

S.C. fails at smoking prevention

The American Lung Association works to prevent lung cancer through report card.

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South Carolina fails in American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control Report Card and received F's in all four categories.

South Carolina got a grade of F on the State Report Card on regulating and promoting smoke free environments.

This also includes a grade of F on the tax rate on cigarettes and an overview of state cessation coverage.

This means that the economic costs due to smoking is one of the highest in the country at roughly \$3.3 billion and prevalence of smoking is 20 percent among adults.

The high school smoking rate is at 17.8 percent while the middle school smoking rate is at 8.7 percent.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in South Carolina.

The key word is "preventable." "The Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control and its partners are working hard to make South Carolina a healthier place to live and work and raise a family," says the Department of Health and Environmental Control

Web site.

To receive an A on the American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control Report Card, a state must surpass expectations in promoting policies that protect people from secondhand smoke exposure, help people quit using tobacco, prevent youth from using tobacco and address health disparities.

Sunny Lee, a sophomore studying political science, thinks that the government is trying to regulate smoking too much.

"I think that smoking is a personal choice, and the government should stop trying to regulate arbitrary personal freedoms. They should abandon this goal and focus on more important issues," said Lee.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius would like to avoid the situation with getting people to quit by trying to get them not to start.

"We'd like everybody to stop smoking or never start in the first place. It would save an enormous amount on health care costs," said Sebelius.

The city of Clemson recently passed an ordinance to prevent smoking in restaurants and other establishments



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States who received an A surpassed expectations in protecting citizens from secondhand smoke exposure and other categories.

that are located downtown. Smoke-free environments are one of the categories scored on the report card.

The Redfern Health Center supports the American Lung Association's goals toward a better environment to America's citizens.

It offers opportunities to quit smoking, and it offers free tobacco cessation

counseling for those wishing to quit. Redfern sponsors a CU Quit which is a campus-wide program to help students quit smoking in conjunction with the Great American Smoke Out.

Students are encouraged to participate in the cessation counseling sessions and all other programs that the Redfern Health Center offers.

Lowe's opens in Clemson

Home improvement giant brings business and jobs to area.

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At 6 a.m. on Jan. 22, Lowe's of Clemson officially opened its doors for business.

The 94,000 square-foot store, located at the intersection of U.S. 123 and Issaqueena Trail, has more than 32,000 items available to homeowners looking to build or spruce up their homes, and comes at an estimated cost of \$12.5 million.

Store Manager Sheldon Grigg is pleased with business so far. "It's been going great," he said. "I think the community's been very receptive. We're glad to be here."

The official grand opening will kick off Jan. 28. According to Grigg, the store opened early because construction was running ahead of schedule, and the grand opening festivities were planned in advance. "Once we get the building ready, we just go ahead and open to the public," said Grigg.

With the new store comes 120 jobs to the Clemson area.

Avniel Butler, a junior in mechanical engineering, is one of the new employees. "Money...get a job!" Butler said was his first thought after learning Lowe's was on its way. "And I had no doubt that I wouldn't get this job," he said. "I'm happy."

Butler said working at the store would expand his knowledge and use of tools, materials and equipment, and that having these items close by would be useful in completing school projects. "If I were to need some tools, I would definitely come here," he said.

Clemson resident Randy Peters was at the store the day it opened. "I love it," he said, adding that he'd be coming to the store often to purchase supplies for his "fix-it-up" house.

The new store is one of 48 Lowe's locations in South Carolina, two of which are in Anderson and Seneca. Peters thinks business will still prosper in Clemson, though. "I'm more worried about Ace than I am Lowe's," he said.

The Jan. 28 festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. with a board cutting ceremony.

That same day, Lowe's, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, is sponsoring a Gift Card Match Day. Lowe's will match all gift card purchases from that day up to \$5,000. The proceeds will benefit the next building project for the Oconee County chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Grigg said Lowe's has also been collaborating with local charities, and will present a \$1,000 grant to one of the charities as part of the opening festivities. "We have that involvement in the community," he said, "and we're looking forward to continuing that involvement."

Overall, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has contributed more than \$932,000 to the state of South Carolina.

Grigg said that community involvement is a staple of Lowe's, and that he hopes to see more of that involvement while he's manager at the Clemson store. "First and foremost, we want to be a part of the community," he said, "... and just be a good neighbor, as well as have a good business here in Clemson."



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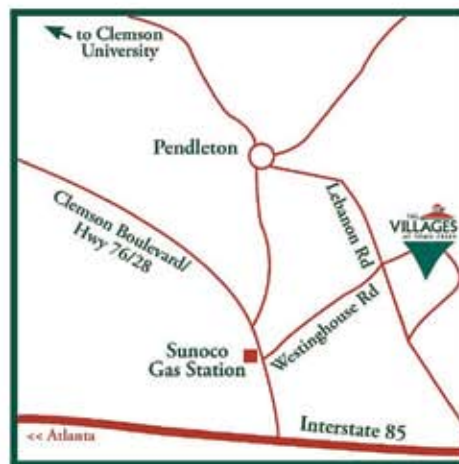
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Lend a hand to Haiti

How Clemson Students can donate

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On Jan. 12, 2010 a 7.0 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and killed more than 70,000 of Haiti's inhabitants. However, its consequences didn't end with the deceased; the people left alive are in more agonizing pain and trouble than ever before.

Prior to this devastating earthquake, Haiti was known to be the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Today, the country is in a crucially worse condition. Its people are struggling to the point where they are left without water, food and shelter.

The United States and France have stepped up to help, along with smaller assistance from other nearby countries.

Around the world, there are possibilities for citizens to donate to particular organizations helping Haiti. In Clemson specifically, a few organizations students can get involved in include the American Red Cross, Downtown Community Fellowship (DCF) and others.

Haven't taken action yet? Freshman Kim Altman said, "I haven't done anything yet, but I plan to once I see donation places around campus." It's not too late to give Haiti your individual form of assistance. From 10 cents to thousands of dollars, each penny counts.

Among the many organizations, American Red

Cross, a worldwide nonprofit association, is the most dominant. It has raised \$22 million in a matter of weeks! Donations of 10 dollars can be made by texting the word "Haiti" to 90999. One hundred percent of your donation is given to Haiti, and it is a great and easy way to contribute today.

On the other hand, a low-key project, coordinated by DCF, is currently collecting used and new shoes. "A used pair of shoes may not seem like a worthy gift, but there are many people in the world who don't own a single pair of shoes. Currently in the aftermath of such a devastating natural disaster, there is an even greater need for shoes," said Carin Vadala, the director of the program.

Next week DCF hopes to get boxes into Hendrix to collect more shoes. If the containers are not there later this week, you may visit DCF's Web site at www.dcfcl Clemson.org to help with Vadala's shoe drive.

It can't be said that there are too many organizations to help Haiti's cause. Altman said, "I know there are independent students making Pierre Tong t-shirts and part of the money will be donated to it." Also, the Delta Zeta sorority held Feel Good stands to help raise monetary donations. By staying active in Clemson's social activities, it isn't difficult to spot an opportunity to help the struggling nation of Haiti.

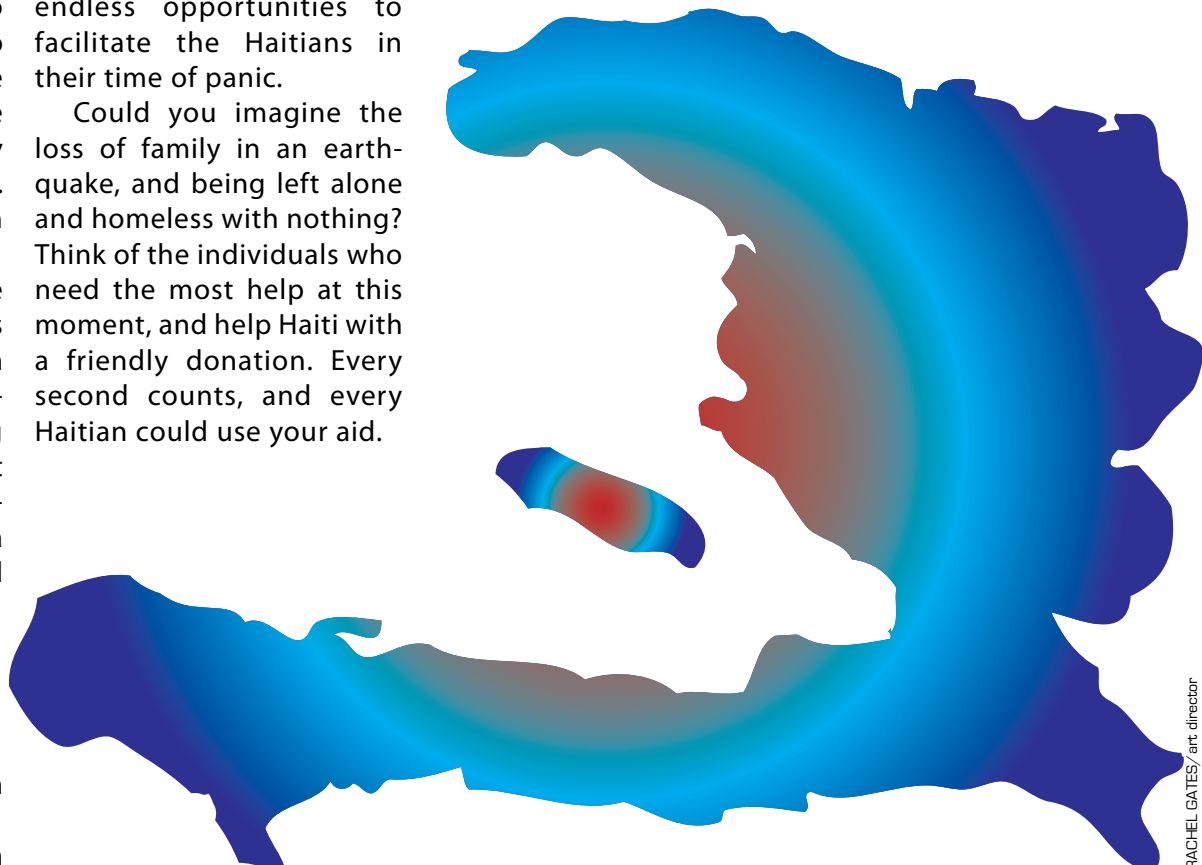
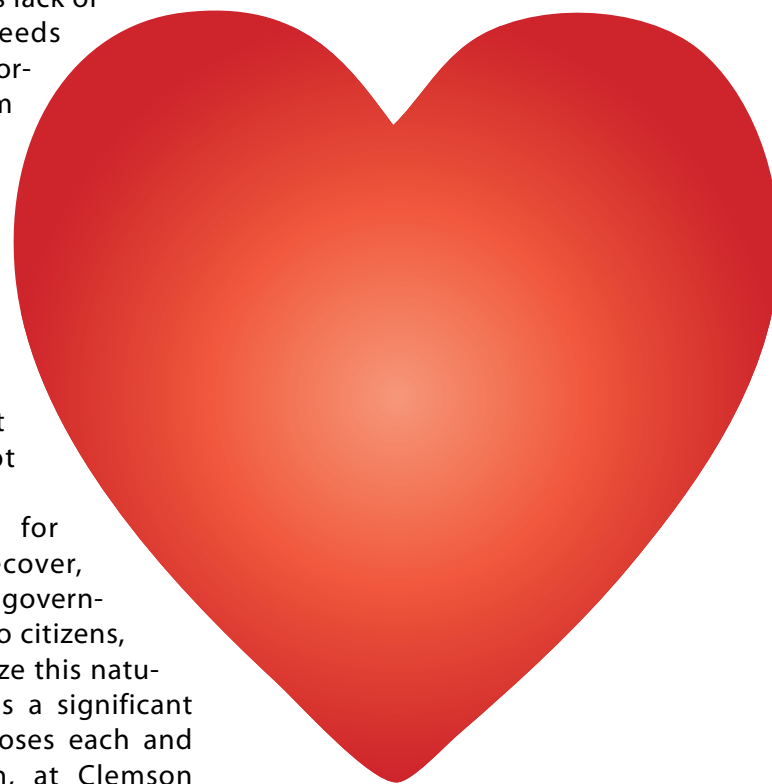
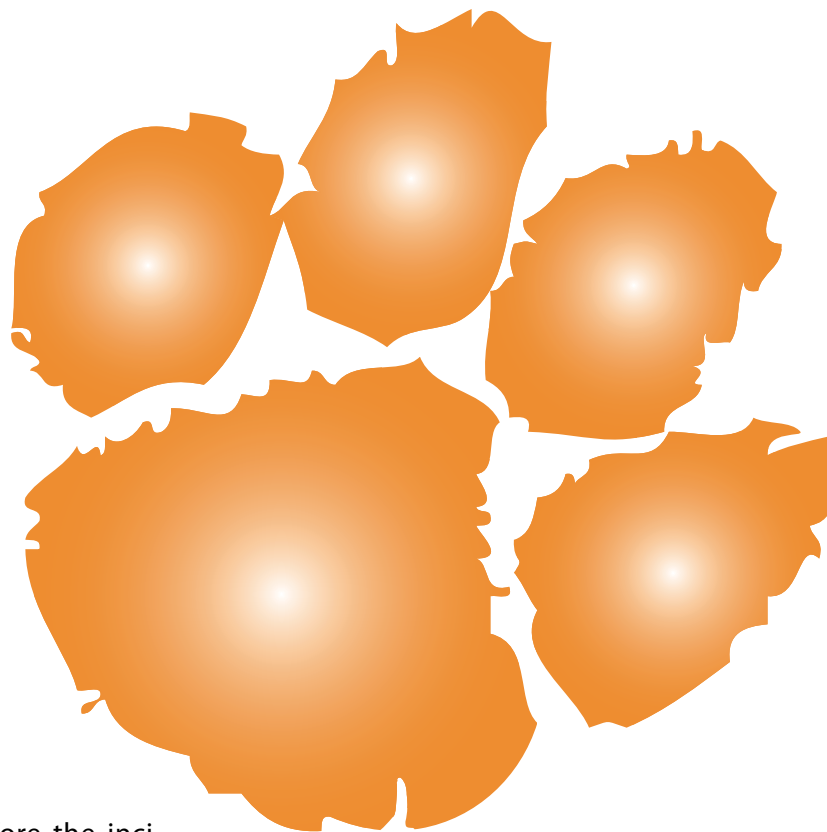
While Haiti was in much

despair before the incident, it is now in ruins. Their people's lack of everyday needs leaves a majority of them stranded and miserable.

How will one survive without a shelter that has been destroyed? Or food that one cannot afford?

In order for Haiti to recover, not only the government, but also citizens, must recognize this natural disaster as a significant event. It exposes each and every person, at Clemson and around the world, to endless opportunities to facilitate the Haitians in their time of panic.

Could you imagine the loss of family in an earthquake, and being left alone and homeless with nothing? Think of the individuals who need the most help at this moment, and help Haiti with a friendly donation. Every second counts, and every Haitian could use your aid.



Weekly News Update

World News

BBC

Holocaust Day events in Auschwitz mark the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp.

Many elderly survivors attended the event to commemorate the liberation of Auschwitz and to give remembrance to the six million Jews that were killed by the Nazi regime more than 65 years ago. In a pitched tent, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres delivered a speech in the nearby snowy Birkenau camp: "We sit in a warm tent, we remember those who shivered to death and if they didn't freeze to death, they were gassed and burned in a horrible conflagration," Peres said. "And we remember too that one third of the righteous nations — those who risked their lives and more so risked the lives of their children and their families to save others — they were Polish people. We remember that." Peres later recalled the experience of when he was forced to leave his grandfather behind in Poland, where his grandfather later lost his life to the Nazi regime. Those that survived the Holocaust gathered Wednesday underneath the infamous entrance sign, which translated reading, "Work Makes You Free." Many of them had brought relatives. "This place determined who I am today, aged nearly 90," said August Kowalczyk, a survivor of two years at Auschwitz. "I still have one mission — to pass on to the next generation, the knowledge of what happened here."

The Wall Street Journal

Several European policy analysts and policymakers have claimed that the European Union's involvement in global politics has hit a ceiling due to irresponsible handling of the economy.

Many political organizations and think-tanks have spoken out about the issue. Charles Grant, the director of the Center for European Reform, is one of them. "The EU's attempts to be a coherent international actor seems to be decreasingly effective," he said, pointing out that no European decision makers were invited to the Dec. 18 meeting between U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. Despite the Lisbon Treaty and other attempts to correct the EU's unity, analysts say that they have fallen short of their expected recovery. While many are estimating that the EU has yet to establish itself as a global superpower, statistics still confirm that the EU remains a major global player. In the worldwide economic recession, the EU faced a recession not as harsh as that of the United States's, but their recovery is anticipated to take much longer due in part to a large public debt in several EU countries. Many have also criticized the EU's use of "soft power," or the ability to appeal to countries by offering EU membership. "China and Russia see the world in totally realist, zero-sum terms," said Grant. "If we want China to take us seriously we have to have hard power."

CNN

French aid-workers rescued a 16-year-old girl from underneath the rubble who is believed to have been trapped since the Jan. 12 earthquake.

The girl was found after Haitians reported to the French embassy in Port-au-Prince that they could hear a voice beneath the rubble. The French aid-workers followed the group of Haitians to the site, where they made contact with the trapped girl. The girl, who was not immediately identified, was found in very weak condition from being dehydrated. The aid-workers believed she was able to survive because she had access to the bathroom of her house while she was trapped beneath the rubble. Her low blood pressure led the French aid-workers to suspect that she had been buried since the initial earthquake shook the country 15 days earlier.

National News

CNN

Former 2004 Democratic vice-presidential nominee John Edwards has legally separated from his wife following his admittance that he fathered a child with a videographer that he had been campaigning with.

The actual date of the separation is unknown, albeit, sources said that it happened awhile back.

Edwards long denied his involvement in the birth of Rielle Hunter's baby, claiming that the affair was over before the estimated date of conception.

The affair happened while Edwards was campaigning for the 2008 presidential election.

Rielle Hunter was a videographer helping Edwards on the campaign. Edwards, 56, and his wife Elizabeth Edwards, 60, had been married for 32 years and have four children together.

Following the news of separation between Edwards and his wife, a tell-all book by Andrew Young, detailing the Edwards controversies is scheduled to arrive in bookstores within the next week. Elizabeth Edwards' sister, Nancy Anania, spoke out about the situation on behalf of her sister.

"She's got cancer and has young children and totally believes in marriage... but she can only do so much," said Anania.

Los Angeles Times

NASA's rover Spirit no longer mobile but will continue to function as an immobile scientific observatory.

Spirit, one of two rovers NASA landed on Mars more than six years ago, has found itself stuck and unable to move. The rover's wheels have sunk into the powdery Mars surface and attempts to rescue it have proven unsuccessful.

Fortunately, the rover's scientific capabilities have not been reduced to zero.

The question of fate for the rover lies whether it can survive the extreme temperatures of the upcoming Mars winter.

A NASA spokesman said that if the rover could be revived following its six-month winter hibernation period, then researchers would attempt to use the downed rover to learn whether Mars has a solid iron core or a liquid one.

Spirit, which roved for six years and nearly 12 miles across the desolate Mars surface, has lasted well beyond scientists design plan of three months.

However, Spirit's twin, Opportunity, is still functioning and is still en route on the other side of the planet.

Spirit's demise began nine months ago when its wheels accidentally dug through the Mars surface into powdery sand.

Following attempts to remove the rover were unsuccessful in part due to two wheels that had become immobilized several years back.

Wall Street Journal

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi says she will not give up on health-care reform.

When asked whether Congress was going to abandon a health-care overhaul or not regarding the recent Massachusetts Senate seat loss, Nancy Pelosi had a definitive answer. "I don't see that as a possibility. We will have something," she said.

However, Pelosi did not answer whether the health-care reform would be anything similar to the level of health-care reform Obama pushed for. Following the loss of Massachusetts long-term Democratic Senate seat to Scott Brown of the Republican Party, Democratic decision-makers have moved health-care reform to the backburner.

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Vitamin D deficiency found among youth in the United States.

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Vitamin D deficiency was once thought to be relatively rare in children and adults in the United States, but a recent study suggests that may not be true. Vitamin D deficiency, especially in children, is no longer something that can be ignored.

Most people are unaware of the extreme importance of vitamin D and the problems that can arise with vitamin D deficiency. Vitamin D is best known as the sunshine vitamin because the body makes vitamin D when sunlight hits the skin. In fact, vitamin D is both a vitamin and a hormone. It is a vitamin because bones can't use calcium without it, and it is a hormone because the skin makes it in response to sunlight.

According to The Vitamin and Supplement Guide, the main job of vitamin D is to regulate the body's use of calcium and helps to make the hormones that ensure calcium goes into bones and not into other tissues. If we're not getting enough sun, for example, in the winter months, it's especially important to get vitamin D from foods or supplements. This can be especially true for children.

According to WebMD, "Vitamin D deficiency is traditionally associated with bone and muscle weakness, but in recent years a number of studies have shown that low levels of the vitamin D may predispose the body to high blood pressure,

congestive heart failure and chronic blood vessel inflammation (associated with hardening of the arteries). It also alters hormone levels to increase insulin resistance, which raises the risk of diabetes."

A recent retrospective study investigated the extent of vitamin D deficiency in American children. After analyzing data from 2001-2004 on more than 6,000 children, ages one to 21, collected by the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey team (NHANES), researchers at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University estimated that 7.6 million children across the United States may be vitamin D deficient, and another 50.8 million may be vitamin D insufficient.

Those findings suggest that seven out of 10 U.S. children may have low levels of vitamin D, thus raising their risk for bone and heart disease, explain Michael L. Melamed, M.D. and Juh Jumar, M.D., M.P.H. Melamed and Kumar commented on the study by researchers at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in a recent Science Daily article entitled "Millions Of U.S. Children Low In Vitamin D."

The risk for vitamin D deficiency appears greater in children who are older, female, African-American, Mexican-American, obese, drink milk less than once a week, or spend more than four hours a day watching TV, playing video games or using computers.

Higher rates of vitamin D defi-

ciency in younger people may result from spending more time indoors and from frequent use of sunscreens rated 15 or higher. Also, adults and people who are overweight or obese may not be able to make enough vitamin D in response to sunlight.

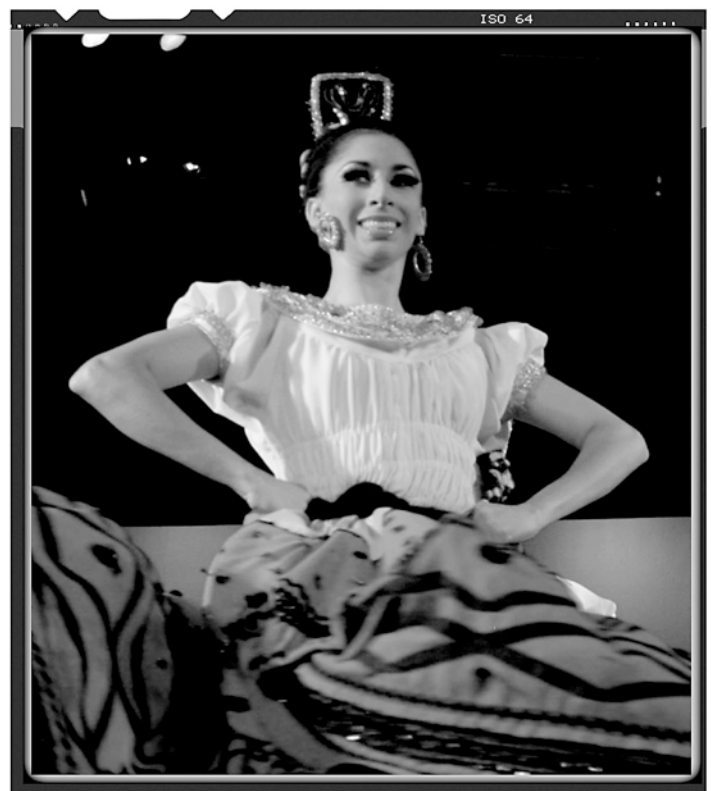
Preventive steps that high risk families and individuals can take to reduce the risk for vitamin D deficiency:

- 10-15 minutes of sunshine without sunscreen.
 - If outside for more than 15 minutes of intense sunlight exposure, use sunscreen to guard against skin cancer.
- Vitamin D rich foods
 - Salmon, sardines, cod liver oil, milk and some cereals
- Vitamin D Supplements
 - Especially for those in northern regions where the sun may be too weak to maintain healthy vitamin D levels
- Get routine pediatric screenings especially for children in high-risk groups

For more information, consult the Science Daily article entitled "Millions of U.S. Children Low in Vitamin D," August 3, 2009, (<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/08/090803083633.htm>) for more information.

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Collective Consciousness, in partner with Aiken Peace and Amnesty International, created and

will host a documentary detailing the Palestine and Israel conflict beginning Jan. 29.

The documentary will be shown at the McKissick Theater in the Hendrix Student Center on Friday from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. Following the documentary on Feb. 11, Collective Consciousness and its affiliates will host a non-partisan lecture on the subject of the Palestinian and Israeli conflict in room 101 of Hardin Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.



AT A GLANCE
Week of Feb. 1 through Feb. 5

- If you wish to run for elected student office, be sure to check out www.clemson.edu/elections/ and turn in your petition to run by Feb. 5, 2010.

- The Campus Life Committee is hosting the Off Campus Housing Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Hendrix Center Ballrooms. Please stop by to talk to representatives from local real estate agencies and apartment complexes. The Fair is sponsored

by University Village and The Villages at Town Creek.

- Transfer Council would like to remind all students graduating in May 2010 that they must have a completed e-Portfolio to graduate. We will be sponsoring an e-Portfolio Blitz Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the class of 1941 Studio in Daniel Hall. Dr. Gail Ring, the director of the e-Portfolio program, will be there to personally answer questions.

- Be sure to check out the CUSG Web site at cusg.net. You can get oriented with 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. The offices phone number is (864) 656-2195. CUSG office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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An unlikely Census consensus

The first question listed on the United States Census asks for the number of occupants living in the residence for which the census is being filed. Question four asks for the telephone number of the household. Question six asks for the sex of the current homeowner or primary resident.

These inquiries and most others that appear on the U.S. Census form seem relatively mundane and easily answerable, though slightly redundant at times in their attempt at thoroughness. However, despite the broken record effect that characterizes most of the survey, one controversial query has landed at the center of scrutiny and debate.

Question nine asks, "What is [the primary resident's] race?" instructing respondents to mark an "X" through one or more boxes. Among the array of choices including, "Chinese," "Korean" and "Native Hawaiian" is the box labeled "Black, African American or Negro," and as one may guess, it is this lattermost term which stands in contention for the upcoming Census. Many activists have spoken out against the use of the term "negro" in the race classification question, citing its outdated and potentially demeaning connotation. However, despite these sentiments, 56,000 respondents wrote in the word "negro" to identify themselves in the 2000 Census, even though the term was already on the form.

In light of the conflict surrounding the term and its place in the census, the U.S. Census Bureau is looking into testing some alterations in the upcoming surveys, for example, by adding a write-in section to all of the race boxes in question nine, which would allow respondents more specificity and control over

their own race classification. Also, suggestions have circulated about adjusting or striking altogether a separate section of questions concerning Hispanic origin, as these questions imply an inherent distinction between ethnicity and race that is both confusing and misleading. The potentially offensive inclusion of the word "negro" in the U.S. Census along with the growing friction between the concepts of "ethnicity" and "race" invite a close consideration and reevaluation of how race is expressed, and perhaps gives way to a broader interpretation of race, ethnicity and the societal constructions of both as they apply to the "melting pot" we call home.

The word "negro" isn't acceptably used in formal or colloquial speech today. One needn't look further than Harry Reid to perceive the negative connotations associated with the term and the social and political upheaval that can result from its public usage. Reid referred to President Obama as a "light skinned" African American "with no negro dialect unless he wanted to have one." Since the quote was published, Reid has faced acute backlash from the media and has since apologized for the error.

Harry Reid's incident is but one example of an active public interest in terms and means of racial classification, and it draws attention to the value that society imposes upon both racial and ethnic categories. White, Caucasian, Black, African American, Asian, Hispanic, Mexican American. These words and the many others with which we choose to identify ourselves constitute our own self-perceptions and also indicate how we would like society to perceive us. Given that a group, though small, wishes to be identified

by the term "negro," should the U.S. Census Bureau strike the word from the survey because it gives offense? Furthermore, should race even be so objectively divided into clean little boxes, or do respondents have a right to more than a check mark in the closest fitting category?

In examining these questions, a careful consideration of exactly why these issues are so critical, particularly in America, is a good place to start. A troubled past of racial boundaries and lines drawn in the sand seems to haunt American culture, indeed still affecting our interactions with one another to some extent. However, we've reached an age in which there is a palpable push for a color blind society, and this push is furthered by unions between people of varying races and ethnicities resulting in generations of children that cannot be easily defined within a color-coded box. Instead of celebrating this diversity, though, society often scratches its head in pondering exactly how to categorize it. White? Black? Asian? Hispanic? What corner of the world can this person be associated with? This is an ironic response given that a mingling, a "melting" if you will, of origins and backgrounds is something that America places such an emphasis on. Think back to the "I am an American" campaign following Sept. 11 which featured an "It's a Small World"-looking mix of happy citizens, varying in appearances and backgrounds, proclaiming their pride in our diverse nation. It follows, then, that expanded racial and ethnic identification methods would be distinctly American.

Shouldn't the Census reflect and also forge our interpretation of diversity through such an expansion?

But, the Census is a statistical document, the purpose of which is to categorize the nation's people. How many? Where at? Where from? Etc. Allowing for more abstract definitions of race or ethnicity may blur data or even cause certain groups to be misrepresented, perhaps defeating the purpose of changing the survey in the first place. How could the population be documented clearly through such a widely varying pool of races? It would be like cataloging respondents by name, hair color or car type.

The Census, though, holds a precedence of progressing racial and ethnic perceptions. The 2000 Census, for example, was the first in which respondents could check more than one box, signifying an evolution of societal standards for race classification. Why should the child of a white father and Korean mother have to choose between the two origins when both are parts of him, parts of his identity? Looking further back, the number of boxes and the labels that separate these boxes have expanded immensely over the years. The first U.S. Census in 1790 was primarily concerned with one race: white. Changes in the survey aren't exactly unheard of.

In keeping with this spirit of census modifications as a reflection of society, should race itself be struck from the survey and replaced by ethnicity? The term "race" implies biological differences, while "ethnicity" bespeaks cultural factors. Currently in the Census, the term "ethnicity" is used only in conjunction with respondents of Hispanic origin. Essentially there are two ethnicities: "Hispanic or Latino" and "not Hispanic or Latino." This seems like an exclusive and perhaps

arbitrary distinction given that race and ethnicity are virtually equivalent in many other countries and cultures around the world. Race, itself, is largely a social construct and is assigned through cultural precedents and customs. In fact, the United States Office of Management and Budget, which determines federal standards for racial and ethnic statistics, has specified that although racial categories are developed using scientific methodologies, specifically the social sciences, the term "race" as it applies to the U.S. Census "should not be interpreted as being primarily biological or genetic in reference." Knowing this, perhaps it is time to do away with the separation of "ethnicity" and "race" in the Census, since the two terms seem to be regularly linked in conversational usage.

Ultimately, as cultural perceptions of identification fluctuate, it seems that the only consistent factor is change itself. We are constantly changing our minds, changing our attitudes and changing our identities. Terms such as the aforementioned "negro" are introduced and dismissed with the ebb and flow of societal norms, and soon enough, the term itself and the controversy surrounding will probably be ushered out. The important thing, though, is not what is on a piece of government issued paper in the year 2010, but what those words tell us and those who come after us about who we were, are and will become.

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In the U.S. Census, should people self-determine their race or should it be categorized?

Kyle Ames



SCIENCE TEACHING/junior

"I believe this is very exemplary of the government because many people are not only defined by one race but multiple."

Hope Stewart



ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES/senior

"I don't think that people should be required to fill in any information that they don't want to because...people shouldn't have to be identified any specific way."

Kelly Creech



BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES/senior

"I think people should check what they perceive. What do you put when you are African-American and Chinese mixed and raised in a middle-class white family?"

Jessica Mackey



SECONDARY EDUCATION/junior

"I feel that while race is based on genetics, one can identify genetically with as many races as you feel."

Ty Jones



BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES sophomore

"I feel that race is based on genetics."

COMMENTARY

Apathetic campus

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



Clemson at the center of sports attention.

Even though a larger number of fans at the event would mean that the University would look impressive to people in the outside world, Clemson students crossing the library bridge were largely unsympathetic to this cause. Yet, even President Barker agrees that there is nothing more important at Clemson than what irrelevant people outside of the University think of it. (See: U.S. News and World Report).

While this apathy reached its peak with students ignoring and avoiding those on the bridge who were advertising for ESPN College GameDay, it certainly is a common attitude felt by any organization seeking to promote themselves in this manner. Even the attractive sorority girls and their delicious baked goods get unjustly snubbed by those venturing across the bridge.

Clemson University needs a plan to keep this plague of apathy from spreading. If free high-fives, attractive women brandishing delicious food and sports are not enough to get the student body motivated to get more involved in their school, it may take quite a bit of work to accomplish this change. Also, for the record, it will probably not involve anything related to pep rallies or meaningless propaganda slogans like "Determined Spirit" or "The Paw Says It All."

Now, it may be much too late to save any of the students late in their college careers from this wave of apathy. They have come in and punched their time cards and would have even considered giving Clemson extra money just to get their degree a little bit earlier if that was an option.

This is especially true for engineering students since they have had all of their spirit kicked out of them by most of their professors. But for the rest of the student body, especially the younger ones, there is hope.

More importantly, however, if any of the people who are normally out harassing people on the library bridge see anyone that they think might be a senior engineering major on the verge of graduation (electrical engineering especially), they should probably take extra care to leave him alone. Unless it's a pretty girl with nice cupcakes.

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While watching the vast number of students cross over the library bridge during class changes, it seems as though most of them are trying to avoid all of the activists who harass everyone with their barrage of fliers. Those simply trying to get to class are certainly justified in being annoyed at any of these demonstrators on the library bridge, especially since they are often rude, loud, ugly or otherwise annoying.

This has gotten to be a hot-button issue. The library bridge is the main thoroughfare through campus, yet some students are forced to either take alternate routes around the library bridge or fake a phone call simply to avoid these obstinate demonstrators. However, the real problem here is with the normal, everyday students themselves.

As long as any student group is advertising on the library bridge anything but an animal rights group (who somehow believe they will get people to quit eating meat by passing out fliers full of pictures of food), they probably have a legitimate cause or concern, or are at least giving out free high-fives. It seems that most Clemson students could show a little more interest in their school and its organizations instead of ignoring or getting frustrated with the dedicated students on the library bridge.

The most blatant example of this disregard for school spirit happened last Friday, when a handful of students were trying to promote a culturally diverse tradition that has a deep, rich heritage at Clemson. Despite this particular event, resulting in another shameful, yet unsurprising, loss to a sub-par basketball team, most students simply ignored everyone promoting the event from the bridge.

What was important about this event, however, was that ESPN College GameDay was going to be broadcasting from campus prior to and during the basketball game last weekend. The normally obnoxious promoters on the library bridge may have actually had a reason to be harassing innocent bystanders if a national TV show was going to place

COMMENTARY

The new corporate citizen

STEPHEN NEWELL

Columnist



human health. Rather than supporting political candidates based on the virtues advocated by those candidates, corporate lobbyists most often work to influence public policy based exclusively on the company's profits, which means less environmental regulations and greater threats to public health.

While corporations have obligations to their shareholders, they do not always have the best interests of the general public in mind. The combination of corporations' financial interests and the power of the government is illustrated horrifically by Rockwell International's and the Department of Energy's irresponsible handling of the Colorado Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, which included entire families dying of cancer from radioactivity and radioactive cleanup that lasted for decades. Public and private entities can work together to accomplish great things, but if production and profit are the primary interests driving government regulations, the general public will suffer the consequences.

Corporations are getting bigger every day as smaller businesses are either bought out by larger ones or go bankrupt during tough economic times. Americans and other advocates of democracy must be careful not to destroy the balance that provides the majority of citizens with the power of government.

If corporations end up with more power than that of natural citizens in shaping public policy, then not only will a minority rule, but also a profit driven minority will be deciding the extent that regulations are necessary for the safety of our food, the levels of toxins allowed in our water supplies and the amount of pollutants released into our atmosphere.

Supreme Court Justice Thomas concurred with the majority opinion, but added that the court did not go far enough in continuing to limit free speech by use of disclosure laws that can subject political contributors to retaliation from the opposition. While I agree with Justice Thomas that people should not be subject to the retaliation that can result from these disclosure laws, I maintain that corporations should not be treated as equal to American citizens under law. What do you think? Should corporations be awarded full rights to free speech? Should corporations have all rights of citizenship other than free speech, such as the rights to keep and bear arms for the purpose of maintaining a well regulated militia?

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A Supreme Court decision that puts more power into the hands of big businesses can be disheartening, even if you aren't a 'bleeding heart' liberal. Last week, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* resulted in a significant change in the way political campaigns can be funded under law. The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA) was struck down as an affront to the First Amendment, lifting corporate restrictions on electioneering. While four Supreme Court justices still supported limitations of corporate spending on political campaigns that date back to the Tillman Act of 1907, five of the justices made no distinction between corporate and human speakers, judging many past decisions by the Supreme Court to be in violation of the freedom of speech. As a result, Republicans are excited about the prospect of increased campaign financing from corporations, while Democrats are worried at the fact that big businesses prefer the conservative agenda of fewer government regulations on the production and distribution of goods, as well as looser regulations for waste management practices.

The power to get elected is often a result of the strength and momentum of a political campaign. Therefore, striking down BCRA gives corporations more power to influence public policy, something that has been guarded against in this country for more than a century. Supreme Court Justice Stevens dissented against the majority ruling, saying that, "The distinction between corporate and human speakers is significant" and that "corporations are not actually members of society." Justice Stevens also said that, "The financial resources, legal structure and instrumental orientation of corporations raise legitimate concerns about their role in the electoral process."

I think Justice Stevens may be wise to question whether corporations should be treated as citizens with respect to the Constitution, particularly because the special interest of business corporations happens to be profit, whereas the special interests of unions, non-profit organizations and individuals tend to be guided by more virtuous morals, such as the value for life or

“While corporations have obligations to their shareholders, they do not always have the best interests of the general public in mind.”

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COMMENTARY

Losing the fantasies of youth

NICK ROTH

Columnist



One of my best memories of growing up was going to a place called EZ's.

With my more developed vocabulary and seasoned sense of the world, I would describe EZ's as a neo '60's diner that also serves incredible pizza. When I was a kid, all I knew was that I wanted to go there. I wanted to go to this place with big broad windows and a low set ceiling all colored in greens, purples and yellows.

I would be in the back seat; my Ked-laden feet unable to touch the ground and swinging with restless excitement. When the rumblings of the motor would cease, my parents would release me from the bondage of the car. Heat radiated from the asphalt as my calm countenance hid the beating heart within while we slowly approached the door, the gateway to another world — a better world.

We would open the double doors of the restaurant and immediately my nose would be struck with the scent of bubbling mozzarella cheese and sizzling hamburgers. The clatter of plates and the scuds of aluminum chairs and the scrunch of plastic cushions filled the air. I still remember looking up at the ceiling and seeing the

primary colored triangles spewed over the entire expanse like stars in some sort of bizarre universe. I used to ask my mom how they got up there and she would tell me that one day a man walked into the restaurant with all of the triangles in his hands and suddenly threw them upwards and they all stuck. If I had been older I would have asked what type of adhesive he used or how he fit them all in his hands. But youth allowed me to accept her story blindly.

Below the triangular stars was the ordering counter. It was large and yellow and my fingertips could just reach the top of it. This distance forced me to relay my cheese pizza order through my mother and to the cashier who took it happily.

Giant fire-breathing ovens engulfed circles of raw bread and cheese. Artisans wielding giant shovels would reclaim the pies from the flames and slice and serve the piping hot masterpieces. We usually sat in booths near the window and I would watch the cars drive by as I waited for my pizza to cool off. When it was finally ready I would devour every inch of the small pizza except for the crust and be pleased. But this was just the beginning. Next would be whatever sweet treat any young child could imagine. Milkshakes the size of buildings with mounds of whipped cream toppings and numerous maraschino cherries which came in vanilla, chocolate and

strawberry. The ignorance of youth forced me towards vanilla every time. If I had known what I know now, I obviously would have chosen chocolate. It's one of the great regrets of my life. Hot fudge sundaes glistened in bowls the size of my head. My head then, not my head now, even though I was a very large-headed child. I also had enormous cheeks which came in handy when it came to stuffing my mouth with the dairy-themed treats.

Meals at EZ's always ended in a nap. Well, some call it a nap. It was more like a coma, induced from the sugar and the overwhelming stimulus. EZ's was awesome, EZ's was paradise.

But, like Jackie Paper from "Puff the Magic Dragon," I grew up and stopped going to EZ's. I moved on to bigger and better things like the Disney Channel and Jack-in-the-Box. None were ever as fulfilling or so innocently rewarding. I eventually went back to EZ's some years later to revisit my past, to maybe reignite the spark.

When I returned, the structure seemed old and faded and lifeless. The triangles were no longer miraculous and some had fallen leaving brown spots in the ceiling. The counter and ovens were no longer towering bastions of cuisine but simply a counter and ovens. The burning oven was just a flickering flame and at the peak of lunch hour we were the only patrons. We ordered and sat down. The once bright booths had tears in the seats

and the tables were sticky with crumbs abound. Flies danced around the windows and I was sad. The pizza was greasy and the milkshake runny without a cherry to be found. I left with a sense of longing.

When I was home for Christmas I drove past where EZ's used to be. What stood in its place was a mini-mall. I don't know why I had never noticed or thought about it until that point. It had been gone for at least five years. The place I used to love was not just worn down, it was gone.

I also learned that it really wasn't a unique dining experience. I used to detest retro-culinary hot spots like Johnny Rockets or Sonic that attempted to recreate idyllic atmospheres and bottle our nostalgia and sell it back to us in styrofoam cups. It turns out EZ's was a chain as well with multiple locations still remaining in the Austin and San Antonio area.

The one constant about growing up is that it has the uncanny ability to shatter our gift of idealism and loosen our grip on the fantastical. I guess the naivety of youth blinds us to actuality, but maybe I'd rather be blind than witness dreams slowly crumble and just fade away.

Peter Pan, I am not, but a lost boy...maybe.

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COMMENTARY

Good Ole America

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



You may have noticed a sudden influx of sad looking brown people on the news lately. Granted, it seems like not being white is a precondition for being in a disaster and looking sad on the news, but Haiti is going to be different. This time we have a president that has the same skin color as all the depressed looking people, new international prestige and we're not going to F*%\$ everything up again this time!

Sad panda time folks, Brazil and France has lodged a formal complaint with the White House about how we're handling 600+ airplanes a day on an airport that normally handles three, and has a pile of rubble where the control tower used to be. France, with the flair for the dramatic, accused the United States of seeking annexation.

The United States catches a lot of criticism on the world stage. Granted, some of it is deserved, but most of the time we're just the conversational whipping boy for European armchair politicians and San Francisco. We've made a lot of dumb moves in the world of international affairs, and if misery loves company, fallen colonial powers practically drool at political blunders made by current global leaders.

However, the reason we've lasted this long is because we are the undisputed masters of logistics. We've kept England from falling apart through two World Wars, we kept Berlin running for weeks just from the air, we restructured Japan and Germany at the same time, we went from scratch to nuclear bomb in six years while fighting the largest war in history; we even put two guys and a car to drive around on the moon. We put a car on the moon. THE MOON. Even though these events were in the past, the know-how and tools are still around.

If you look at the air force budget, it lists about \$33 billion for "readiness." We still have most of our defense infrastructure from the Cold War, there's

no enemy air force to currently worry about, so that's about \$33 billion to be able to move stuff around when we see fit. I'm going to go out on a limb and guess that's a billion or two more than Brazil or France spends. That's not even taking into consideration the personnel costs or maintenance costs, and when you look at our experience successfully transporting cargo into Afghanistan and Iraq, you could make a pretty solid argument that we know what we're doing in regards to logistics.

There's 200,000 dead, a country in anarchy, we're pulling resources from two wars to help out and Brazil and France throw a hissy fit because we couldn't spare a parking space. Lets do some simple cost benefit analysis. Fuel is heavy. Planes from further away require more fuel and can't carry as much as a plane closer to the destination. So if lives are at stake and people need as much cargo as possible, do you accept the huge air force transport that just came from next door, or do you take the medium French/Brazilian transport from the town over?

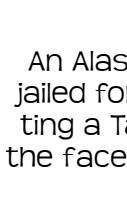
Or maybe there was space to take both planes and there was a miscommunication. The time was off, or there was a schedule screw up. Do I blame the guy who's done this again and again for 60 years now, who has built all of his power on the fact he does it well and is taking resources from other things to help out, or do I blame France?

Given the conditions, getting anything done is incredible. The fact that we've done this well so far is a miracle. A viable line of support via air would be impossible without us, and our airmen are doing an incredible job. For once, America hasn't done anything wrong and our critics are truly being petty jerk-offs. It feels good to be able to maintain a cautious air of superiority, at least until someone points out the apathy of the average citizen, and the squandering of goods by bureaucracy. Like how a college might throw cash at a worthless sign and tearing up the grounds while raising tuition and firing student employees.

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A Detroit man was arrested for impersonating a police officer and interfering with an actual undercover cop posing as a prostitute. The imposter allegedly told the disguised officer to "get off the street," and she obliged by slapping him with handcuffs.



An Alaskan man has been jailed for one day after hitting a Taco Bell manager in the face with a double-decker taco.



A Georgia mom was jailed after forcing her son to kill his hamster as a punishment for bad grades. (paws up for jail)

Paws up, paws down

Three London Holiday Inn hotels are now offering the service of a professional human bed warmer to prep rooms for guests.



A New Jersey PetSmart employee was recently fired for bringing his dog to work.

According to police, a man and woman are being charged for prostitution in New Hampshire after the man allegedly called the cops to report that he paid for sex but didn't receive it.



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Women's tennis starts out strong

Lady Tigers start out season with wins over C of C and VCU.

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

There was no better way to kick off the Clemson women's tennis spring campaign than with a pair of solid victories over talented opponents. On their home turf, the 14th-ranked Lady Tigers shutout the College of Charleston Cougars on Saturday afternoon 7-0 and then proceeded to down Virginia Commonwealth University 5-2 on Sunday. With the pair of victories, the Lady Tigers cruised to a 2-0 start for the spring season.

The matchup between Clemson and the College of Charleston occurred at the Clemson Indoor Tennis Center due to the weekend's obtrusive weather conditions. In the number one doubles lineup, Ida Hadziselimovic and Keri Wong defeated nationally-ranked Holly Dowse and Emma Hayman 8-1. Junior Laurianne Henry paired up with freshman Nelly Ciolkowski to win 8-1 at number two doubles. Tiger partners Jospa Bek and Estefania Balda captured an easy 8-2 victory over the College of Charleston opponents.

The singles play resulted in a similar outcome for Clemson. At the top flight, ninth-ranked Bek swept Holly Dowse 6-4, 6-1. Wong maintained the same mentality at the second seed, winning 6-2, 6-3. In the third flight battle, 113th-ranked Hadziselimovic upset 102nd-ranked Kinsey Casey 6-0, 6-1. Ciolkowski, a 61st-ranked fourth-tier player, sunk her opponent 7-5, 6-3, in one of the closest matchups of the day. At the fifth seed, Henry won 6-0, 7-6(2), and Balda concluded the singles shutdowns at the six flight with an 8-1 win.

"I was very pleased. They needed this match to get

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Junior Laurianne Henry defeated her College of Charleston opponent in straight sets (6-0, 7-6) to kick off the women's tennis season on Jan. 23.

Clemson remembers Gaines Adams

Brett Mills

columnist



Few things in life really shock us anymore. As a generation exposed to so much tragedy on a daily basis, we have become desensitized to awful news. Just another number, just another figure — it is the only way we can possibly handle seeing so much pain and misfortune everywhere we turn. It is a sad reflection of the world we live in, but that is the reality of it: we numb ourselves in order to survive.

But every once in a while, we hear news that stuns even the most apathetic of us. Suddenly, we are at a complete and utter loss for words. No explanations, no rationalizations, just numb disbelief. And for Clemson Nation, Sunday Jan. 17 was one of those days. That morning, shortly before 9 a.m., we lost one of our own.

It was not supposed to happen this way. He was so young. His future was so bright. He had overcome so much already just to make it as far as he did. He gave so much, and he still had so much to accomplish. But Gaines Adams left us that Sunday morning, and he was only 26 years old.

"This is a sad day for Clemson Nation," said Clemson Head Coach Dabo Swinney, who was wide receivers coach of the Tigers during Adams' playing career. Swinney was as stunned as everyone else when he heard the cause of death: cardiac arrest, caused by a previously undetected enlarged heart.

"Gaines was not only a great player at Clemson, he was an outstanding young man. He was a great example of how you could progress through hard work. He played eight-man football in high school, then became a top five pick. How many people have done that?"

Gaines Adams' football career was, if anything, defined by taking the road less traveled. Coming from a small private school that played only eight-man football, he received minimal interest from Division 1-A coaches. He was forced to spend a year in prep school at Virginia's Fork Union Military Academy in order to get his grades up and to showcase his abilities on the football field. Hotly pursued by both Clemson and North Carolina, Gaines eventually said yes to then-Clemson Coach Tommy Bowden and spent his first year in Tiger Town redshirting to build up strength.

"I thought he was a pretty good example of patience, perseverance and then wisdom of finally overcoming with a lot of the decisions he made," said Bowden of Adams. "He didn't even play 11-man football, so he had to overcome that. Then he didn't qualify, so he had to overcome that. Military school, had to overcome that. He was redshirted, and some people don't overcome that."

Not only did Gaines simply overcome those obstacles, he surpassed any and all expectations during his four years in orange. By the time his career was over, Gaines had played in 48 games, started 26, racked up 168 tackles (44.5 of those for a loss), broke up 21 passes (the most ever by a Clemson defensive lineman), recovered three fumbles, forced five fumbles and recorded 28 sacks (tied with Michael Dean Perry for most in Clemson history). As a senior in 2006, No. 93 became just the third player in Clemson history to ever be named a consensus first-team All-American. That season, he piled up 63 tackles, 12.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and three recovered fumbles, also earning ACC Defensive Player of the Year honors and finishing as a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award and the Ted Hendricks Award. It was that season in which Gaines made one of the most memorable plays in Clemson history, when trailing Wake Forest 17-3 in Winston-Salem, he scooped up a muffed field goal snap, tipped it over the holder's outstretched hands, and rumbled 66 yards for a touchdown, igniting a comeback that led to a 27-17 win over the eventual ACC champs. That play was named one of the top four game-changing plays of 2006 by ESPN.

"[It] probably added a couple years to my contract," joked Bowden. "He outran the entire Wake Forest team. I think the only one that outran him was me."

It was just one great play in a career of many for No. 93, and all of that hard work, perseverance and patience finally paid off in April of 2007. It was there in New York City that Gaines finally realized his dream when he became the number four selection of the NFL draft

Basketball remains busy

Clemson falls short twice in conference play: GT, Duke.

RYAN LAUNIUS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Clemson basketball home winning streak came to an end at seven games Saturday night as the Tigers came up 13 points short while playing host to the Duke Blue Devils on national television.

Veterans Jon Scheyer and Kyle Singler remained on the court for every minute of the game, combining for 25 points and running Duke's backdoor offense to near perfection. But it was junior point guard Nolan Smith who came up the biggest for Duke, recording 22 points against a stingy Clemson defense.

Saturday's home loss cannot be chalked up to a poor performance by Trevor Booker, as the big man tied Nolan Smith with a game-high 22 points. Clemson's pre-season All-American certainly showed up to the game, recording multiple monster-jams and six rebounds in front of a raucous home crowd.

The fans played an integral part in livening up the atmosphere and keeping hope alive for the Tigers Saturday night, locking arms and rocking the 'John before tipoff even occurred. Students got inventive for ESPN's game of the night, dressing up in wide assortments of costumes to be seen by basketball fans around the nation. Costumes varied from the highly inventive orange-clad gladiators all the way to the inscrutable fans dressed up as the tooth fairy and a tube of toothpaste.

The Tigers ultimately lost the game because of two reasons. First, Clemson's transition basketball was very subpar against the Blue Devils. Oliver Purnell prides himself in setting up one of the most dominant full court presses in the nation, yet his squad only managed 12 turnovers against the well-prepared Blue Devils.

The second reason that Clemson could not pull off the upset over the sixth ranked team in the nation is due to the poor shooting by everyone wearing orange not named "Trevor Booker." While Booker converted on 10 of his 14 field goals throughout the game, the rest of the team hit only eight of their 34 shots from the field of play. Winning is usually not an option when the majority of the team hits less than 26 percent of their shots.

Clemson drove the ball to the paint and converted baskets with relative ease to start off the game. But it was after Brandon Zoubek demonstrated his educa-

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Tigers look to rebound against Maryland, boost tourney resume.

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

Having lost its last three games, the Clemson men's basketball team (15-6, 3-4) will limp into Littlejohn on Sunday evening to face a high-flying Maryland Terrapins team (14-5, 4-1) that currently sits atop the ACC standings.

The Terrapins are on a tear as of late, having won their last four games by an average of 28 points. Senior guard Greivis Vasquez is a big reason that Maryland has positioned itself for a run at the regular season ACC title. Vasquez is shooting lights out from the floor, averaging 17.8 points per game while shooting at a 43 percent clip from the floor and 38 percent from beyond the arc. The Caracas, Venezuela native is also a defensive juggernaut, pulling down 4.5 rebounds per game while forcing 30 steals to lead the team.

Senior forward Landon Milbourne is second on the team in points per game with 14.8 while shooting 55 percent from the floor. Freshman Jordan Williams' size has been a major plus to Head Coach Gary Williams' squad. At six-foot-ten, 260 pounds, Williams has been a monster down low and hauls in 7.8 boards per game. His size and athleticism will pose a threat to Clemson's smaller frontcourt.

The Terrapins dominated Miami on Tuesday night, routing the Hurricanes in College Park, Md., 81-59. Vasquez and Milbourne each had 16 and the Terps took a 21-point lead at the half and never looked back.

Hurricanes Head Coach Frank Haith was impressed with Maryland's effort. "There's no question they have the ability. The one thing about Maryland that I appreciate as a coach is that they play very well together as a team," Haith said. "They're a very cohesive unit right now. If they can keep that up, they very well could be one of the better teams in our league. There's no doubt about that."

Standing in the opposite corner is Oliver Purnell's embattled Tigers. Yes, these are the same Clemson Tigers that dismantled an 11th place North Carolina team and narrowly escaped with a victory over the Wolfpack in Raleigh a few short weeks ago. But you wouldn't know it by looking at the team's performance over the last week or so.

After firmly planting themselves at 3-1 in the conference, the Tigers have

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Wolfpack sink Tigers

Clemson swimmers have yet to win an ACC contest.

KENNY ELLER
STAFF WRITER

The swimming and diving teams traveled to Raleigh this past Saturday, with both the men and women hoping to get back on the winning track in the ACC. But the Tigers came up short again, suffering their third straight conference loss. The men fell to the Wolfpack 176.5-121.5, while the women lost 176-124, dropping their season records to 5-4 (0-4 ACC) and 8-4 (2-3 ACC), respectively.

On the men's side, senior Thomas Recko swept both the 100 and 200 backstroke events, with senior Jason Chatlosh finishing second in the 100-meter backstroke. Sophomore Lee Groseclose picked up a win in the 200-meter freestyle and sophomore Chris Dart finished second in that event. Freshman Eric Bruck came out on top in the 50-meter freestyle. Sophomore Alex Carr took second place in the 1000-meter freestyle, as did junior David Gordon in the 500-meter freestyle.

The Tiger women also gave some solid performances. Freshman Meg Anderson swept the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter freestyle, and junior Sarah Smith came in second in the 1000-meter freestyle and 500-meter freestyle. Senior Katrina Obas was the runner-up in three events, as she took second place in the 100-meter,



A Clemson swimmer races toward the finish. Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams fell to N.C. State this past Saturday.

200-meter breaststroke and 200-meter individual medley. Sophomore Kellie Kyle scored a victory for the Lady Tigers by winning the 100-meter backstroke. In the 200-meter fly, sophomore Maddie Tarranto finished second, and junior Meggie Mizelle also scored.

In the diving events, senior David Giambra finished second in both the one and three-meter for the men. On the women's side, sophomore Brooke George won the one-meter and took second in the three-meter with a score of 284.10,

the third-best score for that event in Clemson history. Sophomore Cassie Self also made some history as she scored 267.53 in the one-meter event, a mark that put her in sixth place in Clemson history.

The Tigers will be in action again on Saturday, Jan. 30, as they play host to Duke at 1 p.m. for Senior Day.

With the ACC Championships fast approaching, the Tigers will definitely be looking to regain their winning ways in time for the postseason.

Women's Basketball still seeking first ACC win after eight straight loses

CLARKE McCANTS
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Women's Basketball team lost its 7th and 8th straight games to North Carolina and Wake Forest this past week, dropping its record to 9-12 (0-5 ACC). Clemson has yet to win an ACC matchup.

The team traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C., on Jan. 22 to face the 14th-ranked Tar Heels, only to lose a heartbreaker in the second half, 79-61. Clemson put forth one of its best team displays all season.

Six of Clemson's last seven games have been against ranked opponents, and the Tar Heels were no different.

The win moved North Carolina to a 15-3 (3-1 ACC) record. Senior Lele Hardy led the Tigers in scoring with 17 points, followed by sophomore Lindsey Mason with 11. Senior April Parker had 10 points as well as a game-high eight rebounds. Hardy also had four steals in the game, which gives her 354 in her career, only 16 steals shy of being in seventh place in both ACC and nation history. Aside from steals, Hardy also achieved 101 career three-pointers, which ranks seventh in Clemson history.

After leading 2-0 at the start of the game, the Tigers would not regain the lead until there was 7:23 left in the second half; the team went on a 12-1 run after the Heels were up 50-40 to put the Tigers back up on top, 52-51. However, this lead would not last, only to have the opposing Heels go on a late 23-4 run that shut the door on their chances and give them the win with the final score, 79-61.

Clemson had 20 rebound during the course of the game, and had 12 rebound in the second half alone. However, it just was not enough for the win.

On Sunday, the Lady Tigers were pitted against a tough Wake Forest team and a harsh Deacon fan base; the Tigers lost the game 63-43. Lindsey Mason led the Clemson team with 14 points, while Hardy had nine rebounds, which puts her at fourth overall in Clemson's history with 861. Freshman Keyrra Gillespie had seven points and was able to get nine rebounds, which tied her career high for the category.

The Tigers struggled offensively from the start of the game, as the Deacons led 34-9 heading into halftime; however, the Tigers picked it up coming into the second half, outscoring Wake 34-29 during the rest of the game. However, the Deacons led the game in second chance points with 15, which turned out to be the deciding factor in the outcome.

The team will play Boston College at home tonight in a nationally televised game at 6:30 p.m. in Littlejohn Coliseum; the Eagles are 11-9 (2-3 ACC). The Tigers will then move on to play North Carolina State on Sunday at home as well. Tip-off against the Wolfpack is set for 2 p.m.

The team needs an ACC win tonight if they want to make a statement in the league.

Tiger Tracks

Volunteers from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Undergraduate Student Government were stationed around Littlejohn Coliseum prior to tip off of the basketball game. The volunteers collected \$6,119.30, which will all be provided to the American Red Cross and designated for the Haiti Relief Fund.

Former Clemson wide receiver and current Cleveland Brown Chansi Stuckey pledged to donate \$10 for every point scored against Duke last Saturday to the Red Cross for Haitian relief. "My heart goes out to the people of Haiti right now," says Stuckey. "I can't imagine the devastation that they are facing."



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SERVING IT UP

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Derek DiFazio Talks with Kevin Thomas.

KT: Being from New York, what made you come to Clemson?

DD: Just the tennis team and nice weather. Legendary Coach Chuck Kriese was coaching here when I came in as a freshman, and just the opportunity to work with him and be part of a prestigious school and a prestigious tennis team.

KT: Before you came to Clemson, you were ranked No. 1 in the East in Singles. Did you have any other big time college offers?

DD: Yeah, I had some offers from different schools around the country, but basically once I met Coach Kriese I told him the deal was sealed. To be honest, the East doesn't get a lot of respect usually, so I had some other offers, but none of the other schools compared to Clemson.

KT: What got you started playing tennis?

DD: Growing up in Brooklyn, I lived right down the street from Laurel Park. It was about five houses down from me, and I used to go over there. Actually, how I got into it was I used to go down there and hustle for matches. Basically, there would be handball games going on and tennis matches going on all day, and I would just hustle for money. That's how I got into it. I started out as a hustler; and basically that's what I still am at heart, and I always will be.

KT: Who do you think the best tennis player right now is?

DD: Roger Federer. If Sampras and Federer played in a match, Sampras would win. I think, but in the overall scope of things I think Federer is a better player with all that he's accomplished.

KT: Who are some of the people who you model your game after or have really helped you develop your game?

DD: There was a guy who used to go by the name of Soldano down at the park, and he was somewhat of a legend. Basically, it's known as his court, the top court there. He used to just beat everyone. Anyone that wanted to challenge him, he'd accept the challenge and he'd take them down. When I was starting to get into it, I really looked up to him. He kind of took me under his wing and showed me a lot of things about the game. To this day I still haven't beat him, but he's a legend for sure.

KT: How tough is it to balance classes and tennis?

DD: Getting an education is important to me. At times it's tough. There will be a week where you have three or four tests and you have a couple matches, but for the most part the coaches really work with you if you need a break here or there, so it's not too bad.

KT: What is your favorite memory here at Clemson?

DD: One night two of my buddies on the tennis team and I were bored, and we went down to Wal-Mart and we got this stupid idea that we wanted to play paintball on campus. We bought a couple of cheap paintball guns, and we had paintball wars on campus for a little while until the cops ran us down. We got a hard time from coach about that. It was one of those things where maybe I regret it looking back on it, but it was one of those memories you never forget.

KT: You recently participated in the USTA National Men's Open, Mixed Open Indoor Championship in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. You advanced to the quarterfinals in singles, the semifinals in Men's Open Doubles and won the Mixed Open Doubles. How was that experience for you, and what will you take from it?

DD: That was a great experience playing where they play the U.S. Open. Obviously, those courts have a lot of history. I got to play 20 matches in four days because I played all three events. I got to play with the number one Junior in the world in Mixed Doubles. She's a six-time Grand Slam Champion, and that was a great experience. She was nice and really pretty. I also got to play with my coach growing up, John Cook, in doubles. We had a lot of fun playing doubles, and basically it was just a great tournament.

KT: What are some of your personal goals for this season and for your future in tennis?

DD: My goals are to finish out my career, hopefully four good years at Clemson playing for the Tigers and to help this team be as good as it can be while I'm a part of it. And with that, I want to take what I can from this experience into the Pro Tour and try to make a living playing tennis.

KT: Where is the team currently ranked?

DD: I don't really know exactly where we're ranked. I don't follow too closely, but I consider us around a top-forty, top-thirty program with room to improve.

KT: So far the team is 2-0, what is your outlook for the rest of the season for this year's men's tennis team?

DD: We expect to be in the top four in the ACC and top 30 in the nation, those are our team goals. Building off last year, I feel we really can do it. We got off to a good start last weekend, and we had a couple guys playing well in the fall. We're just going to try and take that momentum into the season, especially into the ACC schedule where it really gets tough.

KT: What's your favorite surface to play?

DD: I like all surfaces. I like a variety.

KT: What's your favorite, singles or doubles?

DD: I love both, but I prefer singles.

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by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, tied with Banks McFadden (1940) for the highest draft choice ever for a Clemson football player.

"I almost broke down and cried," said Adams at the time. "It was a dream come true."

But as remarkable an athlete and football player as he was, those that had the pleasure of meeting him will vouch that Gaines was an even better person.

"Gaines was like a big brother to me," said Jock McKisic, one of Adams' best friends at Clemson. "He would give you the shirt off his back. Gaines was the kind of friend that we all should be. I looked up to him so much. I can't believe he's gone."

Former teammates Anthony Waters and Charles Bennett were also extremely close with Adams. In fact, Bennett had made plans to meet up with his old friend in Tampa last Tuesday. When he read the news at the bottom of the ESPN screen two days prior to that, he simply could not believe it.

"I was like, 'This can't be true,'" said Bennett. "He was more than a friend. He was like a brother because we lived together in college. We both got drafted by Tampa Bay. I've got so many memories of things we did inside college, outside of college, trips we've taken together. He was a person that would help anybody. As long as he realized you were trying to help yourself, he was going to help you."

Anthony Waters too had made plans to meet up with his old friend. Now a reserve linebacker for the New Orleans Saints, Waters had agreed to visit Adams in Chicago once his season was over. He received the terrible news in the middle of the Saints locker room and sobbed his heart out when he realized that he had lost one of his very best friends.

"It just hurt," Waters said. "He was pretty much like a brother to me. He kept me level throughout my whole time at Clemson. We told each other that we loved each other. We told each other pretty much anything and everything a brother would tell a brother. I don't think we ever missed telling each other how we felt or really expressing our feelings."

"It's true what they say: Gaines was much more than just a football player," said Chesterfield (S.C.) Head Coach and former South Carolina quarterback, Steve Taneyhill, who coached Adams in high school. The two remained close well beyond Adams' graduation, often visiting each other and playing golf or simply catching up. The past two years, Adams purchased cleats for the entire Chesterfield team, and last summer he treated the entire team to dinner after a 7-on-7 passing camp at Byrnes. "[He was] just a good guy," said Taneyhill. "And Gaines worked awful hard to get where he was. Nothing was ever given to him. He came the hard way. He always had a smile on his face."

"He always had a smile on his face." Other than his patience, this was the one thing echoed over and over again by those that knew Gaines.

"They all talked about that smile," said Tommy Bowden. "He smiled going down to practice, he smiled at practice, he smiled during stretches, he smiled after practice. I thought something was wrong with him," he joked.

"The thing I'll miss the most about him is his charismatic smile," said Nathan Bennett, who played with Adams at Clemson. "We came in together and left together. I'm glad I got to share five years with him at good 'ole Clemson."

Said Swinney: "He had a smile that would light up this room. What an incredible smile."

But Gaines Adams was even more than that. More than a tremendous athlete, more than a terrific smile, Adams was also an extremely kind individual that went out of his way to help others. When his friend and former Tigers teammate, Ray Ray McElrathbey, took on the challenge of raising his younger brother Fahmarr in the summer of 2006, Gaines was one of the guys that pitched in to help. He gave Fahmarr rides to and from school, and when Fahmarr needed school supplies, he gave him the money to buy them. "Gaines was the first to ask me what he could do," recalls McElrathbey. "That was the type of guy he was. He touched us all in an exceptional way. He was my brother."

And Gaines Adams was even more than that — he was also a devoted family man. He was extremely close with his parents and his son, Gaines V, driving home once a week simply to have dinner with them. It was his parents that convinced Adams to return to Clemson for his senior year in 2006 despite the fact that he was a potential first round selection as an underclassman in the NFL draft. Before he ever came to Clemson, Gaines had promised his mother that he would receive his degree before leaving.

Said his former academic advisor Wayne Coffman: "Graduating was important to Gaines because he made a promise to his mother. It was important to him to follow up on that promise."

And in December of 2006, Gaines did just that. He made good on his promise to finish what he started, graduating with a degree in sports management.

His friends, former teammates and coaches knew that Gaines Adams was a special person. At Clemson we always talk about One Clemson and the Clemson family. Gaines loved Clemson so much; he gave this community and this university his all. Therefore, we lost a family member yesterday. We lost a Clemson Tiger.

"Don't think [Gaines] has not had an impact on Clemson University," said Bowden on Friday. "He made an impact. He changed lives."

He was a Clemson man through and through.

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started," said Head Coach Nancy Harris. "Charleston played well. I was hoping everyone would have success today, and certainly they did."

Although, with only a day's rest before they took on their next challengers, the VCU Rams, the Clemson Tigers breezed through the match with a 5-2 victory. Seizing two of the three

doubles matches, the Tigers won the doubles point. The duo of Hadzieselimovic and Wong won 8-3 at the top flight, while teammates Bek and Balda secured an 8-4 win after second seeded Henry and Ciolkowski fell to the Rams 8-3.

The Lady Tigers headed into singles play 1-0 over VCU. At the third tier, Hadzieselimovic finished her match up first with a 6-4, 6-0 over the Ram's Ana Bara.

Then Wong rallied with a strong 6-2, 6-4 finish at the second seed for the Tigers. Fourth-seeded Ciolkowski clinched the win for Clemson by defeating Alex Bara 7-5, 6-3.

The Tiger's top and nationally ranked 9th player, Bek, managed to squeeze out a victory in a narrow matchup with VCU's Kateryna Yergina. Bek swept the first set 6-0, but Yergina retaliated to win the second set 7-6(6) in a

tough tiebreaker. Bek regrouped, though, and picked up the individual win with a 6-1 score and moved the Tigers into a 5-0 lead.

At the fifth and sixth flights for Clemson, Henry was defeated 6-2, 6-3 by VCU's Laura Burns and the Tiger's Balda was beaten 6-2, 6-1, respectively.

The Lady Tigers host the annual ITA Kickoff over the weekend and will compete against Texas A&M on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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THE CLIMB

"The Climb." The words are printed on every single basketball poster given out this year. They symbolize what Oliver Purnell and the Clemson Tigers Men's Basketball team hopes to accomplish this season; they want to make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament.

Halfway through the season, there are reasons to believe the Tigers can attain their goals. It has been an interesting first half for Oliver Purnell's squad. They have had some big wins, some close losses and a couple lopsided and disappointing losses. Making the NCAA Tournament seemed like an inevitability even two weeks ago. But three straight losses have brought the Tigers back to earth and have them fighting for their lives in the ACC.

The season started differently than the past two, as Clemson actually dropped a game in November. A loss to Texas A&M in the 76 Tournament on the West Coast showed the team that the holes left by Terrance Oglesby and K.C. Rivers were going to be tough to fill, and others would need to step into more featured roles.

But the team bounced back and picked up a huge come-from-behind win at Butler on Nov. 28. Like many games early in the season, star forward Trevor Booker remained relatively quiet, and rising junior point guard, Demontez Stitt began to grow into his own on both ends of the court.

After blowing a huge lead at home against Illinois in the Big Ten/ACC

challenge, some questioned whether the team would be as strong as those from the last two years. But six straight wins had many believing the Tigers could go into Cameron and beat a resurgent Duke team. Terrible shooting killed Clemson and led to a 21-point route at the hands of the Blue Devils.

After a convincing win at home against Boston College, Clemson had North Carolina at home. The press worked its magic, and Booker and Stitt led the Tigers to a huge 19-point victory at home. The win over the Tar Heels was the first in the past 10 chances for the Tigers. The team followed up its big win with another in a near-collapse at N.C. State.

But the fun was about to stop. In games marred by poor shooting, lack of intensity, and poor defense in the paint, the Tigers lost their next three to Georgia Tech, Duke at home and at Boston College. These three losses have turned the season on its head, and what was looking like a battle for seeding in the Tournament now looks like a struggle to make the tournament.

The next few games will be crucial to making the "Big Dance"; they are against non-ranked ACC opponents. The Tigers will need some wins in the next few games, because the end of the season schedule is very tough.

Looking at the team as a whole, there are a lot of good players for Purnell to choose from. Booker has been having an outstanding season, as was Stitt who suffered a minor foot injury that kept him out of Tuesday's game.



TYLER SMITH / photo editor

MID SEASON REPORT

The Tiger's Alex Urban Grades The Tigers' efforts from the first half of the season.

COACHING B-

Purnell's squad came back strong after early season losses, but this three game losing streak has shown some flaws in his system. When the defensive press works, Clemson looks unstoppable. When the press breaks down, the Tigers look average. And foul shooting has been atrocious outside of the North Carolina game. Look for Purnell to keep switching lineups with Stitt questionable.



RYAN BOULRY / assistant photo editor

Demontez Stitt is the obvious plus here, but when he comes out, Young doesn't pose the inside thread he does. Young can score from the outside but has turned the ball over more this year than last. Tanner Smith brings good energy on the defensive end of the court and has stepped up his scoring game, averaging 10.2 points per game this season. Lack of depth keeps the guards at a B+. Without Stitt, this drops to a C.

GUARDS B+



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FRESHMEN C+

The highly touted freshmen have shown flashes of brilliance, but have yet to put in the solid play many were expecting. McDonald's All-American, Milton Jennings at the SF/PF position has looked nervous at times, often missing shots he makes easily in warm-ups. Shooting guard Noel Johnson has looked very promising, especially as of late. He has a fluid shot and a surprisingly aggressive game around the basket; he is also great on the boards. Devon Booker, playing PF just like his big brother, has excelled in his freshman season. Other than some mistakes passing, he has shown he can finish around the hoop and should be solid. This group has great potential, but has lacked a bit through the first half of the season.



TYLER SMITH / photo editor

FORWARDS B-

The small forward position pulls the frontcourt down to a B-. Trevor Booker has been nothing short of fantastic so far. He is scoring, rebounding and looking like the ACC player of the year. Jerai Grant has been quiet at times but has proved to be a monster on the defensive end, averaging 1.7 blocks per game. David Potter at the strong forward position brings these two down. After starting red hot this season from the 3-point line, Potter has cooled off and has been turning the ball over often as of late.

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lost their last three ACC games. Georgia Tech edged Clemson out by two points. In a repeat performance from earlier this season, Duke took control of the game and won by 13 in front of a national television audience this past Sunday. Putting the cherry on top of a putrid week in Clemson basketball, Boston College avoided a Tiger rally and sent the team home with a 75-69 loss.

It's back to the drawing board again for Purnell and the Tigers.

Against Boston College, only two players — Trevor Booker and Jerai Grant — put up double digits in points. Booker had 19 while Grant put up 12. One of the biggest problems that Clemson faced on Tuesday night, and the season up to this point, was its inability to convert from beyond the arc. The Tigers went three for 16 from three-point land and didn't make a single three in the first half. Andre Young, a 38 percent three-point shooter, went one for seven.

The Tigers can't afford to miss as many open shots as they have of late when the Terrapins come to Littlejohn on Sunday. Maryland currently ranks as the top team in the ACC in turnover margin and field goal percentage. The Tigers can't afford to fall behind early again and try to make another valiant comeback. If anything, another late rally coupled with a disappointing loss would be detrimental to the team's morale with eight more conference contests before the ACC tournament in March.

If the Tigers are going to upend a surging Terrapins team, they need to establish the press and force rare turnovers from Maryland. Booker and Grant need to establish themselves inside and battle for rebounds against the much bigger Wil-

liams. To seal the deal, David Potter, Noel Johnson, Demontez Stitt (assuming he's healthy enough to play) and Young need to find their groove from outside as well.

Key Matchup:

Andre Young/Demontez Stitt vs. Greivis Vasquez. Clemson's sophomore guard needs to establish himself if Stitt is unable to perform to the best of his ability. Young seemed to get a little rattled under the pressure on Tuesday night as he bore the load of running the offense. Vasquez's experience could be a big factor in this matchup, but Young is much faster and when he gets rolling it's hard to stop him. Advantage: Vasquez.

Why Clemson will win: Trevor Booker — why else? The senior forward has been phenomenal as of late, averaging 20 points per game in the past six games. Booker's court presence is invaluable to the struggling Tigers who will win if he gets started early and builds momentum in a packed Littlejohn.

Why Maryland will win: Maryland won't win any more than Clemson loses. The sad truth of the matter is that Clemson has been their own worst enemy in the past couple of weeks by squandering leads and missing opportunities. Not to mention, Maryland is the first-place team in the conference, and they're not about to relinquish their recent success against a team that's lost three straight.

The Pick: Clemson finally puts a full game together and dominates Maryland early on and holds off a late rally, 77-72.

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tion from "Coach K's School of Flop" that the Tigers grew warier of the inside game. Being forced to take shots from three-point range, Clemson only managed to hit two of their 13 shots from beyond the arc.

It was ultimately a tale of two halves for the Clemson Tigers, who were tied at 23 with the Blue Devils going into the second half. After four lead changes in the first 20 minutes, Duke opened the latter half with seven unanswered points and never looked back.

Three days later (and five spots lower in the national ranking), Clemson traveled to Massachusetts to take on Boston College. The Eagles had already played in Littlejohn earlier this season, taking a 72-56 throttling at the hands of the boys in orange and purple.

The game seemed to go as planned in the beginning as the Tigers took a five-point lead only four minutes into the game. The Eagles then struck the Tigers with 11 unanswered points and never gave up the lead. Boston College led by as many as 19 points in the first half, and entered the locker rooms at halftime with a 17-point cushion.

Missed layups, ugly turnovers and dumb fouls plagued Clemson's offense as the Tigers struggled to put points on the board in the first half. The team was also missing point guard Demontez Stitt and his ability to penetrate opposing defenses.

Those of you who turned the chan-

nel to "American Idol" at halftime on Tuesday did not miss much of a show. While it was once again a tale of two halves for the Tigers, Clemson's second-half effort was not enough to overcome their inept play from the first 20 minutes. Clemson returned in the second half and managed to score four unanswered buckets at one point to come within seven points of the Eagles with 16 minutes left in the game.

During the final 20 minutes, the Tigers managed to raise their shooting percentage from the field to 50 percent by the end of the game. But Boston College's huge halftime lead, coupled with their 35 free throw attempts, proved to be too much for Clemson in the end.

The Tigers ended up losing to the Eagles 75-69. The six-point difference happened to be the exact amount of free throws missed by a Clemson team that shot a horrendous 50 percent from the charity stripe. Another large factor in the loss was Clemson's performance from beyond the arc. The Tigers only managed to make three of their 16 attempts from three-point range.

The loss to Boston College marks the first time this season that Clemson has lost a game in which the squad shot 40 percent or better from the field. Boston College's six-point victory prolongs the Tigers' road woes in the ACC, as Clemson is now 1-3 on the road in conference play. It also brings Clemson's overall ACC record to 3-4, which is good for eighth place in the conference standings.

If the Tigers want to avoid watching the NCAA tournament on television this March, they will need to start playing to their actual potential very soon. Clemson needs to play stronger transition basketball by forcing more turnovers and scoring quick baskets on opponents if they wish to be a factor in the ACC this season as well. The Tigers also need to work on shot selection and start sinking more baskets from beyond the arc. In the past two games, Clemson has converted a pathetic 17 percent of their three-point shots.

There have been too many times that Clemson's players have tried to pull finesse moves under the basket on offense rather than powering to the hole. The Tigers have gotten a quick refresher during this three-game losing streak that any team in the ACC can beat you if you do not come 100 percent prepared.

Clemson will be facing off against Maryland at 5:30 this Sunday night. While the Terrapins are currently unranked, they have the best conference record in the ACC and have hit 50 percent of their three-point shots during ACC play.

With nine games left on the season, the sky is still the limit for this Clemson men's basketball team. The Tigers' ascent to the top of the conference over the next month will not be possible without complete support of the fans at home, so come out and cheer our basketball team on as they hope to begin yet another home winning streak this Sunday.

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MOLLY CARPENTER
MELISSA WHITSON



rulesformyunbornson.tumblr.com

Don't Even Reply

It all started with Craigslist. And a jerk. The result? Hilarious. This is how it works: a guy reads a classified advertisement and decides to respond. At first he seems genuinely interested in whatever the ad was concerning. Then, as the e-mail correspondence between the buyer and seller continue, our buyer guy starts intentionally messing with the sellers, making up odd requests and asking for arbitrary information. Eventually, he pisses off the person so bad that they end up throwing a few choice words his way and yelling at him (in all caps, of course). Luckily, all the e-mails are posted on this site for our enjoyment.

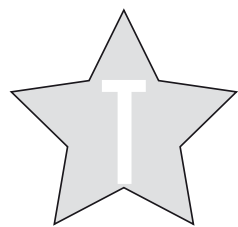
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TRAVIS TRAMPLES THROUGH THE TRENDS



TRAVIS ANDERSON

As a warning, this brazen article is more serious in tone and will read as impudently cruel, but that is not the purpose of the article. Also, with its more dramatic tone, this article is probably better suited for the editorials section, but here I am to attempt a rare feat: to successfully entertain your thoughts.

To immediately sum it up, I find it necessary to address the trend I would call "apathy during adequate complacency and spid advocacy during tragedy."

Clearly, the latter issue is not something that distresses me; it is the former apathy that is irksome, especially when the apathetic crowds flock to care when a tragedy occurs. However, I do not wish that the apathetic remain apathetic — at least there is something that rouses them from their coma. But it turns into a half-full or half-empty glass exercise: it is grand that society today comes together and is united after a tragedy, but is it not morbid that it takes a tragedy to bring unity? Of course another oddity with unity is that ironically, segregation brings unity (of course, the unified groups are smaller, but they then become more closely knit). Alas, this is off topic.

Two recent examples, while seemingly stark opposites, similarly represent the desire to care only in dire situations: the earthquake in Haiti and the end of Conan O'Brien's "Late Night" run.

The latter case came about because NBC media executives wanted to return the late night talk show schedule back to putting Jay Leno in the spotlight because of ratings studies, bumping Conan from the spotlight. O'Brien fought NBC and lost "Late Night," but not without the protests of O'Brien supporters. While the support was noble, those fans were largely absent when O'Brien's ratings were struggling. Of course, it is for a multitude of reasons that his ratings were weak, one being that most of O'Brien's fan base prefers to watch the "Late Night" show the morning after on Hulu.com. Regardless, it is another example of people showing support only in quasi-tragic situations.

The earthquake that devastated Haiti and shocked the world is a better example of the trend. Once again, it is wonderful that the world has come so quickly and without hesitance to aid the collapsed nation, but why could people, especially Americans, not care sooner? Of course, there is no amount of preemptive

care that could have prevented atrocity, but as an extreme hypothetical, maybe if more cared to restore the Haitian system of government after the 2004 Haitian rebellion, the country would have been better prepared, and more currently able to face the tragedy, but this is all a useless hypothetical.

But there is one other vexing hypothetical. One reason that Haiti has received so much privately funded financial aid is the utilization of social networking sites, especially Twitter. However, were all of these donations made out of selfless determination to lend a hand? In this culture, I fear many do it to gain a level of social acceptance, just to be able to say, "I helped Haiti," and not for the purpose of helping Haiti, but for the purpose of having others know of your generosity. But again, at least Haiti still gets the aid even if the intent is slightly immoral.

But even more disturbing is how the media outlets have their correspondents address that the Haitian deaths are not properly accounted for because the only feasible way to treat the dead is to pile them and burn them, and because the priority is treating those struggling to survive, so they must abandon culturally crucial death rituals and counting corpses. The absence in humanity is not in the inability to properly treat the dead, but in how our culture loves to chart disasters.

It is eerily logical that the more reported dead would mean the more aid Haiti is likely to receive, but it's a repulsive thought. Oppositely it is understandable that people care less when the situation is less dire, because to compare, it would be unhealthy to feed yourself when you are not hungry. But could society not take a little more care to less dramatic tragedies because more concern now can lead to less disaster later?

People didn't care about Middle Eastern instability until 9/11. People don't care about a struggling homeowner until they're evicted. People don't care about the emotionally instable teen until he shoots up the school. People don't care about an abused child until she kills herself.

I hope you are ready for the decade of disasters, and the masochistic entertainment it will provide on CNN. If we're lucky, we make it a full decade and past the legendary 2012.

I simply implore you to worry less about following drama, because when you only follow the most significant stories, you miss out on so much. If you wait to care about something until something dramatic happens, then it is probably too late.

Unguided

CAITLIN BAKER

They refer to themselves as "The Black Sheep of Clemson," have created a genre of music all their own and are a small town band with a big plan.

Will Rawls (vocals), Chris Tidwell (guitar), Ryan Springman (guitar) and Bryan Medlin (drums), known collectively as Unguided, recognized their passion for music early in their college years, and are now venturing out in search of fame. With an upcoming gig in Columbia, S.C., and studio recording time looming in its future, Unguided seems well on its way.

Influences such as Stone Temple Pilots, Guns N Roses and Black Label Society combined with Pearl Jam and Hootie lends Unguided a style and sound that has yet to be heard, a genre known as Carolina grunge by the foursome. The band performs covers as well as originals, and each member collaborates when songwriting because the guys say that it wouldn't feel right if they left someone out of the process.

Several songs feature messages about living life and having a good time, especially one of Unguided's favorite and most popular songs, "Southern Man."

"We're like Tonka trucks for older people," said Medlin, "because we just want people to enjoy our music and our message," which may have been a little bit harder than it seems, at least at first. Tidwell says the band is a determined group of individuals because they had to be persistent with several downtown Clemson locations, even going to some two times a week and asking for a show. But once they got one, several more opened up, and since last May Unguided has played at Griffin's, Wingin' It, 356 and the Blue Heron. Non-conformity seems to be the band's motto as they strive to be different and unique.

"If we mimicked everything around us, we'd be a reggae band," Rawls said. Carolina grunge is not at all reggae, but Unguided definitely has something to offer, so go out and see them!

Upcoming Shows:

Wingin' It	Jan. 29, 10 p.m.
Griffins	Feb. 5, 10 p.m.
Blue Heron	Feb. 12, 10 p.m.
356 show for United Way	Feb. 23, 10 p.m.

WHAT'S going ON

Orange Magnolia
Band
Flip Flops

9 p.m.
Free

FRIDAY
29
JANUARY

Mock Turtle Soup

Lee Hall Auditorium

8 p.m.
\$5

FRIDAY
29
JANUARY

Off-Campus Housing
Fair

Hendrix Student Center
Ballroom A&B

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Free

WEDNESDAY
3
FEBRUARY

K Café: An Evening of
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Palmetto Ballroom

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
\$1 or two canned
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E! QUIZ

1. What is the name of the sorcerer villain in the "Smurfs" cartoon?

2. What is the most common chemical element in the human body?

3. What is the longest movie ever made?

4. From 1936-1075, Francisco Franco was dictator of which European country?

5. Thomas G. Clemson was born in which northern city?

RECIPE

Avocado Chicken Pasta

Yield: 4-5 servings

- 3 boneless chicken breasts
- 6 oz brown rice
- 2 TB cooking oil
- 1 avocado, peeled and chopped
- 2 chopped tomatoes or 1 (15 oz) can chopped tomatoes, drained
- 1 lime, halved
- 1/2 bunch scallions, chopped
- 1 TB minced cilantro
- salt and pepper

1. Cook chicken in microwave or on stove and chop into pieces.
2. Squeeze juice of half of lime over chicken and let sit.
3. In a large bowl, mix avocado pieces, tomatoes, cilantro and scallions.
4. Squeeze other half of lime over the mixture. Add 1/4 tsp salt and 1/8 tsp pepper.
5. Mix together chicken and avocado mixture and serve over cooked rice.

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- ACROSS**

 - 1. Nutmeg coats, e.g.
 - 6. Thanksgiving day, briefly
 - 9. Alternative to burritos
 - 14. Bird's perch
 - 15. "You eediot" speaker of toonondom
 - 16. Biplane part
 - 17. Some snacks
 - 19. Dentist's handiwork
 - 20. "48 ___" (Eddie Murphy movie)
 - 21. Took a darning needle to
 - 23. Pound of literature
 - 24. Cropped photographs?
 - 25. Not firsthand
 - 27. Removed, as a price tag
 - 30. Even outcome
 - 31. Jupiter's spouse
 - 32. Bygone big birds
 - 34. Franklin innovation
 - 37. Mentalist Geller
 - 38. Tear ___ (sad movies)

- 40. "Andy Capp" cartoonist Smythe
 - 41. Nocturnal din
 - 43. First-grader's attention-getting phrase
 - 44. Home of the Nobel Peace Prize
 - 45. "... ___ the twain shall meet"
 - 47. Like a golf ball
 - 49. Subsoil layer
 - 52. Fat for cooks
 - 53. Sword-and-sandal flick, e.g.
 - 54. It's down the road
 - 56. Beatles tune "___ Love You"
 - 59. Type of child or circle
 - 61. Mattress alternative?
 - 63. Musical repeat sign
 - 64. Lyricist Gershwin
 - 65. Hungarian's language branch
 - 66. "A ___ of Honey"
 - 67. Start of the second qtr.

DOWN

 - 1. Curved entranceway
 - 2. Shuttle launch sound
 - 3. Accelerator particles for short
 - 4. Certain illegal drug, informally
 - 5. Impede
 - 6. Metamorphose
 - 7. Bunch of buffalo
 - 8. Racer Al or his son
 - 9. 1/3 tbs.
 - 10. No fewer than
 - 11. Little Bighorn fighter
 - 12. Bizarre
 - 13. Home extension?
 - 18. Develop into
 - 22. Condensation phenomenon
 - 24. Tennis club instructor
 - 26. Lad's love
 - 27. Emulate Vanna
 - 28. Fries alternative
 - 29. Counterfeited
 - 31. Au ___ (sandwich style)
 - 33. Crescent-shaped
 - 35. African grassland
 - 36. The mind's I?
 - 38. "M*A*S*H" prop
 - 39. Casual statement
 - 42. Trivial amount of money
 - 44. Word with "school" or "guard"
 - 46. WWII flying heroes
 - 48. Advance look, informally
 - 49. "The Lavender Hill Mob" caper
 - 50. Sleep breathing problem
 - 51. Ancient Egyptian kingdom
 - 55. Bank bailout acronym
 - 56. "I'm happy" in Siamese?
 - 57. Alluring dress feature
 - 58. Hydrocortisone target
 - 60. What shad are prized for
 - 62. Muslim honorific

WORD O' THE WEEK

iPad | ĩ pad | noun

Apple tablet computer most recently introduced and hastily named by Apple that is bound to be confused by those who associate "pad" with something more feminine and less technological.

SOLUTIONS

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E! Quiz Answers

1. Gargamel
2. oxygen
3. "The Cure for Insomnia" (1984)
4. Spain
5. Philadelphia

HOROSCOPES

Aries
March 21 – April 20

Wonderfully exciting things are happening for Taurus this week! Unfortunately, however, you remind yourself you're an Aries.

Taurus
April 21 – May 20

Newsflash: It's not your milkshake that brings all the boys to the yard.

Gemini
May 21 – June 21

The stars aren't clear on what's in store for you this week. Not like it matters; no severity of warning could keep you away from those Wendy's Double Baconators you're obsessed with.

Cancer
June 22 – July 22

Let's just say if we lived in Roman times, you're name would be something like Gluteus Awesomus.

Leo
July 23 – Aug. 23

Now that the first season of "Jersey Shore" has ended, it's time to start thinking about the more important things in your life. Like, when does the second season start?!

Virgo
Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

Take a walk in someone else's shoes this week. Unless the shoes are Crocs. In that case, burn said shoes and find something else to wear.

Libra
Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

When life gives us lemons, we make lemonade. But the fact that your life gives you potatoes complicates things a bit.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

Ever wondered what it would be like to wake up one day and not know where you are? Well, this weekend you'll get to find out!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Although you've always considered yourself more of a right-brained person, the unexpected lobotomy in your future will change your thoughts.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Though you may be confused by the warning on that bottle of medicine you've started taking, you should know that your car qualifies as the "heavy machinery" you're not supposed to be operating.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Valentine's Day will be here before you know it. While usually it's never too early to start making plans for someone special, in your case, however, it's always too early.

Pisces
Feb. 20 – March 20

Sure, identify theft seemed like a good idea at the time. In the future, though, consider stealing the identity of someone less famous/annoying. After all, the world can only handle one Sean Paul.

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BY ROSS KUCSERA
ILLUSTRATIONS BY STEPHANIE BURNS



EL JIMADOR

I arrived at El Jimador with a group of about 10 friends fresh from the College Gameday filming, thinking it might help the review to see how the restaurant handled a big party. After all, Mexican restaurants are usually a top choice when a crowd is headed out for dinner on a Friday night.

We all sat and were immediately brought out the requisite chips and salsa. I was slightly surprised to see a creamy white dip next to the

expected salsa bowl. I gave it a try and tasted what was basically a tangy ranch dressing. I'd say the best comparison would probably be to the ranch that Outback serves, the stuff that you dip the cheese fries in while you try not to calculate the total calories you're consuming.

The complimentary offset to the salsa was a pleasant surprise, and the non-salsa-lovers in the group didn't have to cough up two dollars for queso. The regular salsa was chunky, slightly sweet and definitely good, but I was slightly disappointed that it lacked a real kick. I couldn't really blame them for staying away from too much heat though, since I know excessive spiciness can be a huge turnoff for many. So, imagine my surprise when the staff brought a third, hotter salsa, completing the holy triffecta of dips: creamy, sweet and spicy! As a huge fan of chips and salsa, I was basically in cielo. That's "heaven" in Spanish for all of our non-Spanish-speaking amigos (okay, I'll stop now with the Español).

I asked around to see if there were any major complaints and got nothing except that they hadn't returned one of my friend's IDs. However, they had brought him alcohol, so actually there really wasn't any complaint after all (and he eventually got it back). Our waitress also explained what El Jimador means. Apparently, it's the person who extracts the juice from the agave plant, or, as someone



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With a fully-stocked bar and a menu of all things Mexican, El Jimador's enchiladas, chiles rellenos and Dos Equises serve up a south-of-the-border taste.

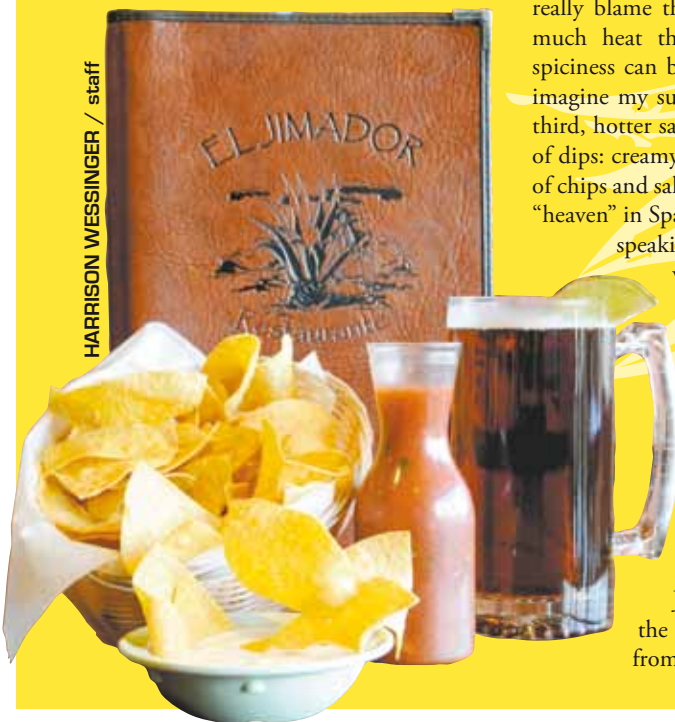
else offered, a tequila harvester. The actual menu was pretty typical: combos and a variety of chicken, beef and vegetarian options. I decided to go with a lunch combo (#21, I believe), which included chile relleno (stuffed chili pepper) and two enchiladas. We all ordered and continued to down chips at an alarming rate until our food arrived with the normal alacrity you expect with Mexican fare.

The enchiladas were good but unremarkable. The chile relleno, however, offered something slightly different with mixed results. Chile relleno is one of my favorite Mexican dishes, and I've seen it served several different ways. This version was an actual roasted poblano pepper, which isn't always a given, stuffed with cheese and potatoes. I've never had chile relleno with potato before and was happy to experience something different from the standard Mexican-American fare. I wasn't a big fan, though, and here's why: potatoes require a fair amount of seasoning. Without it, potatoes can make a dish seem rather plain, since it's something we're so used to tasting. It

certainly wasn't bad, and it was an interesting departure from a pepper simply stuffed with large amounts of cheese. However, like I said, I don't think it was entirely successful.

The rest of the meal passed without incident, and I had to make a final conclusion. When it comes to Mexican food, it's all about how the restaurant sets itself apart. Why should you go to El Jimador instead of the numerous others that are seemingly identical? The multiple complimentary salsas/dips were awesome and reason enough to pay a visit.

Although I gave a negative review of the chile relleno, I like that it was something I hadn't had, and, along with the dips, it showed me the owners are aware of the same issue I just mentioned about distinguishing themselves. Judging from other's orders and my enchiladas, the standard menu items seemed to be about the same standard you'd normally expect. El Jimador does enough to stake its claim to your business when you're in the mood for Mexican, and I'd advise you not to forget it next time you set out for Monterrey's just out of habit.



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Lee Art Gallery

Artist's retrospective collection invites viewers to reflect on conflict and peace.

ELLEN MUNDY

At a time of social, economic and cultural uncertainty, we must all discover a path that will navigate us through troubled times. Artist Terry K. Hunter's mid-career retrospective of drawings and prints, now exhibited in Lee Gallery, allows a time of reflection that begins to unearth these memories.

Born the third of five children into a "black, middle class" family of Tallahassee, Fla., in the 1960s, Hunter was surrounded by a strong sense of family, church and education. With the emergence of the television, Hunter, as an artist, was influenced by the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, political assassinations and other cultural disturbances associated with this time period.

"Hunter has found a sanctuary that rests somewhere between the demons of conflict and the angels of



TIME
OUT
Review

Terry K. Hunter's artwork provides a visual commentary on the issues of the 1960s and '70s with pieces like "The Grid Turns the Corner" (far left) and "Fish Ain't Biting" (left).



inner peace that provide comfort in time of a challenge," said William E. Colvin, professor and curator of art at The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture at Alabama State University. "At the heart of these challenges is the integrity and dignity inherent in change that provides the opportunity for one to move beyond adversity."

Hunter is an artist that extends out to his viewers with a warm understanding of human existence, ambitions and inner spirit, as conveyed in his artist statement. "My work spans the spectrum of emotions, experiences and events relative to the human condition," Hunter's statement said. "I extract multiple meanings from situations and use symbols, images and forms

that reflect my perceptions and convey my subsequent reactions. While process and technical control are very important aspects of my work ethic, I place equal emphases on strength of design and impact of the completed image." The gridded drawing tool that is placed in his later drawings is not only used as an organizing element for complex compositions, but also a source for creative expression. Each mark is an abstract form, but when put together as a whole creates a unit that has visual clarity.

The retrospective of Hunter's work shows a gradual shift from the non-objective, non-figurative prints of the 1960s and early '70s to a more representational imagery. Hunter's art depicts a noticeable shift from

a reliance on form and color to a more creative and representational imagery.

With relation to subject matter, Hunter relies on the circumstances relative to life's experiences. His process of creating each captivating image is enhanced by his role as a teacher and his interaction with the students. The combination of artist-educator gives Hunter both focus and balance in his artwork. "My work seeks not to reform or conform, it seeks only to stimulate," said Hunter.

"Whether that stimulation is positive or negative is not important; it is more significant that my work elicit some type of viewer reaction. I create solely to satisfy my aesthetic and humanistic urges, I offer visual

information and let viewers draw conclusions based on personal experiences."

Everyone is invited to come out to Lee Gallery to view and interpret Hunter's work for on their own. This multi-state tour of prints and drawings by Terry K. Hunter, between 1970 and 2007, will be in Lee Gallery until Feb. 25. Hunter's retrospective has already visited Florida A&M University and Ohio State University.

Lee Gallery is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dr. Terry K. Hunter will also be giving an artist lecture Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. in Lee Hall, Room 100, with a reception to follow from 7 to 9 p.m.

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TUnE-yArDs is the experimental efforts of one Merrill Garbus. Garbus uses a guitar, a few drums and a plethora of pedals to loop parts, enabling one musician to create a wonderfully layered sound. And she recorded all of it using only a Sony handheld recorder. The result is an awesome collection of lo-fi home recordings that still thinks outside of the box musically. Standout track "Real Live Flesh" could be an R&B sensation in the proper hands, and all the songs have a certain sex appeal. On "Sunlight" she croons repeatedly, and with increasing fervor, "I could be the sunlight in your eyes / Couldn't I?" Based on this album, yes you certainly could.

Kurt Vile
"Childish Prodigy"
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Kurt Vile is the guitar player for Philadelphia-based band The War on Drugs, and has a burgeoning solo career as well. This is his first release on Matador, the indie rock label home to such legends as Yo La Tengo. Vile's solo sound is not dissimilar from the work he has done with The War on Drugs, Americana style indie rock heavily informed by the likes of Tom Petty and Bruce Springsteen. Standout tracks "Freak Train" and "Blackberry Song" show his versatility, the former is a high energy run-away-from-home anthem while the later is an intimate acoustic number. There's something for everyone here, and Vile's output, both in quantity and quality, makes him worthy of your attention.

ON THE PROWL

GREG BLANTON

I resent the sexist implication of the term 'cock block' and its derivatives; CB, bock clock, etc. Its phallic, rather than vaginal, focus suggests that it is the male who is the instigator of sexual activity and therefore only the male who suffers from carnal denial. Yet, as we all know, it takes two to tango.

I do not deny that the male is generally — at least, stereotypically — the active aggressor in pursuing a late-night tango. Yet the female can be just as passively aggressive in a thinly disguised pursuit of post-party-pantsless-pyrotechnics as the male is actively aggressive.

It is the male who initiates conversation, commonly with a lame discussion starter and making no attempt at subtlety; for example, "My name is Greg. You look hot!" This may sound like a turn off, but when both parties are suffering from alcohol-induced reality distortion, the simple proclamation of hotness satisfies within the female the eternal need to be complimented on the exterior on which she labors so extensively; a girl, like any artist, likes to be told that she's done good work.

In response, if the boy is at least remotely cute, the girl will engage herself passively aggressively in pursuit of the same ultimate goal as the boy: fun. With playful language and well-choreographed feathery touches on the shoulders and arms, the girl is flirting her way into bed. She allows the boy to chat her up, to let him think that he's doing work, but in reality he's already got both feet in the door — that is, as long as he doesn't do any disastrous mucking up of the situation.

Here we are then, with our two players in the game of lust, both in position for and in silent agreement of a little bed-top joust. And then, the deus ex machina, the devil incarnate, the harbinger of the CB appears — a female friend of the girl being pursued (there is also, of course, the malicious bock-on-bock bock clock where one guy usurps another, but that is a whole other can of worms).

This girl sees, through the eyes of her self-righteous need to fill the role of a savior, a friend in peril, and so she intervenes and in the single most obnoxious blocking of cock in recorded history announces, "Julianne, we are not going home without you tonight!"

Game over. The C is B'd. But is it really just the phallus that was interrupted? The game that had just been so rudely ended was clearly being played by two equally involved participants; I imagine that the vagina feels just as invaded as the phallus. We need to consider alternate nomenclature for this tragedy of unfulfilled lust.

The problem here is that were the term to go both ways there would be outrage; the word 'pussy' is just too offensive to too many bock-clocking girls, and the term 'twat swat' is an underused and inadequate substitute. But really, bock-clockers are just party-poopers.

Due to the stereotype of the male as being nothing but a bipedal vehicle for its penis, a walking agent of sex, an unthinking beast with only one goal for his existence on earth — ejaculation — it will always be the cock that is blocked, and not the twat that is swatted.

Since girls always deny their own carnal urges, and since ladies mythologize their hornyness and need for vaginal satisfaction, the male will always be the instigator of sin and the female a victim of the devil's workings.

Whatever the term — cock-blocking, twat-swatting, party pooping — both lady and gentleman are left high and dry at the end of the night.

