-on's accepted to the football team

#	Name	Pos.	Class	Previous School
13	Robbie Anthony	WR	Fr.	Bishop Moore Catholic
19	Brandon Winn	WR	Fr.	T.L. Hanna High School
26	Robert Johnson	CB	*Jr.	Dean (MA) College
30	Jeremiah Dorest	CB	Fr.	West Charlotte High
30	Eryn Tilson	PK	Fr.	Providence Day School
43	Steven Demaras	LB/FB	*Fr.	Westford Academy
59	Cody Queen	LB	Fr.	Westside High School
92	Jermaine Johnson	DE	*Sr.	South Aiken High

Volleyball opens with Big Orange Bash Tourney

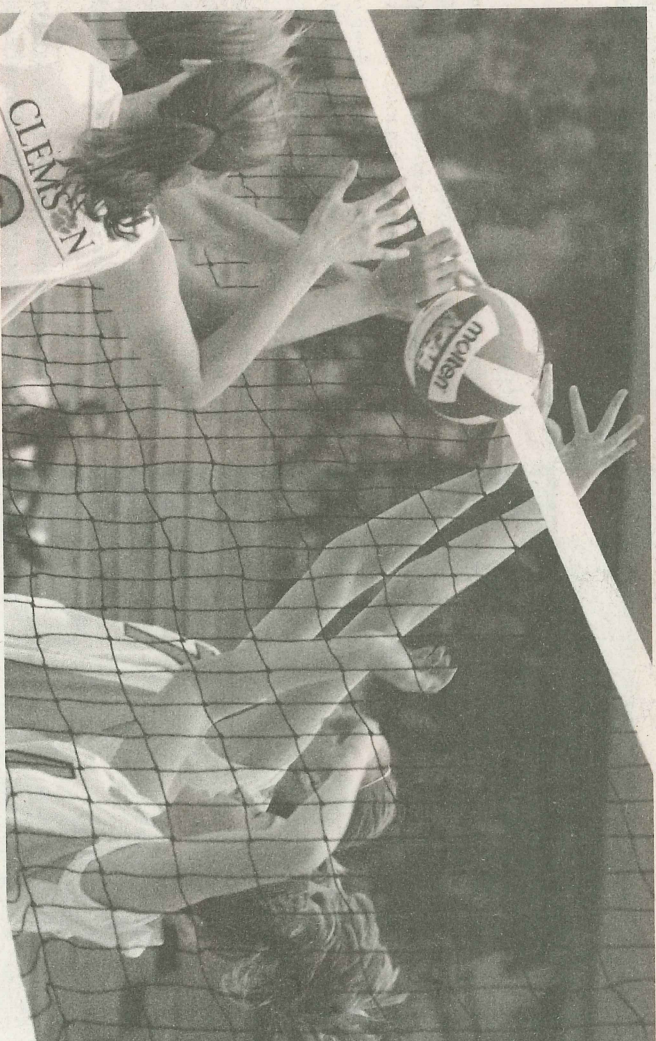
RONNIE KRANKOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Clemson's volleyball team had its annual Orange and White scrimmage on Saturday for its final tune-up before heading into season play. The Tigers will host their first game of the season, a battle between state schools, in the annual Big Orange Bash Tournament. Clemson will be tested instantly as it open up tonight against heated rival, South Carolina. The Gamecocks are coming off their first 20-win season in six years. The game will take place at 7 p.m. in Jerey Gym. Clemson will also play host to Winthrop and the College of Charleston in the Big Orange Bash.

The Tigers will look to improve upon their 23-10 record from a year ago and have been picked to finish fifth in the ACC by the pre-season coach's poll. The crucial returning starters for the Tigers are Lisa Proctor, Brittany Fennell, Didem Ege and Kelsey Murphy.

Proctor was second on the team in kills last season, averaging 3.47 kills per set and finished second-team All-ACC. Fennell was fourth on the team with 111 kills and had 292 total attacks. Diden Ege is Clemson's career leader in defensive saves and digs per set and Kelsey Murphy is all-time third in assists and second in career assists per set.

The Tigers will also look for a valiant effort from their 10 underclassmen due to the losses of Danielle Hepburn and Jannette Abbott. Hepburn led the team last season in kills and Abbott was the



Members of the Clemson volleyball team battle for points during the annual Orange and White scrimmage.

team leader in total attacks. The Gamecocks brings back five starters after going 21-9 last season.

The Tigers are looking at a tough schedule this season that includes visits to Miami, Florida State, Virginia Tech and Chapel Hill. The out-of-conference schedule does not look to get any easier with match-ups against Michigan State, Ole Miss and

Charlotte.

The Tigers have had more than 20 wins the past three seasons and since Coach Hoover took over the coaching helm in 1993, the Tigers have gone an astonishing 314-175. The Tigers certainly have the talent to take home the ACC title this year and it should make for a fun season.

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regarded his and his team's well-being. The Bronx was forced to forfeit their victories, and Almonte had to forfeit his perfect game and no-hitter.

As if cheating wasn't bad enough. How does gambling strike your fancy?

I've got to say, if you bet on games in the Little League World Series, you really need a hobby. I don't think betting on amateur sports should be legitimized at all, let alone a game between prepubescant boys. To me, it's despicable. But it happens more often than you might think.

These boys are already being exploited enough by being put in such an overly glorified position by the media, but using them for gambling purposes is flat out wrong. One gambling website even placed a \$500 bet on a LLWS

game. For crying out loud, let the kids be kids.

Ok, I know not everything about the LLWS is bad. I know that there are plenty of kids who go there and have the time of their lives. There is no doubt that it is a great experience. But why can't it just be that? Why can't the media, the gamblers, and the parents just leave them alone and let them play Baseball? If adults want to get involved, take them out for ice cream after the game.

Putting the LLWS on such a pedestal either raises a kid's ego to extreme heights, or lowers their self-esteem to where they may resent the game later on. Neither of which is what the game is intended for. I think we should put things back into perspective and let the game be what it is: Fun.

Hall-of-Famer Bob Lemon once said, "Baseball was made for kids; grown-ups only screw it up."

TIGER SCHEDULE

Cross Country

Friday 9/04
Gamecock Invitational
7 p.m.
Columbia, S.C.

Football

Saturday 9/05
Middle Tennessee
6 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Golf

Friday-Sunday 9/11-13
Carpet Capital Classic
All Day
Dalton, Ga.

Men's Soccer

Tuesday 9/01
Gardner-Webb
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Friday 9/04
South Carolina
7 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Women's Soccer

Friday 9/04
Northeastern
4:30 p.m.
Athens, Ga.

Sunday 9/06
Florida Atlantic
4:30 p.m.
Athens, Ga.

Swimming

Friday 9/18
Orange and White Meet
5 p.m.
Clemson, S.C.

Rowing

Sunday 9/06
Clemson Scrimmage
TBA
Clemson, S.C.

Volleyball

Friday-Saturday 8/28-29
Big Orange Bash
Various Times
Clemson, SC

Womens' 4+ crew wins National Championship

CHRIS CERVEN
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson 4+ Crew team won its first-ever National Championship on May 31 at the NCAA Rowing Championships in New Jersey.

The Tigers edged out the University of Wisconsin by 1.76 seconds overall. Clemson held the lead both at the halfway and 1,500 meter mark by more than two seconds, and held off the Badgers during the last quarter of the race to win the National Championship. Following the Badgers were the likes of Yale, California, Stanford and Virginia, respectively.

Clemson's winning team consisted of Kelly Murphy, Lydia Hassell, Callen Erdelyi, Allison Colberg and coxswain Meredith Razzolini.

"Going into the NCAA's seeded eighth we did not necessarily have high expectations for ourselves. Rather than going into each race wanting to win, we just had the mindset of just doing our best," said Razzolini. "We had a good start off the line and while our competition was never too far behind, we pretty much knew we had the win for the last 500 meters of

the race. But we just kept our composure and finished the race. Once we crossed through the finish line, we were ecstatic."

The Tigers tried to ease the tension of the race beforehand by staying poised. But once the race started, all the butterflies left.

"At the starting line we tried to stay as relaxed as possible, even joking around just to keep our minds off the 7:30 minutes of pain we were about to endure. We finally hit our start with the stroke rate coach had been trying to get us to hit all season and when Wisconsin started to walk at the end we just kept holding them off," said Hassell.

Clemson was successful at holding off the field and captured the title.

"This is a truly deserving crew who needed to race at their very best in order to be crowned National Champions," said Head Coach Richard Ruggieri. "I am very proud of how they and all their teammates represented Clemson University." As a team, the Tigers finished in 12th place overall for the championships, narrowly missing out on a top 10 finish nationally.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Members of the 4+ crew team poses for a picture with their trophy.

Tigers tame Terriers in exhibition

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Women's soccer team held the Wofford Terriers scoreless in the home and season opener on Saturday at historic Riggs Field. Freshman Maddy Elder scored her first two career goals as the Tigers defeated the Terriers 4-0.

Molly Franklin, a senior midfielder, recorded the lone goal of the first half off a Clemson penalty kick opportunity not wasted. Holding a marginal 1-0 lead, the Lady Tigers regrouped at halftime to bolster the aggressiveness and explosiveness of their play into the second half.

Clemson's freshmen made huge contributions to the relentless pressure Wofford faced after halftime. In the 55th minute of the game, midfielder Sarah Jacobs assisted freshman forward Elder, who then netted her first career goal.

Following the lead of her fellow classmate, freshman Callie Cavanaugh also scored her first career goal on a Tiger free kick inside the box. Cavanaugh scooped the ball off a Wofford defender and sent the ball soaring past the goalie only minutes after Elder's prior goal.

With the momentum building, Elder then proceeded to blaze down the field, dribbling past opponents and kicking the unassisted ball in the goal, yet again. Elder picked up her second goal of the night, boosting the Tigers to a solid 4-0 lead over Wofford.

Defeating the Terriers on Saturday marked the sixth consecutive win for Clemson in the Wofford-Clemson soccer series.

The Tigers previously crushed Wofford on Sept. 23, 2007, posting



TYLER SMITH/staff

Junior forward Judea Davis battles for control against a Wofford defender.

a remarkable 8-0 victory.

Clemson not only has the experience, but also the rookie talent to be a top contender in the ACC

this year. Returning leading scorers Franklin and sophomores Jacobs and Tara Cort are offensive powerhouses for the Tigers. On the defensive end, junior

goalkeeper Paula Pritzen returns with an astonishing 93 saves in 1500 minutes of 2008 play.

The Lady Tigers face four consecutive road games beginning this week at UNC-Asheville.

Kickoff begins at 4 p.m. on Friday in Asheville, N.C.

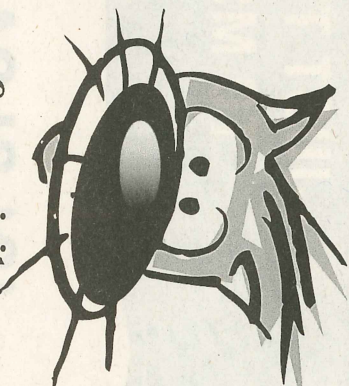
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Clemson has failed to post a winning record or make an NCAA tournament appearance since 2006.

Hindson's primary goals for the team are to get back to winning. He wants the team to finish in the top half of the ACC and get into the NCAA Tournament.

With two preseason exhibitions last week, the 2009 team had the chance to show improvement on the field.

The Tigers opened their 2009 preseason on August 18th with a 2-0 win against Southern Wesleyan at Riggs Field. The first goal came during the 26th minute of the match, when Mike Mattson scored with assists from Tommy Drake and Keegan Priest. The Tigers capped their scoring with an unassisted goal by Austin Savage in the 67th minute. The Tigers attempted 19 shots and had nine corner kicks. Mattson led with seven shots.

The Tigers also played well defensively. Southern Wesleyan attempted only three shots and a single corner kick. Bendik had two saves on those shots. Freshman Kamran Khytash got playing time and did not surrender a goal either. However, Hindson did feel at times his defense could have played better.

In the second exhibition match, the Tigers took a 3-0 loss to UAB in Birmingham on Saturday night. The Tigers made several crucial mistakes that cost them the game.

A Tiger mistake enabled UAB to score on a penalty kick 22 minutes into the game that glanced off a Tiger defender's arm. UAB scored again off a miscue in the 41st minute when a Clemson defender took "too many touches on the ball." The Blazers scored their third goal

unassisted in the 59th minute. Hindson felt the errors made the gap between the Tigers and the Blazers appear larger than it is.

Offensively, the Tigers did not move the ball as effectively as against Southern Wesleyan. Clemson only attempted six shots and had two corner kicks. Tommy Drake and Mike Mattson led with two shots each. UAB had two saves.

The Tigers rebounded from the loss to UAB on Wednesday night with a 4-1 pounding of USC Upstate. Drake scored a goal and had two assists in Clemson's final exhibition match of the preseason at Historic Riggs Field.

Clemson took an early lead in the seventh minute as Keegan Priest crossed the ball into Eric Cava who rocketed a six-yard shot into the back of the net. Then, in the 33rd minute, Priest's shot was blocked but trickled to Austin Savage who put the Tigers up 2-0 with a 14-7-yard shot.

The second half was more of the same as Mike Mattson scored from 14 yards out on assists from Drake and Savage. Five minutes later, Drake concluded the Tigers' scoring with a penalty kick at the 80:23 mark.

USC Upstate managed to get on the board with a fluke over a minute remaining on a Nick Buxton shot.

Clemson dominated seemingly every aspect of Wednesday night's exhibition, outshooting USC Upstate by a total of 14-6. The Tigers managed to produce eight corners on the night compared to one from the competition.

"I was very happy with our performance tonight," said Clemson Head Coach Phil Hindson.

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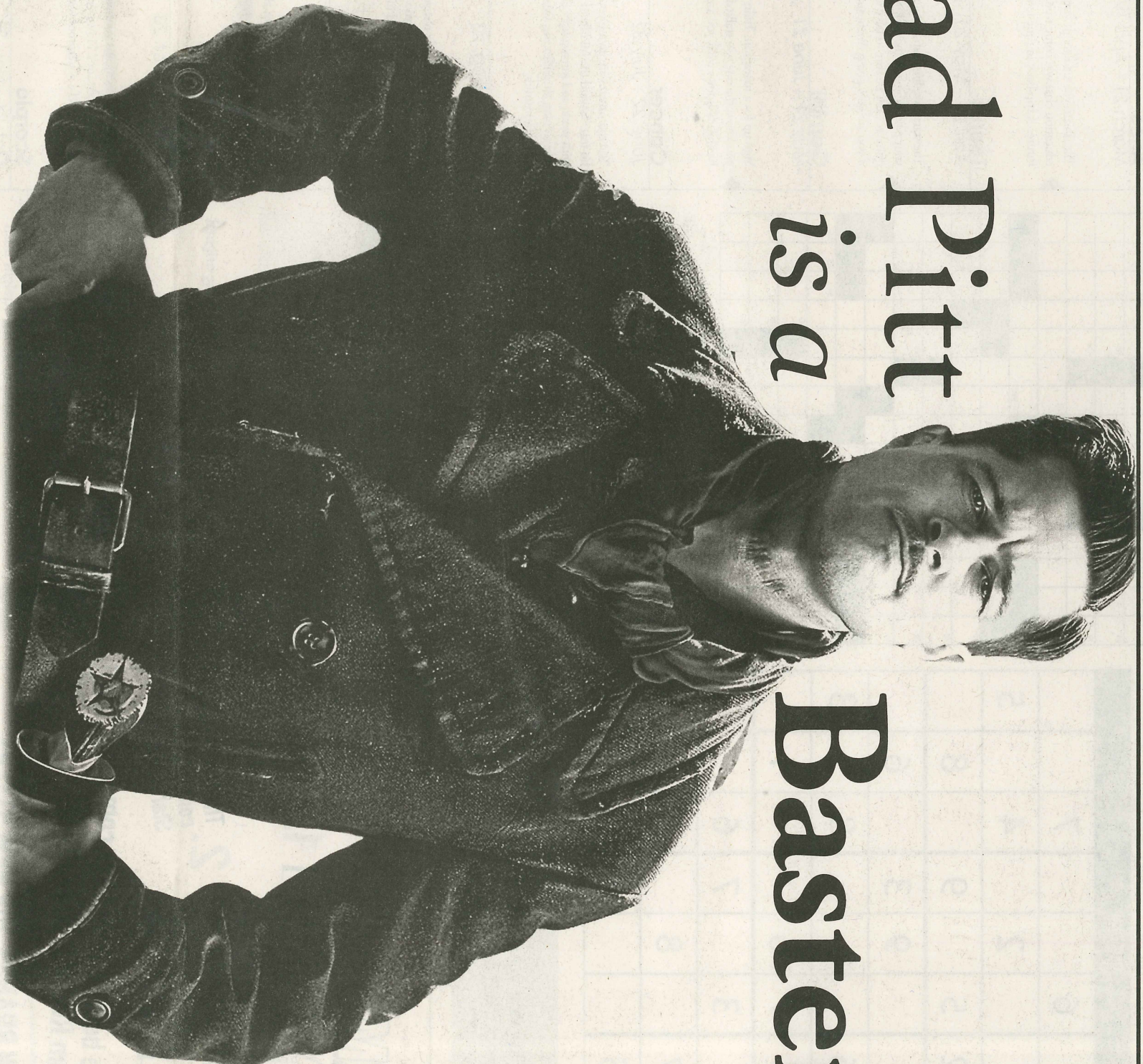
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Brad Pitt is a Basterd



Inglourious Basterds






DAVID WILLIAMS

Tarantino, you magnificent basterd! This is one of the best times I've had at the movies in a long time! There are certainly many great directors working in today's Hollywood, but Quentin Tarantino is one of the few whose immeasurable love of cinema shines in almost every frame of his films.

His latest masterpiece, "Inglourious Basterds" (the "Tarantino way of spelling it," the director has explained), is an audacious, uninhibited, inarguably fun-as-hell homage to B war movies, tough guy actors, spaghetti Westerns, soundtracks and the director's own manic genius. This is a must-see. The narrative trails two separate plots to knock off Hitler and the rest of the Reich high command, but don't go thinking that "Basterds" is simply a war film.

Tarantino, as with most of his works, blends so many genres into one cohesive whole that categorizing his work is like getting Brett Favre to pick a team and stick with it.

The film is centered around the "basterds" themselves (an overt nod to the Dirty Dozen), a group of ruthlessly efficient Jewish-American soldiers who are dropped deep behind enemy lines with the sole mission of terrorizing Nazis. And boy, do they ever! Here's a film in which you'll see throats slit, skulls bashed and faces disintegrate amidst a hail of bullets.

The titular squad is led by one of the film's three main characters, Lt. Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt), a good ole Southern boy known as "Aldo the Apache" thanks to his affinity for scalping the corpses of German soldiers. The other two are Shosanna Dreyfus (Melanie Laurent), a French-Jewish theater owner hoping to avenge her family's murder at the Nazis hands, and Lt. Col. Hans Landa (Christopher Waltz), the arch-villain whose methods have earned him the nickname "Jew Hunter." While all are grand incarnations, it's Waltz who steals the show as one of the most memorable evildoers in recent memory.

In addition to being privileged with the juiciest lines in the movie, the Austrian actor gives such an intensely visceral performance. With the slightest shift of his facial expression, he is able to go from lighthearted, mannered, perfect gentleman to utter psychopath. Here's an actor who doesn't let the exaggeration of his character stop him from being convincing and convincingly scary as hell. Let the Oscar race begin!

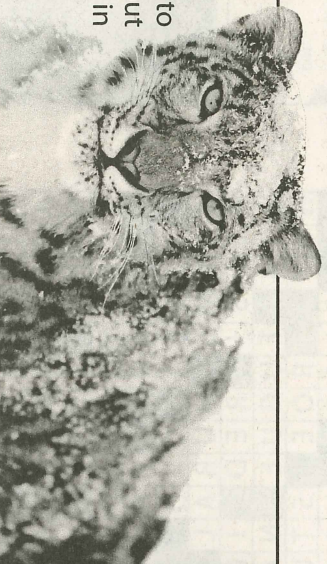
So, is this Tarantino's best? Well, I think "Pulp Fiction" retains its crown, but it cannot be denied that "Inglourious Basterds" is an achievement for the 46-year-old patron saint of film geeks.

The wonderful dialogue, the iconic performances, the violence that we've come to expect but still marvel at, it's all there. This movie's just plain fun, a Louisville Slugger to the audience's senses and a feverish fantasy of getting medieval on the Führer.

Big Cats

Today Apple releases an update to their operating system. Find out what's new this time around in OrTech.

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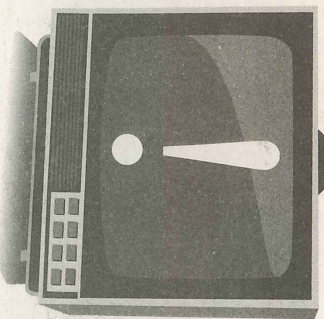


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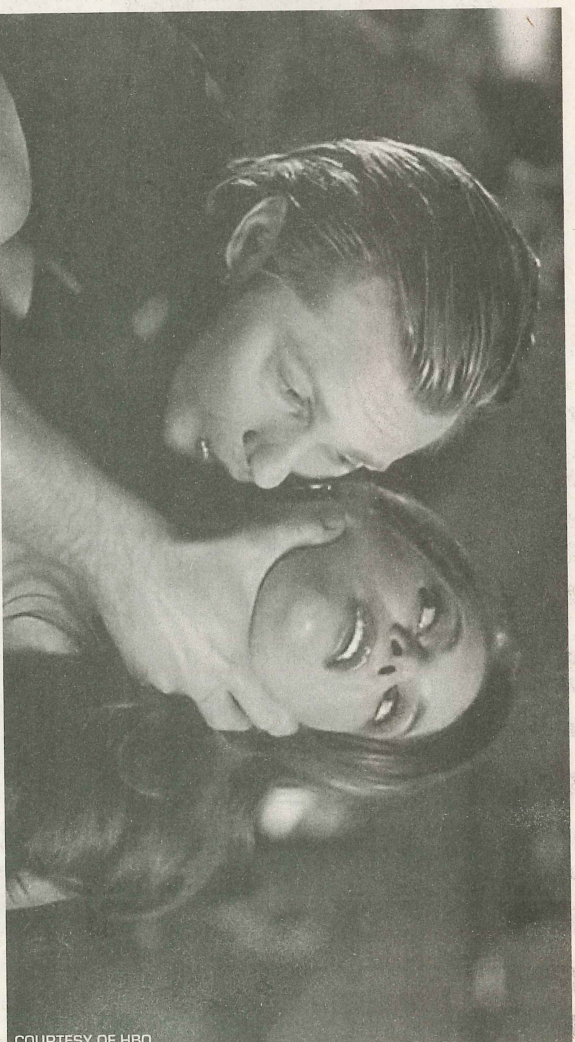
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SPOILER ALERT



ALLYSON KINARD

Summer television gets bloody



Actor Alexander Skarsgård plays blood-sucking vampire Eric Northman in HBO's surprise hit show "True Blood," which will return for its third season next summer.

It was a relatively uneventful summer in the world of television. "Harper's Island" ended, and I feel somewhat guilty in the fact that I enjoyed it, clichéd slasher that it was. Perhaps better entitled "My Mother had Sex with a Serial Killer," the 13-episode miniseries was the only show I kept up with religiously during the summer (unless watching "Cold Case" reruns counts).

Luckily, we were able to make watching the *Scream/And Then There Were None* hybrid into a family event, which was fun, if a little unconventional.

To sum up, Abby Mills (Elaine Cassidy), returned to her home, Harper's Island, where her mother was brutally murdered seven years before.

This return is a favor to her best friend, Henry Dunn ("Ugly Betty's" Christopher Gorham), who is having a huge wedding with his rich girlfriend, Trish (Katie Cassidy).

Immediately, someone starts killing off the wedding party, which the rest of the group does not realize until the fifth episode, even though people keep disappearing

and texting lame excuses to their friends.

Eventually, it is discovered (major spoiler alert here) that the original serial killer is not, in fact, dead. The reality is he previously had an affair and a produced a child with Abby's mom.

Not only that, but he has returned with his equally psychotic son to wreak havoc on Harper's Island and exact his revenge on the Mills family.

Abby's sociopathic half-brother turns out to be none other than Henry, who apparently has been in love with her all his life. (That's not an awkward family relationship....)

Henry has arranged the entire killing spree to murder everyone they ever knew and elaborately fake their deaths so that they can live together forever in incestual bliss.

Strangely, Henry seems incapable of understanding why Abby is less than enthusiastic about his plan. In the end, she kills him with his own boarding knife in order to save her real boyfriend, Jimmy Mance (C.J. Thomson).

Speaking of love, sex and blood, I finally broke down and decided to check out the newest craze after being urged to watch it by sev-

eral members of its supposed cult following.

"True Blood" has picked up a major fan base since premiering in September 2008, many of whom appear to be disappointed "Twilight" fans.

It is not a comfortable show to watch with your young sister roaming around the house, as I discovered the first night I turned it on. Because of this incident, I feel obliged to make it clear that while most of the show is in PG-13 territory, there are constantly pretty sudden scenes of Ryan Kwanten's character having graphic sex with every young female cast member that does not play his sister.

If vampire porn is your desire, this is probably the show for you. The main role goes to Anna Paquin ("X-Men I through 3," "Almost Famous," and the great childhood movie, "Fly Away Home"), who plays Sookie (yes, Sookie!) Stackhouse, a young telepathic waitress who falls in love with a vampire.

A vampire who thinks he's a monster but somehow can't pry himself away from her. Sound familiar? "True Blood" is interesting in its own

right, and while not exactly high-quality cinematography, it has a kind of smutty appeal that HBO seems to strive for.

Nearly every episode ends with a cliffhanger, so I would advise waiting until the season is over and watching it on DVD if you are one of those viewers that really gets into a show.

Paquin's Southern accent is horrendous, of course, and the rest of the cast isn't much better (Sam Trammell appears to be the only true southerner of the main group).

One tends to forget about the show's shortcomings as it progresses, though, and, call me crazy, but I think Paquin's attempt to sound like she's from around here might actually be getting a little bit better.

"True Blood" received mixed reviews when it premiered. However, based on the fanbase that I alone have encountered, the new vampire saga doesn't appear to be going anywhere soon.

In fact, creator and producer Alan Ball has already confirmed the show's third season will begin filming in December and is scheduled to premier next summer. Watch it if you dare.

ONTTECH



ZACH MUSGRAVE

A whole litany of big cats has prowled the tech world of late. Panthers, tigers, leopards and now snow leopards.

Oh my! To what is this world coming? Perhaps these felines are sick of being poached, slaughtered and bound off in crates from wilderness to darkest suburbia.

Perhaps the Windows 7-wielding housecats stealing the spotlight sickens them. It pays to never be too careful around animals with claws so sharp....

Apple Computer drops their newest kitty today. The heir to the Mac OS X crown, 10.6 Snow Leopard, has arrived. And, unusually for the world of the shiny silver fruit, a strange aura of calm prevails.

Back when Leopard first shipped in October 2007, fanboys everywhere rejoiced. It's fast! It's shiny! It doesn't crash much! (Compared to Windows Vista, at least.)

Leopard the first added a slew of new features, like the Time Machine backup, the Stacks folder viewer, a fancy file manager and of course the virtual desktop known as Spaces.

But Leopard junior quite simply doesn't not on the surface, anyway. Some of the menus are shinier and the icon previews update faster. But... that's about all that's visible to the naked eye.

Start up and shut down are faster, and the system takes up less space on disk.

But that matters little, with hibernation and cheap storage the way of today's computer. My Mac stays on for weeks; yours likely does as well.

So Joe Average User can't see what is so great about Snow Leopard. Why? Most of its updates are very much "under the hood." 64-bit support is improved, meaning Joe Average User finally gets to use both cores of the processor he paid so much for. Joe also gets to use his expensive graphics card outside of Adobe products, because the new graphics interface extends that hardcore pixel power to the whole system.

The minutia is stuff only a computer science major could love, whereas Joe likes to check his e-mail and get girls on Facebook.

Joe doesn't care about Snow Leopard because Apple's next upgrade is missing: Mind control. (What else is left?) Sure, things may look a little prettier and run a little faster.

Developers, hackers and other techie types see Apple's complete rewrite of certain archaic designs as the way of the future, and it is—parallel processing and true 64-bit support will be everywhere in the next ten years. Apple's engineering department is keeping up the good fight.

With an upgrade price of only \$30, Snow Leopard stands as a cheap investment for many users.

Those who feel Leopard sluggish, unresponsive or who just want the latest and greatest might consider throwing down.

Developers will want to see their projects don't languish in the annals of history. But for those of us who identify with Joe and don't compile nightly versions of Firefox from source, Snow Leopard leaves much to be desired. Upgrade? If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

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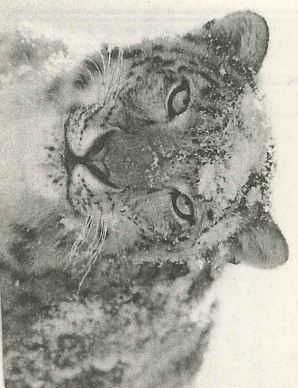
ou're about to go to bed, so you don't want to rest. Oh, you also probably plug in your cell phone. After all, it's going to need at least eight hours to charge, right? Well, not exactly.

Most cell phone batteries can be restored to near full capacity within just a few hours. In fact, overcharging contributes to a cell phone battery's failure to continue to holding a charge. Also, that little power adapter continuously uses energy, even though only about five percent of the power coming from the wall outlet actually charges your battery. The other 95 percent is wasted in the form of heat. Along with cell phones, every device you unplug will save you some cash on your electric bill every month. As long as you don't leave your iPod charging all night as well, falling asleep to "I've Gotta Feeling" won't hurt your wallet—or the planet—too much.

The bottom line: Unplugging your cell phone charger from the wall when you aren't using it, or plugging it into a power strip, you can easily switch off

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Killswitch Engage "Killswitch Engage"

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What is a band to do when its creativity and originality have run their course — when every 'new idea' is the same one recycled, repackaged and redistributed? When its fan base and success have reached their modest maximums? What is a band to do, like Killswitch Engage, when it knows it's stopped out, that the rest of its career is a slow trot on a dusty plateau?

It creates a 'new sound' with a different producer (or in Killswitch's case, with a producer for the first time), claims it has reinvented itself ("[the new record] is more rock 'n' roll" according to bassist Mike D'Antonio) and 10 years into its career release a self-titled album (the second record thus titled by Killswitch) that is nothing more than a watered-down and rehashed version of the group's dead-end ideas.

Always a band whose metal badge carried an emotional sheen, Killswitch Engage has, on its latest self-titled release, allowed the former to dilute the latter.

Each time the band arrives at a classic Killswitch metal bounce, it is quickly abandoned in favor of melodramatic emo driven that, more often than not, brings with it a key change and tempo shift that abruptly interrupts the composition that preceded it.

The only consistent element of the album is singer Howard Jones' lyrics, which invariably read like grade school break-up letters

("Do you remember what we used to have/ as if all our dreams were possible/all that existed was you and I/ but distance has torn us apart"). There is perpetually a "You" or "She" by whom the first-person speaker's (apparently Jones') heart has been irreparably broken. This is expected fodder on a Jonas Brothers album, but Killswitch Engage? Come on....

And what of the new producer, Brendan O'Brien? Given his pedigree (O'Brien carries a resume weighted with names like AC/DC, Rage Against the Machine and Pearl Jam, among many others) the sugary gloss thickly coated over Killswitch's diluted metal chunk can't come as a surprise.

Killswitch Engage needed to find a new direction if they hoped to further its career and the group needed a new producer to do so, but maybe the dude who produced Augustana and Train wasn't the best choice.

On "Killswitch Engage" version 2009, the group has done nothing but confirm to its audience how far they have fallen from their incendiary neo-thrash scene in Boston.

The record's constant abandonment of metal in favor of emo is pure frustration on listeners (metalheads are not the target audience for combining headbanging and Kleenex) and Jones' lyrics make the occasional attempt at ferocity come off as tame and laughable.

But, hey — what can you expect from a group that so earnestly covers Dio?

The Dead Weather "Horehound"

July 2009



People say that rock 'n' roll is dead. They're probably right. But Jack White isn't listening. His is the skeletal hand reaching up from the genre's 30-year-old grave.

White's latest project, The Dead Weather, features neither his voice nor his equally distinctive guitar voice, yet White's signature is still unmistakably present. But to call The Dead Weather another of White's 'projects' is unfair. The group, as with White's other venture The Raconteurs, is a four-way collaboration that bears the misfortunes of carrying Jack White III's weighty name.

Even then, The Dead Weather's debut, "Horehound," cannot escape the classic White sound. The chief conspirator's stamp is so prevalent that each instrument sounds as if it's played by White himself, down to singer Alison Mosshart's (of The Kills) Joplin-esque howl, which says more about the pitch of White's voice than the lady's (although White does provide background vocals that abandon his typical high-pitched whine in favor of grit and blues).

Often, with Jack Lawrence's full bass sound and a more streamlined guitar sound courtesy of Queens of the Stone Age contributor Dean Fertita, The Dead Weather sounds like a "what if...?" version of The White Stripes. What if the Stripes had full-time bass? What if the Stripes had a truly competent drummer? What if Jack White's often bizarre guitar playing was reeled in to serve a group?

Well, this is it. Throw in some organ in the back-end, and "Horehound" realizes a White Stripes dream come true. While both the Stripes and The Dead Weather employ a neo-blues sonic esthetic, the latter's roots are in a Detroit garage-rock scene whereas the former are based in White's adopted hometown of Nashville, Tenn., a region of which The Dead Weather's sound is very indicative. The quartet collectively oozes swamp water and whiskey out of its Marshall stacks, a sound that's as much attitude and swagger as anything else.

Unlike the radio-friendly jams of White's previous two groups, no pop hits will be found on "Horehound." The record is smoky, bluesy rock 'n' roll with a taste of each member's own flavor from the alternative scene. Each song is a tightly wound explosion of Southern energy, Mosshart wailing like a wild banshee. White's forceful drumming urging the group faster, harder, stronger. Amid the tug-of-war between vocalist and percussionist, Fertita and Lawrence attempt to hold the storm together. This tug and hold, push and pull duality makes "Horehound" a wild ride from beginning to end, one of those records upon whose completion of raucous energy the listener is left itching for more. Problem is, there ain't no more; there ain't no rock out there pure and sassy as The Dead Weather's, so we'll just have to play "Horehound" again and again until either Jack White III or another unknown savior strike again.

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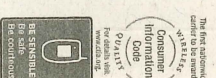
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▶ Joan of Arc

Often times, musicians are known to commit strange acts or do unique things to get attention or in order to define themselves. Take for instance Janet's "wardrobe malfunction" or Prince deciding on a symbol for his name instead of the conventional six letters that make up one syllable. In the non-mainstream music genre, the same ideas apply as bands continue to act upon their inimitable instincts in order to set themselves even further apart from the majority. Take for instance Joan of Arc. The Chicago-formed punk band has released a live album that is, in fact, not live, as well as an 11-track album which only contains 10 songs. Joan of Arc is a seven-member band and despite how complicated they've tried to make themselves look, one thing remains the same—their songs are

purely simple and easy listening. The smooth voice of lead singer Tim Kinsellas often reminds me of Keane's Tom Chaplin and the interludes of synthetic and electronic sounds are very comparable to those of Perpetual Groove. Kinsellas is the group's songwriter, and because of his natural talent, Joan of Arc's lyrics have developed a reputation for being confusing, purposefully misleading and humorous. This week if your iPod seems a bit dreary, consider downloading these songs from Joan of Arc's 1998 album titled "How Memory Works." Hear this: "White Out" You will see what I mean by confusing lyrics in this track. "This Life Cumulative" Interestingly, this song is about the widespread media coverage of Fiona Apple. "Gin & Platonin" This one's for the electronic fans.

A roundup of the daily specials and trivia nights at Clemson's favorite bars

TIME OUT

Local

TID's

Saturdays - Trivia 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays - \$1 burgers
 Mondays - All-you-can-eat wings

Mellow Mushroom

Thursdays - Trivia 8:30 p.m.
 buy large pizza get pitcher for free

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Mondays - all-you-can-eat sushi
 Wednesdays - wine tastings 8 p.m.
 Thursday - \$3.56 sushi rolls

Rockhopper's

Thursdays - Trivia 8 p.m.

Peppino's

Mondays - Trivia 8 p.m. \$1 pint/slices
 Thursdays - \$1 pint/slices pool tournament 8 p.m.

Wingin' It

Tuesdays - 8 p.m. Trivia
 Wednesdays - buy 1/2 get 1/2 free get 4-10 p.m.
 Tuesdays - Two pound wings any Bud for \$15.95
 Thursdays - \$6 pitcher drinks 4-8 p.m.
 Mondays - Cornhole 8 p.m.

Tiger Town Tavern

Wednesdays - Trivia 10 p.m.

NEW RULES FOR YOUR ONLINE SELF

f Facebook

With more than 250 million users worldwide, it's not surprising that the king of all social networking sites is in the direct need of correct usage guidelines.

- **DO** respond to event invitations. Letting the party planner know how many people may show up will help ensure there's enough food (and drink) to go around.
- **DO** keep your rocky romantic life private. Just because there's an option to display your relationship status doesn't mean you have to use it—especially if it changes on a daily basis.
- **DO** be friends with (or your social lives) enough to learn how to create a profile, you can put up with an occasional embarrassing comment.

t Twitter

The most recent addition to the social networking world and the obsession of everyone from Wall Street businessmen to pop princesses, Twitter requires little intelligence to use, but a lot (apparently) to use properly.

- **DO** post links to interesting stories. People use Twitter for a variety of reasons, one of which is to see what's going on outside their own microcosm.
- **DO** consider breathing between updates. Tweeting compulsively fills up your followers' hompages and sends unnecessary twi-fits.
- **DO** mind the character limit. There's a reason for the 140 character restriction: people's attention spans rarely allow for any more detail.
- **DON'T** unfollow someone just because they unfollowed you. Even if they've deemed you unworthy of their virtual circle of friends, you can still benefit from the information they tweet.
- **DON'T** link your Twitter to your Facebook status. Mixing your social networking sites is like combining a gray-haired politician and a governor from Alaska. And we all know how that turned out.



E-mail

Digital communication is not going away anytime soon. So why not make sure your messages reflect the educated, thoughtful person you pretend to be?

- **DO** use correct grammar. Even if you write like you speak, take the time to punctuate properly and proofread before hitting the send button.
- **DO** keep it short. Try to accommodate our ever-decreasing attention spans and be concise.

Cell Phone

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Cell phones have undergone substantial changes since the first bricklike version was introduced in 1973, but the etiquette of use seems to be evolving far more slowly.

- **DO** return calls. There's no faster way to lose a friendship, a job or your chance to win free Lil' Wayne tickets than by ignoring that missed call.
- **DO** keep your calls out of the can. Not only do your bodily functions make unappetizing background music, but dropping your BlackBerry in the toilet is not fun for anyone.
- **DO** turn off the "sent from my iPhone" signature. No one cares.

Myspace



You're in college now, so...
 • **DON'T** have one. Seriously.

