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GOP starts gubernatorial race

Republicans rally to unseat Sanford. Will Democrats beat them to it?

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The South Carolina Republican Party will take its first steps to restore its shattered image and credibility with the "First in the State GOP Gubernatorial Debate" on Sept. 22 in Newberry, S.C.

The debate will be held at the Newberry Opera House and will be streamed live on wistv.com. Additionally, viewers across the state will be able to submit questions ahead of time via YouTube.

Katie Welborn, president of the Clemson College Republicans, said the group is taking 10 students to the debate. "It's the first time all the gubernatorial candidates are getting together for the big issues," said Welborn.

In addition to Senator Larry Grooms and Representative Nikki Haley, both Clemson graduates, the debate will spotlight Congressman Gresham Barrett, Attorney General Henry McMaster, and Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer. Grooms recently visited Clemson this spring. Haley and McMaster can be expect-

ed in October. Barrett and Bauer have not yet made official plans.

Although an array of topics will be presented to the candidates, Welborn wants to know how a candidate plans to handle South Carolina's budget, as well as tax reform. "I think there's been a lot of wasteful spending done on the national level," she said. "I'd ask them how they could keep that to a minimum."

Will Maxey, president of the Clemson College Democrats, wants to be convinced the Republicans will change their ways of governing.

"We hear a lot of the same platitudes, a lot of the same sound bites and catchphrases from Republican candidates," said Maxey. "What kind of leadership can you offer to South Carolina voters that's different from what's going on right now?"

Indeed, assurance will be key Tuesday night to begin restoring confidence in the GOP, which has become a tangled web of outrage, scandal and controversy, most notably, Governor Mark Sanford's extra-

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Sanford's scandal initiated Andre Bauer's call for a Republican debate including future candidates on Sept. 22.

Language links businesses

Students get the chance to study in Spain and Denmark.

LOUISE GOODMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A new program will help fund Clemson University business and marketing majors to increase language skills, interpersonal communication methods and gain international work experience while they spend semesters in Spain and Denmark as part of their undergraduate studies.

The Transatlantic Double Degree in International Business (TADIB) will be sending students to Carlos III University in Madrid, Spain, where they will be met by Aarhus University (Denmark) Business students to begin the cohort experience. They will receive \$2,000 assistance for this semester study. Students will take classes in international marketing and management together in Spanish for one semester. They will then return to Clemson with their Aarhus University cohorts for a year of classes. The students will then study in Denmark at Aarhus University for a year, where they will receive \$3,500 assistance packages for each semester. In total, students will receive \$9,000 for their abroad studies in the program.

The cohort aspect of the program is designed to create strong working relationships crucial to the business community. Additionally, out of state students pay in-state



MELISSA WHITSON/timeout editor

Madrid is the first destination for the business and marketing students.

tuition plus an additional 10 percent for all semesters spent abroad. Professor of management and U.S. Project Director of TADIB, Mark Mcknew, explained that the students are encouraged to spend time together as a cohort but are not required to live as a cohort. Students will get the opportunity to show their cooperative skills by doing student research projects as a team with their cohorts. Project forms can include presentations and full-length theses on entrepreneurship and sustainable consumption.

Eligible students will need to be able to commit at least three semesters abroad included in the five-semester cohort experience. TADIB is now recruiting students to begin the first leg of the program in the spring 2010 semester.

No new degrees are being creat-

ed; the TADIB program combines existing curriculum and allows students to earn a bachelor's degree from Clemson University and Aarhus University in Denmark, or Carlos III University in Madrid in four years. Prof. of Marketing, and Academic Coordinator of TADIB, John Mittelstaedt feels the geography of the universities will prove crucial and said, "Graduates will be credentialed on two continents, which we think will be important in the long run."

The program will better prepare South Carolina college students for the workforce they will enter after graduation. "After Hawaii, South Carolina is the state with the largest percentage of its population working for foreign-owned multinational firms. The vast majority of

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Hazing halted

Prevention event kicks off next week.

COHEN SIMPSON
STAFF WRITER

The National Hazing Prevention event, sponsored by the Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Center for Student Life and the Office of Community and Ethical Standards, is designed to increase knowledge and awareness surrounding hazing issues at Clemson — a campus where approximately 21 percent of its student body belongs to a fraternity or sorority.

Kristen Norris, a graduate assistant involved with the production of the event, maintained the importance of education as an effective means of prevention.

"Several studies have shown that proactive steps taken in hazing education can help to lead to a culture shift in organizations and on college campuses. While there is certainly still a need for reactive measures, this is where the first step should be taken."

In the past, Clemson has had minimal involvement in National Hazing Prevention Week.

However, this year the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life has redoubled its role, offering both students and staff various means of prevention education throughout the week.

Educational opportunities include an essay contest on the responsibilities of hazing witnesses and a workshop designed to increase the hazing awareness of advisors to

Greek organizations.

Additionally, CAMPUSPEAK personality TJ Sullivan will present "Confronting the Idiot in your Organization," an event designed to challenge members of Greek life to address the unsavory actions and attitudes of fellow members in a positive and effective manner.

Hazing, which is explicitly forbidden in the Clemson University Student Code of Conduct, is defined as: "intentionally or recklessly engaging in acts, which have a foreseeable potential for causing harm for the purposes of initiation."

According to the Code of Conduct, actions that constitute hazing "include, but are not limited to, paddling, consumption of alcohol or gross mixtures and morally degrading or humiliating games or events..." to name a few.

Norris hopes that the event will dispel preconceived notions of Greek life. She said, "[The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life] is hoping that those that hold negative perceptions about Greek Life will see that we are working hard to educate the campus community on the negative effects of hazing as well as taking a proactive step to end hazing on our campus."

According to Clemson University Student Conduct Statistics between 2006 and 2008, The Office of Community and Ethical Standards reported just four cases in violation of the University hazing policy.

CU asks Abby

Undergraduate Student Body President Abby Daniel gives her thoughts on the year so far.

DUSTIN PEARSON
STAFF WRITER

How do you feel right now?

My presidency — So far I have had a blast with my responsibilities. It has been really busy and challenging, but also really fun. I think the academic year has started off well, and I know CUSG has a lot planned for the student body already.

In general — I'm a little bit stressed about two tests I have this week. Staying on top of my school work has been a particular challenge with all I've had going on, but I'm sure it will be fine, just some long nights in the library.

How did you pick your cabinet? Was there a neat selection process you created or any crafty criteria?

I, along with Vice President Duane and Chief of Staff Spear, first looked through applications and then interviewed all of the applicants. This year we didn't only focus on who could get each job done best, but also how they would work together with the rest of the group. So far, that approach has been paying off. Everyone has been getting along really well and supporting one another in their projects.

What are the top three issues that you are most passionate about and working to improve? How are you going about improving them?

First, I would say transit is of particular importance to me this year. The transit fee that students pay almost single-handedly supports the CAT service we receive on campus. Not only are we working to improve service across the board, we are looking at changing the funding model so a few more parts of campus are paying into the service.

Secondly, one of CUSG's top priorities this year is to hear from more students and to get more information out to students. We have a newly updated Web site with more features, we plan to be on Facebook soon, and possibly also Twitter. We are, of course, always available in the offices or by e-mail, and would love to increase participation through those avenues, as well. We have found that input increases the more students get to experience their concerns actually being resolved, so we plan to keep working hard to resolve whatever comes our way.

Third, Student Government plans to play a very active role in state and federal lobbying

this year. With such severe budget cuts coming from the state level, our legislators need to hear directly from students why our funding needs to be restored so that we can continue receiving the level of education we do without significant cost increases. We also need to work harder than ever to get as much grant funding as possible at the federal level.

What is your favorite color?

Tiffany blue

If you could retire tomorrow and were able to make your wildest dream(s) come true, knowing you had all the time in the world, what would you do?

I would travel, mostly through Europe. I've been three times, but each time I go I just discover new places I want to visit. I would eventually settle in either southern France or the Tuscany region of Italy. Of course, I would hope to enjoy all of it with my family.

Who/What is your favorite music artist/movie/novel and why?

Music artist — I'm a big fan of country. Right now I would say my favorite is Lady Antebellum.

Movie — Breakfast at Tiffany's; I have a bit of an obsession with Audrey Hepburn. It's really hard to decide between her movies because I love several of them, but Breakfast at Tiffany's was my first love.

Novel — I'm a sucker for mystery novels, and my absolute favorites are the ones written by Mary Higgins Clark. Her writing style makes for a quick and entertaining read.

What can the student body expect to gain from your time during office?

The student body can expect to gain more input on every decision being made on campus that affects them. Not only myself, but all members of CUSG are around the table daily with faculty, staff, and administration representing the best interest of our students. We are honored to have that responsibility and take it very seriously. Hopefully our involvement will lead to positive change in areas such as student athletic ticket distribution, improving the ePortfolio, addressing key health and safety concerns on campus, more equitable support of CAT service, improving student advising, and giving students a voice on governmental issues that affect Clemson on a

local, state, and federal level.

What are the most popular concerns of the student body addressed to you?

Parking and/or CAT bus service, by far, mostly from commuter students. CUSG has recently helped develop a comprehensive pocket-size card that provides riding and walking times from all commuter lots, though, so students can look at their other options and find a better route to their classes.

What is your favorite thing about Clemson University?

This is one of the hardest questions I ever have to answer — I cannot narrow it down to one thing. I love how beautiful the campus is; no matter how crummy a day I'm having, just walking through campus can lift my spirits. I appreciate that I am getting a fantastic education that will serve me well in the future. I prob-

ably love most the people of Clemson University — not just the incredible students I have met, worked with, and become friends with, but faculty, staff, community members, and alumni that are all so willing to talk to and help a fellow Tiger at any time. Coming to Clemson has been a life-changing experience for me; it has made me who I am today.

Clemson prides itself on its diversity. If someone challenged that, how would you show them that Clemson is in fact diverse?

First, I think diversity means more than some people think. Aside from racial diversity, diversity also includes difference in upbringing, religion, political views, and lifestyle choices. Some of that is exhibited by the presence of 18 religiously affiliated student organizations, several political organizations, and students representing all 50 states and 89 countries. If

that doesn't show diversity, I'm not sure what does.

What do you do in your spare time?

When I have spare time I typically spend it with friends, catching up with favorite TV shows or by catching up on sleep. I also try as hard as I can to spend time with family whenever I get the opportunity.

Knowing that this interview is going to be featured in The Tiger for everyone to read, what do you want to say to the student body that I haven't already asked you?

In my e-mail to the student body last week, I asked for students to send me their concerns so CUSG could help resolve them. I've already been contacted by four students and all of their concerns are on the way to being fixed!

The same response is possible for any other student out there if they choose to send us a concern or question, so please do! We love hearing from students!

"I have a bit of an obsession with Audrey Hepburn."



Tigra Scientifica

Dr. Haibo Liu talks turfgrass.

HOLLY TUTEN
STAFF WRITER

What is your research interest?

My research interest is turfgrass management, focused on reducing nutrient inputs like fertilizers and cultivating hardier turfgrasses. We use foliar application. That means we apply fertilizer to leaves and not roots. Leaf-based absorption increases efficiency. This has applications outside of turfgrass, for example in fruit and soybean cultivation. Particularly you can improve absorption of micronutrients, because leaf area is so high.

Why is turfgrass important?

Turfgrass is the grass on lawns, golf courses, sports fields, parks and utility areas, like buffer zones around airports. First, some numbers on turfgrass: In the United States there are 70,000 square miles of turf. That is bigger than South Carolina. Lawns occupy 65 percent. There are 60 million home lawns in the United States. The annual revenue from this is about \$60 billion. Only 8 percent of turfgrass area in the United States is on golf courses. There are 17,000 golf courses in the United States. One percent of the turfgrass area is sports turf, like football fields. Each year this turf traps 12 million tons of dust from the air, because you have zillions of leaf blades, like a carpet. As plants, turfgrasses produce oxygen. If you have a regular home lawn, the oxygen produced is enough for a family of four. Turfgrasses should be environmentally friendly, and that has always been the case. But people have misperceptions

about it. This probably exists because golf courses use turfgrass, and they are very high maintenance.

What are you working on right now?

I'm investigating the uses of "Diamond Zoysiagrass" (pronounced: ZOY-shuhgrass). It uses 60 percent less nitrogen than bermudagrass, a common type of turfgrass in our area and can live in the shade. We experiment with different nitrogen inputs and measure grass performance. Another project is on foliar application of nutrients, like nitrogen. I have a Ph.D. student working on that right now. The point is to find an existing cultivar that has low nitrogen requirements when using foliar application methods. Also, we want grasses that can thrive in acidic soils. In acidic soils, aluminum becomes a free metal which is bad for plants. Fortunately, there are some grasses, including turfgrass, that can adapt. We constantly analyze leaf clippings for nitrogen content. We sample the roots as well.

Why does Clemson University have a turfgrass program?

Just think about the job market. Of the 17,000 golf courses nationwide, each has to have at minimum three employees. Now, there are also sports fields and home lawn care. So, how many people are really working on these 70,000 square miles of turf in the United States? About one million people. That means that for every five people in agriculture, one person is working on turf. Statewide, there are more than 400 golf courses,



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Dr. Liu now investigating "Diamond Zoysiagrass."

more than one million lawns, dozens of sod farms and about 15,000 sports turf facilities, generating more than 25,000 full-time jobs and contributing about two billion dollars annually to South Carolina's economy.

Why do you work on turfgrass?

Golf courses are beautiful and very aesthetically appealing. One neat thing we do, I'm very proud of this, is that we have turf internships. Turf students go everywhere to do their internships. Every summer I visit about a dozen to 20 interns — so every summer I visit golf courses. I really enjoy being outside and visiting my students. Also, I get a chance to talk to supervisors about their turf problems. Students can learn more about the internship program at www.clemson.edu/extension/horticulture/turf.

Weekly News Update

World News

The New York Times

Former Taiwan President and first lady received life sentences for corruption and money laundering charges on Sept. 11.

Chen Shui-bian was convicted for concealing classified documents, destroying official state documents, receiving bribes during his time in office and 600 million New Taiwan dollars, the equivalent to U.S. \$17.7 million. Chen's defense team argued that most of the evidence against him was fraudulent and politically motivated. They tried to prove the bribes were actually political donations. Neither Chen nor his defense has indicated if they will attempt to appeal or lessen the sentence. Chen was asked to be relieved from the court room during the majority of his trial and was not present when the court delivered his life sentence and fine of 200 million New Taiwan dollars (U.S. \$6.1 million).

Mr. Chen's wife, Wu Shu-chen was charged on similar charges, as well as for lying to prosecutors. Mrs. Wu received a life sentence and a 300 million New Taiwan dollar fine (U.S. \$9.1 million).

The sentences are a loss for Chen's former political party, which strongly supports independence from China.

BBC

Top Taliban official and four senior militants were arrested in Pakistan.

The five Taliban militants, including key Taliban spokesman Muslim Khan, were arrested in the Swat Valley of northwestern Pakistan. Pakistan army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas indicated that the arrests were crucial to limit the leadership and restructure the abilities of the region's Taliban forces. Abbas did not give details to the arrests but said they were legitimate and denied any reports that corruption or chicanery was involved.

The arrests were made during part of a larger operation to limit Taliban forces in Swat Valley and to prevent it from encroaching on larger cities. The heart of the fighting took place only 96 km (60 mi) outside of the capital city, Islamabad.

Khan is one of the senior Taliban officials in Pakistan and one of the most recognized faces of the organization worldwide. In the past, Khan has given televised interviews and sent letters to international news agencies, such as BBC, in English and Arabic.

Khan has been associated with the Taliban for the past 10 years. Before that, he worked for a British shipping company, and he later lived and worked in the United States.

L.A. Times

After a year and a half intensive study, a government official in Guatemala has acknowledged that during the nation's civil war, the Guatemalan army was responsible for kidnapping children and profiting from their adoption.

The investigation began in May 2008 after years of suspicion that documents had been concealed as to the whereabouts of missing children during Guatemala's 36-year civil war.

Investigators focused in on documents from 1977-1989, which they felt were the most ambiguous. Of the 672 records, they proved that 333 of them belonged to children.

These children had been removed from their parents who had been arrested, or the children had just been abducted from communities and put up for adoption.

Officially, the government ministry estimates that 200,000 deaths were accounted for during the conflict. However, there are still 45,000 people left unaccounted for that have just 'disappeared' during the civil war; 5,000 who are children.

Records indicate that most of these children were sent to the United States, France, Italy and Sweden.

Foreign adoptions bring in an average of \$30,000 per child. Guatemala still has the highest per capita adoption rate today.

National News

L.A. Times

After a daylong delay, the Discovery space shuttle landed safely in the Mojave Desert in Calif. on Sept. 11.

The shuttle had originally planned to land at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Sept. 10 but was hindered by poor weather. The shuttle alternatively landed at Edwards Air Force Base at 8:53 p.m. ET. Bad weather in Central Florida caused the landing mission to be delayed until NASA officials deemed a California landing was the best precautionary measure. This decision was not without cost, however, and adds an additional week of time before the vessel can go on another mission. NASA estimates the process of bringing the spacecraft back to Florida for a future launch will cost around \$1.7 million. After examining the vehicle for severe damage that requires immediate repairs, it will return to Florida on a Boeing 747.

The most recent Discovery mission resupplied and repaired the international space station. Seven astronauts made the 13-day mission.

CNN

A conservative advocacy group The Tea Party Express, concluded its cross-country tour with a rally at Capitol Hill on Sept. 12.

The group was officially formed on July 4, when almost 2,000 people gathered outside Congress to protest the recent increase in government spending. The group affiliates itself with the Boston Tea Party, but got its name from the acronym 'Taxed Enough Already.'

Following the July 4 protest, the group developed The Tea Party Express, a series of planned rallies across the country to draw attention to high government spending and the problems with the executive branch's proposed health care reform. The rallies began in Sacramento, Calif. and moved eastward stopping in 30 cities. The tour was primarily funded by Our Country Deserves Better, a conservative political action committee, but took online donations from various affiliated Web sites as well.

The group has not indicated whether or not they will hold future rallies or series of protests in the near future, but a spokesperson did indicate that they appreciated the bipartisan support they received, and they felt the rallies were successful in initiating conversation about the topics.

The New York Times

A new flu vaccine that is estimated to be powerful enough to protect against the H1N1 swine flu will come out after the peak of the virus hits.

Many scientists fear that the cold season will begin early this year and bring the H1N1 virus before the newly developed vaccine can be distributed. Epidemiologists at the Harvard School of Public Health estimate that the H1N1 virus will hit much earlier than regular flu season, which is January and February.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have already deemed flu activity to be "widespread," yielding the highest of all five determining levels in 11 states already.

Fifty million doses of the vaccine are estimated to reach government warehouses by mid-October with additional shipments of 20 million more per week. Further delaying the treatment, these lots must also be divided and distributed to health centers and schools. This has brought on fear that not all 195 million Americans that are cited as needing the vaccine will receive it in time.

Clinical trials indicate that patients will respond to the immunization 8 to 10 days after receiving the injection.

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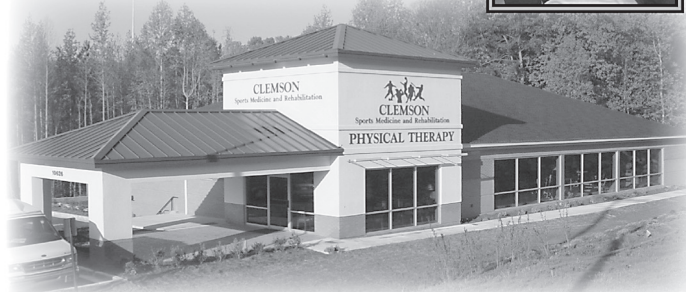
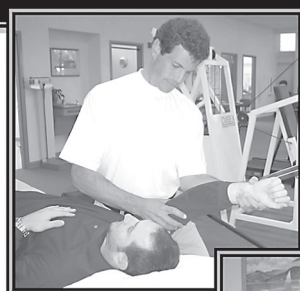
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ePortfolio issues tackled

CUSG collaborates with various task forces to improve program.

KATE RIPLEY
NEWS EDITOR

LOUISE GOODMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After much collaboration between Clemson Undergraduate Student Government (CUSG) and the ePortfolio office, the University Curriculum Committee has lowered the number of required competencies in response to student complaints concerning the electronic program.

This collaboration has led to better information on innovations and changes to the program administration, and students will have a chance to communicate on their concerns and suggestions for the program. Possibly the most prominent concern addressed by students is the large number of competencies required in each portfolio. In response to these concerns, the number of competencies has been lowered from 22 to 19, according to the ePortfolio director, Dr. Gail Ring. These requirements evaluate student comprehension in various subjects that reflect a variety of course works and various computer

program and communication abilities.

A task force currently meets bi-weekly to better align student, administrators and faculty understanding and clarify ambiguities.

To address this and other concerns, CUSG has created its own ePortfolio Committee that utilizes resources to further investigate and evaluate the competencies as well as gain a collective voice of the student body on these issues.

The general ePortfolio Committee and the CUSG ePortfolio Committee will have the opportunity to make their recommendations to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC), which make the final decision of all general education component requirements. The UCC's consideration for amending the ePortfolio program is part of a larger effort that includes a complete reevaluation of the entire general education requirements.

"I think that it's important to point out that the portfolio is a mechanism through which we evaluate undergrad education. It's not up to me, it's not up to students, it's not up to the provost, it's up to faculty to own general education and who also own their curriculum,"

said Ring.

With the possibility of these coming changes to general education and the ePortfolio program, CUSG feels it can play a vital role in the process because of its unique position to communicate with both the administration and the student body. James Wood, undergraduate senate's academic affairs chairman, said, "It is impossible to have an effective program without the administrators receiving feedback from the students on what works and what doesn't. CUSG serves as one of the biggest student voices in all aspects of the Clemson experience, and academics is no different. ePortfolio can't be improved for the betterment of students if we don't say what's wrong and how to fix it."

CUSG is planning to continue to work with administration groups to allow for a more harmonious relationship between the students and the necessity of the ePortfolio in the future. Wood said, "If there's a meeting about ePortfolio, someone is there advocating for a program that will accomplish its goal (SACS requirements) in a manner that is not burdensome to Clemson students."

H1N1 FLU

Things you should know

- Redfern Health Center confirmed more than 250 cases of the H1N1 flu since the beginning of the school year, according to a report by the Clemson University Media Relations.

- In addition, Redfern made adjustments in the policies regarding visits. Students who have flu-like symptoms and also have a medical condition that puts them at higher risk should make an appointment. However, the health center advises those who do not have another medical condition to "self-isolate and care for themselves."

- Appointments are not being taken for elective care or any procedure that could be completed at a later date. Any appointments for prescription refills are also discouraged, as these can be handled over the phone and ready in 24 hours.

- To help those who currently have the flu, Clemson Dining Services can provide boxed meals to be picked up and delivered to sick students. The meal service allows students to place an order for the following day. It is required that the person picking up the meal has a signed note from the recipient of the meal.

- According to a report by Inside Clemson, issued via e-mail on Wednesday, the University began planning a response to a potential flu outbreak since 2006. A team of 60 staff members monitors the situation on a regular basis.

- The CDC Web site states that symptoms of the H1N1 flu include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue

- Flu shots are currently available for the seasonal flu, but do not protect against the H1N1 flu. A vaccine for H1N1 flu has not been distributed yet.

- New federal guidelines advise doctors to only treat patients with Tamiflu if they have a high risk of complications.

*All facts are based on information distributed as of Wednesday night.

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marital affair.

Welborn believes the Sanford scandal will not hurt Republicans' chances of getting elected in 2010.

"I think the party's strong, and they'll definitely be able to look past that," she said. "Originally they just did a motion of censure but now they've asked him to step down from the office of the governor."

Maxey believes Congressman Joe Wilson's outburst during President Obama's speech last week will not impact the Republicans either.

"That kind of comment does rally the Republican base," he said.

According to Maxey, what will threaten a GOP win is the voter registration drive that took place in 2008. "There's so many new voters on the roll," he said. "And many, many of those are Democrats that have never voted before."

South Carolina has been a historically conservative state, but Welborn encourages students not to take that for granted.

"We as college students aren't just the future of the Republican Party," she said. "We are part of the Republican Party."

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these companies are out of Europe," said Mcknew. Foreign-owned South Carolina employers include BMW, Michelin and Bloom. In addition to real world experience, the program will provide a strong resume builder. Mcknew said, "It gives [students] an international educational credential to show to prospective U.S. and international firms. This will be a real demonstration that they can work and succeed in a global economy."

Business and marketing students are excited about the design of the TABID program, particularly its language components and European business experience. CBBS are welcoming the new opportunities it can bring to the business field in the future and Clemson students. Senior business management student David Mallory said, "Successful business is global. Global business requires cross cultural understanding and communication. International experience and multilingualism is a must."

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IN STORES NOW

Building without a trace

Class designs sustainable structure for the Organic Farm.

JACOB SATTERFIELD
STAFF WRITER

As society steadily grows more environmentally conscious, so does the demand for energy efficiency. In response, four students and two professors at Clemson University work toward meeting that demand by undertaking a project to design buildings that are both energy sustainable and renewable in the Organic Farm.

According to its mission statement, the team plans on designing a “growing space for crops, a place for community gathering, and an example to the industry for new and sustainable building techniques and designs.” Along with these goals, they want these buildings to have as small of a carbon footprint as possible.

This project is also a class. Those who will actually do the primary work of designing these buildings are the students in this class, while the professors are there to help guide them along the way.

“The staff member out at the Organic Farm is really sort of setting the direction for it. I’m just sort of advising the students in terms of what they are going to be working on architecturally,” Architecture Professor Robert Hogan said.

As of right now, the students are researching the project in order to gain the necessary information to officially begin designing these structures.

“We are studying how the Organic Farm operates and making design decisions that are not only architecturally interesting, but facilitate the farm labor,” said Julie Conard, sophomore and the project’s press and funding contact. One of the steps taken to learn more about it involved three of the students travelling to the University of Kentucky.

“The UK architecture students have worked for several years on designing buildings on their organic farm



BLAIR PAULIK / STAFF

This innovative project utilizes state of the art renewable building techniques.

out of recycled materials,” Conard said.

They will also be travelling to Auburn University in Alabama where research for this topic is being done, as well. As for the challenges involved, Hogan said that it’s not too difficult.

“We’ve been actually doing this since the beginning of time, when we first started doing architecture,” Hogan said.

He further discussed how man has had to harness energy from water and wind in the past and that it is only recently that man has moved away from these resources. Hogan also believes that this topic will become of greater importance beyond just architecture in the future, so this will be of very useful experience for the students.

“I have learned so much with this opportunity to take all of the concepts that I have learned in architecture studio and actually see what it looks to apply them,” Conard said. “Every architecture student desires to see their models and sketches and ideas become a reality, and I am so excited that I have the chance to do that.”



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“Should a teacher’s (K-12) pay be based on student’s performance in the classroom or their degree level (Bachelor’s, Master’s, etc)?”

“Both sides have merits, but degree-based pay is better.”



Marcus Moore
mathematical science
senior



Angel Marvin
statistics
junior

“A student’s merits shouldn’t matter, a teacher is not responsible for a student’s work ethic.”

“Degree based, because if they are paid by student merits everyone will give A’s.”



Greg Jansen
mathematical science
junior



Claudio Delli Carpini
psychology
freshman

“I believe teacher’s pay should be based on degree level because natural intellect usually reflects grades, but a degree shows determination.”

“I think teacher’s pay should be based on student’s performance because it will make teachers pay more attention to students’ specific needs and make them want their students to be the best.”



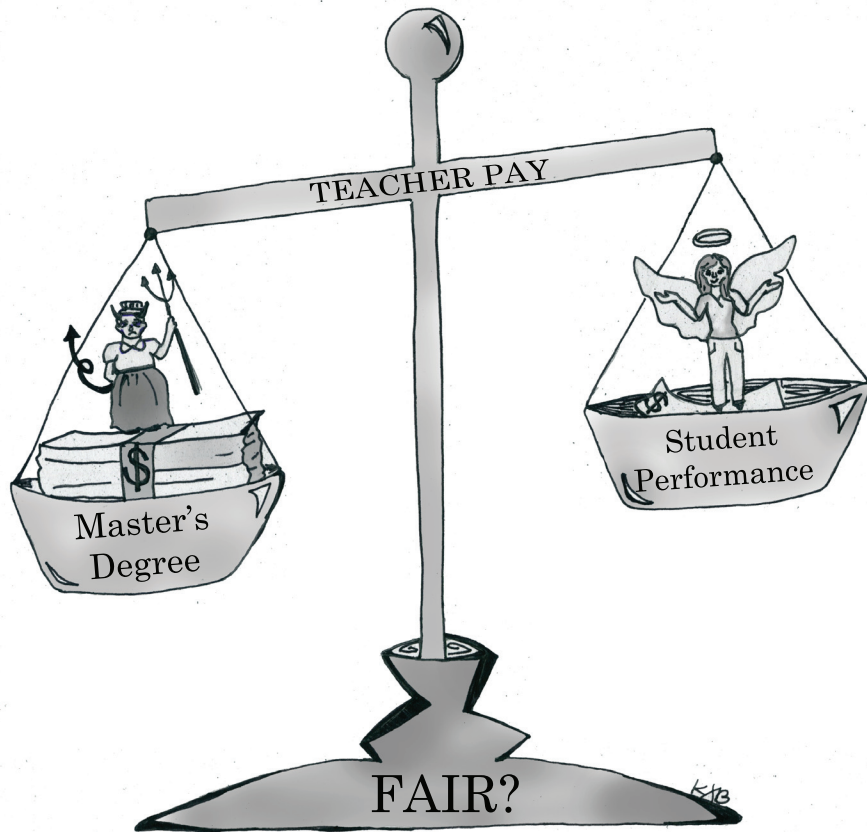
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Jennifer Gunn
secondary education
sophomore

“I think a teacher’s salary should be based on their degree level. A teacher can present all information correctly... but the desire to perform well and excel comes from the student alone.”

Pay for performance



We’ve all had bad teachers in our k-12 experiences. There were those in elementary school who wouldn’t let us go to the bathroom or made us walk with “quiet sticks” at all times. There were those in middle school who gave us detention for public displays of affection or intercepted notes and read them aloud to the class. And, of course, there were those in high school who were lethally boring or irrationally strict, fearful and critical of their hooligan students who would surely be the demise of the country. No matter at what age or in which grade, chances are you’ve encountered a horrible teacher, and if you’ve encountered a horrible teacher, chances are you’ve thought: “Why in the world are they licensed?” You’re not the only one asking that question.

In efforts to curb the high school drop-out rate and raise educational standards in the United States, Obama administration officials encourage a shift toward student evaluations as the standard for teacher pay raise rather than number of degrees obtained. While not altogether new and unheard of, this trend raises an interesting question about teacher evaluations and pay: how should it be handled? Should teachers be paid based on the highest degrees they’ve obtained, or should student performance determined by standardized testing indicate instructor merit? In essence, what makes a good teacher? The issue is far from one-sided, as both options have inherent flaws.

Firstly, the option of teacher pay raises based on student evaluations obliterates the need for higher degrees in education. This is particularly important to Clemson students due to the merit of our college of education. All you grad students can give it a rest because your hard work is getting you nowhere (at least with this plan). After all, what is the incentive to shell out more money than is necessary for a degree that offers no hope of eventually paying itself off? Education masters programs would suffer huge losses in enrollment and funding should higher degrees no longer be considered in a teacher’s salary. Those teachers who have

already attended graduate school would suddenly find their efforts pointless, and what better way to instill confidence in the educational system than by screwing over the up and coming instructors right out of the gate?

Also, judging a teacher based solely on class performance (i.e. standardized tests) encourages that teacher to teach only with a certain test in mind. Teachers focus on the standards laid out in the test because essentially they are the ones being graded, not the students. Does the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) ring any bells for you South Carolina natives? This method perhaps stunts progress because students and teachers both focus on learning not for the sake of knowing, but for the sake of passing. In other words, teachers teach tests, not materials.

Also, standardized tests vary in different states. I’m sure you out-of-state students have a veritable alphabet soup of standardized test acronyms of which to lament the horrors. But even if a “fair” test were issued which presumably would measure the nation’s students in order to measure the nation’s teachers, the problem of instruction for and towards a test would still exist.

That said, the value of classroom performance as an indicator of effective or ineffective teaching skills should not be ignored entirely. Don’t rule it out. But, if there isn’t a fair way to judge student performance, then should it even count for or against teachers? Yes, definitely. While a foolproof method of labeling teachers as “bad” or “good” doesn’t exist, student performance should still be attended to. After all, the students are the ones who benefit from the educational system. If they aren’t benefiting, something isn’t working. Also, evaluating student performance spurs teachers to strive for self-improvement. It provides feedback that may indicate the effectiveness of a certain method or activity. If a teacher isn’t productive in the classroom, then it doesn’t matter how many degrees they have earned. Only student performance and comprehension can signify the effectiveness of a teacher in

the classroom. The trouble lies in finding a fair way to evaluate student performance, a way that is productive for the student rather than judgmental on the teacher.

So far we’ve only discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a teacher pay system based on student evaluation. What about one based on degrees obtained by the teachers, in which case a teacher with a masters degree would logically earn more than a one with a bachelors, even if that teacher had more experience. Or what about a system based on seniority, in which teachers who have been employed longer are paid more. Is this the way to go? The first method assumes that teaching degrees make better teachers. To many who oppose this system, that notion is simply false. While a higher degree is perhaps valuable to some extent in the field, it doesn’t guarantee an effective teacher nor does it guarantee that a certain teacher will be more knowledgeable about a subject than another. Many hold that qualities of a good teacher are acquired simply by teaching. You aren’t going to learn them in any classroom but your own. Also, some people just weren’t meant to be teachers, and no amount of earned degrees will change that. The merit system based on earned degrees keeps teachers jumping through hoops that are continually changing, ever in quest of a higher salary. Once again, the focus is taken off of the student and put onto a degree. Do we see a trend here?

Are advanced degrees in education valuable? Yes. Any pursuance of a higher level of education in one’s field is admirable. But, placing an emphasis solely on the ranking of degrees seems retroactive.

Similarly, pay raises based on teacher seniority are perhaps ineffective. Over time, teachers may become complacent in their positions or averse to new methods of instruction. Younger teachers, while inexperienced, relate better to students and also are knowledgeable about new technology or instructional tools. Is this to say that older teachers are bad teachers? Absolutely not; they are often those

with the most to teach. But pay raises based on seniority aren’t the only way to go.

It seems that in all of these pay-evaluation options, focus is taken away from the actual student which is always a negative shift. Who are teachers there for if not for students? Who do they “teach?” No, a solitary emphasis on degrees or classroom performance isn’t the answer.

What is, then? Perhaps an integration of both. If a masters degree is deemed beneficial to student achievement (note student achievement), then teachers should be required, or at least strongly encouraged, to earn one. Does this mean all teachers with bachelors degrees would be fired immediately? Not at all, but an incentive of some kind to strive for a higher degree should be offered, though the nature of such an incentive is debatable. Also, if student performance evaluations are deemed effective in bolstering educational standards, then they should be conducted, too. Both methods should be instituted in order to promote better-educated high school graduates. Teachers should be compensated based on what they know (their earned degrees) and what their kids know (classroom evaluations).

The theme that should be adhered to and emphasized is the student. It is teachers’ jobs to prepare the nation’s students for foreign and internal competition with their counterparts. It is the teacher’s job to care principally about their students and what they know. If his or her students are struggling, then regardless to a teacher’s salary, he or she isn’t fully doing their job. So, to come back to the original question, how should teachers be evaluated and paid? A definitive answer may not be readily available, given the flaws of each system singularly. But, if officials and teachers keep their eye on the ball, that is, they remember to focus on the students and not the salary, an improved educational system would surely result.

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COMMENTARY

Facts on Fees

REID GEYER

Columnist



There's a rule that those in marketing and public relations fields know all too well: no matter how much time you spend advertising, no matter how clear your presentations are, and no matter how much positive feedback you get, someone out there will still not "get it."

The same seems to be true with the way the College of Business and Behavioral Science has been handling the "CBBS Fee." They've put together a Web page to explain what the \$1,000 per semester is for and duplicated it on posters around campus.

But the truth is that if you ask a student who has visited the Web page if they understand what they're paying for or ask many professors within the college if they think the fee has helped, both parties will tell you "no." I myself was in that same camp until I began to ask around and figure out what it's all about.

So here are the facts:

First there is the history and total of the fee. The CBBS Fee was first put in place during the 2005-2006 school year by a former dean. The fee started then at \$500 per semester and generated \$2.4 million for the college. New administration in the college soon brought with it a hike in the fee that was capped at \$1,000 per semester. This generated revenue of \$3.19 million in 2006-2007 and \$4.12 million in 2007-2008. Altogether, this fee has added \$9.7 million to the college since 2005.

Next comes the question of where the money goes. Many faculty members have alleged that this large sum was being dumped into Clemson's general budget and not invested back directly in those who paid it. The Office of Institutional Research (OIR) at Clemson, charged with managing all things statistical here at the University, confirms that all of the money stayed within the college. However, figuring out where it went from there becomes more difficult. The money is mixed in with general revenue, so nothing can be tagged exclusively as "paid for by CBBS Fee." But we can note where expenses have gone up.

The college has promised that the majority of the money would go towards classroom instruction, including paying for more professors. According to OIR, that's true. "The evidence presented here supports the contention that CBBS has provided much more support for its instructional programs than the CBBS fees alone could have supported." While the CBBS now pays nearly \$9 million more a year for instruction, \$4 million of which goes to salaries, the fee generates less than half of that total at most. So when they say they're paying more for the classroom, that's happening.

So what are we getting back for it in the classroom? The college has hired an additional 27 faculty members since 2005, 20 of which are full-time professors. The rest of the \$9 million goes to pay for employee benefits and professional development which the Dean's office claims is about 15 to 20 percent of the revenue. This would still seem to be an extraordinarily high salary figure for the number hired, but I was assured that with the going rate for new business and finance professors, it was not. Endowed chairs also take up some of the expense.

The biggest benefit of the fee is the guarantee that no student in CBBS will have to postpone graduation because of class unavailability. The classes you need may not be at a convenient time or with the professor you want, but you will get them. The class sizes at the 400 level have also shrunk, creating what should be a fairly noticeable difference for students.

Not everything has improved since the addition of the fee. Our Business Week ranking did go down, as students rated our facilities lower and others lowered our academic quality ranking.

Many other regional schools such as UGA also dropped, but it should not be an excuse. The Dean's office is hoping to be able to put aside money for renovations soon that would have the added benefit of improving our rank, but when that will be is to be determined later.

So the final conclusion should be as such: the CBBS Fee is working, though at a slower rate than most would hope or expect. Our \$1,000 a semester investment is producing a return, though like many other investments in the United States, it's much lower than it could be. We must change the status quo, and I look forward to hearing what the Dean's office proposes to make sure it happens.

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COMMENTARY

A country of cars

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Columnist



There is not much left of American car manufacturers. The economic recession of the past two years has turned the mighty powerhouses of American engineering and manufacturing into monetary black holes. Not only have profits and sales almost universally declined for the "Big Three" of Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler, there is not much meaning left in buying any of these American-branded cars any more.

Perhaps 40 years ago buying from one of these companies meant that the vehicle was designed here, the parts were built here, and the car was assembled here. Today, the same can be said of many foreign cars. The only difference between the two is that foreign car companies are actually making money (or at least, losing less of it) and aren't using the American taxpayer as a crutch.

For example, Americans working in California designed the Titan, a full-size truck that was released in the 2004 model year. The goal of the Titan was to create a truck for the American car market for a company that did not have a full-size truck under its belt.

American workers assemble the truck in Mississippi from largely American parts, using American-drawn plans. This truck, however, is produced under the Nissan banner, which is perhaps the only "un-American" thing about it.

An even better example of American ingenuity was the Nissan "Z." What is now the best-selling sports car brand in the world started out as a roadster for Americans, designed primarily by the president of Nissan Motors USA. And now that a French company owns 44 percent of Nissan, the two most recent lines of Nissan's Z are probably the most culturally diverse cars in production today.

On the other side of the aisle, some cars that most consider quintessentially American are not even built in the States any more. Until recently, the Cadillac Escalade was built in Mexico and the Jeep Wrangler was built in Canada. Currently, even the Ford Fusion is built in Mexico.

At the same time the Frontier, Nissan's mid-size pickup truck, has been assembled in Tennessee since before it was even called a Frontier, while Pontiac, an entire branch of GM, existed almost solely so GM could re-badge foreign-made cars like the Vauxhall Monaro or Toyota Matrix.

With all the hype about supporting American car companies because it's the American worker who is suffering, it seems more logical to buy a car that was actually built by Americans even if it is under a foreign brand name. Even BMW has a plant in Spartanburg. Maybe it's time to dump the Escalade and hop into an X5 or X6.

In fact, while companies like Nissan, Toyota, and BMW were beating down the door trying to get factories built in the States, it was the American companies who wanted to get out, despite rhetoric about the American working class and the plight they were under due to foreign invasion. In recent years, GM has even made requests to outsource more of their manufacturing to Mexico and Canada where the labor is cheaper.

But it seems that the only thing on the news today about the plight of the car companies is how much the American worker suffers. Perhaps next time when a news story surfaces about how an American executive made "too much money" for moving his manufacturing processes to Mexico, Americans will start to think of where their cars are actually coming from. Certainly not all American cars come from abroad, but there is not much left in a name these days besides ignorant rhetoric.

Another interesting facet of the issue is that the United Auto Workers (UAW), a labor union controlling most American car manufacturing, has added to the problem by causing labor prices to rise among American car manufacturers. Not only is the relationship between the "Big Three" and the UAW extremely tense, but the UAW causes most of the labor forces for these companies to be far too specialized.

An example that a Time Magazine article points out is that a UAW worker might be considered a "skilled tradesman" for something as simple as changing a fuse on an assembly line. No other worker would be allowed to perform the task under the nitpicky union rules. Across the aisle in Tennessee, however, the Japanese carmaker Nissan is not operated under UAW rules and has a much more diverse and efficient workforce.

The article also reports that the UAW has tried to unionize the assembly lines of the Nissan plant in Tennessee four times since the 1980s, and each time the UAW has been voted away by the workers themselves. So, while the talking heads on the news might hail the UAW as fighting for the working man, the UAW has been proven to be organization that only has its own self-interest and self-preservation in mind.

While the UAW fights productivity and the American government fights the car companies' bottom line, perhaps people will begin to realize that a lot of the time, the more American car is really a foreign one.

After all, there's virtually no reason to buy an American-brand car any more. The Japanese brands are more reliable, the German brands are more luxurious, and the Italian brands are more interesting. Besides, any tax-paying American already owns the American cars that are being put on the road today, whether they realize it or not.

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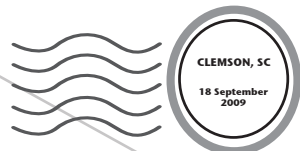
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Letters to the Editor

Editors:

I was surprised and dismayed upon reading the Aug. 28 edition of The Tiger to see no news story about the tragic death of Clemson Senior Donovan Xavier Jones on August 23, a hard news story that I had fully expected to see on page one. Instead, the lead article under the masthead was about a liquor store fire that occurred a full three weeks ago. Searching the issue, I found that you had reduced this story to an editorial commentary buried inside on page B2. This is fine, as far as it went, but in my view, it should have been in support of straight news coverage of the tragic drowning of not only a National Merit Scholar with an unlimited future, but a member of your staff, as well.

The other news story "above the fold" was that the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings of Clemson University showed no change from last year, still placed at 22nd nationally. This could just have easily been moved inside onto page 2 or 3 with no loss of news value, and made room for coverage of Jones.

Also missing from the issue were any mention of the passings of two long-time faculty members, both on August 20. Dr. Victor Hurst, 94, had served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs, was a Dean of the University, the Charter President of the Clemson Lions Club, a member of the South Carolina Dairy Association Hall of Fame, as well as a Past National Chairman of the AARP.

Malcolm James Benjamin "Ben" Paynter, 71, was the founder of the Microbiology Department at Clemson and served as the department chair for 21 years.

I question the news sense which you are applying to your coverage of stories in this issue and would ask that you take a look at the "fluffy" stories that occupied the front page with an eye to improving the paper.

With best regards,
Mark Sublette
Assistant News Editor, 1978-79
The Tiger, 1974-1975, 1977-1980

My nephew and I came to the game to support our team, Middle Tennessee, but I wanted to say to someone there that the people of Clemson and the Clemson fans were extremely friendly and made us feel welcome to be at your University and city.

Ken Neely
Murfreesboro, TN

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COMMENTARY

Donorcycle insurance

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



A crotch rocket may seem like the last thing in the world to have anything to do with the current deadlock health-care debate in this country, but nothing else illustrates the difference in health care between Europe and America quite like they can. Why motorcycles specifically? Because they kill. Nothing kills young men, and old men who think they're young, quite like motorcycles. There's a reason why hospital staffs call them "Donorcycles." All sport bikes sold within the past 10 years are stupid fast. But, they're also extremely safe. Deaths and serious injury in motorcycle racing are extremely rare; despite men falling a meter to the ground at speeds of 80 mph, you're more likely to get brain damage boxing or be paralyzed horseback riding. There has only been one death in motorcycle racing in the past 10 years, so why are the streets so deadly?

I had the opportunity a few years ago to visit Ireland, to see the beautiful expanse of soggy ground my ill-tempered ancestors sprung from. Aside from seeing why they were so pissed off, I noticed an odd occurrence.

Motorcycles. Old motorcycles that haven't been crashed. Take every 10 brand new bikes you see on the road here, replace eight of them with bikes 10 years old and that's what I saw. Now I was aware that the United Kingdom has much more stringent standards for motorcyclist training and helmet wear than we do, but that doesn't necessarily translate into a lot of older sport bikes on the road.

So what does it mean, and what does that have to do with health care? It means two things. First, motorcycles in Ireland are crashed less, and second, less money is spent repairing crashed motorcycles. Less motorcycles crashed means less money spent on injured riders. More importantly, those who do crash are wearing helmets and are much less likely to turn a minor incident into a major one. It makes sense that a government paying for trauma care isn't going to allow dumb kids, and dumb adults, to hop on a motorcycle without a lid.

We the States, on the other hand, have a bunch of barely trained riders who don't have to wear helmets, or even worse, don't understand why one should wear a helmet. Okay, so we have freedom to live dangerously. These are adults making a decision, so who cares? Anyone who pays taxes, for starters.

Lets get morbid for a second. At the level of force for which a motorcycle helmet will fail to protect the head from injury, the internal

organs are going to suffer so much blunt trauma that a victim isn't going to survive. We'll consider that patient a write off. Now remove the helmet, and the level of force required to turn someone into a vegetable becomes much lower, and survivable. The speeds involved are only about 10 to 30 mph. While any motorcycle injury runs the risk of spinal injury, a helmetless rider is even more at risk for broken vertebrae. This also increases the chances of a medical mistake, and lawsuits, a main part of why health care is so expensive.

Not only is becoming brain dead a horrible thought, it's extremely pricey and avoidable. We all pay for every unnecessary injury in the form of health insurance, auto insurance, ambulance costs, helicopter rides to trauma centers, the loss of healthy workers, lawsuits, etc.

Lets put it this way: Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger suffered the most common form of motorcycle accident. A car turned left into him at a low speed at an intersection, which most likely isn't the rider's fault. He wasn't wearing a motorcycle helmet because the law didn't require it, and he wasn't properly licensed to ride his high-powered and tricky-to-ride sport bike. If he did wear a helmet, he most likely would have been able to walk away from the accident, rather than coming close to dying, breaking his face and risking his multi-million dollar career.

South Carolina can either retain the minor thrill that comes with riding a motorcycle with no helmet, or can require helmets and join the rest of the nation in a move that will significantly lower costs for everyone. This scenario can be repeated with almost every single item of gear. Wear pants, avoid shock, bleeding out and a helicopter ride. Wear gloves, keep your fingers. Wear boots, keep your toes. Helmets are just the most important. This is such an obvious decision it begs the question of why things are the way they are. Why do we live in a state so resistant to single payer health care reform, yet also resistant to reduce costs in the most obvious ways?

We've had the chance to live better, healthier and cheaper thrown out the window. It seems only when someone else foots the bill do our frivolous, self destructive behaviors get noticed. I'd be damned if someone took away my motorcycle, but not requiring helmets just doesn't make monetary sense. If the representatives in South Carolina are so adamant against a single payer health care system, a good place to start is to cut costs for the taxpayer right now. While I'm not sure about where healthcare reform should go, this is one place where it can start.

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COMMENTARY

Bigger and better

ZAK JAMES

Columnist



Late last semester I was introduced to a game called "bigger or better." Perhaps you've heard of it. The premise is for an individual or team to begin with a simple object, like a paper clip, and to trade that object for bigger or better things. You'd think starting with something so simple could only yield something fairly insignificant itself, especially within a one-hour time constraint on campus, right? A futon, TV, some crazy sand pendulum contraption and several items later, I was shocked at the treasure a few friends had gathered from trading basically junk drawer materials.

It was at this point late last semester I began ruminating once again on the importance material possessions play in our lives. It's not surprising that Clemson provides dumpsters for freshman move-in. People pack possessions, old or new, in boxes that should be disposed of rather than stored in our cubicle of a dorm room. But the fact that Clemson provides several extraordinarily large dumpsters for move-out

seems unnecessary, as one would think that students would have significantly less to discard. But then I actually looked in the dumpster, and what I saw was disgusting.

I didn't see decaying garbage, odoriferous piles of rubbish that had been given an entire year to maybe smolder in someone's dirty sock drawer. Nothing of the sort caught my eye or grazed my nose. What I saw were TVs, alarm clock radios, lawn chairs, unused school supplies, furniture, lamps and maybe a hundred futons. Hyperbole aside, what anyone saw in those dumpsters (and I'm sure that you, like me, at least took a gander before thinking about plundering the refuse for treasure) surely amounted to a thrift store's dream: hundreds of unused, perfectly valuable freshman year goods for the taking.

I'm not writing to impose a utilitarian ethic on you, asking you to forfeit leisure for poverty. This article is simply an examination of a convention, a critique of an observation. My question, I suppose, is whether or not we place more value in stuff than we should.

The more commercials I see advertising all of the glamour, the latest iPhones and the brand new cars, the more I find that I don't want any of it, and I certainly don't need it. From what I witnessed last semester, material things are just transitory fixes, something to satisfy a desire one moment only to be replaced by something bigger or better soon after. Matching sunglasses one day, matching T-shirts the next; a bigger TV, a flashier phone.

Isn't what gives us joy in life not the tangible things, but the people and the places, the experiences and the memories? Then why do we place so much value on possessions? We don't? Here's a thought: if your friend

accidentally breaks your flat screen TV, who or what is more important to you? Can you show up to the party wearing whatever you like, not feeling self-conscious of whatever the latest fashion trend commands? Can you feel comfortable in yourself when someone else has the cuter dress, the nicer car? Can you pursue a major you enjoy, or are you stuck in one that only promises financial security rather than personal fulfillment?

There is absolutely nothing wrong with having nice things. But possessions, tangible or not, can be baggage. If we place our identity in the clothes, the Botox, the creatine, the championship team, or the convertible, what happens when those things cease to impress? What if the fire destroys the house and the hard drive crashes? What if we lose the job and the title? If we invest in experience rather than worrying about our stuff, then at least we have something that can never be taken away, something more gratifying and lasting than a new gizmo. We can live freely, without reservation concerning the security of our things. To quote the movie "Australia," "In the end, all you really own is your story. I'm just trying to live a good one." Well said.

To conclude, I'll simply ask: in what or whom do you place your identity? Is it in the fads? They always pass away. The sports team? They will lose. Is it in the clothes? They fade. The test score? You will be outdone. The job? You may be replaced. The stuff? It will find its way to the dumpster too. For me, I'm not placing too much value in any of that. I need something bigger and better.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

In Shreveport, La., a man impersonating a police officer with a red flashing light in his car was arrested after pulling over the town's mayor.



A 107-year-old Malaysian woman who has been married 22 times is now searching for husband 23.



A teacher in France has been fined \$1,450 for biting the cheek of a misbehaving 4-year old while the class was on a bathroom break.



A robbery suspect in Ohio was arrested after returning to the scene of the crime to ask the victim out on a date.



A South Carolina man was recently buried inside his classic '73 Pontiac with his gun collection in the trunk.



A Turkish woman accused of cutting off her lover's penis must await a verdict and sentencing for 18 months while a court determines whether or not his re-attached penis still functions.



Two men from Oklahoma were arrested for playing pornographic DVDs in the display televisions at Wal-Mart.



A group of London schoolchildren who reared a lamb from birth has bypassed objections by parents and human rights activists and voted to send the animal to slaughter.



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Tiger volleyball rolls on

Clemson takes two out of three at the Courtyard Classic.

APRIL WADE
STAFF WRITER

It looked to be a rough weekend at first for the Tigers when they fell Friday night to Georgia Tech, but Clemson came back strong to finish out the Courtyard Classic by defeating both Mississippi and Southeastern Missouri on Saturday.

The Tigers came out strong in the first game in the tournament against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, but after a long five-set battle the Jackets were victorious, holding Clemson to a season low .154 hitting percentage (21-25, 25-23, 16-25, 25-15, 18-25). Each team looked strong in all five matches, but Georgia Tech allowed for little recovery from the many errors that Clemson had. Clemson also only had 44 kills to Georgia Tech's 70 and only 50 digs to Georgia Tech's 63.

The Yellow Jackets took the first set with a strong offense including 19 kills and held Clemson to only .185 hitting percentage. Senior Lia Proctor's four kills were not enough for Clemson to come back. Georgia Tech's win ended the Tiger's 11-set winning streak. Clemson looked to be a different team in the second set. The team started out well with three kills from Proctor and two from freshman Natalie Patzin. They held the lead for the entirety of the set, even with a Georgia Tech short 5-1 run. The third set seemed to be more of a challenge. Georgia Tech came out strong and Clemson had many attack errors that cost them dearly with the set going to the Yellow Jackets. In a chance to redeem themselves, Clemson easily took the fourth set with three kills and two blocks from Alexa Rand. The Lady Tigers hit at a .458 percentage and held the Lady Jackets at a .069 percentage. Georgia Tech took the match by



Senior Kelsey Murphy sets during a match at Jervey Gym. Murphy and the Tiger volleyball team boasts a 7-2 record going into the weekend.

shutting Clemson down in the final set. Clemson strove to strike back, but the many errors they had kept them from taking the win.

After a tough Friday night loss, Clemson came out strong and defeated Mississippi in four sets (22-25, 28-26, 25-12, 25-19). Determined to change the direction that the team was heading in the tournament, several players stood out during this game. Proctor was on top with 19 kills and 13 digs,

and Natalie Patzin came strong with a career-high of 18 kills to lead Clemson's offense throughout the entire match. Senior Didem Ege led the Tiger defense with 22 digs with help from teammates Cansu Ozdemir and Kelsey Murphy with 13 digs each. Rand and Lisa Jedlicka gave a helping hand with 11 blocks total. Ole Miss gave their best, but it was not enough for the Tigers.

The first set was slightly disheartening, despite Patzin with eight kills and

Proctor with six kills fighting constantly for the entire set. With that set behind them, the Tigers took the second set with no problems. Ole Miss had many errors, and Clemson took full advantage. The third and fourth sets were taken just as easily. The Rebels made several attempts for comebacks, but none were successful.

After a great win earlier in the day, Southeast Missouri couldn't slow the Tigers down. They swept Southeast Missouri in three quick sets (25-16, 25-12, 25-17). Proctor had 18 kills and 15 digs while Patzin followed behind with 10 kills and 14 digs. Ege held her own on defense with 17 digs. Murphy helped out with 37 assists, and Rand held her own at 8 kills and no errors.

The first set showed itself to be of no difficulty for the Lady Tigers. Jedlicka took her second start of the season seriously with three kills and two blocks to open up the match. Proctor had seven kills, Murphy had 14 assists, Ege had nine digs and Patzin rounded it out at seven digs.

The second set came just as easily as the first. The team completed the entire set with just three errors total. In the third set Southeast Missouri attempted to make a comeback, but Clemson held them off with an eight-point advantage.

Clemson, despite the loss, finished up well at Georgia Tech's Courtyard Classic.

They play again when they open up the weekend with a double-header in Clemson on Friday. The first is at 1 p.m. against Presbyterian College and the following is at 7 p.m. against Michigan State. A third game will be played on Saturday at 10 a.m. against Furman.

Goodell busts a cap in the NFL

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Before the salary cap was put in place in 1994, dynasties were an accepted way of life within the NFL. Vince Lombardi and the Packers were nearly unbeatable throughout the 1960s, just like the "Steel Curtain" of Pittsburgh reeled off win after win in the 1970s. Joe Montana, Steve Young and Jerry Rice managed to find the promise-land multiple times in the mid to late 1980s before the Cowboys took over in the early 1990s.

All of that changed in 1994, when the NFL implemented a new collective bargaining agreement with the player's union stating that the cumulative salaries of individual teams must be under \$34 million for the season.

Although the cap has inflated to an exorbitant \$127 million over the past 14 years, the idea behind the system has remained the same — cap off the amount that a team can spend on its athletes and put everyone on the same playing field. Because every team has the same accessible salary funds to spend, the cap has successfully forced franchises to put extra thought into the formation of their roster.

In the summer of 2008, NFL franchise owners unanimously voted to dispose of the current collective bargaining agreement for multiple reasons. The biggest problem of the agreement was the revenue sharing that the players were receiving. Constantly growing player salaries were already eating up over 60 percent of the league's revenue. At the demands of the Player's Association, the salary cap almost quadrupled in only 13 seasons.

General managers had grown tired of making the tough decisions to stay under the cap, too. Since the institution of the salary cap, it has become commonplace for a franchise to cut ties with an aging fan-favorite player to free up cap space for younger players. This is the reason players like Emmitt Smith and Jerry Rice played their final years away from their respective franchises. Even though the decision was often best for the team, cutting aging fan-favorites hurts the fans, the players and the integrity of the game.

Owners felt that the terms of the collective bargaining agreement were being manipulated because drafted rookies were raising their prices annually and making more money than most experienced veterans. JaMarcus Russell was the first pick in the 2006 NFL Draft and signed a contract to make more than LaDainian Tomlinson without ever having played a snap in the league.

Though the vote abolished the current collective bargaining agreement that was originally meant to last through the 2012 season, owners and GM's were hoping to negotiate a newer and fairer agreement to begin in 2010. Unfortunately, the Players Association and ownership refuse to budge from their respective sides on the terms of the new deal. Because of this, it looks like the NFL may opt to

Tigers plan for dominating performance

Defense looks to capitalize on Boston College's inexperience at quarterback.

JASON PATSKOSKI
STAFF WRITER

Round two in the fight for the O'Rourke-McFadden Trophy will be in Death Valley this weekend. Boston College comes to Clemson for its first ACC contest of the season, carrying a 2-0 record. However, they are untested to say the least with wins against Northeastern and Kent State. The Eagles have won the Atlantic Division the past two years, but this year has the potential to be a down year. This will be the Eagles' first test of the season, and the Tigers look to shut down their three-peat hopes.

Defense: Arguably Clemson's biggest strength, the Tiger defense has not allowed a whole lot this season. The defensive line is among the best in the conference and the secondary is a nightmare for quarterbacks. The linebackers have stepped up, but need to play with more consistency. The good news for the defense is that Boston College has a quarterback issue. Justin Tuggle and Dave Shinskie rotate possessions to figure out who the starter is. Even with a quarterback dilemma, the Eagles are still a pass heavy team. More than two thirds of their offense comes through the air. If the defense can create some turnovers, they can singlehandedly win the game for the Tigers.

Offense: Kyle Parker showed last week that he is the starting quarterback for a reason. He has a presence about him that most redshirt freshmen don't find for years. His decision making has been almost flawless, and you could count the mistakes he has made on one hand. The receiving core has also exceeded expectations. Other than the drops from the first game, they have made big play after big play. Jamie Harper has also been a surprise at running



Safety DeAndre McDaniel (2) celebrates with Marcus Gilchrist (12) during the Middle Tennessee State Game. McDaniel leads the Tigers in interceptions with three in the first two games of the season.

back. C.J. Spiller may be the feature back, but he often struggles to run between the tackles. Harper will get the tough yards and that is why he has gotten so many touches. This suddenly productive offense will have to go up against an Eagle defense that has allowed only seven points this year. Last week they faced a running back that has 17 100-yard games. They completely shut him down, allowing him to

only amass 17 yards. The defense is missing their best player this year, but they are still a force. Kent State did not even cross midfield until the fourth quarter. Look for the Eagles to stack the box to try to stop the run. They will make Kyle Parker win the game and if Parker plays at all like he has been, he will make them pay.

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Lady Tigers fall short

After loss to USC, Clemson could not finish Furman.

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Clemson's women's soccer team hosted the Women's Soccer Carolina Cup this past weekend at Historic Riggs Field, showcasing teams like No. 18 South Carolina, Furman and UNC Wilmington. The Lady Tigers, now 2-4 on the season, were shutdown last Friday night by the Gamecocks 5-0, then faltered in overtime against Furman 2-1 on Sunday.

Although they still lead the overall series against South Carolina, Clemson suffered a devastating loss Friday in front of a full house of faithful fans. In the fourth minute of the contest the Gamecock's Shannon Bigbie shot the ball past Clemson goalkeeper Paula Pritzen for an early 1-0 advantage. The hits just kept coming for the Tigers as South Carolina notched two more goals in the first half, sending the Lady Tigers to the locker room trailing at halftime.

The Tigers dished out aggression and force against the Gamecocks in the second half, but it just wasn't enough to seize a win from behind. Blakely Mattern and Kayla Grimsley of South Carolina both netted unassisted goals in the second half to extend their lead to 5-0 over Clemson.

"It is very difficult to keep chasing in a game against a good team," said Clemson Head Coach Hershey Strosberg after the Lady Tiger's loss last

Friday evening. "South Carolina has a lot of depth. They played well and capitalized on our mistakes."

On Sunday afternoon, the Lady Tigers took a shot at redemption, but fell short once again as Furman escaped the Clemson onslaught by defeating them 2-1 in overtime. Despite the marginal loss, Clemson freshman midfielder, Callie Cavanaugh, was honored on the Carolina Cup's All-Tournament Team.

Right off the bat, Paladin forward Katya Gokhman put Furman on the board with a goal. Furman appeared to have the 1-0 edge heading into halftime, but the Lady Tiger's Stefanie Schroeder took advantage of a loose ball and sent it sailing past the Furman goalkeeper. Schroeder, a sophomore defender, not only tied up the game 1-1, but also recorded her first career goal.

A scoreless second half sent the game into overtime. The extra period lasted all of three minutes as Furman's sparkplug Gokhman scored her second goal of the game, securing the win for the Paladins.

Clemson's Pritzen posted a total of nine saves in goal throughout the tournament, which boosts her saves for the season to 21 in only six games.

The Lady Tigers will pounce on the opportunity to improve their 2-4 record when they host the Georgia Bulldogs at 7 p.m. Friday night at Historic Riggs Field. Clemson also welcomes the Presbyterian Blue Hose on Sunday at noon.



Clemson and Furman went back and forth on Sunday, but the Paladins pulled through in overtime.



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BAMBERG BOOKENDS



BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

For being distant cousins, Clemson defensive ends Da'Quan Bowers and Ricky Sapp would contend that there is anything distant about their relationship.

The two Bamberg, S.C. natives have grown up playing football together. From Pop Warner to high school and beyond, Bowers and Sapp have been terrorizing opposing backfields for years. One might even call it a family business. But their relationship is hardly limited to the gridiron. "We're like brothers," said Sapp. "It's very seldom that you'll see one of us without seeing the other."

ACC quarterbacks can certainly attest to that statement. The two "Bamberg Bookends" have quite the reputation among many of the conference's signal callers. This season, the tandem looks to further improve their relationships with opposing backfields, especially since it may very well be the last year the two play alongside each other — certainly the last in a Clemson uniform, as Sapp enters his last year of eligibility this season.

Both players were studs coming out of the high school ranks. Having graduated from Bamber-Ehrhardt, Bowers and Sapp were both five-star recruits according to Rivals.com and Scout.com. Bowers was the top-rated high school recruit overall according to ESPN, while Sapp was the highest ranked player coming out of South Carolina in the 2006 recruiting class.

Last season, as a freshman, Bowers started six games at defensive end. He made 47 tackles, most among Tiger defensive linemen. Sapp, then a junior, made 10 tackles for loss in only

347 snaps and missed a substantial amount of playing time due to an ACL injury. This season, both Bowers and Sapp are healthy and have an insatiable appetite for a championship.

To make things interesting, Bowers and Sapp have an ongoing bet to see who can get the most tackles, tackles for loss and sacks over the course of the season. "He beat me the last two weeks," said Bowers of his cousin's recent performance. "Barely, but I've got some work to do."

Their competitive nature also runs deeper than football. The two laughed when asked how competitive they really were. "We battle in just about anything," said Sapp with a grin. "There is no limit to what we will be competitive at."

This distant relationship sounds a lot like sibling rivalry at times. "For instance, we have a team meal tonight," Bowers explained. "I will bet you that I finish my meal before him."

Clemson fans relish in this type of on-the-field competition between the two. Either way, it's win-win.

The Tigers have seen this type of family duo before. Surely, many remember former Clemson linemen Michael Dean and William "the Refrigerator" Perry. It is hard to look at Bowers and Sapp and not draw any comparison to the Perry brothers. Michael Dean and William both dominated the line of scrimmage in the 1980s. William made Clemson history as the all-time sack leader during his career with 25 until his brother replaced him atop the record books with 26.

Bowers and Sapp are the first blood-related tandem since the Perry brothers to compete on the same field, and they clearly live up to

the billing. Already this year, the cousins have made an impact for the Tigers defensively, combining for 22 tackles, five tackles for loss and five quarterback pressures.

A lot of their success has to do with the way new Clemson Defensive Coordinator Kevin Steele has built his defense around Da'Quan and Ricky. "Coach Steele told us that we have the talent to take the team to the next level," said Bowers. "That's a lot to put on our shoulders, but I don't think it's anything the two of us and the rest of the defense can't handle."

Steele has found different ways to use his talent this season. For example, "The biggest thing as far as how many new packages we have is how Da'Quan and I get used in a lot of different ways," said Sapp.

Clemson fans love to see the bookends in the same lineup, but they love being in it together even more. "I can't really explain that feeling," said Sapp.

"We came to this school to play football together and it's been such a wonderful feeling ever since; I love being out there with him."

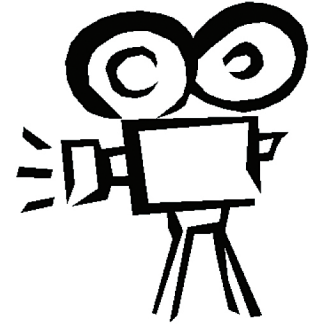
Their relationship has flourished over the years. "We had such a good relationship playing in high school and to have that carry over into college has been great," Bowers said. "You hardly ever see relatives start at the same position on the same college team and that's something that's really special to us and our family."

The Tigers are set to take on the Eagles of Boston College this Saturday in what will certainly be a key game in the season for both teams. Whichever side wins will have an advantage in the Atlantic Division standings.

Luckily for Clemson, particularly Da'Quan and Ricky, it's also family day in Death Valley.

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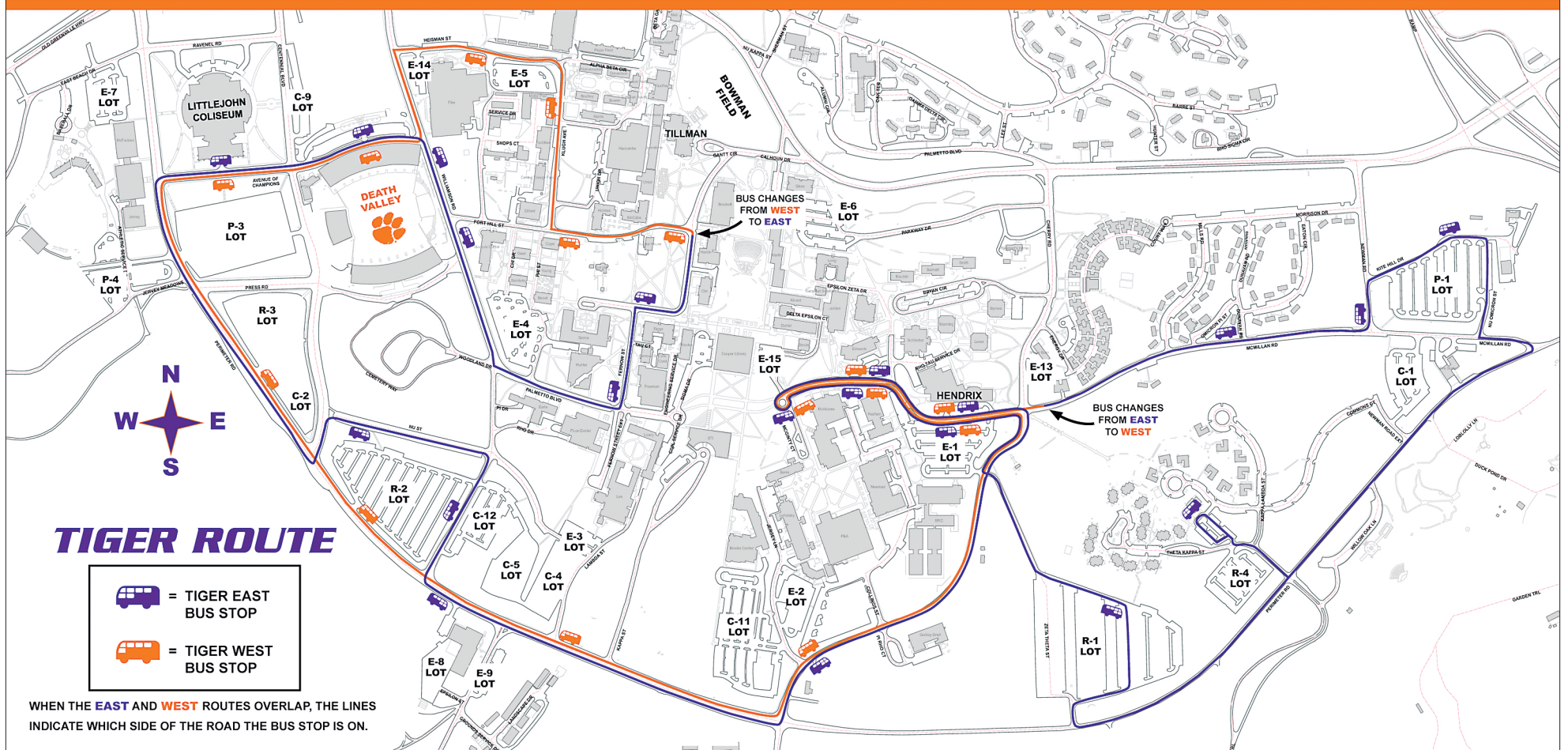
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Clemson alumni among NFL elite

STAFF REPORTS

Sixteen former Clemson football players were on NFL rosters at the start of the 2009 football season this past weekend. This list includes five members of the 2008 Clemson team who will make their rookie debuts this season at the professional level.

These first-year players include James Davis (Cleveland Browns), Michael Hamlin (Dallas Cowboys), Chris Clemons (Miami Dolphins), Dorell Scott (St. Louis Rams), and Tyler Grisham (Pittsburgh Steelers). All except for Grisham are on active rosters; he was named to the Steelers' practice squad.

NFL veteran and former Tiger Brian Dawkins began his first season with the Denver Broncos on Sunday after 13 years with the Philadelphia Eagles. Dawkins had 11 tackles in Sunday's opener

against the Bengals.

Trevor Pryce, a four-time Pro Bowl selection and two-time Super Bowl Champion began his 13th year in the NFL on Sunday with a win over the Kansas City Chiefs in which the former Tiger had one tackle and forced a fumble.

Other prominent Tigers that will play on Sundays this year include Gaines Adams (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Chansi Stuckey (New York Jets), LeRoy Hill (Seattle Seahawks), Tye Hill (Atlanta Falcons) and Nick Eason of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Miami Dolphins and the Pittsburgh Steelers are the only two teams in the NFL that have more than one Tiger on their teams.

Defensive End Phillip Merling and Clemons play for the Dolphins while Grisham and Eason work with the defending Super Bowl Champion Steelers.

FEATURE PHOTO



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Marcus Gilchrist (12) and Andre Branch (40) deposit their "All In" chips as they take the field against Georgia Tech. Dabo Swinney's full commitment mantra has created a culture of hard work and dedication on the field that has translated to positive results, and a new-found fan craze off the field.

Tiger golf team opens season at Carpet Classic

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

Led by senior Ben Martin, the Clemson golf team finished ninth out of 12 teams at the Carpet Classic in Dalton, Ga. this past weekend.

The event was the first of the season for the Clemson golf team, which lost All-American player Kyle Stanley when he turned pro this summer after the U.S. Open at Bethpage Black in New York, where he made the cut and finished 53rd.

Early on, it appeared Martin would quickly step into the lead role for Clemson, and the team wouldn't miss a beat.

After day one, the Tigers sat in a three-way tie for second place, shooting a solid even par 290 as a team. The team was led by Martin who overcame a double bogey at the first hole of the tournament, finishing at two under seventy. His round wasn't without fireworks; Martin spun his approach shot into the back of the cup on the par-four seventh for an eagle.

The rest of the team put in good results in the first round as well. Sophomore Jacob Burger shot a one-under par 71 that included five birdies and four bogies. Crawford Reeves played his first collegiate tournament round, finishing with a respectable 75, one behind another Tiger, Alex Boyd. Luke Hopkins rounded out the first day's scoring with a seventy-seven.

But throughout the next two days, the Tigers could not maintain their high level of play from the first round,

and they slipped to a ninth place finish. The tournament did feature seven of the top 20 teams in the nation.

The event was won by Tennessee, who fired a 13 under 851 as a team throughout the three rounds. Clemson finished with a score of 20 over par 884.

Martin finished with scores of 70-73-71, for a two under total of 214. Burger and Boyd both shot 222 and tied for 33rd in the individual race. Hopkins put up scores of 77-77-74 and finished 45th. Reeves finished 54th in his first tournament with a total score of 236.

The real story of the tournament was how close Clemson came to putting up a great team score. A few rounds over the course of the tournament kept the Tigers from striking distance of the leaders. Burger had two rounds below par, a 69 and a 71, but also had an 82 that blemished his total for the weekend.

Martin, who finished runner-up in the prestigious U.S. Amateur Championship last month at Southern Hills Country Club in Oklahoma, looks poised to step in as the leader for Clemson this season. He has the ability to go low and has already shown he can compete at some of the highest levels in the game.

The Tigers tee it up again next month at the Brickyard in Macon, Ga., on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October. A total of 15 teams will compete in the 54-hole event held on the par-72, 7,128 yard course designed by former PGA tour professional Mark McCumber.

The tournament will likely be very competitive as all teams involved are ranked in the top-100 golf programs in the nation.

Staff Pick-em

East Carolina vs. UNC	Tennessee vs. Florida	Nebraska vs. Virginia Tech	Utah vs. Oregon	Florida State vs. BYU	WVU vs. Auburn	Texas Tech vs. Texas	USC vs. Washington	Boston College vs. Clemson
Brandon (13-5)	NO	NO	NO	BYU	AU	TX	Trojans	SC
Ryan (11-7)	NO	VT	U	BYU	WV	TX	Trojans	SC
Chris (10-8)	NO	VT	U	BYU	AU	TX	Trojans	SC
Aaron (10-8)	NO	NO	U	BYU	AU	TX	Trojans	SC

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Special Teams: The big question for special teams is will Boston College even attempt to kick to Jacoby Ford or Spiller. They have made big return after big return. Any team would be crazy to kick it anywhere near them. The kicking game is the Tigers' weakness. Kickoffs are not consistent, and this will lead to Boston College having good field position all day. The Eagles are very good at returning punts too. Clemson should be fine though if they can remember that punters punt and placekickers kick.

Coaching: Both teams have young, inexperienced coaches that their players believe in. Boston College has kept most of its coaching staff intact and has run similar schemes to years past. Their coach, Frank Spaziani, is undefeated and has won a bowl game. Coaching is the big weakness on our Clemson team.

Whether it is having a placekicker punting or not calling the right plays on a final drive, every game Clemson has lost under Dabo Swinney is due to being outcoached. Clemson is the more talented team, but as Clemson football history will tell you, that means nothing. Swinney needs to

stop over thinking and trying to do too much because that will cost him games.

X-factor: "Moral victory" was the theme around Clemson for the week. It's unfortunate that they are a mirage. More than not, teams lose the game after their "moral victory." This is because no one is upset with losing; they are just happy they improved or came back. Clemson must keep its focus to win the game. They cannot settle because this is a good Boston College team, and a loss would end any hope for this football team.

In the end, the Clemson secondary wreaks havoc on the young Eagle quarterbacks. They will pick off whichever quarterback plays at least once. Da'Quan Bowers and Rickey Sapp will punish the quarterbacks physically.

This game could seem pretty long for the rookie Eagle quarterbacks. Spiller and Harper will run behind the suddenly improved offensive line and force the Eagles to put eight in the box. Kyle Parker will have another great game and will make BC pay for stacking the box.

He will win a Clemson leather helmet for his MVP as he leads the Tigers to a 24-10 victory.

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Men's soccer continues to struggle

Tigers fall to Wake Forest: missed opportunities lead team to a winless record.



Clemson sophomore midfielder Riley Sumpter shields himself from a Wake Forest defender. The Demon Deacons got the better of the Tigers, 3-1.

DAYTON RIDDLE
STAFF WRITER

The Tigers once again miss opportunities and fall 3-1 to Wake Forest at Historic Riggs Field on Sunday night.

The Tigers (0-3-1) showed early signs of progress against a tough Wake Forest team in the early stages of the match, but the Demon Deacons proved to be too much for them as they fell 3-1 on Sunday night. The Tigers were outshot in the game for the first time this season by a total of 20-13 as the Tigers were unable to effectively attack Wake's weakest link, their goalkeeper. The final ball of the Tigers was consistently below par throughout most of the game, but it must be noted that the Tigers submitted a valiant effort in their attempt to topple the second best team in the nation.

The first half of the game saw Wake Forest dominate the midfield with Wake's midfield and USA under-20 player, Ike Opara, opening the scoring at just the sixth minute of the game. Opara had a Patrick Vieira-esque performance throughout the game as he was able to guide a well timed cross from Wake's Austin da Luz into the back of the Tigers net. This once again put the Tigers

behind and they were forced to press forward throughout the rest of the game. The backline of the Deacons proved not only skillful but acutely aware of the Tigers desire to play the ball directly forward, which limited the Tigers chances in the first half. As time progressed near the end of the first half, the Tigers began to push the ball wide and were gaining success in that aspect as freshman Austin Savage and senior Nathan Thornton had several shots on goal. Clemson's best opportunity of the first half came at the 38th minute as the ball stayed in the Wake 18-yard box for several shots, but all were deflected and did not cause the Deacon keeper very much trouble.

The second half brought about a shift in the Tigers' outlook as they moved more to placing the ball out wide to take advantage of Thornton's speed, but eventually the Wake Forest team was able to put early pressure put on by the Tigers and netted a second goal in the 60th minute by Andy Lubahn. Clemson keeper Joseph Bendik was wrong-footed and allowed for Lubahn to have an easy put-in for the second goal. This was completely against the run of play as the Tigers kept the ball for most of the start of the second half, but in the end the Tigers did not make the most

of chances and open shots. Clemson defender Franklin Blaise had a good game coming off the bench and stopping many opportunities that Wake had in the second half, but eventually, and unluckily, Wake scored a third goal from Sean Randolph when his shot deflected off Bendik and rolled from the top of the 18-yard box into the back of the net.

Clemson was able to grab a consolation goal from Nathan Thornton in the 88th minute. This was the second goal of the year for Thornton, Clemson's only goal scorer so far this season, as he placed the ball in the bottom left hand corner of the net. The final score was 3-1 and the Tigers are still looking for their first win of the season.

While the Tigers lost on Sunday, it is promising to see that Savage and Thornton are combining better at the top with Mike Mattson adding some size up front off the bench.

The final ball is lacking still, but there seems to be progress from this team as each week they are gaining an understanding of each other.

The Tigers will play host to Virginia Tech on Sunday at Historic Riggs Field at 3 p.m. The Hokies (1-2-2) will be lead by senior James Gilson who, in five games, has a goal and an assist to his credit.

NFL CAP from page C1

return to the pre-1994 days of football without a salary cap.

Since its institution, the salary cap has put small market teams on the same playing field as large market teams with lofty bank accounts. This means that, despite lacking the fan base and huge marketing deals, the Jacksonville Jaguars will be able to sign the same amount of talent onto their roster as the Dallas Cowboys or the Washington Redskins. This is the most basic reasoning for the parity seen in the NFL today.

Instead of going out and finding the most talented player to fill a spot, teams now have to search for the right players to enter into their system. This means that franchises must now search for underrated players with strong upside in the hopes of finding a better-than-average player for only an average salary.

While this may create fits for general managers across the league, the system prevents major market teams from dominating their smaller market counterparts. In doing so, the NFL gives hope to fans from every city (yes, even Detroit) that their team can compete and make the playoffs in the near future.

In my opinion, this is something that uncapped leagues (such as Major League Baseball or European Soccer) lack. Factually supported arguments can be made for every team in the NFL to make the playoffs in the next few years, but a real sports fan cannot honestly try to tell me that a Washington Nationals fan will be buying home baseball tickets in October before 2013.

Baseball, for the most part, is a sport that is ruled by the teams who cash the biggest paychecks. It is not a coincidence that teams such as the Angels, Yankees, Red Sox and Dodgers fill up playoff spots almost every season. These teams have the necessary money to make huge free agent signings that propel them towards October.

The system the NFL might be heading towards in 2010 is even more lopsided than the agreement in Major League Baseball. While baseball places a luxury tax on franchises that exceed specific team salary figures to be paid out to the teams that cannot afford such extravagant contracts, the NFL will not have rules to even out the competition.

Instead, the NFL will allow teams to sign free agents for tons of money as long as there is a roster spot open for each of them. If the NFL is trying to save revenue, why would it cut off the only system keeping the con-

tracts of its players in check? Once the salary cap is gone in the NFL, there will be nothing to stop star players from asking for a contract equivalent to the ridiculousness of Alex Rodriguez's current paycheck.

Losing the salary cap will cause many negative effects throughout the NFL, but some good can come from it. Player holdouts will be a thing of the past, as the GM's will no longer have to work under a cap to sign players. Franchise players who have been with the team for a long time will no longer have to worry about being cut, allowing highly paid players to finish with the teams they started with.

On the other side of things, player greed will likely reach an all-time high. Agents for athletes will no longer accept being shortchanged in a contract, forcing franchises to throw more money than ever before at big name players.

Fans of teams in small markets may dread returning to the days without a salary cap, but anyone who is a Cowboys, Redskins or Patriots fan is probably loving the idea of the future championships their bank accounts can buy them. These teams will still have to make smart decisions and stay healthy over the course of a season, but it doesn't hurt to have more talent than usual.

Should the NFL choose to adopt pay system without a salary cap, small market teams will lose most of their chances to perform in the league. All they will have going for them is what I like to call "The Oakland Raiders Factor," which is the ability of a team with lots of money to make extremely poor decisions.

Examples of this include: drafting two running backs in the same draft class, taking Darius Heyward-Bey over Michael Crabtree and trading Randy Moss for a fourth round draft pick.

Even with poor decisions and the chance of injury, well-funded teams will have a tough time not finding success in what looks to be the new NFL.

While there is a small chance that the Players Association and owners will reach an agreement, commissioner Roger Goodell has already stated that there is a very high probability of the league playing without a cap for at least a season.

While I am in favor of preserving the cap, and the sanity, within the NFL, it looks like the league we all love will be going through a major facelift in the coming years. Team outlooks will be much more defined early in the season, but the teams taking the reigns will be all too familiar.

Is anyone else as pumped up for five consecutive Patriots-Cowboys Super Bowls as I am??? I thought not.

USC strides to meet Florida in title



Tyrone
Gayle

staff columnist

Swimming yet again in a deep sea of optimism, bravado and primetime confidence, the USC Trojans entered the Horeshoe last weekend with the hopes of continuing their streak of seven consecutive wins over Big-10 opponents. Mission accomplished. Pete Carroll never fails to get his guys to rise to expectations when the brightest of lights are on as they were against eighth-ranked Ohio State Saturday night. USC freshman quarterback Matt Barkley showed more moxy than Jonathan Moxon in the final game of "Varsity Blues," orchestrating a masterful 14-play, 86-yard comeback drive to lead the Men of Troy to victory. A little early to make National Championship claims, but if USC can survive road trips to California, Oregon, and Notre Dame then they may make their way into conversations about facing Tim Tebow and his troops from Gainesville, Fla.

Speaking of, look for Tebow's troops to put on an absolute clinic against Lane Kiffin and his Tennessee Volunteer squad as they descend into The Swamp this weekend. Why? During his introductory news conference, Kiffin boasted that he looked forward to "singing 'Rocky Top' all night long after we beat Florida next year. It will be a blast." I mean, I guess I'd be confident too if my team was 2-9 in the last 11 contests against an opponent in their stadium...oh, wait.

As if that wasn't enough fuel to add to a burning fire, Kiffin then accused Meyer of cheating during the recruitment of a prized receiver who eventually signed with the Volunteers. As Mark Richt and others have learned, Urban Meyer is the last guy you want to tick off as evidenced by the 49-10 drubbing Florida delivered

to Georgia a year after Georgia over celebrated their first touchdown in their annual game.

If I was a betting man, I'd count on some late game timeouts, pass plays with a big lead in the fourth quarter and a dead fish handshake from Meyer to Kiffin.

Oklahoma State's stay atop the polls lasted about as long as a fat guys New Year's resolution to hit the treadmill. Only a mere week after their stomping over UGA, they looked as hungover as Amy Winehouse against Houston in a home game where they truly let an easy one get away from them in the fourth quarter.

Now, this is not necessarily a knock against Houston, but the week after you host the "biggest home game" in team history and came out on top, I expect a little more effort against a mediocre Conference USA opponent that is 16-10 over their last two seasons. There's still plenty of time for the Cowboys to return to the top of the polls and reveal themselves to be a force in the Big 12, but having early season losses against inferior opponents isn't exactly the formula for a successful season.

Speaking of too early to call, I have a hunch that this year's Michigan Wolverines are not the team that went 3-9 last season. They are an athletic gang that plays tough enough to overcome their lack of experience. In other words, the Wolverines are too young to know that they had no business winning last Saturday against Notre Dame.

With all the off-season controversy that swirled and spread around that program like the swine flu, what a pleasant surprise it would be to see Michigan continue this momentum throughout this season and be a surprise threat in the Big-10.

Cheap shots flying, Heisman hopefuls falling, and top-ranked team flailing, all configure into a perfect start to what will undoubtedly be another wild season in college football.

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Creative confessions

Post Secret arrives in Greenville.



MELISSA WHITSON

Everyone has a secret. Frank Warren has nearly half a million – of other peoples' secrets, that is.

The creator of the nationally acclaimed PostSecret project has fashioned out of the familiar hobby a remarkable phenomenon, in which people share their thoughts, feelings and chance observations anonymously by sending their homemade postcards to Warren himself.

Mail in tow, Warren will bring his secrets to the Peace Center in Greenville on Oct. 1 as a part of the 2009 PostSecret tour. In addition to displaying postcards sent in from all over the country, Warren himself will present a selection of secrets at the event and project onto a screen images of postcards that were banned from publication due to content, image, copyright or personal issues.

The PostSecret project began four years ago with the publication of the PostSecret blog, hosted by Blogspot.com and featuring 10 new anonymously sent secrets every Sunday.

Warren credits his own humanistic curiosity as motivation for starting the community art project. "I probably had family secrets when growing up that my family kept, and I never knew," he said. "And so growing up, and as an adult, I had an

insatiable desire to find out secrets, and it just evolved into PostSecret."

It did not take long for the blog's popularity to spread, and later that year, Warren put together the first PostSecret book, "Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives." Since then, three more books have been published, each with artful new secrets from anonymous sources.

"I get a lot of secrets from people who are feeling a little bit lonely and maybe they can't share that with their friends and family," said Warren. "But it feels good for them to get it off their chest with a stranger."

The sixth PostSecret book "Confessions on Life, Death, and God" will inundate shelves on Oct. 6, and despite the title, will not necessarily carry a religious theme. "A lot of secrets have to do with spiritual secrets," said Warren, "But there are also secrets in there that are silly and sexual and shocking and depressing."

The book features two of Warren's own secrets on page 103 and may be the final chance readers will have to own an official publication from the project. "I don't have anymore plans for PostSecret books," said Warren. "This could be the last one."

Despite the project's unknown future, the postcard mailing and secret sharing is sure to continue. Nowadays, Warren receives hundreds of handcrafted cards at his home address every day, all of which he reads and keeps. The most common

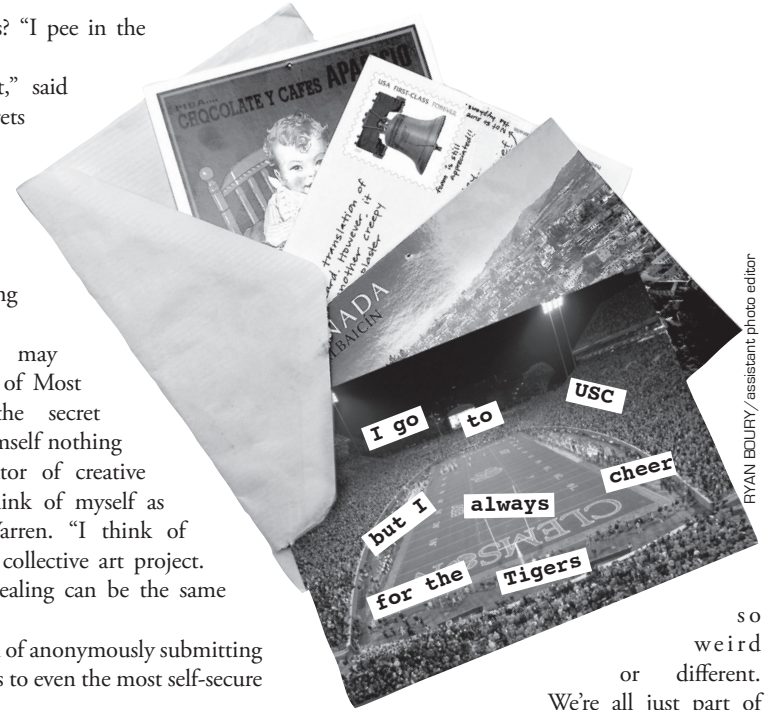
secret Warren receives? "I pee in the shower."

"But besides that," said Warren, "The secrets can also be very hopeful, and they can also be sexual and shocking and soulful. I get a lot of secrets about eating disorders, too."

Though Warren may have earned the title of Most Trusted Stranger, the secret collector considers himself nothing more than a facilitator of creative catharses. "I don't think of myself as a therapist," said Warren. "I think of PostSecret more as a collective art project. Sometimes art and healing can be the same thing."

Certainly, the idea of anonymously submitting a hidden secret appeals to even the most self-secure individual.

"One of the reasons the project has really grown and resonated with people is when you come to the Web site and read these really soulful and truthful confessions, it allows you to feel more connected with people," said Warren, "and sometimes it lets you feel like whatever secret you have might not be



RYAN BOJURY/assistant photo editor

so weird or different. We're all just part of the same humanity."

Warren will be in Greenville to share the PostSecret project and its creative confessions at the Peace Center on Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased for \$20, \$25 and \$30.

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WITH A REMASTERED ALBUM AND ROCK BAND, THE BEATLES' LIFE GOES ON.



CORY PAYNE

The Beatles are a pop culture phenomenon that will probably never be recreated. Despite their brief career, they became easily the most well known band in the world. To this day, most people name dozens of their songs and who their favorite member of the band is (my personal favorite is the often under-valued George Harrison). The combination of the long awaited release of the remastered Beatles catalog and their very own edition of Rock Band has placed the Fab Four firmly back at the forefront of popular culture, albeit they never really went away in the first place. I have personally always been a fan of the group, but only after giving their entire collection a listen over the past few days have I become one of the legions of fans who consider them the greatest band of all time.

Now, I realize it may seem like hyperbole to say one musical act is good enough to definitively be considered the best, but the consistency of the work from these four unassuming guys from Liverpool is just remarkable. Their 12 proper albums, released over just seven years in the 1960s, are all either perfect or pretty close to it, a feat that is difficult to imagine being topped anytime soon. I tend to consider "The White Album" and "Abbey Road"

the best of the bunch, but each era of the group's music is so great in its own way that it's hard to dismiss any of it. Only the hodgepodge "Yellow Submarine" soundtrack doesn't live up to the creative standard of the band's other releases. The excellent new re-mastered albums have managed to make this classic material even more outstanding than before.

I am as much a layman as I'm sure most of you are when it comes to the technical parts of audio quality, but the improvement in sound here is just too drastic to be ignored. The older CD releases of the Beatles' albums were murky, quiet, and sounded largely unchanged from their 40-year-old origins. The new



mastering, however, is a revelation. Paul's under-appreciated work on the bass is much clearer than it's ever been, Ringo's drums hit a whole lot harder, and the superb vocal harmonies between George, Paul, and John are a lot easier to marvel at. Listening to the Beatles' evolution from predictable, if extraordinarily talented, '60s boy band, to the extremely mature, complex, brilliant songwriters they became is all the more fascinating now. The early releases such as "Please Please Me" and "A Hard Day's Night" are full of manic energy and some of the catchiest songs in musical history. It's not too much of a stretch to imagine how the country became swept up in "Beatlemania" based off the strength of these albums. Later-period albums "Magical Mystery Tour," "The White Album" and "Abbey Road" (which encompass, if we're being honest here, the "drug years") feature some of the best and weirdest songs in any band's catalog, and these albums in particular are packed with so many musical quirks that something new is discovered with every listen.

So although I'm sure I've made it abundantly obvious already, I couldn't recommend the new Beatles releases highly enough. And for those who haven't had the chance to check it out, the Beatles' Rock Band is pretty great as well, following the band from beginning to end and perfectly capturing the spirit of the individual songs. These two projects combined are a pretty great testament to the lasting impact that those four British kids had on the world and go a long way towards strengthening their legacy. In conclusion, I'd like to offer up the immortal words of John Lennon for your consideration: "I am the eggman, they are the eggmen. I am the walrus, Goo Goo G'Joob." These are truly words to live by.

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WHY SO SNOBBY?

film offers more fodder for Euro-American discord



GREG BLANTON

Just as a European might criticize the American film as being big-budget, low-concept, thoughtless drivel for the thoughtless masses (assuming that every American film comes from Hollywood), the American can just as easily criticize Europe for purveying painfully bland cinema, striving to assault its audience with super-intellectual bullshit. These are both ethnocentric criticisms employing stereotype rather than knowledge, but such is the definition of the film snob: a total ignorant, except of his own cinema and stereotypically critical of others'. So let us hope for a day when the film critic might expand

his psyche beyond national borders and leave his cultural bias behind.

Why, though, is there such international snobbery? Why is it that a European dismisses American films as a bastardization of art? Conversely, why can an American not sit through more than five minutes of a European film before becoming bored and irritated? The answer lies in history.

European cinema, just as that of American, is a product of its history and culture. Civilizations have populated Europe for millennia. From the Celts to the Visigoths to the Romans back to the Cro-Magnon, Europe has been bustling with population. Virtually all

popular Western theory and theology comes from Europe. The continent has spent thousands of years fighting and thinking, and Europeans are now at a point that they have so much history they struggle to sort through it all.

But America is new. Tracing its wars is simple: the American Revolution, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq. The American identity is still forming — the nation is not even 300 years old! Compared to the millennia that Europe has under its belt, America is a mere infant. Americans are young, Americans are energetic and they channel that youthful energy into their ever elusive chase after the American Dream.

But the American Dream (whatever it may be) is hardly tangible and too often, not obtainable, so Americans channel their exuberance into cinema. Yes, Hollywood is overblown, full of cash-cow wild action rides. But that's America! We're on the move! We're doers and fast movers and trash talkers! Logically, the American spirit is reflected in American cinema. As poet-critic Vachel Lindsay said, action films "gratify the incipient or rampant speed-mania in every American."

Just as American films have the tendency to be tornadoes of wild fire and manic fury, the European film seems often to lack the energy to rise

from a stool. But European cinema thinks rather than acts; it treads slowly and contemplatively through time, focusing on mental and emotional battles rather than physical ones. With all that thinking and theorizing and intellectualizing and whatnot, it's no wonder America can't sit still. But that's who the Europeans are; they're thinkers. Just as America is infantile and thrashing with energy, Europe is gray-haired and wise. To author a cinema that doesn't embody these characteristics would be to betray one's self — and in a medium as expressive as film, one rarely betrays one's self.

But to say that one cinema is better than the other is to say that one history is more important and more relevant than another. Go tell Western Europe that America's role in World War II is unimportant. At the same time, America cannot deny France's hand in its revolution against Great Britain. American and European cinema are inextricably linked with their histories, so to dismiss their cinema is to dismiss their histories.

However, for the American rejection of foreign language films simply because they are not in English, there is no excuse. Be it ethnocentrism, ignorance or arrogance (or all three) the American is incapable of accepting a film produced in a language other than his own. And the American is alone with this mentality. American films are shown side by side with European films in European theaters either in their original language with subtitles or dubbed.

In addition to English, European theaters often show films in Spanish and French — and occasionally German and Italian. When is the last time you went to Anderson and saw a movie listed that wasn't in English? When is the last time you saw a movie listed that wasn't even produced in the United States? For whatever reason, American audiences completely reject non-English language films. Maybe it is for this reason, as well as historical and cultural differences, that Europeans reject the quality of American film. If Americans won't tolerate our cinema, they probably ask themselves, then why should we sit through theirs?

Not that any of this justifies ethnocentric film snobbery or film snobbery in general. Since it is unlikely that cultural bias will ever be overcome, cinematic snobbishness will persist. But every American who can open his mind to a foreign film and every European who can appreciate American film without prejudice is one more enlightened soul, and in a world bankrupt of cultural tolerance, we've got to start small.



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▶ **MATT COSTA**

Singing and songwriting wasn't always the dream for Matt Costa. Although he has played the guitar since the age of 12, he spent most of his time dedicated to skateboarding. He discovered his love for the hobby at a late age and was determined to go pro. After nearly doing so, he was injured in a skateboarding accident, and then resorted back to playing music during his rehabilitation. Costa recorded his first songs on a four-track player and by a small stroke of luck the first demo landed in the hands of Tom Dumont, a prominent songwriter and the guitarist of No Doubt. Dumont was so impressed by the kid's music that he decided to help Costa record demos by allowing him to record in his home studio. The result was a five-track self-titled EP that Costa and Dumont distributed themselves. Costa got lucky once again when the EP was discovered by Jack Johnson. Johnson invited Costa to accompany him on tour

in 2005, during which Costa showcased his musical talent from his most recent EP titled "Songs We Sing." The easy-listening folk music features many archetypical themes such as peace, poverty, love and unity. His guitar talent is evident after listening for only a few seconds. Similar musicians are John Mayer, Jack Johnson and Oasis. If history is deemed to repeat itself, Costa could only be lucky once again and his music is sure to gain the attention of the mainstream. After all, the third time's the charm.

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TRAVIS TRAMPLES THROUGH THE TRENDS



TRAVIS ANDERSON

Food...One of our vital necessities, but rarely do we treat it as such. We get stuck in this vicious cycle of treating food as a source of satisfaction, rather than nourishment, and so easily does this method of eating turn into gluttony: one of the seven deadly sins.

That's right. That ice cream cone you took out of Harcombe just because you wanted that extra little dessert was a sin, an act against God. How could you? I hope the sweetness that ice cream provided is enough to make your eternity in Hell worth it.

Okay, maybe you don't believe in God. That's fine. Food applies to you regardless of what you believe because you wouldn't be here without it. I'm not here to condemn anyone. I want to address gluttony as a health issue, and social eating is the trend I want to trample.

We need to eat, I can't refute that. That's why sharing meals is one of the easiest ways of socializing. Even though you shove your mouth with food disabling you from speech (a requirement of socializing), eating is a common interest for everyone since we all need food. However, this is terrible logic. Consider our other human necessities: breathing, we all need to breathe, but you don't ask people to sit around and share air with you as a way to socialize (unless it involves breathing through an herbal medium, which is called smoking; I am fully aware smoking is a great way to socialize). Also, sleeping, we all need to sleep, but you don't ask your buddies to shack up in your dorm with you to share some Z's to become better friends (additional side-note, a great pick-up line idea: "Hey baby, we both need to sleep

tonight, so why not sleep together?"). Still, social eating is a part of every culture, partly because unlike breathing and sleeping, you can physically provide food for someone, unlike providing air and rest, so it is something you can appropriately share.

But it is important to realize that eating is something we do because it is necessary to our health, not to our social life. That is why we should reevaluate how we eat; otherwise, you may want to keep your shirt on when you head into the sun this weekend.

Still, people exaggerate what is necessary, saying things such as "if I don't eat lunch, I'm going to die." Really, you will be quite fine; in fact, since it is the holy month of Ramadan, many people are skipping lunch. Muslims practicing Ramadan show their patience, modesty and spirituality by fasting from dawn until sunset. To realize how little we need to eat, I suggest trying to fast for just a day. It is something of a spiritual discovery when you realize how ready your body is to combat prolonged periods of time without access to food. Your stomach will growl at you as if you will die if you don't appease it, but that is just because it is used to being spoiled. It is like a bratty child that you're used to pampering and submitting to its every demand for the sake of your life. But in reality, your body is prepared to not eat for days. Your body is actually inclined to eat fatty foods so as to store fat for when you don't have food. It's time to show your stomach who's boss. Your heart and the rest of your body will thank you later. Health studies have shown that the most effective way to increase your life span is by minimizing calorie intake. Though, of course, it is mentally difficult to do so because we

enjoy the taste of food so much and share this pleasure by eating with others, which brings the social issue back up.

We often overindulge because we eat as a way of living and a way of socializing. A guy and a girl sitting at a table is not a social event; it's just awkward until there is food at the table. Some families and neighbors gathering out in the yard are just people standing around, until there is food — then it becomes a barbecue. Isn't it ridiculous that people gathering together is socially unacceptable, unless there is food?

What about getting together around to watch sports on TV or watching a movie, you say? But those things cannot be done without food because you know it's impossible to sit around watching something without snacks to munch on. That's why concessions are so expensive at movie theaters and sports venues. I hope you understand what I'm getting at, that while food is a great "cherry on top" for whatever event or activity you have going on, it is completely unnecessary. You can go without those nachos while bowling. I promise. It will save your wallet and your waistline.

As for the usual imploration, I will sincerely suggest fasting. Wake up, enjoy your day, go to sleep, and then eat the next day. It is a great test for your body and can create a better understanding between you and your body. As you fast, remember that you control your mind and body — you do not have to be cranky because your stomach is hungry. Choose your attitude!

Note: The author does not strictly adhere to the advice in this article. The author notes he is a big sinner and consumed two dozen Oreos while writing this piece.

Ponyo



DAVID WILLIAMS



Now, here's a real gem of a film courtesy of Hayao Miyazaki, the Japanese animator who continues to prove that he can do no wrong. "Ponyo," loosely based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid," is yet another testament to Miyazaki's imagination and the majesty of old-school 2-D storytelling. Damn the CGI, full speed ahead!

Ponyo (voiced by Miley Cyrus's little sis, Noah), a little fish girl, escapes from her underwater wizard father (Liam Neeson) because she wants to see the world. Upon reaching shore, she's discovered by a delightful 5-year-old named Sosuke (Frankie Jonas). She falls in love with him and transforms herself into a human girl, and ecological mayhem ensues as her actions disrupt the balance of nature. Oh, and did I mention that Ponyo's mother (Cate Blanchett) happens to be a goddess?

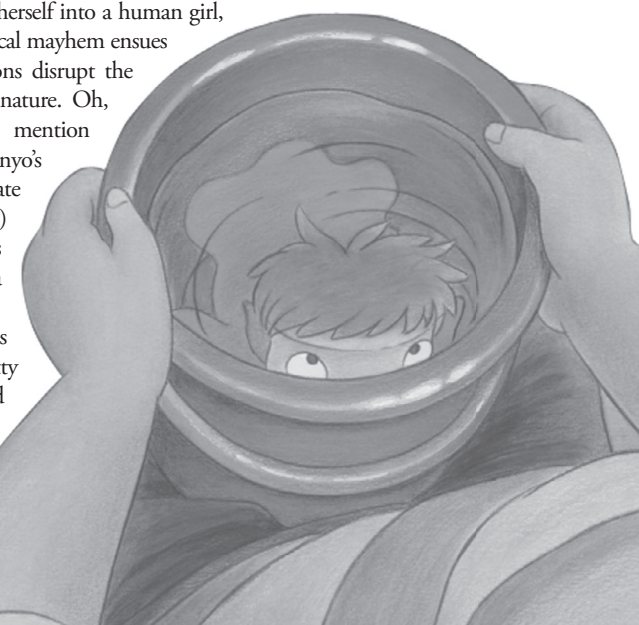
It seems like pretty standard movie-going

fare, right? But what elevates "Ponyo" into the pantheon of cinematic art is its heap of spellbinding images. You don't watch it so much as bathe in it.

Some of the Miyazaki's past masterpieces include "My Neighbor Totoro," "Kiki's Delivery Service," "Princess Mononoke," and the Oscar-winning "Spirited Away," which surpassed "Titanic" to become the highest grossing film in Japanese history. His career spans nearly three decades, but he still has the power to inspire awe. Pay close attention, Michael Bay.

There are plenty of folks, among them self-proclaimed film gurus, who don't think animation is a genre to be taken seriously. "Ponyo" is a film that proves they're wrong. It's a delicious mingling of intelligence and visual wonderment.

Hayao Miyazaki, 68 and in top form, has made more great movies than most directors have made movies. He's the new Walt Disney. Let him welcome you into his Magic Kingdom.



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EL QUIZ

1. What was the first dinosaur to be discovered?
2. Originally, Play-Doh was invented for what purpose?
3. What do the "A" and "W" stand for in A&W Root Beer?
4. During World War II, U.S. soldiers received what candy bar in their rations?
5. In Poker, a "dead man's hand" consists of which cards?
6. What three-headed monster is said to guard the entrance to Hades?
7. What is the correct anatomical term for the windpipe?
8. A firkin of beer holds how many gallons?
9. What breed of dog is naturally hairless?
10. Where was President Barack Obama born?

I CAN HAZ LOLZ?

Yo, Barker. I'm real happy for you and Imma let you finish gettin' dat top 20, but my school of hard knocks is da best school of all time.

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EL QUIZ Answers

1. Megalosaur
2. to clean wallpaper
3. Allen and Wright
4. Heath bar
5. aces and eights
6. Cerberus
7. trachea
8. nine
9. Chinese Crested
10. currently undetermined

HOROSCOPES

Aries
 March 21 – April 19
 Unfortunately, owning the most outrageous pair of sunglasses is not an Olympic event. But rest assured: you'd totally win the gold if it was!

Taurus
 April 21 – May 20
 While taking that impossibly difficult physics test this week, keep in mind a lot of that science stuff is just theory anyway.

Gemini
 May 21 – June 21
 Don't underestimate the power of the CAT bus. A nightly ride around campus would do you and your social life some good.

Cancer
 June 22 – July 22
 It may not be today and it may not be tomorrow, but sooner or later you'll come to regret that stolen street sign in your apartment.

Leo
 July 23 – Aug. 23
 Don't be afraid to challenge authority this week. Just be prepared to lose your job.

Virgo
 Aug. 24 – Sept. 22
 You will never learn to solve a Rubik's Cube, so stop wasting your time. Devote your energy to something a bit more worthwhile, like competitive eating.

Libra
 Sept. 23 – Oct. 23
 Just to prevent some serious awkwardness in the near future, know this: she's not laughing at your jokes because they're funny. Or because she likes you.

Scorpio
 Oct. 24 – Nov. 21
 Rethink that plan to graduate early. Sure, there's no homework in the "real world," but there's also a lot less Sunday brunches at Clemson House.

Sagittarius
 Nov. 22 – Dec. 21
 The overconsumption of 50-cent Sonic burgers will have you dreaming about Teletubbies again this week. But opt for Chik-fil-A instead and prepare yourself for some serious Big Bird nightmares.

Capricorn
 Dec. 22 – Jan. 19
 Certain upcoming events will turn your life into a never-ending cliché. Don't try to avoid it; just let the chips fall where they may.

Aquarius
 Jan. 20 – Feb. 19
 No matter how tough things get this week, remind yourself Friday will always be there waiting with open arms and endless possibilities.

Pisces
 Feb. 20 – March 20
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TAKE A STROLL DOWN

AVENUE Q

BY MELISSA WHITSON

Clemson's Brooks Center for the Performing Arts will take a turn down the road less traveled when Broadway's outrageous comedy "Avenue Q" brings its troupe of puppets to town on Sept. 24 and 25.

The six-time Tony Award winning musical will highlight this fall's performance lineup with a rendition of the clever, sassy show that has been described as "Sesame Street" for adults.

Conceived by playwright Jeff Whitty and composers Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx, "Avenue Q" employs a dynamic cast of people and hand puppets to tell the story of Princeton, a recent college graduate who pilgrimages to New York City to fulfill his dreams of big-city success. Armed with little more than a useless English degree and an empty bank account, Princeton finds he can only afford housing in the derelict, multicultural neighborhood of Avenue Q where he crosses paths with an eclectic group of characters.

There's Brian, the unemployed comedian and his therapist fiancé Christmas Eve; Nicky the friendly slacker and his secretive Republican roommate Rod; the Internet-addicted Trekkie Monster; and Kate, the adorable kindergarten teaching assistant, who all make their home along Avenue Q as they juggle the very human challenges of searching for jobs, romance and, of course, their "purpose" in life.

Although it may seem like yet another hackneyed coming-of-age story with nothing more than a few fuzzy puppets thrown in for kicks, "Avenue Q" is far from clichéd. The show's ingenious recipe includes a gratuitous pinch of "Sesame Street," "Friends" and "The Real World" spiced up with a hint of "Rent," cooking up a flavor of its own within the realm of Broadway musicals. And with crass jokes and a bit of nudity, "Avenue Q" isn't your parents' puppetry. The show's characters humorously tackle issues of homophobia, pornography and racism, all while pausing to sing songs like "What Do You Do with a B.A.

in English?," "It Sucks to Be Me," and "Everyone's A Little Bit Racist."

"We try to offer a balance of art and entertainment options," said Glenn Hare, director of Marketing and Communications at the Brooks Center. "Because the Center is part of an institution of higher learning, we pride ourselves on providing a variety of experiences for the students and the community as well."

Regardless of whether or not you live alongside an out-of-work funnyman or an oversized computer geek in an alphabetically organized neighborhood, the show's characters are surprisingly relatable — especially those who may find themselves on their own Avenue Q in the intimidating post-academia world very soon.

"The story in 'Avenue Q' is one that all college students can relate," said Hare. "It confronts situations that most students have faced or will face. Situations like having no money in your bank account, living with new neighbors and roommates, finding a job and finding your purpose."

Not surprisingly, the internationally acclaimed "Avenue Q" has garnered quite a buzz in Clemson.

"Our ticket sales have been tremendous so far," said Hare. "We know the students are interested. I recommend students who haven't gotten tickets to buy them early. This show is a hot item and is selling fast."

To put it simply, if "Sesame Street" highlighted your childhood afternoons but is far too tame for your more "adult" mind now, consider graduating your puppet-viewing to "Avenue Q." In fact, one could say the musical is to "Sesame Street" as "Airplane!" is to any riveting, over-the-top disaster movie, and therefore, should not be missed.

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