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Ticket process reviewed

Students learn the ins and outs of block seating distribution for home football games.

EMILY WHITE
STAFF WRITER

Are you one of those students who are fed up with having to hike up to the tippy top of Memorial Stadium's upper deck for what seems like the millionth time in a row? You're not alone.

Due to questions from students about having their block seated in the upper deck three times in a row, the Athletic Department outlines the current situation with the planning process for student organization blocks.

Any approved student organizations on campus, including athletic teams, are allowed to sign up to have a section of seats, known as a block, reserved for its members that choose to participate.

Wayne Gibson, the assistant ticket operating manager for student tickets, holds a meeting at the beginning of the semester for organizations wishing to have a block for home football games. These organizations encouraged to have a representative attend to gather all the required information.

This year, there are 83 student organizations choosing to partake.

Like most things these days, the entire process is Web based, allowing a group to add and remove students with the click of a mouse.

At the initial meeting, organization representatives are given a sheet of paper and it is their duty to compile a list of user ID numbers from each member that wants to sit on the block.

If someone decides later in the season that they would like to sit on the block their ID number can be added, but it should be done at least a week before the game and before tickets are assigned.

Here is where the challenge sets in; there



Organizations rotate around the stadium during the season to maintain a fair system, but some students questions the process.

are 83 student organizations, and only room for approximately 2,000 students in the lower deck. One thousand of the lower deck seats

are reserved for seniors and Collegiate Club members, which takes up a majority of the area.

"Sometimes, seniors would be better off

see **BLOCK** page A4

Intramurals rained out

Teams forced to cancel games due to poor field conditions.

KATE RIPLEY
STAFF WRITER

The "it's just water" excuse is not good enough for intramural sports teams whose games have been cancelled this week due to the heavy amounts of rain and damage from tailgating traffic on the intramural fields this past weekend.

Normally, the intramural staff would have the sweeper, a cleaning truck, take all of the trash or harmful objects that would be unsafe to sports teams off the fields after the football game.

However, due to poor conditions, the staff was forced to cancel the ultimate frisbee games for this week, as the sweeper was not permitted on the fields.

"At this point, running the sweeper over the fields could only damage the fields further," said Ray Lego, intramural supervisor.

While the ultimate frisbee teams took a week off, other sports teams such as sand volleyball and indoor soccer continued with their games.

"We will finish the season, it's



Ultimate frisbee season will continue when weather permits.

just a matter of when," Lego said.

What is most disturbing for the staff is the inability to fix the fields with any other material without the risk of causing more damage.

"We can't get equipment to fix the fields with sand or anything else," said April Flint, director of Intramural Recreation. "It's unsafe is the most important reason."

Tailgaters also had difficulty getting out of their parking places

after the football game against Texas Christian University this past Saturday.

As for the fields, Flint said they just have to wait it out.

"It's a day by day decision that the weather determines, unfortunately," said Flint. "Luckily, there shouldn't be anymore rain this week and we have the entire semester to finish up these games if they get pushed back."

Appeal online

Parking services using digital system.

ALLIE RICE
STAFF WRITER

This school year Parking Services switched the ticketing appeals process from an in-person procedure to one that can be completed online. The general framework for the process remains the same, but the application can now be filled out over the Internet.

"I went to the parking office to appeal my ticket because I had never done it before and they told me to just go online," said freshman, Jonathan Darling, of the new system. "I went to the Web site and the whole thing took about a minute and it was really easy, and I got it dismissed. So, overall, it seems like a positive change."

A few years ago the school purchased a software program with the capabilities to process appeals over the Internet, but until now they were not able to implement it due to various bugs and kinks in the software.

Though the making of an appeal itself is faster, the turnover rate of

decisions still takes the same amount of time. The offender still has 15 days to file the appeal and the board still meets once a week to review appeals from the previous week.

"The process is still the same except you don't have to go in and talk to anyone," said Judge Culler of the Municipal Court. "A lot of people like this fact that they don't have to come into our office to file their appeal. It seems the more convenient we make it for students to process an appeal the more appeals we see. This, of course, means more work for us."

The decision to move to an online process was a necessary one that adheres to technological advancements. The new format is meant to benefit both students and those who file the appeals.

Judge Culler said, "I encourage everyone to review all the parking regulations that can be found online [on the parking services Web site]. We have tried to share through e-mail many of these regulations, but it's up to the students to know the rules and to abide by them."

TAKE A HIKE

FALL BREAK GET-AWAYS

WILL BARNES
STAFF WRITER

BLAIR PAULIK/staff

Tallulah Gorge

If you're up for a short road trip, then Tallulah Gorge in north Georgia is worth considering. Located just over an hour from campus, Tallulah Gorge State Park is a great destination for those intent on sightseeing. This 2,689 acre park is most known for its 1,000 foot gorge and the six waterfalls. Avid hikers will enjoy the strenuous trails leading to several gorge over-looks, not to mention, the suspension bridge hanging eighty feet above the rocky floor of the gorge. The park is open from 8 a.m. to dark, and parking is \$5. If you're looking to get away from Clemson for a day or two, then Tallulah Gorge State Park may be the right destination for you. For more information, contact the park office by phone at (706) 754-7970 or visit their Web site at <http://www.gastate-parks.org/info/tallulah/>.



Whitewater Falls

Whitewater Falls, on the border of North and South Carolina, is another ideal destination for those who don't mind making the hour and a half drive. Upper Whitewater Falls, located on the Whitewater River in North Carolina, is one of the tallest waterfalls in the state. Admission to Upper Whitewater Falls is \$2, and several vantage points are available for viewing the falls. Following a trail from the upper falls, two miles downstream and into South Carolina, you can find Lower Whitewater Falls, a 200-foot waterfall. For more information regarding the Whitewater Falls, contact the Nantahala Ranger District by phone at (828) 524-6441.

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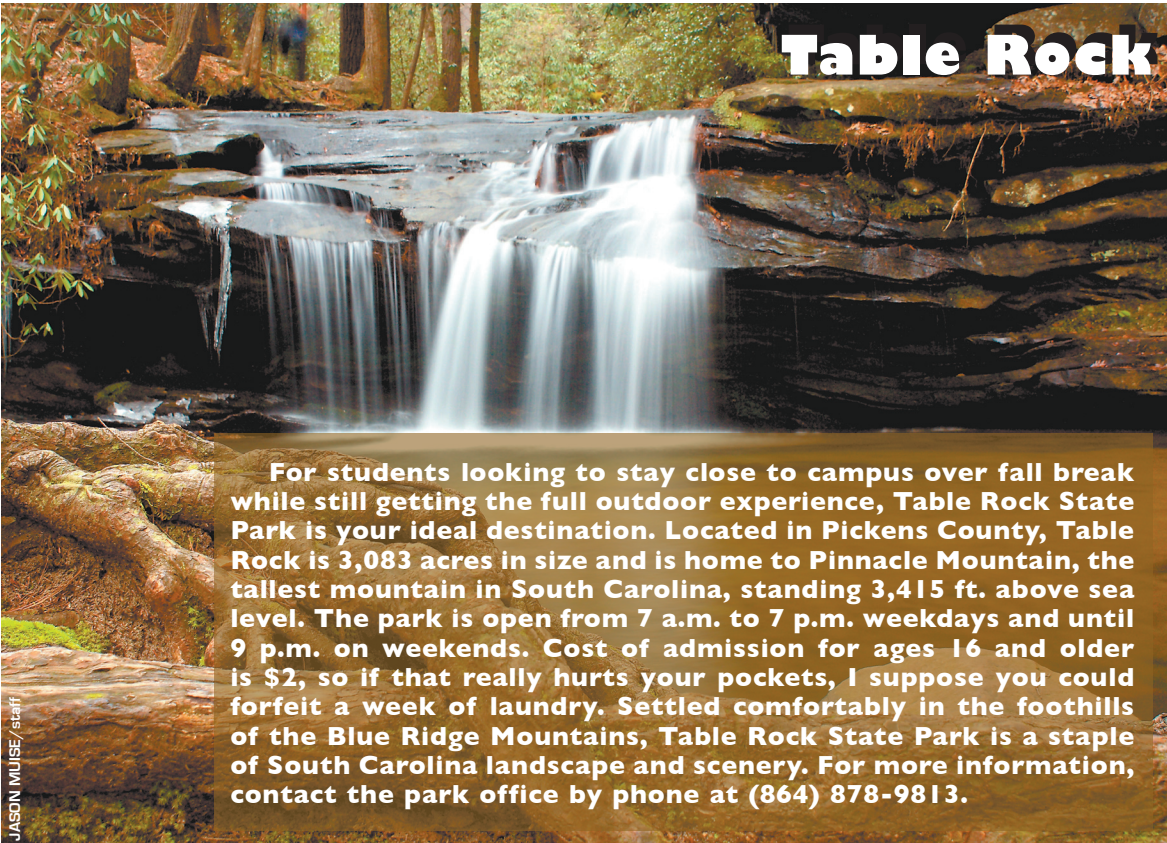
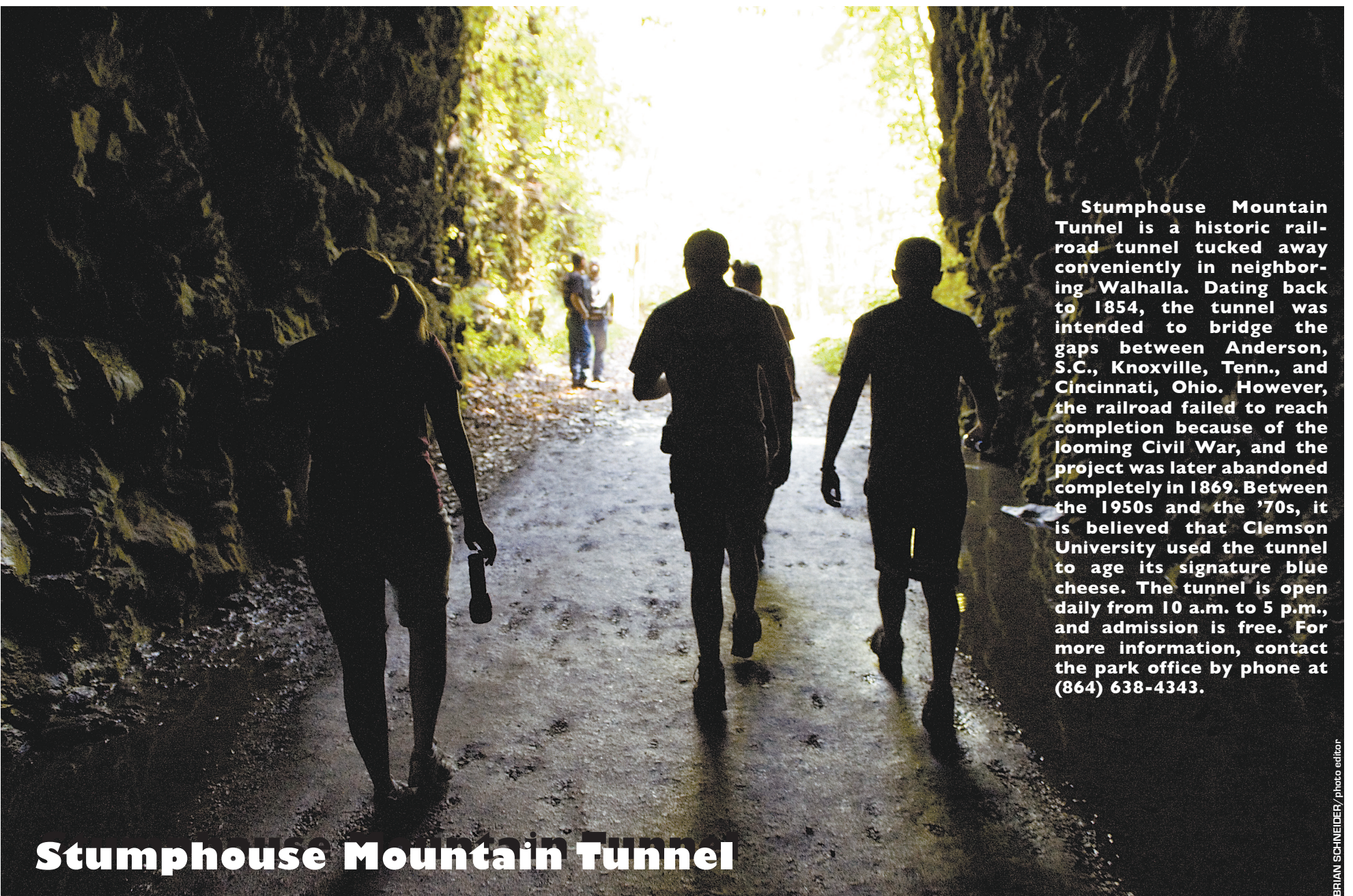


Table Rock

For students looking to stay close to campus over fall break while still getting the full outdoor experience, Table Rock State Park is your ideal destination. Located in Pickens County, Table Rock is 3,083 acres in size and is home to Pinnacle Mountain, the tallest mountain in South Carolina, standing 3,415 ft. above sea level. The park is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and until 9 p.m. on weekends. Cost of admission for ages 16 and older is \$2, so if that really hurts your pockets, I suppose you could forfeit a week of laundry. Settled comfortably in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Table Rock State Park is a staple of South Carolina landscape and scenery. For more information, contact the park office by phone at (864) 878-9813.

JASON MUISE/staff



Stumphouse Mountain Tunnel is a historic railroad tunnel tucked away conveniently in neighboring Walhalla. Dating back to 1854, the tunnel was intended to bridge the gaps between Anderson, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., and Cincinnati, Ohio. However, the railroad failed to reach completion because of the looming Civil War, and the project was later abandoned completely in 1869. Between the 1950s and the '70s, it is believed that Clemson University used the tunnel to age its signature blue cheese. The tunnel is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. For more information, contact the park office by phone at (864) 638-4343.

Stumphouse Mountain Tunnel

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Chick this out

Restaurant trials new ordering system in an unexpected place.

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Chick-fil-A on Tiger Blvd. installed two electronic Personal Order Stations on Sept. 13 as part of a trial period to gauge how well customers interact with technology in the restaurant and what improvements can be made.

Clemson is the first and currently the only location to have the Personal Order Station (POS) or, also known as, kiosks. Chick-fil-A management believes the population segment is ideal to determine customer feedback to the new system. The customer response that occurs in Clemson will be used as model to make enhancements to the equipment before they are installed elsewhere.

The objective of the POS is to be a service enhancer that allows guests to place their order, take a seat and have their meal brought to them. Thus, providing a more comfortable alternative than the traditional standing in line to order and then standing around to wait for your food at other fast food restaurants. The new electronic ordering system is also providing management with a perspective of the future fast food industry. "Another objective [of the kiosk] is to determine customer response to technology and their preferences in ordering and then being served," said Location Operator Herb Tyler. Throughout the trial period, management is using various methods to get a sense of what customers like and dislike about the system. Tyler explained that these customer suggestions were crucial in not only finding a balance between efficient technologies for the customer, but also something they felt comfortable using.

This quick, easy and no-lines



Jonathan Oliver provides assistance and customer interaction to new POS user on Chick-fil-A on Highway 123.

approach to service is providing an ideal dining experience for busy college students. Chick-fil-A employee, Jonathan Oliver, said, "With the fast paced way of life for many students, it's an easy way to get an order placed even during the busy lunch rush, rather than waiting in lines during our peak business period."

Personal Order Stations are proving especially beneficial to economically savvy college students with the money saving options it offers them when placing an order. Oliver said, "It shows them their price as they continue to select their meal, and makes it easy to 'customize' an order by adding or removing items on a sandwich." Allowing users to save on extras they don't need but don't realize can alter the price of an order, such as cheese and lettuce.

With a technology efficient society often comes the lack of face-to-face interaction, but management is taking extra steps to make sure customers don't lose the personal service Chick-fil-A customers have come to expect. "We're adding an extra emphasis on having an

employee near them make sure to be greeting and assisting those customers just like the rest of our customers," said Oliver. Additionally, there will be employees with the machines to assist customers in operating them.

Unlike many technology enhanced service options, the Personal Order Stations are not designed to lower operating costs. The company saves no money in their use of the electronic equipment. The location has more staff on hand to supplement for greeting and assisting the kiosk users to ensure they get sufficient customer interaction.

Management reports that the customer feedback has been positive. Guests especially enjoy being in control of their own order and its specifications. The store operator has even made sure enhancements that guests suggested have already been implemented.

In a town like Clemson, new technologies don't always blossom here first, but in this case it is up to Clemson Chick-fil-A customers to determine the future of fast food.

Weekly News Update

World News

USA Today

Iran demonstrates advancements in weaponry program on Sept. 27.

The test launches follow President Barack Obama's strong advisement against continuing underground weapon development during World Summit meetings on Sept. 25. Obama asked that Iran's nuclear ambitions and development facilities be open to the inspection and review of the international community or that the country be prepared to face U.N. sanctions.

Iranian officials explained that the test launches were planned before the summit in Philadelphia. Iran's Revolutionary Guard reported to local news outlets that the missile launches were successful and hit their expected targets. The United States and allies believe Iran could be expanding its missile capabilities in order to later carry nuclear weapons outside of the region.

U.S. Intelligence sources estimate that Iran could complete its first nuclear weapon in five years.

This is the first missile test Iran has conducted since its May launch of its two-stage surface-to-surface missiles in May. Those missiles had a range of 1,200 miles, capable of reaching Israel, parts of Europe and U.S. military bases in the region.

The New York Times

World economic summit will expand permanently to allow incorporate developing nations.

President Barack Obama announced Sept. 25 that this year's larger economic discussion will be made precedent. The economic summit that formerly called the G-7, included the world's strongest economies.

It consisted of the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. It was once expanded by former president Bill Clinton to include Russia, but that ended after Clinton left office.

The larger group will have the same bi-annual meeting schedule as its predecessor. The group's expansion will include quickly economically growing nations like Brazil and China as well as developing countries that play a different but crucial role the international economy.

Support for the new G-20 group believe that a greater variety of countries will give a new perspective to economic and environmental topics as well as draw attention to emerging markets that would normally go under the radar.

Opposition to the larger group feel that complex financial issues cannot be resolved between greatly different nations with vested interests.

BBC

Thousands are left displaced in the Philippines after days of flooding.

Torrential rains from Tropical Storm Ketsana in the Philippines during Sept. 25 to 26 brought the worst flooding the region has seen in decades.

The heart of the flooding was in the capital city of Manila and surrounding regions. Weather experts estimate that at the peak of the storm, 80 percent of Manila was under water.

The storm began to let up on Sept. 27 when a full rescue effort could begin. Officials released 73 confirmed deaths and 23 people are still reported missing.

The current rescue effort is made of military troops, local police divisions and civilian volunteers. The efforts have rescued 4,000 people.

The national government gave 25 provinces 'calamity' status, which will allow them access to their emergency funds for the rescue project.

In the wake of the storm 250,000 people evacuated their homes and had to seek lodging in overcrowded shelters.

National News

The New York Times

The Senate Finance Committee blocked a proposal for increased drug discounts on Sept. 25.

The legislative proposal that was supported mostly by Democrats required pharmaceutical companies to give larger customized discounts to Medicare for drugs used by elderly low income citizens. The proposal was written as an amendment by Dem. Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida.

The Senate Finance Committee estimated that pharmaceutical companies would have to give discounts in the form of rebates costing them \$100 billion throughout the next 10 years. The committee's decision was based on these figures as well as debate over government's role in securing drug coverage insurance for all citizens.

The committee also heard advice from health insurance analysts and a representative of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America who advised that the increased discounts would lead to job losses in the drug industry.

Philadelphia Inquirer

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who fell was hospitalized on Sept. 27.

Ginsburg suffered from an iron deficiency that caused her to feel lightheaded and tired. She was treated by an in-house physician who then transferred her care to the Washington Hospital Center. At the hospital Ginsburg had blood work done that determined her health to be stable. This the second health related incident at the courthouse Ginsburg has had this year. In February she was on absence due to pancreatic cancer.

Ginsburg was the second female to be appointed to the Supreme Court after Sandra Day O'Connor. She is also the first female Jewish woman to be appointed to the high court in the United States. She was given her position by former president Bill Clinton in 1993.

CNN

A California pilot used his private plane to violate a restraining order and stalk his former girlfriend on Sept. 26.

Police in Concord, Calif., had received complaints of brochure like leaflets in a residential area, centralized in one neighborhood. The leaflets, which contained racial slurs and defamatory language, were linked to a 51-year-old male resident who lives in an adjacent area. He left the leaflets to invoke anger in his former girlfriend. The police served the man with a restraining order on Sept. 26.

Later that day, the man used his private plane to fly over the neighborhood a reported eight times and drop more leaflets. The Concorde Police met the man at a private airport in Martinez County and arrested him on suspicion of stalking and violating a restraining order. The suspect is being held on \$155,000 bond. The Federal Aviation Administration was notified about the use of an aircraft to violate parole, and they said they are currently pursuing any immediate action.

Chicago Tribune

The Environmental Protection Agency reported it will regulate oil refineries, factories and power plant's greenhouse gas emissions on Sept. 30.

A full explanation of how the government branch will replace these policies was detailed at the Global Climate Summit in Los Angeles by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson.

The proposed changes only affect factories and power plants that emit more than 25,000 tons of greenhouse gases. The proposal allows the emitters to select from a variety of options to limit their annual emissions. This includes simple alternatives such as "scrubbers" in factories, one of the most economic solutions.

This announcement comes from the executive created branch after Congress has failed to pass environmental legislation to these types of emitters. The Senate has passed other environmental legislation from this year about greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks.



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Law bans flavored cigarettes

Fruit and candy-flavored cigarettes lure youngsters to an early grave.

TEDDY KULMALA
STAFF WRITER

A recently enacted law has banned the sale of candy and fruit-flavored cigarettes on the grounds that they entice children into dangerous smoking habits.

The law, titled the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, took effect Sept. 22 and bans the sale of cigarettes with flavors of fruit, candy and cloves.

The Food and Drug Administration estimates that around 90 percent of adult smokers began smoking as teenagers and that more than 3,600 young people start smoking every day.

Additionally, studies show that children under the age of 17 are three times as likely to purchase the flavored cigarettes as adults over the age of 25.

George Clay, executive director of Redfern Health Center, explained flavored cigarettes do attract younger smokers, thus making the law beneficial.

"Flavors and packaging help disguise the fact that they [cigarettes] are actually a represented health risk," he said. "Anything that increases the appeal of a product like cigarettes or tobacco, I think, needs to be carefully considered at the health policy level because regardless of how something is packaged or what it tastes like, we know for a fact that tobacco use is highly hazardous."

Janet Botts is an employee at the Palms gas station in Clemson where the cigarettes were sold.

She said the top-selling brands at that store were Djarum, Balihi and Dream. However, sales were not



EDEN ARMSTRONG/STAFF

Legislation passed last week limits cigarette options.

extraordinarily high, she explained. "The flavored cigarettes didn't do as well because they were expensive," she said. As far as smoking habits go, Clay suggested the tide may already be turning.

He cited examples of people who previously used the flavored cigarettes but said they would try to stop now that they aren't available, mainly because they dislike the taste of regular cigarettes.

He believes the ban is a good thing and a positive first step in curving the number of new young smokers.

"One in 10 people who smoke over a lifetime is going to die at a premature age because of their tobacco use," he said. "And a much larger number are going to suffer chronic health conditions that diminish their quality of life."

Junior Jamal Strother supports

the ban but is skeptical. "If kids want to smoke, they're going to smoke," he said.

With higher taxes on tobacco products, smoking bans such as those in place in Clemson, and now cigarette bans, the country is knuckling down on smoking. But the question remains: Is further regulation on the horizon? Strother thinks so.

"We're trying to become more of a health-conscious society," Strother said. "People are starting to exercise more, they're starting to eat right...this is just one step to improving our life span in America."

Clay disagrees. "Ultimately, individual liberty still prevails," he said. "That prohibitionist approach to alcohol didn't work; it's not going to work with tobacco use...it would just go underground."

Peace marches to Columbia

Organizations meet for resolutions.

KATE RIPLEY
NEWS EDITOR

A student organization on campus has organized and will be leading a silent march in Columbia, S.C., on Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. to raise awareness for the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel.

Collective Consciousness, previously called International Human Rights Chapter, has been planning for months for this statewide event, which will involve similar organizations from South Carolina universities as well as notable national and international human rights organizations and grassroots movements.

According to the American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights' (AAEP) Web site, this event will also be occurring in other major cities across the nation including Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington D.C.

The purpose of the rally is to bring together those supporting the stop of violence in the Middle East and bring peace between Palestine and Israel.

Some of the organizations present will be Amnesty International, School of Americas Watch and NAACP.

The event does require the purchase of tickets, which cost \$10 for students and \$20 for adults.

Taiyo Davis, president of Collective Consciousness has been working towards this event for months, he said, and is excited to see the outcome of the hard work put into this rally.

"It's a lot of time, several months we've been talking about this with various organizations," Davis said. "It

was a lot of effort."

Collective Consciousness hopes to network with other student organizations to share the lecture series held each year.

This lecture series is an open dialogue for anyone to voice their opinions on the Israeli/Palestine issue.

The panel includes five professors from various fields of study and backgrounds.

This event, held last spring, was extremely successful, Davis said, and although those in attendance did not agree on everything, everyone decided that they wanted to end the conflict and live together in peace.

Dr. Lance Howard, advisor of Collective Consciousness and professor at Clemson University, attended the lecture series last year and had very positive feedback and looked to this march with high hopes.

"I definitely believe that the problem can be solved and that it needs to have positive outlook towards it," Howard said.

Collective Consciousness also serves the surrounding community by offering programs that instill peace in youth.

Those interested in attending the march should contact Taiyo Davis at ihrcc@clemson.edu.

"I really believe that in order to accomplish the impossible, we have to put in the minds of each and every individual the idea that the impossible is possible," Davis said. "Otherwise, no one will try, and that's what I'm sick of and many of the other people who are contributing are sick of and we're going to do something about it."

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getting their tickets individually because they would be guaranteed lower deck seating," Gibson said.

This means the balance of students will have to settle for a view from the upper deck but on no more than three occasions.

Since there are 83 organizations and seven home games, about 12 groups will be allotted lower deck seating per game.

Gibson has a list of all the registered organizations, which is arranged in alphabetical order.

For the home opener, the first 12 organizations are given the lower deck seats. When the second game rolls around, the next 12 organizations will be given the privilege.

This process continues until the next game, game three, and that's when things become more complicated, considering organizations that start with the letter "Z" have seriously considered investing in top-notch binoculars.

At this point, alphabetical order is still used, but Gibson begins with the organizations that have been in the upper deck for all three games.

By the end of game seven, and after much deliberation, every organization should have been seated in the lower deck at least three times.

"I try to help every organization out, being as fair as possible," Gibson said.

It is very difficult to please everybody, considering for the Middle Tennessee State game there were 3,800 students in block seating, for the Boston College game 5,000 students, and for the TCU game, there was an astonishing 5,800 students.

In addition to the students

already on the block, there is an opportunity to have date tickets and season buys.

This means that a student can have a "date" added to their block for a game of his/her choice.

In the past, this has added more than 150 people to the block total. If this isn't a cause for enough confusion, it has also been noticed in the past that students have 'block jumped', meaning they claim to be part of several organizations so that they can jump from block to block, depending on which group has the lower deck that week.

Because of this, a rule has been implemented that once a student requests to be off a block, they cannot be added back on.

Sarah Bromley, a senior and ticket office assistant, said "block seating is definitely a privilege for students that many other schools don't offer."

The block seating system allows students to get guaranteed seating near the organization of their choice.

Gibson explained ideally students would be able to both sit with those they are connected with around campus and have seats near the field. However, that is simply unrealistic for every student due to the limited number of lower-deck seats.

Gibson's main objective of the system is to provide equal opportunity to all organizations and be as fair as possible.

While Gibson is proud of how far the ticket office has come, he is open to any suggestions that students may have.

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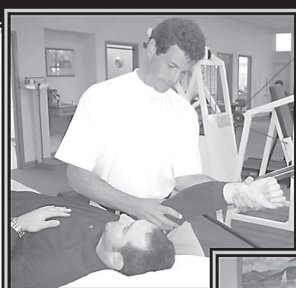
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Fair meets mixed reviews

Decline in post-grad hiring means smaller job circuit.

KATHLEEN ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Sept. 16 the Michelin Career Center held the Fall 2009 Career Fair in LittleJohn Coliseum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Compared to previous years, the most recent career fair seemed to students less successful. The fair has decreased in size and potential employers, while many of the employers that were present informed students that they were not currently hiring. This led to questions of whether Clemson grads are less competitive than previous years or if the failing economy is entirely to blame.

It seems the economy bears the majority of the responsibility. "The companies that usually send representatives do not have the money to travel," said Leah Hughes, assistant director of career events and recruiting. "The lack of employers is a direct reflection of the economy." In the past, the career fair has provided ample

opportunities for Clemson students to network, secure job interviews and even find jobs. The fair focuses on two areas, "TechConnect" and "Connect2Business." TechConnect centers on organizations recruiting candidates for engineering, science, construction science and architecture positions. The Connect2Business aspect of the fair applies to those organizations recruiting candidates from the areas of business and liberal arts.

Senior John McFadden attended the Connect2Business fair in search of a job in the field of corporate finance. He came prepared, dressed in full suit and tie, and having viewed ClemsonJobLink, researched companies and read position descriptions. McFadden received several job interviews but noted that there were very few potential employers available for finance jobs.

"The job fair is good if you're an engineering major, but it's not helpful if you are anything else," said McFadden. Last spring's Career Fair

saw a 36 percent decline in the number of students hired, according to the ClemsonJobLink survey. When the data is all in, this year's fair is expected to have an even smaller percentage.

Despite the failing economy's impact on the career fair, it still provides an abundance of resources for Clemson students beginning the job search process.

Although many students do not immediately receive jobs at the fair, it lets them know what's available to them and allows them the exposure to a great number of potential employers that typically would be unavailable anywhere other than in a job fair environment.

For most students, the career fair's lack of employers this year may have hindered their initial success, but for many, the fall career fair was only the start of a number of different opportunities available to them in the initial job search. "It is important that students see the career fair as a starting point, not necessarily a time to go in and get a job that day," said Hughes.



AT A GLANCE
Week of Oct. 2 through Oct. 9

- Transfer Council's Campus Wide Fall Flick will be "I Love You, Man" in McKissick Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m.

- Stop by the new CUSG sponsored Get a DVD Now boxes located in Hendrix and the Union. The availability of DVDs can be checked at getavdnow.com.

- Student Senate meetings are every Monday night at 7 p.m. Everyone in the student body is welcome to sit in on the meeting to learn about current CUSG issues and experience Clemson's Student Government Senate.

- Be sure to Check out the CUSG Web site at cusg.net. You can get yourself oriented about current events and initiatives that CUSG is working on and even provide input for your Clemson University Undergraduate Student Government.

- The CUSG offices are located adjacent to Harcombe Dining Hall in the Union. CUSG office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (864) 656-2195. Clemson University Undergraduate Student Government wants to make every effort to stay in touch with you. Please visit our website cusg.net.

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"Is the United States justified in extraditing Roman Polanski for his crime 30 years ago and why?"

"I feel like that is right, if he had sex with a 13-year-old girl he should be prosecuted."



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undeclared
freshman



Adam Caldwell
marketing
junior

"He got a clean break for that, you can't bring him back for that. He got away clean, we should have gotten him while he was here, and plus it's in a different country where we don't have authority."



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"Yes, he should absolutely be extradited. His success as a director should not give him a free pass to get away with such a heinous crime."

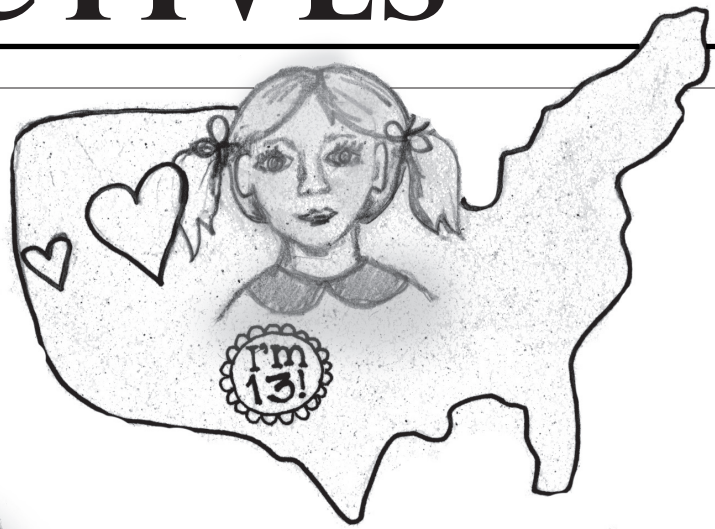


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"Regardless of where he is, there should be consequences for his actions. The crime is as deserving of punishment in Sweden as in the United States."



Romping Roman

Many cultural and political differences distinguish the United States from our counterparts in Europe. Attempts to bridge the gap have been debatably progressive, but there's no ignoring that dissimilarities exist. While disparities are most noticeable in government policies, economic trends and lifestyles, a recent arrest has surfaced a new issue of debate: celebrities and the justice system.

Director Roman Polanski was arrested in Switzerland on Sept. 26 by U.S. authorities who hope he will be sentenced for drugging and having sex with a 13-year-old in 1977. The Academy Award winning director of "The Pianist" admitted to engaging in unlawful intercourse with a minor as part of a plea bargain when the case came to trial some 30 years ago. However, Polanski fled the United States in 1978, fearful that the Los Angeles judge would renege on the deal. He hasn't returned since then, choosing to reside in France where he raised a family and advanced his directing career. Though an international arrest warrant was released by the United States in 2005, France refused to comply with it due to laws that prohibit the extradition of its citizens to other countries.

The arrest has spawned discontent, specifically in French citizens and representatives who believe the long arm of U.S. law is reaching too far in this case given relevant circumstances. Europeans come to the artist's aid, claiming that due to his celebrity status and the amount of time elapsed since the crime his offense should be downplayed. They are in disbelief that the United States would publicly embarrass such an important figure for the sake of a case that is almost three decades old. To them, Polanski is a victim of an obsessive justice system.

However, for the United States, the arrest is a moral victory proving that no one stands above the law.

Some would argue that U.S. authorities should be more concerned with obtaining and arresting child molesters and sexual predators within our own borders who pose more of a threat than an international celebrity who hasn't set foot in this country for almost 30 years. Also, celebrity sex scandals surface daily in the states, some

involving minors (looking at you R Kelly). Why is such a public and controversial arrest necessary for this man when he wasn't even on U.S. soil? It seems hypocritical to publicly embarrass and condemn this man for a crime that many in the United States are tried for and acquitted. In times of economic peril and heightened concern for homeland security, isn't it a waste of money to put so much effort into arresting this type of criminal who not only doesn't live here, but also doesn't seem to pose a serious and direct threat to U.S. citizens?

These are valid questions. But the case can be made that harsher pursuit and consequences for sexual predators within our borders, both celebrities and non-celebrities, is necessary regardless of Polanski's trial. To say that Polanski shouldn't be arrested because others have committed the same crime and haven't always been justly persecuted is to say that an arrest warrant for a person accused of murder should be disregarded because there have been murderers in the past who haven't been caught, tried and punished. Polanski's case must be viewed independently. Also, U.S. authorities had a warrant out for his arrest.

They couldn't simply ignore that warrant, thus bypassing and discrediting the very laws they enforce.

One could also argue that Polanski's victim, the now 45 year old Samantha Geimer, has pleaded the director's case and asked that the trial be dropped. However, America's judicial system doesn't punish accused criminals based on the victim's interests. Psychological harm and distress are often experienced by victims of molestation. It seems legitimate that Geimer would wish for the potentially embarrassing scenario to be left alone and in the past. While that's understandable, the judicial system still has to run its course. Polanski was never sentenced for an offense he pled guilty to, and that can't be simply ignored.

While Polanski has been likened to such artists as Oscar Wilde and Alfred Dreyfus in his so called oppression, the comparison is flimsy at best. Wilde and Dreyfus were discriminated against for circumstances that now are common

and acceptable. However, having sexual relations with a child wasn't then, isn't now nor ever will be okay. And a 13-year-old was then, is now and will always be a child. The gravity of the crime has not diminished over time. Rather, in an age in which the dangers posed to children via the Internet or other means of communication are all too real, Polanski's offense perhaps is more abhorrent now than ever. It's not as if the United States is oppressing or discriminating against him for a crime that is outdated.

Likewise, there isn't a rift here in cultural perceptions of child molestation. The United States isn't punishing Polanski for something that would have been acceptable beyond our borders, for instance in France. A middle-aged man had sex with a 13-year-old. How is this justified by any span of time, celebrity or culture?

Furthermore, this arrest may make a public statement for and about the U.S. government. Whether you like it or not, there is follow through. In contrast, neglecting this case may render a negative image of U.S. authorities, or at least an inconsistent one. Polanski's arrest wasn't meant to disrespect or undermine Europeans. This isn't a clash of cultures. It is a legal warrant that was fulfilled. The only outlying factor in this instance seems to be the fame of the arrestee which really shouldn't come into play. Using Polanski's celebrity as a supporting argument for him is to say that one may be pardoned for crimes depending on what they can offer in artistic value to a society. Should all criminals be assessed, then, for artistic talent so it can be weighed against their crime? No, of course not. Then why make this a rule for Polanski? The United States had no grounds on which to pardon Polanski's crimes.

There is no "if the criminal is a public figure and the crime happened thirty years ago" clause to refer to here.

Also, the passing of time doesn't pardon or diminish the gravity of a crime that someone was never tried for. If this were a universalized rule, many criminals would be off scot-free. The simple fact is that whether the crime took place 30 years ago or yesterday, the act still happened and should be dealt with accordingly by

the justice system. The law is the law.

Can this attitude be characterized as "justice-obsessed"? Is this arrest doing more harm than good for U.S. foreign relations and public image? Should we even care about such factors seeing as to how the United States adheres to a system of laws, and doesn't go on case to case qualifications?

In response to the first question, an "obsession" with justice is perhaps preferable to a denial of personal freedom due to bending the rules in certain cases. If the United States were to ignore the warrant for Polanski's arrest, a slippery slope could result that would be hard to counteract. Other warrants may also be discounted due to certain outlying factors. Although our justice system isn't perfect, we at least attempt to adhere to it without bias in all cases. Does this always happen? No. Do people cheat the system? Sometimes.

But publicly allowing a criminal to go without trial openly invites denial and rejection of the law in other cases.

As to the question of whether the arrest has done more harm than good for our country because it has spurred controversy, what doesn't the United States do these days that sparks national or international debate? The repercussions of a scarred reputation haven't deterred many of our decisions thus far, have they? Aside from that, fear of tarnishing our image shouldn't come into play in this scenario for the same reasons that the time elapsed since the crime shouldn't or Polanski's celebrity status shouldn't: these factors are irrelevant.

For now, Polanski is being detained in Switzerland as his extradition is being negotiated. Though his arrest has spawned a whirlwind of debate, the United States stands by its decision to follow through with the judicial system. Perhaps the issue denotes a difference of culture, but if so, it's a rift that the United States should be proud of.

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COMMENTARY

When Pigs Fly, Dogs Mow Lawns... and I Can't Go Out To Eat?

EMILY WHITE

Guest Columnist

Being rejected from a bar during the wee hours of the night can be pretty humiliating, but let's face it, the majority of us have found, or will find, ourselves in this awkward yet humorous moment at least once in our crazy adolescent lives. I did not, however, expect to be in this humbling situation at 3:00 in the afternoon, in broad daylight, while accompanied by my parents, who most certainly do not give off the impression that they are ready to rage, drinking continuously until they can no longer remember their names, let alone stand up. Yeah, not my parents.

This past Saturday, during the Clemson vs. TCU football game, I got turned away from a certain establishment downtown (I'll give you a hint: it is known for being impossibly hard to get into, and its name includes three Ts ... think about it, it will come to you), while simply trying to grab a tasty lunch and catch the much anticipated game with my ticketless parents. The lackadaisical, nonetheless stubborn, bouncer allowed my parents to prance right by, but threw up his arm as I attempted to proceed to the nearest booth. An ID? He really wanted to see my ID? After willingly explaining to this fine gentleman that I was only the delightful age of 20, he informed me that I was not permitted to take one step further. Was this really happening? Let me reiterate the fact that it was indeed the middle of a family-oriented Saturday afternoon and I am pretty sure that I spotted a youngster of about five years of age decked out in full-on Batman gear way across the room. I couldn't help but think that this was a prank, that I was the most recent fool on one of those absurd candid camera shows who will be laughed at by plenty because of my gullible tendencies.

My dad, like me, was utterly confused and rightfully questioned the whole mind-boggling situation. It was brought to our knowledge, that at this restaurant, if you are between the ages of about 13-20 you are not permitted to enter. To my surprise, the bouncer was being 100 percent serious with this bizarre claim and looked at me like I was the irrational

one for thinking I belonged there. Apparently, if you are not noticeably a young child under the age of 13, you are, under no circumstances, allowed to grace this eatery with your fine presence.

I am certainly not one to toot my own horn, but I like to think that due to the fact that I grew up 30 minutes west of Manhattan I am a fairly well-cultured individual. I can honestly say, however, that in my 20 years of life, I have never been completely shot down, rejected or denied from a restaurant, when I truthfully had no intention of sneaking in a few brewskies.

As I conveyed this experience to my roommates and friends, everyone seemed to exhibit the same reaction that I had, one of surprise and slight irritation.

It makes no sense that a 20-year-old adult cannot enter a bar/restaurant with older individuals, especially when those individuals are ones parents, and enjoy a nice meal. Am I the only sensible person who finds this rule to be exceedingly irrational? After proceeding down College Avenue, puzzled by where we would be able to find the untelevised game, we entered another establishment one of the exact same nature as the previous bar.

Much to my liking, this place, like any other standard bar, welcomed me with open arms, just as long as I did not manage to innocently mistake my dad's beer for my Coca-Cola. Oops.

I do realize that this is a college town, and business owners must constantly be on their toes, anticipating every crafty trick that my brilliant fellow students have fashioned, but enough is enough. If a six-year-old hooligan, who cannot sit still for more than three seconds and will most likely run straight into the waitress causing drinks to fly in every which direction, is allowed to enter a bar and I am not, than I would like to know what ghastly threat I pose that seems far worse than a hodgepodge of frenzied children.

You better take note, my fellow under-agers, and brush up on your video arcade skills, because if this bizarre policy takes flight the only place we'll be permitted to dine is Chuck E. Cheese's.

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COMMENTARY

Radio riding: CB for life

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Columnist



Even before Burt Reynolds popularized it in the movie "Smokey and the Bandit", the most useful tool anyone could have in his or her vehicle was a CB radio. Most consider the CB radio to be an obsolete piece of technology, but even in today's world of cell phones that have Internet access and GPS there are still many advantages of keeping that old Citizen's Band around.

The main advantage, of course, is that the operator of a radio is able to talk to anyone in the immediate area. Anyone, usually within about 10 miles, can hear anyone else and either listen in or jump into the conversation.

The first situation that this feature comes in handy is during a traffic jam. If it's particularly bad, it is possible to follow the alternate route the trucks and other CB operators are taking to get around the problem.

Also, if there isn't a practical way around, the people who have radios who have already passed by will let everyone else know what mile marker it is at, what side of the road it is on, what lane it is in or what the best way to get around it is. That's not something a cell phone can easily do.

There are a few other perks of keeping a CB radio around, but a lot of them come from personal experience. There are countless ways a CB radio is useful to have even if there is a cell phone around.

Blown a clutch cable, for example, but any tow truck near I-385 will take hours to get there? Someone will be on the radio to explain clutch cable repair. At least well enough to get to a service station.

Taken a shortcut through Conway to get to Myrtle Beach and now the scenery is entirely tobacco fields and there are no road signs? Someone on the radio knows the way back to route 501.

Actually, a lot of the people who operate CB radios operate locally and know their area extremely well, including places to get really good bar-be-cue. The

best hole-in-the-wall places don't always show up on Google Maps.

Or, maybe there is a pressing need to speed down to Charleston to try and get some surf in before the sun goes down? Generally, truckers and other motorists call out the locations of speed traps. Pairing a CB radio with a quality radar detector is an almost fool-proof way to avoid getting a ticket.

Perhaps there are two huge tractor-trailers blocking both lanes of the interstate? With a CB radio handy, it is easy to let at least one of them know to move over so other cars can pass.

Currently, it is difficult or impossible to get a cell phone to do any of these things. But even if someone figures them out some day, the same features on a phone more than likely won't be free. With a CB radio, there's no license required and no monthly fee to use the airwaves. Anyone wishing to install a radio only needs to buy a radio and an antenna.

Of course, the best antennas for the money, at least from a very simple electrical engineering point of view, are quarter-wavelength antennas. The most common quarter-wave antenna for CB radios are about eight-foot-long steel whips and are very common in this area on pickup trucks.

For the more modest radio operators, however, a four-foot, eighth-wavelength antenna will do just fine and isn't much larger than a standard AM/FM radio antenna. The drivers of the trucks with the whip antennas will just get better performance out of their radios.

Besides all of the usefulness of the radio, however, the best part about having a CB around is the conversation. Especially on long trips, the radio chatter can get interesting. Most of the people who own CB radios are commercial truckers, so the talks can get colorful in a hurry.

However, the conversations are not dry and one-sided. The people who commonly operate CB radios on the highways are in a unique position to make political commentary.

Sometimes it helps to hear about the working class of people in America from the actual working class rather than from a talking head on TV or one in the newspaper.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

A New York man unhappy with Bank of America's customer service has decided to sue the branch for more than 1,000 billion trillion dollars.



A Chicago area bar for cross-dressers is instituting a new ID requirement in which patron's photos have to match their gender presentations. In other words, if you are a man dressed as a woman, you better be devoted enough to get your driver's license photo snapped in drag.



A British store is releasing a line of underpants for left-handed men. They are said to save men time and embarrassment in front of the pot.



Mississippi police had to use tasers and handcuffs to capture a wayward emu running loose on Interstate 20.



A male Swedish college student began a 90-day experiment in which he pumps his breasts at three-hour intervals to see if he can produce milk.



A new weight loss Web site, Weightnags, has been launched and encourages users to diet by sending them abusive "you're fat" e-mails daily.



COMMENTARY

Are you there God? It's me, Atheism

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



Oh militant atheism, you're adorable. You've only been on the scene for a few decades now, and you're already trying to push out the competition. You think you can compete with the big dogs and rid the world of religion? I have to admit, though, your strategy is so heavy in sheer cognitive dissonance and balls it might as well be clinking brass. What better way to edge out the competition than to call for its extinction? It's a little cliché, but you wear it quite well.

Militant atheism. You believe all those religious folks around the world are wrong. Whether one is fundamentalist Islam, Westborough Baptist, Calvinist, Sikh, Shinto, Buddhist, Pagan, Wiccan, Catholic, Lutheran, Huguenot, Tolerant or Canadian, they're wrong and those beliefs are poisoning all those feeble little minds.

That's only the first step. Sure, you're right and everyone else is wrong. We've seen that all before. But what makes you different? Science? Okay, this is a new angle. Now that I think about it, that's good. That's really good. You know I read somewhere that 99 percent of scientific disciplines declared themselves valid. I think that was in the journal of tobacco, racial hygiene, phrenology and radium.

So science is incompatible with religion? Is that scientifically proven? Do all religions automatically align themselves against evolution, even Anglicans? No? Anglicans accepted evolution from the beginning? Uh oh....What conclusion will you jump to, though? All religions are breeding grounds for senseless, irrational violence and hatred? Each a source of pure, irrational evil? My god (God?), you've taken every quarrel between every religion in history and multiplied it by 911.

Religion has long been the condensed whipping boy for conditions that are really the work of complicated political and ethnic tensions. Sept. 11 was not inherently a religious act but an act in response to American military presence in traditionally Arab lands, a history of support for tyrannical and unpopular regimes and the gradual penetration of American businesses in extremely conservative markets. I mean that's what Bin Laden said, but the fact that they attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon rather than the National Cathedral and the Vatican is proof enough for me.

As for justifying their actions under the veil of an ancient text written for a crisis 5,000 years ago, I'm just going to throw this out here, but maybe they were going to do it anyway and found a convenient excuse that would play well with poor, uneducated Muslim supporters.

As an agnostic who spent 12 years kludging through a Catholic education, I feel I've learned a thing or two about the Bible. First surprising fact, most of the Gospels come from a single source written about 75 years after Jesus. Matthew, Mark and Luke come from a document known only as the "Q" source. Second surprising fact: the Bible wasn't written in English. It's a book with 1,000 versions,

translated countless number of times and each piece of it was written for different people at different times. Quite literally, it's a matter of picking and choosing your beliefs from it. One might as well get a tramp stamp of the passage forbidding tattoos, damming promiscuity and declaring menstruating women unclean.

So the Bible is a crapshoot; score one for atheism! Or that would be the case unless the percentages of religions that actually interpret the Bible literally are quite small. In fact, the percentage of fundamentalists who call for the termination of all religions but their own probably mirror the percent of agnostics and atheists that call for the disgrace and termination of all beliefs but their own.

A popular piece of rhetoric is that religious extremists kill and maim those who disagree, but extreme atheists at most call for the end of religion. It's a matter of words versus violence. But all mass violence begins as ideas. People just don't wake up and find "Genocide" on the calendar. Give intolerant atheist rhetoric 50 years and I guarantee there will begin to be violence.

It's just competing against ideas that have a 2,000-year head start.

Secondly, there already have been acts of genocide by atheist powers. Both the USSR and Nazi Germany essentially threw out all religious influence in their government or populace and embraced pseudo-scientific policies. Nazi Germany used racial eugenics, and the USSR had Lysenkoism and Proletariat sciences. Science can be twisted and warped to support evil just as easily as faith can.

The real tragedy of all of this is that atheists do have a point and a right to believe or not believe whatever they want. Just like being religious doesn't make one simple minded and ignorant, a person doesn't have to follow a religion to be a moral person. Plato makes this point better than anyone can. Mindfulness, the golden rule and shunning of material possessions; these are not inherently religious. Anyone can hold these ideas, and they are found across countless faiths.

There is an inherent repugnant reaction among Americans to atheists. It's an unfortunate throwback to the days of propaganda against Godless enemies and McCarthyism. It's ironic that America became "under God" about the same time Yuri Gagarin didn't see one. This is not a Christian nation. There is no endorsement of any religion in the founding documents, other than the use of "God."

Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were as suspicious of the clergy as they were of the crown, and I would do anything to go drinking with Ben Franklin.

My problem with militant atheists is the same with anyone else who believes that people who practice their rituals in peace shouldn't be tolerated. So they're wrong. So what? If you haven't learned by now that being correct doesn't count for much in this world, you're in for a lifetime of disappointment. There have been many wise people across the course of history who preached tolerance, forgiveness and love. And we would have killed them no matter what they called themselves. It's because people are stupid, not because of the God they worship.

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COMMENTARY

Rednecks and Grandmas

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Columnist



Former President Clinton was recently on Meet the Press discussing why the 2010 midterm elections will not be to President Obama what the 1994 elections were to him. As usual, the former president offered keen insight into the American political system. He pointed out that "Democrats haven't taken on the gun lobby like [he] did." While it is extremely unlikely for a variety of reasons that the Republican Party will make gains similar to 1994, Mr. Clinton's analysis fails to consider that Democrats might alienate a group even more powerful politically than the gun lobby. Rather than having the National Rifle Association's (NRA) card carrying rednecks turning out against democrats as in '94, we could see AARP card burning grandmas going to the polls.

Clinton credits the NRA for defeating 15 Democratic members of Congress; more will be defeated in 2010 if they vote for cuts in Medicare Advantage.

The AARP has had more than 60,000 retirees cancel their membership since the debate on healthcare reform started. Considering the AARP has about 40 million members this number seems small. However, these retirees have largely canceled their membership not because the AARP supports healthcare reform, but because they have not openly opposed it on the grounds that it could lead to cuts in Medicare—showing senior's die-hard, take no prisoners attitude when it comes to cuts in their entitlements.

Another retiree group, American Seniors Association, who completely opposes democrats' plans for healthcare reform, saw its membership increase by 5,000 members in one week—more evidence of seniors' uncompromising attitude on entitlements.

These retirees are vehemently opposed to any cuts in Medicare, especially Medicare Advantage. This is a program that allows Medicare to partially reimburse seniors for the cost of private insurance. Helping seniors buy separate insurance results in a win-win situation. Medicare is able to rid itself of major risks associated with covering seniors, and seniors are able to buy insurance more tailored to their individual needs. However, nearly every healthcare reform plan put forward by democrats has involved cuts in Medicare Advantage to pay for a public option.

If enough democratic members vote for these cuts it could prove more disastrous than the Assault Rifle Ban was in 1994.

The Assault Rifle Ban that Clinton pushed through Congress pleased a few gun-control advocates who predominantly voted democratic and were located in reliably democratic districts. The ban, however, peeved a very vocal group of gun owners who were not normally politically active. They were also located in the rural districts of many moderate democrats, where their votes did the most damage. Essentially the Assault Rifle Ban mobilized democrats' opposition without gaining any useful rally from their base.

The same will happen with healthcare reform. The people who support cuts to Medicare to pay for a public option are going to support democrats regardless. These same supporters are also located in reliably Democratic districts. In other words, their turnout does not matter. However, Healthcare reform will alienate one of America's most politically potent demographics—senior citizens—who are located in every district.

Seniors consistently have the highest voter turnout. Even in 2008, when the youth vote was the best in years, seniors still voted at a rate about 50 percent higher than those under 24. Without President Obama leading the ticket expect fewer young people (who largely voted for Democrats in 2008) to vote, and more seniors to vote against Democrats who support cuts in Medicare spending.

By supporting cuts to Medicare, Democrats also forfeit their long held mantle as the vanguard of entitlements. Democratic campaign consultants have consistently portrayed Republicans as the raiders of Social Security and Medicare to turnout seniors for their candidates. This strategy won't work, however, if their party has been the most recent to slash benefits.

Already, Democrats in 23 House districts face an uphill fight. These are the members in districts that voted over 55 percent for McCain. These voters did not support healthcare reform before the election, and they do not support it now. A vote for healthcare reform could be the tipping point that pushes these democrats out of office. In a Wall Street Journal editorial, Karl Rove pointed out that there are more than 10 million beneficiaries of Medicare Advantage. This comes to an average of more than 23,000 per congressional district, which Rove indicates could easily provide enough votes to alter an election in the House of Representatives.

In 1994, many Republican ads linked moderate Democrats to the more liberal policies (i.e. gun control) of Bill Clinton; we will most assuredly see the same thing with President Obama and moderate Democrats in 2010. The last thing these moderate members need is America's most prolific voters turning out against them.

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Clemson Football: If only close counted

Jason Patskowski
columnist



It's only happened four times since 2005, Clemson driving the ball down the field late in the game for a score to put them ahead. The Tigers had another opportunity Saturday against TCU, but they once again failed to capitalize after getting the ball inside the red zone. Clemson now only has one offensive touchdown in their last nine quarters. The red zone offense is one of the main reasons the Tigers fell to TCU 14-10 and why they are now 2-2 on the year.

After dominating a Boston College team that had very poor quarterback play, the Tiger defense faced a very experienced TCU offense led by quarterback Andy Dalton. They held him in check for the first half allowing only one score that came off a fluke play where the ball was deflected. In the second half, the main flaw in the defense was that they were unable to get pressure on Dalton, and that came back to bite the Tigers. He had all day to throw the ball and did for 226 yards and two touchdowns. Most of those yards came off of slants which the Tigers could not seem to defend. On the ground the Tigers were able to hold the TCU running backs to 62 yards, but they had a lot of trouble with the Horned Frogs zone read, allowing quarterback Dalton to run for 86 yards. Clemson's defense was exhausted on TCU's winning drive because the offense could not seem to stay on the field. This exhaustion was the main reason

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We're Back!

Soccer stuns No. 8 Virginia then routs Georgia Southern.

DAYTON RIDDLE
STAFF WRITER

By the beginning of the game on Saturday night, no one thought that the Tigers, who picked up their first win of the season, were going to be able to defeat one of the best teams in the nation away from home. However, as the rain fell on Virginia's night, it was the new formation set up by Coach Phil Hindson that led the Tigers to a surprising yet well deserved victory over the Cavaliers. The move from an all out attacking formation of the 4-3-3 to the more modest 4-5-1 proved to be the difference that this team needed as they were able to keep Virginia at bay for most of the game. Head Coach Phil Hindson said, "The victory on the road against Virginia, as they were probably the most talented team in the nation, really gives us some big confidence going forward."

The lone goal of the match came in the 41st minute as Conner Barbaree played a nice cross into the area and Mike Mattson netted his second goal of the year off a header to lead the Tigers to victory on Saturday night. This was the second time this year that Mattson has come off the bench to give the Tigers a goal in the back of the net as his aerial abilities are becoming a regular part of the Clemson offense.

While Clemson was outshot on Saturday night 16-7, the Tigers were able to hang on to defeat the Cavaliers because of the defense play from the midfield. This was one of the few times this season that Clemson have been able to hold on and it must be seen as a building stone for the future.

"We have been unfortunate early in the season but we are optimistic towards the future," said Hindson. The development of the 4-5-1 seems to be giving the Tigers the extra space while helping them



Junior midfielder Tommy Drake takes a shot against Georgia Southern on Tuesday night. Drake scored his first goal of the season in the contest.

defensively get back in order to protect the backline. It must be noted that the Tigers defense has been, with the exception of the Virginia Tech game, rock solid at the back averaging only a bit more than one goal a game.

Once again David Newton looked solid at the back and Joe Bednik has a terrific game in goal keeping the clean sheet with three saves against the Cavaliers. The excellent play from both full backs were able to keep Virginia's midfield from wreaking havoc on Clemson's final third. Overall this

was a very much deserved victory for the Tigers who now sit 1-2 in the ACC with a tough road trip ahead of them to Saint Louis and Boston College.

Both Nathan Thornton and Austin Savage netted twice as Clemson added its second win in as many games against the Eagles of Georgia Southern on Tuesday night. The 6-0 victory marked the largest margin of victory against any team since 2007 and the Tigers look set to continue their win-

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Fighting the evil empire

Brett Mills
columnist



Have you noticed it yet? Surely you must've, it has been pretty hard to miss it the last couple of weeks. It's that giant lumbering elephant that has taken residence in the room of NCAA sports — you know, the one that's squashing any and everything else in sight. The ACC? Splat. The Pac-10? Squish. And the Big East? Ha, well I think there might be a nice little grease stain where they used to be.

Know what I'm referring to yet? Here's one more hint: this lovely giant elephant is the precise reason why Clemson's big non-conference match-up with 15th-ranked TCU was not only shunned by primetime network slots but was completely shut out from TV altogether. It still amazes me to think about it. Here we had an undefeated, top-15 program in TCU — the final potential BCS buster left standing from the Mountain West Conference — rolling into Death Valley in what analysts all over the country called one of the biggest and most intriguing non-conference contests of the season, and the only souls who could bear witness were those dedicated few that chose to brave a third straight monsoon of a home game and those technically savvy enough to sit glued to a computer screen and watch a live stream of the game on ESPN360.com. To me, that's just mind-boggling, especially when one considers the fact that when #24 Texas A&M journeyed to Death Valley to take on an unranked Clemson team in 2005, the game enjoyed a primetime national broadcast on ABC.

So what is this giant elephant that has caused so much disruption, you ask? Well, it's none other than the SEC — or as I like to call them, the Evil Empire — and their mega multi-billion dollar television deal with ESPN. This historic 15-year contract, penned in August 2008 and enacted this season, gives ESPN the rights to every SEC home football game not on the CBS network package and ensures that all league matchups will be shown on some ESPN outlet, including at least 20 a year on ESPN or ESPN2. That includes two primetime Thursday night matchups and Saturday night games. As a result of this contract, nationally relevant matchups, like FSU/BUU and Clemson/TCU, are either shunned to obscure channels like Versus or snubbed from TV altogether, while laughers of contests like South Carolina hosting FCS South Carolina State enjoy primetime slots on ESPN Classic.

Now as someone who grew up smack dab in the middle of SEC country, just a stone's throw from

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Volleyball roars back after loss to UNC

APRIL WADE
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson volleyball team was defeated by North Carolina Friday night, but the Tigers were able to rally back and beat N.C. State on Sunday to mark their first conference win this season.

The North Carolina Tarheels cleaned up all three matches despite the efforts of freshman Alexa Rand with 15 kills and 17 attempts and Sandra Adeleye with eight kills (23-25, 16-25, 16-25). The Tigers were unable to win the fight with the Tarheels who were hitting an average of .431 for the night, the most that Clemson has allowed so far of any opposing team.

Offense was the deciding factor for Clemson on Friday night. Compared to UNC's hitting average, Clemson had no chance with an average of .224 for the game. Senior Kelsey Murphy's 38 assists held her in the game but they racked up many attack errors. Lia Proctor, who normally holds the teams high in kills was, was not at the top of



Members of the Clemson volleyball team huddle together during this weekend's matchup at Jervey Gym.

her game with only four kills for the entire night. The Tiger defenders Diden Ege, with 11 digs, and Natalie Patzin with 10, kept the game from ending quickly. The Tarheels ended the night with 45 digs of their own. Their defense proved to be too much for the Tigers in the end.

UNC's Branagan Fuller and Suzanne Haydel tied for the teams

high of 11 kills for the game. Fuller also had 25 attempts and eight digs. Haydel topped her with 27 attempts and nine digs for the game. Both of these players were proven to be keys factors to both the Tarheel offense and defense.

After going back and forth during the set, UNC took the first by two points, winning 25-23. A 4-0 run

took the Tarheels far enough ahead to take the set. Just before the end of the set the Tigers were able to tie the game at 23 apiece, but it soon ended after an attack error and an ace by the Tarheel Fuller.

Clemson took first blood in the second set of the match. The Tarheels responded with a 12-1 run and pretty much held the lead for the rest of the set. The Tarheels held the lead and won 25-16.

In the third set, Clemson took an early lead and Patzin knocked down two early kills. UNC tied the game at nine and then took the lead when Clemson committed four errors. They appeared to make a comeback with a short run but the Tarheels finished it up with a 25-16 win to take the match.

After being swept for the first time since last year, the Tigers reclaimed the weekend by recovering against N.C. State on Sunday. Clemson turned around its offense and stepped up its defense to sweep the Wolfpack.

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Respect Your Elder

The Tiger sits down with the Lady Tigers' leading scorer, freshman Maddy Elder.

Ryan Launius: Do you come from a traditionally competitive area for high school soccer?

Maddy Elder: Virginia is competitive, but there aren't many teams in southwest Virginia. My Roanoke Star club team gets in the best tournaments possible, but it's still not as competitive as some of the other areas of Virginia.

RL: Did you feel that playing for a club team helped you prepare for soccer at the collegiate level?

ME: Yes, definitely. Playing teams from all over and traveling provides many of the same aspects as college. Olympic Development Program (ODP) probably opened the most doors for me. They introduced me to coaches, got me into good tournaments and overall helped me develop my skills.

RL: You are currently ranked fourth in the ACC in points and second in goals, with nine. Did you ever think when you signed with Clemson that you would experience this much success so early in your career?

ME: No, I wasn't expecting it. I had personal goals but really didn't have any idea of where I would be in the pecking order. Starting as a freshman, I set a personal goal to come in and do my best to work hard, and hopefully the goals would come.

RL: Who, in particular, has played the biggest role in helping you become the player you are today?

ME: Probably my parents, who are the biggest people in my life pushing me to my potential. I had a lot of coaches through ODP, club and high school who pushed me. They were my coaches, so they taught me the technical aspects of soccer. My parents taught me more of the mental and emotional side of the game.

RL: You recently traveled back to your home state of Virginia for a game against UVA. Did you have your own fan section in the stands?

ME: Haha, I did actually. The team was laughing when they called my name out. There was a big section up in the top right corner. My parents and my grandparents all got to come. A bunch of people from Northern Virginia came down and then some of my friends from high school. It was nice.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

RL: I noticed that two of your cousins have played soccer at the collegiate level. Have their experiences at the NCAA level taught you anything mentally to prepare for a college game?

ME: Definitely. Both of them said that starting out freshman year, preseason is going to hit me like a ton of bricks. Their advice to me was to go in being as fit as possible. They said that the game is going to be faster, it is going to be hard and it is going to take me by surprise. They also said to just stay positive. But they both did well and started for four years on both of their teams. They ultimately told me to just see where I am, work hard and basically it will all come together.

RL: What has been the most difficult aspect of college life for you so far?

ME: Probably balancing it all, and the time management. I just experienced my first real traveling and missed three days of school. So yeah, it is hitting me now. I have a test tomorrow. The soccer practices every single day, the games, the classes and the traveling — it's hard. But it's worth it in the end when we go out and play the games.

RL: What game are you looking forward to most this season and why?

ME: UNC because they are the defending national champions. It's going to be a tough game, but I think that we can stick it out. We have the talent. Playing against UNC is always a dream. They're always known to be great and have professional players coming out of there, so it's just an inspiration to play against them.

RL: What has been your most exciting moment on the field this season?

ME: The first goal I scored. I was actually sick and was up all night before our first home game against Wofford. I had a fever and was throwing-up leading up to game time, so they wouldn't let me start the game. Then I got put in at halftime because I could finally keep something down and scored two goals in 12 minutes. And then they took me out for a rest, but it was really exciting being out on Riggs and just experiencing it for the first time.

RL: With a young corps of players for this Lady Tigers soccer team and the chemistry that this freshmen class has shown on the field, do you see a bright future for the program?

ME: I really see this program evolving into something big in the next couple of years. I think we will have big goals, and I know that the coaches want to build the program up and attract the best players. I feel like this year is a great start towards building a competitive program again at Clemson. It is also important to note that the veterans here have worked hard and have big hearts. It is with great pride that I represent Clemson as a student athlete.

RL: Lastly, I have to ask, do you call it soccer or football?

ME: Soccer.

Elder and the rest of the women's team look to get back on track against Wake Forest on Sunday.

Lady Tigers struggle against the state of Virginia

RONNIE KRANKOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

After a devastating overtime loss last Wednesday to Virginia Tech, the Lady Tiger's soccer team was unable to bounce back on Saturday in Charlottesville, Va., against the No. 11 ranked Virginia Cavaliers.

The Lady Tigers were shut out in the 3-0 defeat and were outshot 17-5 in the matchup. The Tigers were also held scoreless on eight corner kick opportunities. Virginia's goalie Chantel Jones recorded her fourth shut-out of the season.

It was a tough loss for the Lady Tiger's Coach Hershey Strosberg who was an assistant at Virginia from 2001-2007, but he knows backbreaking losses like this one are part of the game and they will learn from the experience. "Games like these are part of our hardening process," said Strosberg. "We need

those experiences to learn how to react better while in the moment. We'll get after it again this week; the girls are focused on putting all those pieces together."

Approaching this game, both teams were looking for their first conference win. In the same week Clemson lost to Virginia Tech in overtime, the Cavaliers were upset 2-1 in a heartbreaking loss that went into overtime against N.C. State. Clemson remains the leader of the overall series with Virginia 10-9-1, but the Cavaliers have won the last five meetings, including a lopsided 7-1 win over the Tigers last year.

Clemson will look to bounce back on Sunday against a 9-2 Wake Forest team that has quality wins over teams like Kentucky, East Carolina and Penn State. Clemson will be looking to avenge their 2-0 defeat to Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C. last year.

Out of conference losses to Northeastern, Furman and UAB have put the Tigers in a bit of a hole, so it will be essential for them to step up against the upcoming conference opponents if they want any shot at the post season.

The Tigers need scoring contributions from other players besides the astonishing nine goals that freshman forward Maddy Elder has contributed. Elder's nine goals are seven goals or more than anyone else on the team. The Tiger's game on Sunday against Wake Forest will take place at 2 p.m. at the Historic Riggs Field.

The Lady Tigers are currently in last place of the ACC standings. While hoping to improve their record, Clemson faces one of the toughest conference schedules in the nation.

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ning ways. The Tigers struck early and defensively not allowing Georgia Southern a shot in the second half in route to their victory.

The first goal came quick in the 12th minute as Austin Savage slotted in a rebound off a rocketed shot by Conner Barbaree. The ball, which ricocheted off the goal post, fell easily to the feet of Savage who scored his first goal of his Clemson career. The Tigers' new system of 4-5-1 allowed them the hold on to the ball for most of the game and to keep the Eagle midfield very busy as Georgia Southern was at outplayed for most of the match.

At half, the Tigers only lead 1-0 but three quick goals at the start of the second half put the game away quickly. Nathan Thornton scored two quick goals from the left side as he created confusion on the backline for the Eagles from the moment he came in the game.

The buildup play though must be looked at as the reason for difference in this Tiger team.

They look to have more confi-

dence moving forward and are not afraid to take shots as Austin Savage officially put the game to bed in the 60th minute with a right footed shot low in the net against the Eagles. Tommy Drake got his first goal of the year with an impressive run into the box and a low shot to the right of the goal, which fell neatly under the keeper to give the Tigers a 5-0.

Drake's move to the outside seems to have given him a big boost of confidence as he is getting more space on the outside and more of a chance to have the ability to be creative with the ball.

However, the best goal of the night came late in the game as Riley Sumpter hit a nice half-volley in the 85th minute to give the Tigers the impressive 6-0 win.

The Tiger defense also played well as they were able to shut out the Eagles. David Newton and Greg Eckhardt were able to neutralize the Eagles' only goal threat, Joe Cox.

This win looks to be a setting point for the Tigers as the road trip to Saint Louis and Boston College will give the Tigers a good chance to rebound their season as a whole.

Staff Pick-em

	LSU vs. Georgia	Oklahoma vs. Miami	Southern Cal vs. California	N.C. State vs. Wake Forest	Auburn vs. Tennessee	Washington vs. Notre Dame	Georgia Tech vs. Miss. State	Air Force vs. Navy	Clemson vs. Maryland
Brandon (23-13)									
Ryan (22-14)									
Chris (18-18)									
Aaron (20-16)									

SWINNEY SAYS

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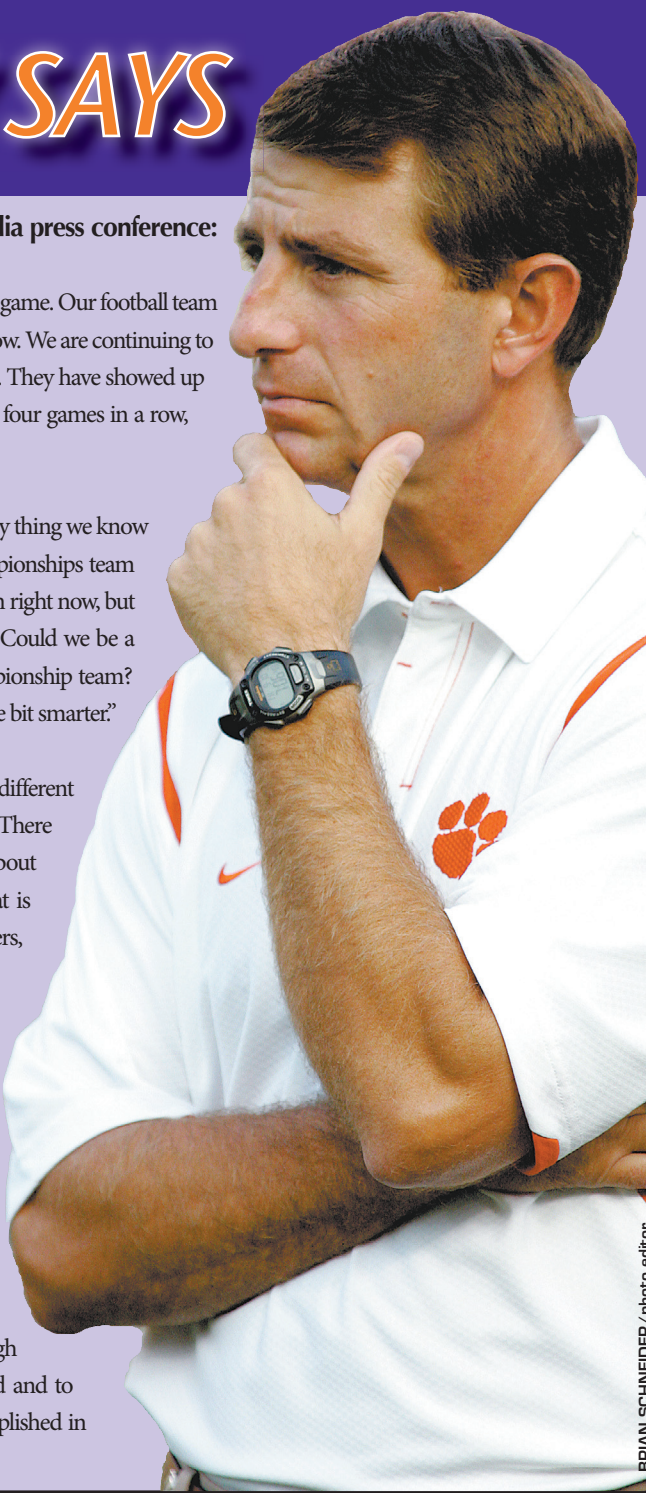
"There were a lot of positives coming out of the TCU game. Our football team is getting better. That is what we see and what we know. We are continuing to play with good effort. Our kids have been consistent. They have showed up every week ready to play and have put it on the line four games in a row, which is something I am proud of."

"I want to win a National Championship and the only thing we know about this team is that we are not a National Championships team this year. That's the only thing I know about this team right now, but I think we have a chance to be a really good team. Could we be a divisional championship team? A conference championship team? Those are still out on the table. We have to play a little bit smarter."

"The past is a bucket of ashes, bottom line. This is a different football team, different Clemson and a new staff. There is a lot of difference here. It is all about today. It is about what is going on in those meeting rooms and what is happening on that practice field. That is all that matters, and getting ready for Maryland."

"The defense has gotten some key stops for us and has gotten a lot of turnovers. We have gotten some sacks. We are just improving in a lot of areas as a football team. We are just missing some opportunities whether it is a throw or a catch, defending a throw. In the red zone obviously we want touchdowns."

"C.J. Spiller has been phenomenal. I can't say enough about him. We all know what he has accomplished and to do something that only one other player has accomplished in college football history is pretty rare air."



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Tigers look for turnaround against Terps

After a heartbreaking rain-soaked loss, Dabo and the boys travel north to get the season on track.

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tigers (2-2, 1-1) travel to College Park, Md., on Saturday to take on the Maryland Terrapins (1-3, 0-0), led by Coach Ralph Friedgen. The game is set to begin at noon on the newly resurfaced Capital One Field at Byrd Stadium.

Clemson comes into its third ACC game after a tough out of conference loss at home to the nationally ranked TCU Horned Frogs (ranked No. 10 in the USA Today Coaches Poll), 14-10. The story of the game for the Tigers was more about what didn't happen than what did, Clemson getting several chances near the end to punch it in for the winning score and failing in a driving rain.

Maryland is playing its first ACC game of the season, and it will be interesting to see how the team matches up against an extremely talented Tiger defense led by defensive end Ricky Sapp and safety DeAndre McDaniel. The team has struggled in their first four games, losing all three games against FBS opponents and barely beating FCS James Madison University in overtime at home for its lone win.

But Head Coach Dabo Swinney and the Tigers know no game in the ACC can be taken lightly, especially when the team goal is to win the Atlantic division and make the ACC title game in Tampa. It was just last year when Maryland overcame a 17-3 half-time deficit to beat the Tigers 20-17 in what was to be Tommy Bowden's last game in Death Valley as the head coach. And it was only three years ago when a 13-12 loss to the Terrapins proved to be a pivotal reason the Ti-



Junior placekicker Richard Jackson (19) reacts to a missed field goal during the TCU game on Saturday.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER / photo editor

gers came up a game short in the ACC Atlantic division race.

So there is a measure of revenge, redemption and pride to be had for Clemson tomorrow. A win against any team in the ACC is valued, especially against an Atlantic division rival. These are the games that are necessary to win if Clemson wants to make a realistic run at an ACC title, and Swinney knows this better than anyone.

Swinney and the Tigers will look for ways to correct the missed assignments and poor execution in the red zone that has plagued the Tiger offense so far this season. Against TCU, quarterback Kyle Parker played well in the rain, but too many balls were dropped

in key situations, leading to only one offensive touchdown in the game.

The offensive line appeared to break through in the second half of the TCU game as well, setting Spiller up for 112 rushing yards against one of the best defensive units in the nation. Spiller also notched Clemson's first rushing touchdown of the year.

The Tigers know they will have to be able to run the ball more effectively, especially in the red zone, if they want to make a run at the ACC title this season.

This should be able to start against Maryland, who has allowed the seventh most rushing yards in all of college football this season. Look for

Clemson to rely mainly on Spiller, but don't be surprised to see Jamie Harper and Andre Ellington get substantial reps as well.

Early against TCU, offensive coordinator Billy Napier used the tight ends and Rendrick Taylor out of the fullback and wide receiver position in the passing game to take some of the pressure off Jacoby Ford and to open up the running game. Look for this trend to continue, as the Tigers gain more confidence on the offensive side of the football.

Maryland is coming off of its best defensive game of the season so far, holding Rutgers to under 300 yards of total offense including four sacks.

They were gashed by California and running back Jahvid Best for 244 rushing yards in a 52-13 loss to open the season.

Defensively, the Tigers have been very happy with their results on the field so far. Defensive coordinator Kevin Steele has the Tigers playing with renewed intensity and vigor, and it has shown in all four games this season.

The Tigers will likely use a variety of blitzes and formations to keep Maryland quarterback Chris Turner guessing, as he has thrown four touchdowns and five interceptions this season.

The extremely talented defensive line anchored by Sapp, Jarvis Jenkins and Da'Quan Bowers should be able to keep Maryland running back Da'Rel Scott at bay, while providing a steady pass rush.

The forecast for the game, as of the publishing date (Tuesday), is much like it was for the game against Boston College, rainy.

This should be an advantage for Swinney's Tigers, as they have played three of the first four games in the rain already. Add this to the fact that Maryland has one of the NCAA's worst rush defenses, and things look good for Clemson.

Spiller is still recovering from a foot injury but is expected to start. He needs just 64 all-purpose yards to become the ACC's all-time leader in that category. Offensive tackle Chris Hairston practiced Monday in a yellow jersey and hopes to return to action in tomorrow's game.

Saturday will be the 58th meeting between the two teams, Clemson owning a 30-25-2 lead in the series. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

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FANTASY FOOTBALL Do's AND DON'TS

It's three weeks into the Fantasy Football season. If your team has started out slowly don't worry yet, there's still plenty of time to turn it around. To help you out, here are some tips for week four of the Fantasy Football season brought to you by staff writer Kevin Thomas.

QUARTERBACK

START EM

Jay Cutler QB Bears vs. Lions

After a rocky first week, Cutler has turned it around the past two weeks and has the Bears offense rolling. This week, Cutler goes up against a suspect Lions defense. The Lions defense played well last week and was able to get a win over the Redskins. However, this week they will not be able to contain Cutler, Matt Forte and Devin Hester.

Eli Manning QB Giants at Chiefs

Manning has been having a solid season so far amassing five TD's to only one INT. This week Manning goes up against a Chiefs' pass defense that has more holes in it than Swiss cheese. The Kansas City defense has been carved up so far by Joe Flacco and Kevin Kolb. Expect Manning to put up big numbers this week by hooking up with Marion Manningham and Steve Smith.

Sleeper: Shaun Hill QB 49ers at Rams

Hill has played solid this season and will look to continue it this week against the Rams. The Rams defense has been less than stellar this season, and look for that to continue this coming week. Hill hooked up with Vernon Davis for two TD's last week so it looks like they are finally on the same page. Look for Hill to find Davis numerous times at this Sunday's game.

SIT EM

Ben Roethlisberger Steelers at Chargers

Big Ben had a subpar game last week against the Bengals, and I expect him to continue that this week against the Chargers. The Chargers have a talented secondary with Antonio Cromartie and Quentin Jammer. Also, it's supposed to rain in San Diego this Sunday and that could have a huge effect on Roethlisberger.

Matt Cassel QB Chiefs vs. Giants

Cassel will have his hands full this week against the Giants pass defense, which, even without Kenny Phillips, is still very good. I don't expect Cassel to have much time in the pocket Sunday because Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora will be all over him all day.

RUNNING BACK

START EM

Cedric Benson RB Bengals at Browns

The Browns defense has been run all over this season by Adrian Peterson, Cornell Buckhalter and Willis McGahee. Benson has been averaging 4.4 yards per carry so far this season, and I expect him to find the end zone at least twice during this Sunday's game against Cleveland.

Darren McFadden RB Raiders at Texans

The Houston defense has been giving up rushing yards out the wazoo so far to Thomas Jones, Chris Johnson and Maurice Jones-Drew. Johnson especially had a field day against Houston, tallying 197 yds. and a couple of touchdowns. McFadden has shown flashes of greatness at points throughout the season, and I expect him to have a breakout game this Sunday.

Sleeper: Glenn Coffee RB 49ers at Rams

With Frank Gore out, Coffee will assume the bulk of the carries this week against a St. Louis team that hasn't stopped anyone so far. Coffee had a solid preseason, and I expect him to show what he can do against the Rams.

SIT EM

Fred Taylor RB Patriots vs. Ravens

Taylor has been a nice surprise for New England in the first three weeks of the season, but this week he is going up against a defense that is no pushover. The Ravens are always strong on defense with Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and company, and they will shut down the Patriots running game.

Cadillac Williams RB Buccaneers at Redskins

Cadillac has returned to form early on so far, but he will find tough sledding against Washington. The Redskins are improved against the run this season with the addition of Albert Haynesworth. Haynesworth makes it tough for anyone to run the ball effectively, and Cadillac will be no exception.

WIDE RECEIVER

START EM

Andre Johnson WR Texans vs. Raiders

Johnson is one of top receivers in the league. Oakland has one of the best corners in the league in Asomugha, but the Texans will move Johnson around and get him plenty of catches.

Devin Hester WR Bears vs. Lions

Hester is slowly developing an all-around game to go with his big play ability. I predicted Cutler to have a good game this week, and I think he will hook up with Hester for several big plays against the Lions defense.

Sleeper: Chad Ochocinco WR Bengals at Browns

Chad has finally gotten back to playing a little ball this season and not running his mouth so much. Look for him and Carson Palmer to have a field day against the Browns.

SIT EM

Santonio Holmes WR Steelers vs. Chargers

Cromartie will have Holmes on lockdown all day. Holmes will have a hard time getting open, which is why I also have Big Ben as a sit this week.

Greg Jennings WR Packers at Vikings

The Vikings have one of the best defenses in the NFL. Jennings will have a long day going up against the Vikings secondary.

TIGHT END

START EM

Vernon Davis TE 49ers vs. Rams

Davis and Hill hooked up twice for touchdowns last week against the Vikings. Davis has finally bought into the team concept, and I look for him to put up gigantic numbers this Sunday.

Sleeper: Zach Miller TE Raiders at Texans

JaMarcus Russel needs a reliable target to go to, and until Darius Heyward-Bey or Louis Murphy develop, look for passes to Miller.

SIT EM

Ben Watson TE Patriots vs. Ravens

Lewis, Reed and the rest of the Ravens speed won't let Watson get open deep for any scores.

KICKER

START EM

Shaun Suisham K Redskins vs. Buccaneers

For some reason I'm just feeling a lot of field goals and extra points for Suisham this Sunday.

Sleeper: Nick Folk K Cowboys at Broncos

I think Denver will be able to keep the Cowboys out of the end zone, but they will give up a lot of yards.

SIT EM

Olindo Mare K Seahawks at Colts

They are calling for rain in the forecast and that won't help out Mare any, who was called out by his coach last weekend for missing some field goals.

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

START EM

New York Giants D/ST at Chiefs

To put this lightly, the Giants are going up against a Chiefs team that has trouble moving the ball against air.

Sleeper: Indianapolis Colts D/ST vs. Seahawks

No Hasselbeck means no points for the Seahawks.

SIT EM

Cleveland Browns D/ST vs. Bengals

I expect Palmer and Ochocinco to have big time games this week. I'm also looking for Benson to run roughshod over the Browns.



Week Of

10-2/10-9

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 10/2
Charlotte Invitational
5 p.m.
Charlotte, N.C.

FOOTBALL

Saturday 10/3
Maryland
12 p.m.
College Park, Md.

MEN'S SOCCER

Saturday 10/3
Saint Louis
8 p.m.
St. Louis, Mo.

SWIM & DIVE

Friday 10/3
Davidson
1 p.m.
Davidson, N.C.

MEN'S TENNIS

Friday-Sunday 10/2-4
Georgia Tech Fall Invitational
All Day
Atlanta, Ga.

ROWING

Saturday 10/3
Head of the Broad
All Day
Columbia, S.C.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sunday 9/27
Virginia
2 p.m.
Charlottesville, Va.

Thursday 10/1
N.C. State
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FOOTBALL *from page C1*

why the Horned Frogs were able to score. The Clemson defense is good enough to win games on its own, but it cannot do everything on this team.

Every offense has its specialty. Some like the spread, some like the option, some like the West Coast, but the Clemson coaching staff has a brand new kind of offense; it's called the "Hope Offense." In the Hope Offense, there are maybe two or so playmakers on the team (in this case C.J. Spiller and Jacoby Ford) and the other players are good but just not playmakers. The strategy in the Hope Offense is to get the ball to just those two playmakers and hope that they can do something with it. After a successful drive to open the game by using the tight-ends and running backs in the passing game, the Clemson coaching staff decided to break out this brand new offense which accounted for only seven points the rest of the game. They seem to have this "we'll take what the defense gives us" mentality, but that has not worked. They need an identity, and this Hope Offense is not it.

The main reason for this week's loss is the same reason for all of

Dabo Swinney's losses — coaching. When the offense was not working, he failed to make adjustments until the team was behind. Not making adjustments because you have the lead is playing not to lose. Also, the problems in the red zone are directly related to his coaching. The team moves the ball 60 yards or so, but the play calling changes for some reason in the red zone. This is the reason both potential game winning drives failed for the Tigers. It is the same logic Swinney and offensive coordinator Billy Napier used earlier in the game on a fourth and one when they decided the best formation to run a quarterback sneak was a five wide receiver set. The Tigers failed to get that fourth down. After the game, Swinney said in reference to the fourth down play on the potential game winning drive, "It was the right call, the right play; we just did not make the play." This sounds a lot like Tommy Bowden when he said, "We're just a few plays away." Swinney also said that the red zone problems are because "the execution hasn't been great."

This sounds a lot like "All I can do is coach them." Swinney, maybe thinking people would start making such comparisons, decided to throw

his old boss under the bus after the game saying, "This is a different football team."

We would have gotten blown out in Atlanta last year, and we would have gotten pushed around a lot yesterday."

Here are some similarities. Neither coach could win big or close games, both played not to lose when given a lead, neither had a consistent offense, both got/kept their jobs by beating USC, and a case cannot be made for either without using the words "should have" or "could have." Dabo Swinney has not won one more game than he has lost.

This loss does not do anything in respect to the goal of winning the division. The Tigers are still a talented team, and the division is still mediocre at best.

The opportunity for an ACC championship is still there, as long as the coaches can pull it together. I have heard a lot of people saying "the team played hard," or they showed "improvement," but I think a loss is a loss. At the end of the day, Clemson was on the 16-yard line with a chance to go up by three, and failed. That is the reason they lost.

September surprises in College football

Tyrone Gayle

columnist



A sweet and sour September has finally come to a close, with many teams seeing their chances of success this season becoming hollower than a Michael Bay movie, and others catapulting to the top of the college football food chain by riding the "nobody believed in us" cliché.

The "U" got a cold dose of reality in Blacksburg, Va., last weekend by finally getting their swagger "jacked" by Virginia Tech. Proving that the road to the ACC Championship still runs through the Hokies, as Frank Beamer's squad made the Miami Hurricanes look like a bunch of junior varsity kids suited up for their first varsity game, getting thoroughly embarrassed after high praises and overblown fanfare from Kirk Herbstreit and the rest of the College Gameday crew. If I had to watch another segment about how much of a "winner" Jacory Harris is, or how awesome Miami Northwestern High was, I would have absolutely lost it. It was a tough day overall for the big three in the Sunshine State, with a shocking loss in Tallahassee and gasps of fear in Gainesville.

When Florida quarterback Tim Tebow went down with that blindside shot against Kentucky, a painful chill ran down the spines of all Gator Nation residents. The cameras caught the reaction of the crowds, where the majority of Gator fans displayed a look similar to the one shown when a child finds out there's no actual Santa Claus. Tebow was carted off in an ambulance and forced to stay overnight. Miraculously, despite his fragile state, he was still able to help deliver three babies, perform two heart transplants and assist with one knee surgery. At this point in his legendary career, I'm surprised a country

hasn't been renamed for the Gator quarterback. All jokes aside, I trust that Tebow will be fine for the rest of the season, and hopefully his bruising running style will not become a health risk. Speaking of surprises, has any team experienced such national agony and then ecstasy as the Oregon Ducks?

Despite being a team that changes their uniforms more often than eight-year-olds change their underwear, the Ducks are flying high a mere month after an ugly post-game skirmish with Boise State. It was a confrontation that involved one of the greatest sucker punches of all-time that thrust them into a negative limelight of the national media. A month later, they've torn off a three game winning streak that includes a mauling of then sixth-ranked California at home and Heisman hopeful Jahvid Best. A Halloween matchup between them and the Trojans of USC would very well be aligned as the inside track to capture the conference championship.

Quietly taking care of business, the Alabama Crimson Tide may be the best team in the country through the first third of the season. They have outscored their opponents by nearly 30 points a game with a quarterback who's making alumni forget John Parker Wilson. Nick Saban has the Tide rolling and on pace to maintain their status of the *crème de la crème* of the SEC West. They will face their toughest test of this young season next weekend when they travel to Oxford, Miss., for a clash against the recently exposed Rebels of Ole Miss.

September was sensational and rarely stagnant. With the thick of most team's conference team's schedules on the horizon, including our very own Tigers who have a realistic chance of going 4-0 for the month, don't be surprised to see even more controversy and tragedy to triumph cases and to close to the vest games. The leaves are falling and turning orange, and there's no better place to be than a college football town.

VOLLEYBALL *from page C1*

Proctor was able to find her game again and even added eight digs and three of the team's 12 blocks. Patzin followed her teammate with nine kills for the match. Rand proved herself, once again, by adding seven blocks to make her season total 80 and took six kills for the afternoon. Murphy continued to have a good weekend with 71 assists and 11 digs.

The first set was an easy win for the Tigers. Early in the set the score was 3-2, but Clemson soon had a six-point run and the Wolfpack never saw the light again. Rand

pulled off two kills and two blocks to push the team even further ahead to the win. The Wolfpack finished the match with 10 errors under its belt that could not be saved by any attempts by the team.

N.C. State errors continued to open it up for Clemson to build quick leads. The set started with an early Clemson lead of 15-5. N.C. State attempted to come back, but it was not enough for Proctor and Patzin who each added four kills. The set ended after multiple kills from Clemson at 25-19.

The Wolfpack looked to make a late attempt to come back in the match when early in the third

match, the teams were tied at eight with what looked liked to be a closer set. Clemson changed that with a quick 15-6 run. Murphy's 13 assists in the set was the main factor for the Lady Tiger's and gave them the win at 25-16. Proctor was able to find five kills off of Murphy for this set, and several other attackers took their hits from Murphy as well.

Clemson competes again on Friday night against Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., at 7 p.m. That game will be followed by a game on Sunday afternoon against nationally-ranked Florida State in Tallahassee at 1 p.m.



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ESPN *from page C1*

UGA's Sanford Stadium, I'll be the first person to admit (albeit grudgingly) that SEC football is the most colorful, tradition-rich and flat out entertaining brand of football in the country week-in and week-out. The entire conference (excluding Vanderbilt, the black sheep) shares an absolute win-at-all costs attitude, tossing honesty and integrity out the window in their never-ending battle for king of the hill (hence the "Evil Empire" moniker). Programs (cough, Alabama) sell their souls for successful seasons. The coaches not only boast some of the best resumes in college football but also some of the wackiest and most colorful personalities, often times resembling characters out of a storybook. So with that in mind, I have no problem with SEC football garnering the most lucrative TV contract of the six BCS conferences. They deserve as much.

With that said, however, this ESPN deal goes way too far. The massive advantage it gives them both in revenue and in exposure creates a borderline monopoly over the other major conferences.

Furthermore, it doesn't just apply to football, as it adds a second and third night of SEC basketball coverage on ESPN and ESPN2 each week in addition to two nationally televised regular-season hoops games and the SEC tournament semifinals and finals on ABC. Considering that SEC basketball — outside of Kentucky and, recently, Florida — is generally as much of a laughingstock as Big East football, the increase in hoops coverage highlights the exceptional marketing and negotiating skills of SEC officials. Now that the conference finally has the full might

of the ESPN hype machine behind them, they have the potential to leave the rest of the NCAA in the dust, not only in football, but also in every other sport.

So, for Clemson and the ACC, what response could possibly be taken to combat this encroachment of the Evil Empire? Really, there is only one feasible retaliation: a new mega TV contract of their own comes in 2010 — one that might not match the SEC's monopolistic deal, but one that would certainly rival it. In order to attain this goal, however, ACC officials must be every bit as resourceful as their SEC counterparts were. They must acknowledge that the conference's national reputation in football is severely damaged thanks in part to its many humiliating losses on the national stage and that their true leverage lies in ACC hoops — the college basketball equivalent of SEC football.

Not only does the conference boast storied programs, heated rivalries, legendary coaches and high quality plays, but it also possesses two of the largest brands in all of college sports in the Duke Blue Devils and the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Therefore, in negotiations, conference officials must play hardball with the networks, threatening to take away the massive revenues brought in by ACC hoops if a contract rivaling that of the SEC's is not put into place for both sports. The strategy is high-risk, but it is the only way to keep pace with the mighty SEC in the ever-evolving arms race in college athletics.

The ball is now in the ACC's court, and for the good of both Clemson and NCAA sports in general, let's hope that they are able to rise to the occasion.

Bo fo' sho'

Comedian Bo Burnham sings in the key of [not] P.C.



ROSS KUCSERA

Part stand up, part one-man band, Bo Burnham's idea of comedy is sure to surprise even the most unpolitically correct of audiences. This past Sunday night, Burnham brought his laugh-worthy antics to Clemson as a part of his four-month Fake I.D. tour.

On the Tillman Hall stage, Burnham's set was a simple display of an electric piano, microphone, guitar and the oh-so-important triangle, instruments the Boston native uses to accompany his acts. Radical combinations of piano melodies and freestyle, songs such as "Love Is" and "Men and Women" prove to be quite catchy while managing to incorporate Anne Frank, Yahtzee and rape whistles in the unorthodox, yet hilarious, lyrics. It isn't unusual in any of his songs to miss a joke because of the speed with which he weaves them, giving

all the more reason to jump on YouTube and listen (and relisten) away.

Burnham realizes his lyrics usually revolve around more touchy subjects and cautions people against becoming too outraged. "If you are offended by a 19-year-old with a guitar," said Burnham, "you have a long way to go." Some lyrics may be a bit too politically incorrect for Burnham himself who can be seen cringing along with his audiences at end of a particularly raunchy lyric.

In fact, it may be difficult to see from where the high school graduate draws his inspiration for such irreverent tunes. During the hour-long performance, topics like religion, AIDS, homosexuality, love and racism are torn to shreds with each strum of the guitar or "ding!" of the triangle. Burnham, never one to dissect his lyrics, said he likes to write "anything that is funny." Despite this relatively superficial description,

the comedian revealed that some songs are born from real life. Burnham wrote "My Whole Family Thinks I'm Gay" early on in his career highlighting how he truly thought his family felt about him when he was starting to get into theater work in high school. "When I wrote that, I did think that they thought I was gay," said Burnham.

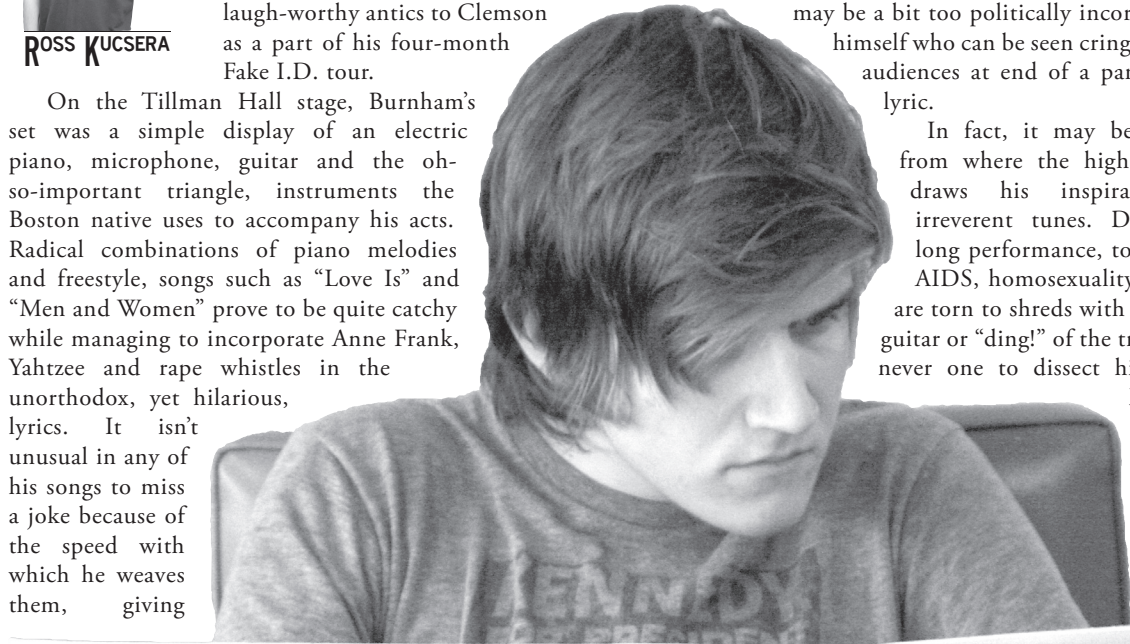
Though it may be hard to tell while listening to him perform, Burnham lists the comedic talents of Steve Martin (the old stuff, not the "Pink Panther" disasters) as one of his favorite inspirations, as well as the work of fellow musical comedian Tim Minchin.

Burnham's Sunday night set, lasting just under an hour, made it clear that he is constantly evolving his repertoire. Die-hard fans may have been disappointed that some of his more famous songs like "Klan Cookout" were absent from the show. "I get sick of my old songs," said Burnham. While he understands that his fans appreciate certain songs for their comedic value, this restlessness makes him write more. "During the set, I look forward to doing new stuff."

Those who are familiar with Burnham are likely to have first seen him on YouTube where he has uploaded a complete catalog of his work. Most of the videos feature Burnham in his bedroom with his piano and the camera carefully placed on a stack of books in front of him. "I started using YouTube because I wanted to be famous," Burnham said, only half-jokingly. "I got to bypass the 'open mic' circuit," he said, adding that being an Internet star is "good and bad, but mostly good." The Web site has served as the ideal platform to share music and test new material, and given Burnham a far greater audience than the typical budding comedian is liable to reach.

Following his show in Tillman, Burnham talked with fans, took photos and signed copies of his newest CD, the self-titled "Bo Burnham," telling audience members he enjoys being able to meet everyone who comes to see him perform and saying

see "Burnham" on D2

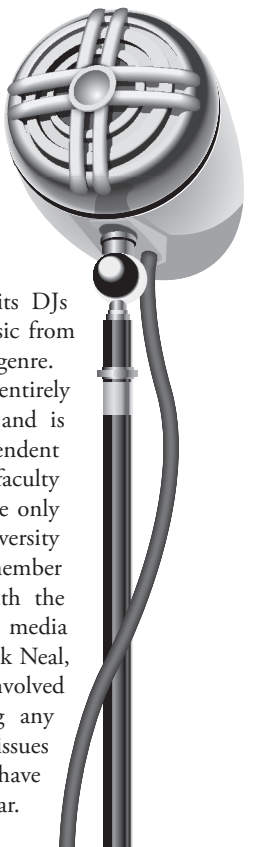


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WSBF

Campus radio station opens the mic in downtown Clemson.



CAMERON JONES

Clemson University's radio station, WSBF-FM 88.1, is now hosting open mic nights on Thursdays at Spill the Beans from 7-10 p.m. The event is open to almost all performers, whether solo or part of a group. The only restrictions placed on performers are that they keep the music at a reasonable volume and keep the acts free of profanity and vulgarity due to the family-friendly environment. Poets, screenwriters, actors and stand up acts are all welcome. "It's an exhibition of artistic

creation, not just lyrics and acoustic guitars," said WSBF General Manager Justin Pino. Although there are other open mic nights around the Clemson area, WSBF is attempting to appeal to a younger audience than those at bars or other venues, especially places with age restrictions due to alcohol.

Interest in the event has been growing with each of the three open mic nights so far. WSBF has been trying to publicize the event in various ways, but many of the current supporters of open mic night discovered it by chance. According to Pino, "many people who come just for coffee end up staying and listening to the performers and maybe perform the following week."

The Open Mic Night is just one of a number of events which WSBF puts on to promote music in and around the Clemson area. The station has also brought bands to local venues for shows, as well as setting up music festivals. Recently, students may have heard about WSBF through the advertisements it puts up for its DJ Intern drop-in. Students could come take a look around the station and have a chance to host their own radio show within a couple of weeks. DJs have control over the type of music played during their two hour show as long as it fits into the format of WSBF. Students are also free to express their opinions throughout their program if

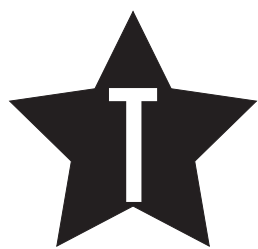
they make a point of acknowledging that their views do not necessarily represent those of WSBF. The station currently plays a lot of alternative style music and prides itself on providing students with the opportunity to hear artists outside the mainstream.

According to the WSBF Web site, they "play what other stations cannot and do not." WSBF has become more sophisticated in terms of how they decide which artists are appropriate to play. Instead of simply using Top 40 charts, the staff now uses RIAA gold album sales and Hot 100 lists to judge artist popularity. WSBF wants to educate listeners about music that they may not have had a chance to hear

before, and its DJs will play music from basically any genre.

WSBF is entirely student run and is thus independent from faculty influence. The only Clemson University staff member associated with the station is media advisor Patrick Neal, who is only involved in addressing any questions or issues WSBF may have during the year.

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TRAVIS TRAMPLES THROUGH THE TRENDS



TRAVIS ANDERSON

Now that water has been discovered on the moon, I find it the perfect time to talk about vampires.

Don't get worried though, this won't turn into some sort of article drooling over "Twilight," because I'll talk about "True Blood," too!

Anyway, back to some sort of reality. I have always been a big vampire freak (yes, I received many bondage/sadomasochism jokes for that from my friends). I even have a tattoo with a vampire skull to prove it.

And of course, I dream to be turned into a vampire. That's right, an actual vampire. I don't care about eternal damnation, so suck it (or bite me).

But anyways, why have vampires become so mainstream? I mean, they've been around for thousands of years. And I guess they were pretty big in the '80s, when all the Goths emerged out of the punk scene. And in the '90s, I guess "Buffy" helped make them cool to the teens because they were deadly but oh so dreamy. Also, vampires got plenty more adult and sexual in "Interview With the Vampire" and the

movie redo of Bram Stoker's "Dracula."

But here we are in the "Twilight"/"True Blood" era, where vampires are both violently attractive and attractively violent. Yes, attractively violent. At this point, blood and gore is a taste we're used to; we're desensitized to things that would normally be disgusting because we grew up watching "Sesame Street" (damn you, Kermit).

But seriously, blood in vampire tales is beautiful because we don't see it as someone getting his body hurt so as to bleed. Instead, we see a vampire

regaining its essence of life. Take that idea of blood drinking with as many chasers as you want.

This admiration of vampires does make sense (even if glittering vampires doesn't). They've got damnable immortality, immeasurable strength, sacred bodies and ungodly libido — this is turning into "On the Prowl."

I mean, in comparison to the other monsters we know, they are the easy trump cards. Zombie movies got pretty big, what with "28 Days Later," "Resident Evil" and "Shaun of the Dead." But they are far more inhuman

and far less pleasurable than vampires. Even if they're both undead, vampires at least have their bodies in tact and have bodies that mirror godliness, whereas no one wants to be with a zombie, a putrid corpse with rotting flesh. Since they're undead would it be called un-necrophilia?

Vampires also beat out wizards of "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings." Wizards are just so plain because they're pretty much people with magic — but not the magic that can feel so sensational. Vampires are just so much more exotic and gloriously endowed.

So if I didn't elicit this before, people simply love vampires because they're so attractive, so seductive. We're a society that cares so much about looks, so of course vampires would become our super heroes or our dark fantasies. But our mentality isn't going away and neither are vampires, so we might as well embrace our love for the creatures that want to drain us of our blood and steal our souls.

Now that it's October, it is the perfect time to embrace them! The weather is cool enough (or it would be in most places at least) for super sleek, black trench coats.

And of course, there will be plenty of imposters parading around soon enough for Halloween (by the way, I am not an imposter. That's right, ladies, I'm your Edward).

Oh, ye monstrously brainwashed and blood rich readers, I leave you with this imploration:

Bite someone. Rawr.

"Burnham" from D1

that he wants to continue meeting with people as much as he can.

Despite the sensational amount of swearing going on stage only minutes before these encounters, Burnham seemed to have met his quota for vulgarity for the evening and appeared to be almost shy during the meet and greet part of the night. And unlike his well known contemporaries, Burnham was not interested in pushing his merchandise to those waiting to meet him. "If people want a shirt with my face on it, then sure. I wouldn't want one," he said. "The merchandise part is a little whorey."

Even though he plays the piano and guitar while singing, Burnham said he sees himself as a comedian first and foremost and a musician third, fourth or fifth. He may soon be able to fill those empty rankings with a writer or director job title; Burnham has been selected to write the script for a musical. When pressed for details, he divulged little, only saying that it will be an R-rated version of "High School Musical." Somehow, this is fitting for a comedian like Burnham.

The Fake I.D. tour began in mid-September and will continue until December. Ironically, the comedian is more than willing to say that he doesn't like the name of the tour. "It's just stupid," said Burnham. "I don't have a fake I.D.; I have no desire to get one."

He balks at such "formalities" of stardom — like having to create a name for his tour — or at least he pretends not to care too much about them. For someone of the Internet generation who owes a majority of his widespread success to hip new media outlets instead of commercial promotion, this attitude is seemingly admirable — even if Burnham does use Helen Keller as a punch line or two.



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ASHLEY CRISP

It's a nice Friday night in October, you're frolicking about downtown Clemson. You've pranced up and down College Avenue, and now the only goal is to get home. While this may not describe a typical night downtown, surely at some point you decided it was time to hit the hay. Alone.

But there is a buzzing in your ear... oh yeah, that guy. The one you may or may not have danced with at 356 (or

Wingin' It, in honor of First Friday). This guy may be a classmate, a random out-of-towner or even a friend masking feelings. Regardless, you aren't buying the creeper package at any price, and you need to send that message fast.

There are a few ways to approach this situation. You could say you have a boyfriend or you really want children this second. Some females even try the "I'm-not-attracted-to-males" act. These tactics could deter, but some could backfire. A background story is hard to keep up with week to week. Compound a flimsy story with alcohol and a clingy male, and you find yourself backed into a corner. And if this is your friend, you don't want to make this more awkward than it should be, right?

Wrong. Let's awkward this situation up like nobody's business. Awkward is your middle name. There are socially inappropriate alternatives to fix this scenario very quickly. Desperate times call for desperate measures.

First, you can claim your parents are staying with you. Yes, that's right. Pull the parental card. Tell them mom and dad are waiting for you back at your place, and you would love for them to meet the great men of Clemson University.

Regardless of the intelligence or caliber of this male, he will most likely let you go at this point. In addition to not wanting to hit your place, he also won't want to be the one to take daddy's girl back home the next day in her leopard print heels and little black dress. Also, while this might bring your character into question, it could be much worse. Case

in point, this guy following you.

Another alternative is claiming you live at the county jail. I don't know of any jail or correctional facility nearby, but I haven't been incarcerated or convicted. It is completely possible there is one right down the road, at your convenience. A variation of this is that you are on parole and aren't allowed to be out after a certain hour, let alone with some guy you just met. While this could make for an interesting conversation because you are downtown, it gives you time to call a roommate, a friend or jump into a CAT bus to peace out. Confusion can work in your favor.

If you would rather stick to the happy medium between prison and your parents' princess, you could claim a strange fetish. If you have a thing for feet or toenail clippings, this guy might get the hint. Speaking in a Hannibal Lecter voice might also get the job done.

Lastly, a final attempt to rid yourself of creepsters might be reaching a new cultural low, but you were downtown. You can't judge. Claim you may be coming down with an illness. It could be any illness; it might just be a cold. But make sure to throw the word "flu" in there somewhere. Scarlett O'Hara gave us females so much to go on with that whole Southern belle faint business. Use it right now. You may also want to throw in nausea so this guy doesn't want to get involved and play doctor.

While not all guys are sketchy, and not every Friday will the bars close with you just wanting to go home to your own bed, if that time comes, you are ready. Ready to inappropriately scare those who persist on pursuing you.

ON THE PROWL



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HOW TO BE AWESOME ... at karaoke

There's only one Michael Jackson, Steven Tyler and Beyoncé Knowles. But that doesn't mean we, too, can't accomplish our lifelong dream, follow in the pitch perfect path of these vocal geniuses and find ourselves at the VMAs with Kanye and his ego ranting around on stage that our video is one of the best of all time.

Yeah, okay. Who am I kidding? Not all of us are fortunate enough to have vocal chords worth millions. I, for one, am certainly no singer. In fact, to accommodate eardrums —both others' and my own — I've tried to keep my vocal outbursts to the confines of a car, my fifth grade chorus club or a friend's occasional birthday serenade.

Fortunately, though, for those of us who enjoy

singing along to our favorite jam but just can't compete with Mariah Carey's vibrato or Freddy Mercury's, um, unique talent for off-the-chart pitch, there is a completely acceptable way of belting out a tune in public, no matter your musical aptitude.

It's called karaoke, beautiful people, and while part of the amusement is watching others tone-deafly garble the lyrics to "Livin' on a Prayer," it's far less amusing when you're the one doing the tone deaf garbling.

So, to help ensure a night free from embarrassing karaoke blunders, I've compiled some tips for how to make your singing experience all the more awesome.

Perform! Think jazz hands, pelvic gyrations and lots of air guitar. If you're singing karaoke, you're

most likely being watched by people who want to have a good time. So channel your inner Madonna, and drop it like it's hot. And let's be serious. You're not the world's best singer. Any distraction from your actual voice may be to your advantage.

Choose wisely. This is obvious. The most important part of your karaoke experience is what you sing. Make sure you know more than just the chorus (yeah, there is more to the song than "Don't Stop. BELIEEEEEEVING!"), and try to keep it light. Funny songs always go over well, as do classics like "YMCA," "I Will Survive" or anything Billy Joel.

Put down your drink. You can't always blame it on the a-a-a-a-alcohol (see what I did there?!). No amount of Long Island iced tea is going to give you Sting's vocal chords. Though it may seem

oxymoronic, an alcohol-flavored performance is, in fact, not a great idea. Unless falling is part of the "performance" you've spontaneously choreographed, throwing back a few shots before charging the stage will guarantee disaster.

Be Nice. The point of karaoke is to have a good time. Whether you're on stage or in the audience waiting your turn, be respectful of those around you. Don't ruin someone's night out by acting like you're good enough to have a record deal when we all know you aren't. Don't hoard the mic, interrupt other performers or take yourself too seriously.

As a final note, if all else fails, you can retreat to sprechgesang, a speak-singing technique of reciting lyrics to a beat. And if that doesn't seem to work, there's always tone deaf garbling to be enjoyed.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Defunct football league
 - 5. Fencing sword
 - 9. Destiny
 - 13. Bare
 - 14. Weight unit
 - 15. Failure
 - 16. Cereal ingredient
 - 17. "cootie"
 - 18. Swiss mathematician
 - 19. Washing off
 - 21. Far away
 - 23. College conference (abbr.)
 - 24. Bird call
 - 25. Trash can
 - 29. Wooden leg
 - 30. Pallid
 - 32. Less than two
 - 33. Lettuce & toppings
 - 36. Handbag
 - 37. School group
 - 38. Swing
 - 39. Scholar
 - 40. Clench you teeth
 - 41. Hubbub
 - 42. Main artery
 - 43. Wreck
 - 44. Opens lock
 - 45. Shade of black
 - 46. Entrance rug
 - 47. Whirls
 - 49. Moving truck
 - 50. Accountant
 - 53. Bed or living ending
 - 55. Card game
 - 57. Bobbin
 - 60. Young Men's Christian Association
 - 62. Island
 - 63. Ache
 - 64. Frog's cousin
 - 65. Tier
 - 66. Lawyer (abbr.)
 - 67. Consecrated
 - 68. Tryout
- DOWN**
- 1. Planet's shadow
 - 2. Stems of letters
 - 3. Shekel
 - 4. Glasses part
 - 5. Beverage
 - 6. Ragu's competition
 - 7. Hearing part
 - 8. Austin novel
 - 9. 4-H (spelled out)
 - 10. American sign language
 - 11. Ball holder
 - 12. Goof
 - 15. Tenant
 - 20. Chilled
 - 22. Fake coconut
 - 26. Dried
 - 27. Those who are opposed
 - 28. Under, poetically
 - 29. Caress
 - 30. Binder
 - 31. Region
 - 33. Assuage
 - 34. Helped
 - 35. Architect Frank Wright
 - 36. Chaste
 - 39. Upper body
 - 40. Greenwich Time
 - 42. Ancient (2 wds.)
 - 43. Make smooth
 - 46. Illness
 - 48. Witticism
 - 49. Spoken
 - 50. Position
 - 51. Mounds
 - 52. Adroit
 - 54. Fable
 - 56. Spray
 - 57. Hotel
 - 58. Drug
 - 59. Absent
 - 61. Cow speak

EL QUIZ

1. What famous painter was married to Mexican artist Diego Rivera?

2. What is the only Disney animated movie that has a title character who never speaks?

3. Which member of the Beatles crossed Abbey Road first?

4. Which U.S. president once reported seeing a U.F.O.?

5. What NFL team was originally known as the New York Titans?

RECIPE

Basalmic chicken with roasted tomatoes

Yield: four servings

- 1 pint grape tomatoes
- 1 Tbs honey
- 1 1/2 tsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt

4 (6-ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper
Balsamic vinaigrette salad dressing

1. Combine first three ingredients in a small bowl; place mixture on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
2. Bake at 450° for 12 minutes or until tomato skins burst and begin to wrinkle.
3. Transfer tomatoes to bowl, scraping juices into bowl. Add 1/4 tsp salt.
4. Place each chicken breast half between two sheets of plastic wrap. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper.
5. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Coat with cooking spray.
6. Add chicken; cook until light brown on each side. Coat each breast half with three to four teaspoons balsamic dressing.
7. Remove from heat and spoon tomatoes evenly over chicken. Serve warm.

WORD O' THE WEEK

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noun (proper, colloquial)

Definition:
Swine flu headquarters of Clemson University, S.C. where male and female students are made aware of their impending pregnancy.

Synonyms: cesspool, pathogen paradise, Deadfern, hospital

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1. Frida Kahlo 2. Dumbo 3. John Lennon 4. Jimmy Carter 5. New York Jets

HOROSCOPES

Aries
March 21 – April 19
Don't touch the feral kitten. Yes it's cute. Yes, it's black and white. Yes, it's playing with a leaf outside Schilleter with that cute little tail. Don't touch it.

Taurus
April 21 – May 20
Your karma is suffering due to a misalignment with Jupiter and Venus. Probably because they are on different sides of the Earth, each pulling on your life like it is a tug-of-war battle. It will not let up anytime soon, so get used to it.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21
A grilled cheese sandwich will lift your spirits. You might even volunteer to lead up that group assignment in class today. You might have to eat 10 more grilled cheese sandwiches to make it through the end of that project.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22
Today is the perfect day to make the move on that "endeavor" in class. Avoid the cutely folded paper note. Just ask her in person for her number. She will say yes.

Libra
Sept. 23 – Oct. 23
You have hit a speed bump in the road of life. Slow down and take in the scenery. Seat belt optional. Window down? A must.

Leo
July 23 – Aug. 23
Your reputation precedes you this weekend. As the center of the social arena, you have finally earned all of those friend requests on Facebook. You have also earned the right to stalk all of those people on Sunday afternoon in the library.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 – Nov. 21
While it has worked flawlessly in the past, consider not scalping tickets at the Wake Forest game. The five-oh are on to you.

Virgo
Aug. 24 – Sept. 22
Considering the stars right now, you might want to get a flu shot. Just as a precaution, of course.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21
Continue the dance party. People loved it. Only you can feel their lust for movement.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19
You will single-handedly shut down Blackboard for approximately three hours. Good job.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 – Feb. 19
Currently debating after college plans? Take an hour of reflection. Or swim in the reflection pond. They are equivalents.

Pisces
Feb. 20 – March 20
Good deeds never go unpunished, so be a good friend and offer to be the designated driver this weekend. It never hurt anyone (seriously) and your friends will remember it next weekend (when the real parties are).

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Rainy Day Activities

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Slip 'n' Slide. Rain? No problem. Just put on a swimsuit or an old T-shirt and pair of gym shorts, and get ready to hit the hills. A grassy slope is ideal, but for the best experience you will need a long rectangular tarp to maximize sliding potential. Also, it's a good idea to have some soap, baby oil or body wash to help reduce friction, or to pump up the water flow, you may want to use a hose, too. So next time it pours, just lather up and slide away.

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Outdoor Sports. When it rains, it pours. And when it pours, the grass becomes slick, and the dirt turns to mud. Sometimes the best games of soccer and ultimate Frisbee are during a downpour. Just call some friends, get off the couch and play. You may end up covered in mud, but it just makes the game even more entertaining. The rain also keeps you cool while running around. Just because it rains does not mean you cannot still enjoy the outdoors.

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Games, Games and more Games. If you do not feel like running in the rain, then dig up some games from your closet. Whether it is a classic board game like Monopoly or a card game of Spades, you can never go wrong in this type of amusement. If you like, you could play with two or three friends or invite several and host a game night. Make it a Poker Night or play many rounds of Catchphrase. Let the games begin!

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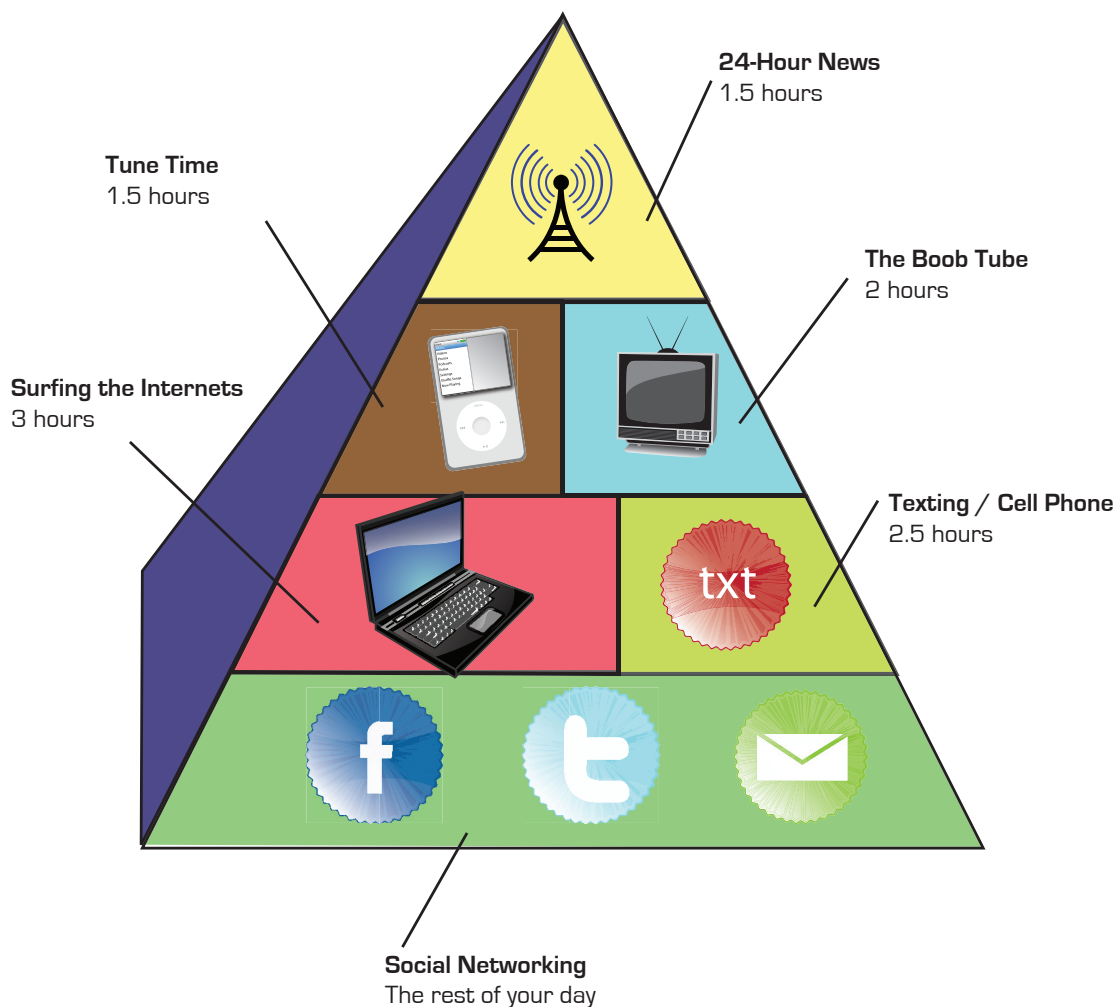
Movie Night. Who does not love watching a classic and munching on sweet and salty snacks? Muster up some trail mix or pop some popcorn, and pick one of your favorite films. If it is storming, you may be in the mood for a suspense, thriller or horror flick. Maybe you prefer comedy, romance or drama. Whatever your preference, a laid-back way to stay dry is to have a movie night. Make it a date, or you could invite over a bunch of your best friends. Just sit back, chow down and hit play.

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Try Something New. Don't let the weather rain on your parade. Learn a new skill, like how to play the guitar or how to make friendship bracelets. Not your thing? Try to cook something ethnic and exciting like an Asian cuisine or bake a delectable dessert. Or, you could venture out and try a new restaurant. Depending on your dining choice, there may even be a live local band playing. Instead of letting the rain dampen your day, explore the endless possibilities. You may discover a new hobby or find a new favorite place to eat.

Media Guide Pyramid

A guide to daily media choices



The TimeOut Media Guide Pyramid is based on a daily intake of five wall posts, 10 tweets and 12-13 e-mails. Texts and/or hours spent online in excess of those listed on the pyramid are highly discouraged.

Source: Not the USDA

TIMEOUT Local
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FLIP FLOPS

Recently opened, Flip Flops is a local restaurant located beside Outdoor Adventures on Old Greenville Highway. This tiki bar and grill has a bright and colorful noisy atmosphere and is best known for its variety of mixed drinks and slushies.

Some of the most popular drink flavors include Jet Fuel, Firefly and Electric Lemonade, while the food menu offers a range of options like salads, quesadillas, wraps and sandwiches. Hot and fresh from the grill, items like the Flops Blowout Burger and Uncle Chuck's Secret Recipe Wings are only a small sampling of the mouth-watering entrees.

To kick off the weekend, Flip Flops hosts Shake Your Flop Friday College Night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., during which there are specials like \$10 buckets of domestic beer and a combination \$19.98 for 20 Wings and a Bucket of Beer. To spice up the night, this summer-themed restaurant has a guest DJ for entertainment.

Over the weekend, I decided to try out

a meal at Flip Flops for myself. As soon as I walked in, hostesses and waiters greeted me. My waitress was accommodating and polite, continually checking on me throughout my meal, which took more time than I would have liked to be prepared and brought to my table because the kitchen was busy that night. Though I had to wait, the tasty jerk chicken wrap with a side of onion straws was worth it.

The entertainment while I was there was DJ Cactus T, who played a variety of music to accompany the disco ball and steam machine present.

I imagine things may get a little crazy at the bar late at night since there were bouncers outside the restaurant. However, if you are looking for an inexpensive eating spot with a wide-ranging menu and a boisterous atmosphere, Flip Flops is just right for you.



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