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Construction creates a stir

Students react to construction of terraced green between Brackett Hall and Martin Hall.

WIL BARNES

Assistant News Editor

Work on the Class of 1960's gift, the enhancement of the North Green, began on Oct. 26 and is currently in construction between Brackett and Martin Hall. Aside from the small bulletin boards depicting the potential look of the project, not many students really know what this project is about or how long it will

The North Green project is being constructed under funds raised entirely by the class of 1960. The site is bordered by Martin Hall, the Carillon Garden, Brackett Hall and the outdoor theater. The renovations to the North Green site will create better access routes between these buildings.

To give the area a facelift, North Green will also feature a terraced green with improved lighting and benches on which students can gather. Once finished, the North Green area will be a central communal area for students and faculty

Sam Zanca, the project manager of North Green, said that the area will be a collaboration area for students. "It's going to be a green area between the buildings which makes it a place where students

can get together in a general atmosphere to relax and socialize," he said.

Before construction could start on the North Green site, three decaying white oak trees had to be removed. The removal of trees came at an appropriate time as one of trees limbs were under heavy decay and was posing a threat to students as two sidewalks passed under

Many students, especially those who have classes in Brackett, are aware of the effects construction has on getting in and out of class during prime times. "I really don't see why that fence has to be so close on that stairway, it's such a bottleneck," said O'Neal Clamp, a junior in biology.

Other students have more favorable opinions of the project. "The construction doesn't really bother me, it just messes up my shoes sometimes," said Taylor Walter, a junior in political science.

A few minor changes have taken place since the project has started. Recently, a sidewalk was laid down outside of the project-side Brackett entrance to keep students from walking through

The area of the North Green, the amphitheater and the library is arguably one of Clemson's must see locations. Many prospective students and parents



The gift from the Class of 1960 will provide a green area and will be completed by the end of May.

walk through this area, and the improvements to North Green will give the Clemson campus a fresh new look.

According to a recent press release,

the total cost of the project is roughly \$674,000. Similar to the class of 1957's gift, the President's Park Rotunda, the North Green renovation will feature a

list of the graduates of 1960.

The class gift is not expected to be complete until May 31, and the class of 1960 will have a class reunion on June 1.

Coalition against coal

Environmental club speaks out against pollution.

KATIE SPECTOR

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Sierra Club recently launched its Clemson Beyond Coal Campaign and plans to make an environmental impact on campus.

The Sierra Club, founded in 1982, is a part of the Campuses Beyond Coal Campaign (CBCC), which strives to rid coal off of college campuses. Recently arriving at Clemson, the Sierra Club strongly urges students to participate in the struggle to wipe out coal from the

According to Field Organizer Zachary Keith, the goal is to create a strong grassroots campaign of students, faculty and alumni to motivate the University to move away from burning coal on campus. The hope is to change this within the next three to five years by incorporating cleaner energy sources and energy efficiency.

Although coal happens to be a cheaper way of generating electricity, when it is combusted, its emissions unfavorably affect the environment, commencing dangerous chemical

Coal pollution is not only an issue in South Carolina hovering the Clemson campus, but it resides a problem around the United States.

Its global effects are more harmful than most people recognize. Informing individuals through universities is a vital step to decon-



The Sierra Club will work to end the use of coal on campus.

taminate coal fumes from the entire atmosphere.

Keith said, "Coal is one of the most dangerous and dirty energy sources today, not just because it pollutes people's communities from start to finish, or denigrates human health, but because coal is holding us back from bringing about a clean, secure energy future.'

It doesn't just take one student, but it takes a collaboration of many students to form a team to help the Sierra Club in its battle to clear the air. So far, more than 40 volunteers have shown interest in the Sierra Club, leaving a plethora of space open for newcomers.

On a bigger scale, the aim of

the CBCC is to replace the former coal plants on campuses, therefore decreasing the dependence on coalgenerated electricity. The Sierra Club first informs the volunteers of the dangers, expectations and future plans of action, and then the group of volunteers begins to work on replacing the coal plants with brand

Although the arrival of the Sierra Club at Clemson is most recent, people across the CU campus should be familiar with the threat that the combustion of coal brings to one's surroundings on an everyday basis.

A professor in the department of

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Students on par for success

Clemson marketing department hosts first golf tournament.

KELLEY NEWMAN

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson University marketing department's SportPlus and Professional Selling Certificate Group will be hosting the first Tiger Paw Classic Golf Tournament on April 16, 2010.

Most of the money raised from the event will be donated to Tanner's Totes Inc., which is a non-profit organization that is designed to help teens experiencing long-term treatment in the hospital.

Unlike other golf tournaments, all aspects of this event will be completely student-run with regards to marketing, advertising and planning. "The whole concept is to be a business by Clemson students for Clemson students... ultimately it's for the experience of the students," said Professor Amanda Fine from the marketing department.

The Professional Selling Certificate Program was implemented to increase the emphasis on sales and sales management in the marketing department, but unfortunately there were no courses that really applied the concepts in a hands-on environment. "We needed a certain

course series that the students take and we wanted to implement some application-based activity where the students actually sell," said Dr. Rapp a first year professor in the marketing department.

From this foundation, the new class project was born. Rapp's marketing and Professor Fine's sports management classes teamed up to put on this golf tournament as a chance for experience in the field. "We wanted to find a project that we could work as a team where students actually engage in the project, run the project and learn about all of our concepts by doing," said

Ginny Oliver, a student in Rapp's marketing class said, "The idea is that we're able to use what we learned from books in a real world application."

According to Rapp, when looking for the right kind of project, the amount of golf courses and level of interest in the sport in South Carolina seemed like a no-brainer. This project will count for about 25 percent of each student's grades in the marketing or sports manage-

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Students choose projects

CUSG takes student input for building projects on campus.

KATE RIPLEY

News Editor

The Capital Improvement projects approved by Undergraduate Senate have begun to take place, putting Clemson under construction once again to make a more beautiful campus.

The projects include a new hiking trail at the Botanical Gardens and renovations to the outdoor amphitheatre.

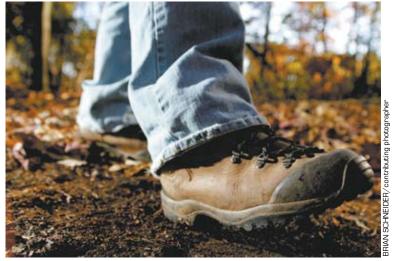
Submissions for the funds were sent in the fall by various organizations on campus in order to improve the state of the University and needed funding from Undergraduate Student Senate, according to Todd Steadman, associate director of South Carolina Botanical Gardens.

Each organization or student would send CUSG their proposition including a project description and a letter explaining how their project would benefit Clemson.

The projects were then discussed among the senators and a select few were chosen to present to various committees. From these, Senate allocated funds to the projects with the most promise. The Tiger could not reach a Senate representative as of going to press.

One of the projects chosen was a hiking trail in the South Carolina Botanical Gardens, Steadman has wanted to build a new trail in the gardens since he joined staff at SCGB and the Capital Improvement Project presented him with the perfect opportunity.

The purpose of the trail is to connect the gardens with the



One of the improvement projects will be to build a new trail in the SCBG.

Madrin Center.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a coed service fraternity, is partnering with Steadman and the staff at SCGB to help blaze and build the trail. APO has already hit the trails during two workdays in which they cleared brush and cut down small

The staff at the gardens will also build educational signage to feature the unusual geologic and natural plant life that is indigenous to this

"There are some curious unique features to this trail, there is a bluff and there's some really nice rock formations as well as some really nice geological formations," Steadman

"There's a cut in there where you can actually see sedimentation that shows a progression in time. Besides that it is a beautiful trail, there's an opportunity to teach people."

The trail will hopefully be finished by Thanksgiving of this year.

Another Capital Improvement Project to be implemented is renovations to the Outdoor Theatre Amphitheatre.

These improvements will include weather and climate proofing the storage rooms, as equipment could not be stored in the rooms without risk to damage. By making these rooms better protected from the elements, costs for equipment would be less.

"This renovation will assist with holding technical costs down for the student organizations and departments that use this venue," said Alvin Jenkins, director for mobile events at Tiger Paw Productions.

While this project will be completed and has been approved by Senate, the schedule is still to be determined by University Facilities at a later date.



Tau Beta Pi will be hosting the Engineering and Science week from Feb. 14 to 20.

The event will host a trivia night at Rockhopper's Grill, a food drive, an engineering expo and a pi-kilometer run across campus. Please e-mail jmtate@clemson. edu for more information.

Clemson students and faculty are encouraged to come celebrate Clemson Alumni Entrepreneurs on Thursday, Feb. 25.

This year's awardees are Leighton Cubbage and Andy Monin, both graduates in political science. The event consists of a reception and a panel presentation. The reception is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the panel presentation takes place from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Admission is free, but registration is required. Contact Kathy Glenn at (864) 656-2433 or spiro@clemson.edu.

President Barker, along with the student body and senate presidents, will deliver the State of the University Address on Feb. 17 in Tillman Hall audito-

After President Barker's

speech, members of the audience will be given the opportunity to ask questions. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and student a cappella group, Viva Voce, will open the address with a performance. Attendance is free and open to the public.

The Transfer Council is hosting the first spring game weekend event at the Esso Club on April 10.

There will be free giveaways and live music. For more details, check out the Transfer Council's twitter page at http://www.twitter. com/TransferCouncil.

Students and faculty are invited to attend the Clemson University Chinese New Year Party Saturday, Feb 13 in Hendrix Ballroom A and B.

The event is hosted by the Chinese Language Club and Chinese Students and Scholars Association Center for China Studies. Chinese food will be served at 6:30 p.m. and it will be followed by student performances and games. It begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free for members of either club, but \$5 for general public.



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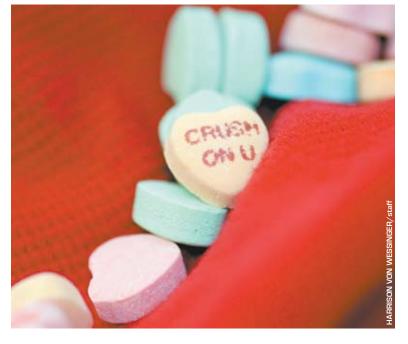
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BETHANY IRWIN

STAFF WRITER

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, many students are figuring out ways in which to make inexpensive gifts or plan events that will not bust their budget. As college students, and people who have also been touched by the bad economy, it is important this holiday to express love while staying in the black. Instead of the traditional gifts, many are planning on making a gift or going somewhere unique this Valentine's Day.

There are a diverse range of gift ideas that come from the heart without injuring the wallet. Jenna Zylstra, a junior health science major, suggested making something with pictures. Jamie Fuller, a civil engineering senior, recommended making a scrapbook for your loved one. Fuller said, "I think a scrapbook is a creative way to do something... good times that you have had, memories."

Other creative, yet inexpensive, gift ideas include making handmade cards for each other, favor coupons or food items. Jordan Brittingham, a sophomore health science major, suggested creating your own coupon book. Inside, have coupons for fun activities like "back rub."

For food items, Emma Ellis mentioned going to M&Ms.com and personalizing candy. Angie Smith advised making cupcakes or having an indoor picnic. If you would like an outdoor picnic, Rachel Cooper proposed going up to the dyke or gardens.

Besides inexpensive gifts, there are also unique opportunities to carry out fun activities for Valentine's Day. One such activity is to go hiking up to an area waterfall. While you may have to drive some distance to a couple of the waterfalls, such destinations are a fun opportunity to spend time together while having a romantic setting surrounding you. Area waterfalls to look up include: Green Creek Falls in Table Rock State Park, Raven Cliff Falls in Greenville County, Issaqueena Falls or Station Cove Falls in Oconee County. Be prepared to look up directions, and for some of the trails, to have a moderately difficult hike; however, the views and setting may be well worth it. A resource to help with directions is "The Waterfalls of South Carolina," by Benjamin **Brooks and Tim Cook.**

Other unique activities to try on Valentine's Day include stargazing or a trip to Greenville.

There are many places to go stargazing in the area, including the dyke. Bring a blanket and hot chocolate and you have a romantic, yet inexpensive date. Downtown Greenville also offers a wide range of activities. Cohen Simpson, a senior communication major, suggested making pottery. Area pottery-making sites include The Glazing Pot and Color Clay Café. Other activities to try in Greenville are the Greenville Zoo, ice skating or a walk through Falls Park.

There is a myriad of gift ideas and creative activities that you and your loved one can do without damaging your budget. From scrapbooking to pottery painting, these ideas are inexpensive, yet show how much you care.

Weekly News Update

World News

Christian Science Monitor

Pakistani officials confirmed on Wednesday that Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud is dead.

Mehsud, who was in his late 20s, was rumored to have died from injuries after a U.S. drone strike in mid-January, and was confirmed by Pakistan's interior minister and a senior intelligence official on Wednesday.

Mehsud's death is the second Taliban leader killed by U.S. operations in the past six months. Intelligence officials claim the most reliable evidence of Mehsud's death is the up rise of potential successors.

While Mehsud's death may be a psychological win for the United States, it does little to stop the heated fundamentalism in Pakistan because Taliban leaders can be so easily replaced.

Talat Masood, a Pakistani security analyst, spoke out Wednesday about Mehsud's death and how it affects the Taliban.

"Obviously, it's a great setback for them in terms of morale and organizational problems. There's no doubt about it," he said. "It will take time for them to recover, but they will definitely recover because they have support in those tribal areas."

BBC

Honda issues global airbag recall, adding 437,000 cars to the list.

Honda, who has been dealing with airbag recalls since 2008, has added 437,000 additional cars, mainly out of North America, to the growing recall list. Mexico, Taiwan, Japan and Australia also have a substantial amount of Honda cars in recall.

The recall was put into action after carmakers discovered that defective airbags can potentially burst from over inflation and project deadly metal shards.

The defective airbags have already been linked to one fatality and 11 injuries.

The recall issued by the Japanese carmakers covers 2001 and 2002 year Civics, Accords, Odysseys, Pilots, CR-Vs, CLs and 2002 Acura TL vehicles, and the company recommends that owners should take their vehicles to an authorized dealer following notification from Honda.

Toyota, a competing automaker firm, just last month issued a recall of over 7,000 year 2010 Camry's after reports of faulty steering components made it difficult for drivers to stop efficiently.

The Chicago Tribune

Greece faces its second year of economic recession while protesters unite outside the parliament.

Greece, the most corrupt and in debt country in the European Union, is desperately trying to cut the wages of thousands of public servants to create ground for a tough new spending regiment.

Rumors circulated on Tuesday that the European Union was preparing to create a bailout package for Greece. However, Greece received a bailout from Brussels financial institutions in 1985.

Given that Greece now requires a second bailout, the European Union may decide to punish Greece more severely. EU authorities said that the terms of the bailout would be so ugly that it would further persuade other countries to avoid falling into a situation similar to Greece's

Greece has a deficit of 12.7 percent of GDP and is statistically the "weakest link" of the European Union.

EU top officials have little faith in Greece's ability to pay off its debts, and wonder whether it will actually collapse from its own weight.

National News

CNN

United States opt to offer an alternative nuclear plan for Iran.

The United States has decided to present a new proposal to the International Atomic Energy Agency to allow Iran the use of medical isotopes to treat cancer patients.

The previous proposal of the IAEA to have Iran's low-enriched uranium shipped out of the country to Russia for further enrichment was rejected by Iran. This new proposal is acting as a preliminary move in potentially finding some sort of agreement with Iran, as opposed to the strict sanctions that the United States and other countries will impose, given that Iran rejects this second proposal.

President Obama spoke out on Tuesday claiming that the United States will continue to pressure Iran even if they are not willing to cooperate. "What we are going to be working on over the next several weeks is developing a significant regime of sanctions that will indicate to them how isolated they are from the international community as a whole," he said.

State Department officials have said that they are willing to work with Iran to address its primary concerns, but made it clear that Iran needs to step up to the table before anything can take place.

The Wall Street Journal

In a brief court appearance on Wednesday, former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich claimed that he was innocent and that he would testify on his own behalf.

Blagojevich also said that he would help expedite the process of having the 500 hours of Federal Bureau of Investigation tapes released to the public.

Blagojevich is suspected of scheming to sell President Obama's old senate for campaign money.

Some of the material released after Blagojevich's arrest in 2008 contained some derogatory language from both Blagojevich and his wife.

"Now I'm not just here talking the talk, I'm going to walk the walk, which is right up to the witness stand," Blagojevich said. "And when I take the stand and I testify and I swear on the Holy Bible to tell the truth, I expect and far more importantly than that I think the people of Illinois expect and they deserve that the government does the same. Play the truth, play the whole truth, play nothing but the truth. Play all the tapes." Following Blagojevich's

Judge James Zagel asked Blagojevich if he had changed his medication. Blagojevich said that he had never taken any.

The Los Angeles Times

Illegal immigrant population in the United States experienced a sharp drop in 2009.

The population of illegal immigrants in the United States dropped from 11.6 million to 10.8 million in 2009, one of the sharpest population declines in

California experienced a loss of 200,000 illegal immigrants, and the only state to experience an increase in illegal immigrants is Georgia, which saw an increase of 20,000.

However, a recent report issued by the Department of Homeland Security said that recent changes to the U.S. census could have affected the results.

When asked why there has been a sharp downturn in illegal immigrants, some researchers claimed that there have simply been fewer illegal immigrants entering the country, while other researchers claim that illegal immigrants were either being deported or leaving voluntarily.





A mysterious billboard in Wyoming, which depicts former President George W. Bush waving at traffic.



George Zamka, commander of the U.S. space shuttle, the Endeavor, after docking and delivering equipment at the International Space Station.



Jay Leno, in his monologue on the last episode of The Jay Leno Show.

CUSG

AT A GLANCE

Week of Feb. 15 through Feb. 19

- CUSG values YOUR opinion. Stop by student government's tent on Library Bridge for free giveaways and an opportunity to let CUSG know what you think.

Representatives will be on the bridge Wed., Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

- From the people who brought you the "Balls to the Wall" dodge ball tournament comes Transfer Council's first annual spring game weekend event at the Esso Club to be held on April 10.

Expect free giveaways, live music and a night you'll never for-

get. For more details check out the "Transfer Council Events" group on Facebook.

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

- The CUSG offices are located adjacent to Harcombe Dining Hall in the Union. CUSG office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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ment classes. Their grade comes from the various aspects of the project such as reaching quotas or the actual planning of the event.

The Golf Tournament will be held on April 16 at the Boscobel Golf Course in Pendleton, S.C. All participants are welcome; teams of four can register for \$180, and individuals for \$50.

A small portion will get back to the students through funding the marketing or sports management programs to bring in speakers, etc. "The proceeds will go back to the students in some way," said Fine.

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biological sciences, Kalan Ickes, said, "Right now I think that very few people are aware of just how much coal we use in America - more than 50 percent of our electricity as a nation comes from coal, while about 39 percent of our electricity in South Carolina comes from coal."

The perpetual saying, "actions speak louder than words," serves as a perfect comparison for the concern with coal contamination and the environment.

Ickes reiterated this idea when he said, "Rather than just saying, 'Coal is bad, we should stop using it,' I think it is a much more powerful argument to be able to say, 'Here is why coal is bad, here are some alternatives to coal that we could employ, and here are the ways in which switching to each alternative would affect the price of energy...."

Subsequently, the Sierra Club CCBC prepares to jump start its plans momentarily, with the help of Clemson students, professors and other volunteers. Would you vouch for a cheap, yet environment destructive, energy source? Help by joining the Sierra Club and participate with the efforts of building a safer, nontoxic coal plant at Clemson University.

Tigris Scientifica

Dr. Steve Klaine lectures on nanotechnology.

HOLLY TUTEN

STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 15 you will give the "Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer Talk" at Clemson University. What is "Sigma Xi"?

It's a scientific research society in which students and faculty are nominated to be members. There's no secret handshake or anything like that... I wish there was.

It provides connections with people you might not always have connections with, like someone from chemistry or physics. One commonality that I would think of in most scientists is that we're curious!

When we interact with each other we find common ground, and the next thing you know you've got an interdisciplinary project.

How were you nominated for this series? What was the pro-

I'm not officially a lecturer nationally for this year, but back

in the '90s I was a national lecturer to the risk of something harmful for two years. And a couple years ago I was the Sigma Xi distinguished researcher at Clemson, but I was out of town when the award banquet was held. Usually the distinguished researcher gives a talk at the banquet.

So, it was decided I should give a talk. I really had a lot of fun the year I was a national lecturer. I appreciated seeing what other researchers were doing.

Those talks were on research you were doing at the time?

At the time I was doing work, and always have, with environmental contaminants. I developed a talk for a lay and scientific audience that was based on pesticides in everyday living and real versus perceived risk.

For example, you eat fruit that happens to have a little bit of residual pesticides in it for your whole life; we can calculate your risk of cancer.

But, how does that compare

happening from things you choose to do? You choose to ride a bike, drive a car, go rock climbing or fly. It turns out the risk from things you choose to do is far greater than the risk of getting cancer from that

Folks that do toxicology research figure out how to manage chemicals in a safe way. By understanding safe and hazardous levels, you can develop strategies to keep exposures in the safe zone.

Will you be talking about this at the upcoming lecture?

No. This will be something entirely different. The lecture here stems from my work and that of others in the area of nanomaterials. At first, I thought, "These are particles; they're not going to have much interest to me as an aquatic systems researcher."

Well, it turns out that maybe organisms do come in contact with them. The more I've gotten into this, the more I see that there are lots of benefits from nanotechnology, but we don't have the data to say what the risks are. Of course, there are risks to everything water is toxic if you're exposed to enough of it. There are safe levels and there are toxic levels. With nanotechnology we don't know what those levels are.

So, the first half of my talk is going to be on the good parts of nanotechnology, the benefits to

Then I'm going to talk about some of the potential problems, present emerging data that suggests, for example, how some of these carbon nanotubes may act like asbestos particles, and summarize where the research is headed and opportunities for scientists in different disciplines.

Dr. Klaine's talk "The Janus Face of Nanotechnology: Promises, Products and Potential Problems" is on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in McKissick Theater. Refreshments will be served 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Campus crowding causes concern

t's a Tuesday afternoon, and you're wandering aimlessly around the ▲ library, searching for even the smallest tract of unoccupied study space. After traversing up and down every flight of stairs and peering into every nook and cranny in Cooper, you become frustrated with the lack of vacancy and decide to work your anger off at Fike. However, you soon find yourself in a similar position as that of the library, haphazardly ambling through in search of space, any space, that is not already flooded with students who seem to be multiplying exponentially. You decide that the wait is not worth the work-out, and defeated, you barely wedge yourself into a congested CAT bus and head back to your dorm, which is actually a cramped, windowless study room due to inadequate overflow housing.

While this scenario may not be typical for an average Clemson student, many have noticed that the campus seems to be getting a little crowded. After dropping to 50.2 percent in 2007, the acceptance rate for 2009 rose to 62.8 percent, with roughly 10,000 of the 16,000 students who applied earning the golden ticket. Clemson received a record-breaking 16,281 applications for Fall 2009 enrollment and welcomed its largest freshman class ever of 3,375 on campus students and 449 Bridge Program students. The record acceptance was said to have stemmed from economic uncertainty concerning admissions

yield, the percent of accepted students who enroll. Recently, the effect of larger and larger entering freshman classes can be seen in the decision to make Clemson House a freshman dorm.

Undoubtedly, larger incoming classes will serve to boost revenue for the University and help to soften the blow of budget cuts and financial strain that have posed a threat over the last couple of years. But what do Clemson students end up sacrificing in the process? Has opening the doors a little wider opened a possibility for compromises in Clemson's very ideals? The small, close-knit community is what makes the University nestled where the Blue Ridge yawns its greatness both unique and special to students and residents. Can we successfully expand without losing these qualities?

First, the effects of expansion on students' interactions and daily lives must be considered. Most obviously, a crowded university leaves students uncomfortable and less able to get help or resources they need. Limited study space, workout space, parking space and other resources would make living and learning at Clemson that much more difficult. Housing is also a main concern for crowded students, especially when one considers the overflow housing situation early last fall. A narrow study room with no windows and barely any breathing room wasn't exactly the warm welcome many freshmen were expecting last semester. More apartment complexes are emerging in the Clemson area each day, noting a shift from on-campus to apartment living among upperclassmen. Those who do want to live on campus must fight for a spot by camping out in a never-ending line for the "It's Your Choice" housing fair, and many are still turned away. It seems that Clemson students are finding it increasingly difficult to stretch their

Adding to these discomforts is the effect of expansion on academics. The average class size at Clemson is currently a comfortable 30.65. Although this number isn't staggering, many classes contain more than 100 students, and with a growing number of freshmen pouring in each year, classes stand to undergo a correlating hike. Along with an increase in class size, a shift opposite that of the small, personal environment that the University advocates and strives for, is the limited academic resources a more crowded Clemson would elicit. Cooper Library is already difficult to navigate through and is almost always bursting at the seams with all-nighters, study groups and coffee breakers. Student Instruction courses or study aids and tutors may be harder to come by if Clemson expands. Bringing in more students means finding ways to accommodate these students in classrooms and study areas, perhaps translating into more construction on campus, which has already become a staple of resentment.

Perhaps more compelling than functional and academic changes, though, is the break with traditional values that a larger student body may invoke. Clemson is an area that is unique in its ability to merge a small-town and charismatic atmosphere with a moderately-sized college campus. The scenic landscape along with the nearby lakes attracts many to the rural Southern charm it affords. Rapid growth, manifesting itself in apartment complexes and a more urbanized town to cater to a larger student population, would perhaps compromise the ambiance and character that Clemson prides itself on.

Seventeen thousand students is by no means a tiny school, but it seems to be maintainable and well-balanced in the Clemson community with the attractive rural environment.

However, though the prospect of a bigger student body may have many up in arms, it seems inevitable given the economic anxiety that Clemson and many fellow institutions are facing. Though many may not like to admit it, there are business tactics involved in successfully managing an institution of higher learning, and in the midst of a budget crisis, letting more in may prove to be a better option than hiking up tuition or other student fees. After all, with every extra student Clemson accepts, it gets one more tuition

payment. This is certainly not to say that students are nothing more than open wallets in the big picture, but the financial advantages to accepting more students must be acknowledged and credited. Also, officials were uncertain of how a sputtering economy would play into admissions yield. It seemed to be a roll of the dice for how many accepted students would enroll, and the University is better off financially if that number errs on the side of being too big.

Ultimately, though, expanding the student body may be a sacrifice that no one is willing to make in the name of economic gain. The effects such changes would have on students, academics and tradition here at Clemson may prove too much to overshadow with a dollar sign. That treadmill or weight bench at the gym isn't opening anytime soon, and a trip to the library is still more of a cardio exercise than a mental one.

For now, all there is to do is show some Southern hospitality and accept a little less elbow room, but looking toward Clemson's future, it is important to consider the long-term implications on both students and the larger community of following the crowd.

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How do you feel about the current number of students at Clemson?

Ali Chewning



"If they have enough room for everybody, instead of putting them in closets, then I like people."

AJ Holloway



"The More the Merrier."

Lizzy Hogan



"I think Clemson has the perfect size. You see people you know, but not everybody is up in yo' business."

Sara Smotherman



'There's too many, it feels too crowded. Especially around the dining halls and Fike. Its like you're pushing for

a space in line.'

Lani Borja



bother me that there's so many students because if there were less our tuition would probably go up."

COMMENTARY

Reclaim your food sovereignty

STEPHEN NEWELL

Columnist



n agriculture, people create and tend to a crop for the purpose of ▲ harvesting and devouring it. As ironic as this is, it is a natural cycle of birth, growth and death that mimics life itself. Sadly, large-scale, industrial agriculture has become so far from resembling this acceptable yin and yang cycle that destruction outweighs creation. How can I continue to eat meat from factory farms, on which thousands of corn fed animals are given growth hormones and antibiotics as they walk around in their own feces? I can buy organic, but it is usually large-scale, industrial organic food that carries much of the same problems as any non-organic industrial farm. Even the concept of organic food that

came out of the counter-culture movement of the 1960's has been compromised by corporate lobbyists of organics, pushing for looser regulations

and easier certification. So, as an American omnivore, I feel that I have lost control of what I eat.

With all the possibilities before me, it is very difficult to come out of a given grocery store with a clear conscience, much less an ideal selection. Almost every dollar that I spend at the grocery store is unnecessarily hurting the environment by the distance at which it traveled, the pollution that production caused or even unhealthy ingredients or pathogens that can harm me directly. I love food as I much as I love the land from which it grows, so I cannot continue to silently endure the crisis of conscience that accompanies me to the grocery store. Even without regard to carbon emissions and resulting climate change, there are so many ethical dilemmas surrounding American food consumption that we must admit: the people of this country have lost our hold on food sovereignty, or the right to democratically choose our agricultural policies. As a result, we are losing control of our most valuable natural resources, and have already lost the legal infrastructure, or lack thereof, that allowed our ancestors to enjoy a healthy harvest.

In an attempt to increase Gross Domestic Product (GDP), lawmakers have made it increasingly difficult for sustainable farming businesses to thrive. Increasing production at all costs, the Farm Bill has eliminated the cultural connection between people and food. We seldom know what constitutes our meals or from where the food originated and this trend seems to be causing our health problems to increase. Small farms in the United States are not doing well, and the Environmental Protection Agency reports "concerns for the long term health of family farms as an American institution." The problem is that current regulations do not adequately support, much less incentivize, organic, local or sustainable food production. According to sustainable farmers like Joel Salatin, government regulations make it virtually impossible for small-scale farms to compete

> with big business. Subsidies are based on the type of crop and the amount of harvest, encouraging large-scale specialization of crops that degrades land,

water and air quality and encourages unsustainable transportation practices that waste energy and other vital

Conventional trends in agriculture now include: dumping toxic chemicals onto our food, allowing these synthetic fertilizers and pesticides to join runoff into our rivers and streams while building insect resistance to insecticides, using the increasingly common specialized crops such as corn and soybeans to feed animals which have naturally lived off of grass for centuries, and finally shipping taxpayer subsidized food with altered fat composition from cheaper feed that may increase the chances of cancer in people who eat this type of meat. Thanks to our Farm Bill, any American can eat a cheap, unhealthy and unethically produced environmental disaster while ignoring local food production. These aren't American values, so why does the Farm Bill increasingly favor large-scale corporations? The answer is that corporate lobbyists have too much power.

Even as the greatest contributing sector of industry to greenhouse

gas emissions, agriculture has been exempt from the regulations by the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. Meanwhile, more ethical farmers are barely keeping business alive under the current conditions of the Farm Bill, even when the economy is doing well. Perhaps many people are too far removed from the farmers who struggle for a living to produce quality food without harmful synthetic waste, but these small farms care more about ordinary citizens than any large corporation or the politicians whose backs they scratch each year. Sustainability is all about the people because it bears in mind individuals, small businesses with healthy competition and future generations who, like us, need adequate resources from stable ecosystems. But, sustainable practices aren't just for the goodhearted. They are in the best interests of all, and the government should be creating incentives for small-scale farms, not subsidies for large-scale farms that harm the environment and degrade our food quality.

The large-scale industrial farms aren't feeding the world, either. In June of 2009, BBC reported that the number of people suffering from hunger is to top one billion for the first time in history. Today, one of our most important systems of resources is failing miserably and, believe it or not Clemson, that system is U.S. agriculture.

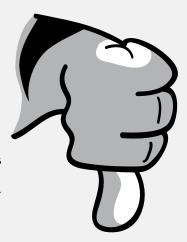
Don't go blaming the college of agriculture, forestry and life sciences because the food security crisis has resulted from the democratic system of which each of us is an integral part, and it will be the responsibility of all Americans to unite to create a restructured Farm Bill.

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Paws up, paws down

California police arrested a man for trying to buy urine from boys at an elementary school.

A New York woman claims a man stole a doggie coat off the back of her unsuspecting terrier.



A drunken man in Wisconsin stole an ambulance at a ski area with the patient and paramedic still inside.

A new study to be published in April claims that the more bored you are, the more likely you are to die early. So you actually can be bored to death.



A dog breeder from Louisiana is going back to medieval times, creating a canine chastity belt to help control the pet population.

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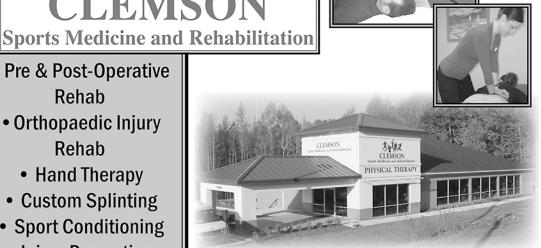
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COMMENTARY

Don't be a bum, meet your campus chum

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



By now, enough of the semester has passed and every student on campus has become very familiar with his or her new set of campus buddies. Instead of a semester of awkwardness, which is what almost universally happens with campus buddies, Clemson needs a "Meet Your Campus Buddy" week in order to increase morale amongst students and to finally eliminate the awkwardness associated with meeting a campus buddy.

For those new to campus, a campus buddy is any person that another student sees too many times around campus to be politely explained away. If this wasn't a small college town where it sometimes seems like everyone knows everyone else, these people could easily be misconstrued as stalkers. What is actually happening is that, with 17,000 students on campus, certain schedules are bound to create situations that cause the same people to pass by each other very regularly.

A university in a friendly southern state is the perfect place to implement a "Meet Your Campus Buddy" week as well, because it would fit in with the polite Southern nature of most of the students here. Clemson also has the added bonus of being a small college town where people are much more likely to see the same set of random strangers. When coupled with Southern hospitality, there is no way for this idea to fail. Clemson could easily become known as the friendliest University in the country.

A few students could even be role models for the event. After all, there have been certain legendary campus buddies over the years that would be perfect for this job. The most obvious one in recent memory who stood above and beyond the rest was a tall, dark-haired, young man who always dressed in black from head to toe. People around campus affectionately referred to him as "Neo" because of his striking resemblance to that movie character. He hasn't been seen around campus lately, however, but most like to imagine him pleasantly flying through life in the world outside

Usually it is rare for a campus buddy to be common to so many. The Riggs Hipster is a favorite among some electrical and mechanical engineering students, mostly due to the unusual nature of seeing a young college student in Riggs Hall dressed in a way in which it will be nearly impossible for him to get a real job later on. It was easy for The Riggs Hipster to be a favorite due to the irony that so many other people in that building will have jobs when they graduate.

Most often, however, campus buddies are more of a one-on-one experi-

ence. Some can be quite surprising, like the case in which a campus buddy bears a striking resemblance to a close friend. From far away, this has the possibility to create some awkward situations. In this case, it is advisable to learn from the mistakes of others.

One common error is made when a student confuses a male student in a fraternity as his or her campus buddy. Since almost every person in the fraternities around Clemson looks and dresses exactly the same, it is nearly impossible to tell of one of these students is a true campus buddy. Campus buddies are best saved for less bland people.

Other awkward situations can arise if a campus buddy looks like a new acquaintance. If the acquaintance was made at a bar or party, it is difficult to tell later on if the new friend is a former or current campus buddy. It is also hard to tell whether it is a good idea to ask a complete stranger if he or she is the person they met during the previous weekend's adventures.

A lot of times, however, certain people may realize they have campus buddies, but may, themselves, be the unknowing campus buddies of others. While many see this as a barrier, the "Meet Your Campus Buddy" week will throw off the stigma of meeting random people in a stalker-ish way, and a Facebook-like web of friends will erupt from campus.

This is exactly the reason Clemson needs the "Meet Your Campus Buddy"

week. It is possible that this boost in friendliness is just what the University needs to break into U.S. News and World Report's Top 20 list. At any rate, it would simply be a benefit to the atmosphere around campus if everyone suddenly introduced themselves to the strangers they see regularly.

Perhaps this idea sounds too much like the hippies of the '60's who did little to nothing to improve the quality of the world they were living in. This case is different though because rather than simply doing drugs and "meeting" complete strangers, students around campus would actually be meeting people that they basically know already, if only for the simple purpose of having a new friend to eat lunch with.

This idea is not too far off from what is close to happening anyway. A common saying is that no more than six people, or "six degrees of separation" separate any two people in the world. In Clemson, it's more like one degree. Plus, maybe this "Meet Your Campus Buddy" week will be a greater success than ever imagined and rocket the school to Top 20 status.

But, like Clemson athletics or President Barker and the Top 20 Grail, it's probably not a good idea to bet on it.

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COMMENTARY

Perfection, Redemption and Football

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Pootball is over. It's a sad but true statement. What has become America's game will now leave us fans void of the perpetual Sportscenter Top 10 that is professional football, and while the occasion is a little disheartening, it feels right. Usually when the end of a sports season occurs, I feel a little empty because for one reason or another, I feel cheated. Like it should have ended differently. I would never say that about this year's football season. In fact, I would say there has never been a more fitting ending to a football season in the 10-plus years I've been watching the sport as a fan.

To those on the outside, I could see how this statement would seem odd. Both teams were the favorites in their respective divisions, there was no underdog story on the team-level; in fact, this whole Superbowl was completely void on the team level. Indianapolis will never be as respected a team as they should be due to their incredible consistency, and New Orleans kind of came out of nowhere to be good. The story of this year's Superbowl wasn't the teams. There weren't any carbon-copies of the Arizona Cardinals or last second heroics of Tom Brady or Ben Roethlisberger. Instead, this year will be remembered for the theme it carried with it: redemption. And there was no better example of that than the New Orleans Saints.

Wow. Where to start when talking about this team? There are so many options that I guess I will just start with where the plays start: the quarterback, Drew Brees, known by some in New Orleans as "Breesus." And maybe they aren't that far off. After being drafted by the San Diego Chargers in the 2001 NFL Draft, Brees was injured in the last game of the 2005 on a dirty hit by Denver Broncos

lineman Gerard Warren. Brees suffered a serious shoulder injury on the play and required surgery to repair the damage done to his arm. For those of you who don't follow football like I do, ending the season with a serious shoulder injury on his throwing arm is usually a death sentence for a quarterback in the NFL. Four months earlier, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in one of the deadliest storms in U.S. history, and in the quest for survival, the citizens of New Orleans sought shelter in a place that was usually a place of recreation. Usually.

But in one moment that all changed. We have to look back three years in order to see where this journey for the New Orleans Saints started. In a casting of the stones of fate, Brees, along with the citizens of New Orleans and his fellow Saints, all re-united for the 2006 regular season home opener. It was a game of firsts: the first time Brees played a home game for the Saints, the first time a game had been played in the Super Dome since Katrina, and it was the first time the people of New Orleans could take all that had happened and show they world that they weren't done. It would take more than an unexpected bump in the road to keep them quiet, and it was Brees who gave them something to cheer about.

I wish I could find a video of that homecoming. I remember seeing it on Monday Football live and being purely blown away. You could feel the emotion in the stadium. The mere presence of 70,000 fans, native to New Orleans, was incredible in its own right. I kept imagining how many people were in the city that could say that building saved their life. Or how many people were in the stands with their children and could point out the seat and section where they spent days just trying to survive. Signs of, "Welcome home," pride mixed with complete humility filling the seats and the stadium filled with the words to "Saints Go Marching" as a 70,000 person chorus forms a natural eruption powerful enough to drown out the sorrow of Katrina. That night was the birth of

a legacy that the Saints will hold throughout their existence. I don't think the city of New Orleans, nor its Saints, will ever be the same again.

Remember that image. The contrast between the destruction of the storm and how the city responded. In my search for the homecoming video I stumbled upon one which showed the Monday Night Football crew and their discussion just prior to kickoff, and I think Tony Kornheiser said it best. That game was about symbols. The city of New Orleans was, and is still, destroyed. The houses were still knocked over, the destruction had still shown throughout the city, but the rebuilding begins with that game, with the return of the Saints.

One final thought. Every Superbowl ultimately has "the picture." The one that they show every time they reference it on Sportscenter. It's hard to say that any one person deserves the honor of that picture, but CBS captured the moment in a shot of Drew Brees holding his son.

Brees holds his son, wearing a number nine Brees jersey, in his arms. Mirror images of each other, the Brees boys are just looking around and taking it in, and while junior is dazed and unaware of where exactly he is, you can see such great emotion in the eyes of Brees, looking like he is on the verge of tears. Watch "Drew Brees with Son Super Bowl 44." Find "When The Saints Go Marching In Lyrics." Realize: There has never been an ending to an NFL season so right, nor one more meaningful.

The last four verses of "When The Saints Go Marching In" read as so and it just fits so perfectly, it's hard to believe it was an accident:

When the rich go out and work...(oh I want to be in that number..)/When the air is pure and clean.../When we all have food to eat.../When our leaders learn to cry, oh I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

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Early February means many things to different members of the sporting world. For some, it represents the calm before the storm that is March Madness. To others, this timeframe exhibits a baseball season in its epitomic infancy. But to many individuals who attend Clemson University, early February represents the thick of rugby season.

The Clemson Men's Rugby squad kicked off its 2010 season with a 12-8 win against East Carolina University. For a team that only plays six meaningful games in the regular season, starting off with a victory is pertinent.

Currently unranked among the nationally prominent programs, Clemson's rugby team hopes to make a statement on

the pitch this season and become the first team to win the Carolinas Rugby League. Formerly a member of the Rugby South Conference, Clemson's rugby team has combined forces with six other Universities in the Carolinas to form the Carolinas Rugby League.

The new conference includes teams from Wake Forest, Appalachian State, N.C. State, UNC, ECU, USC and Clemson. Because the rugby team is not an official Clemson varsity squad, the team must act as a club and provide their own means to travel to and from games. The creation of a league consisting of teams from only the Carolinas reduces Clemson's cost of travel and increases the amount of times that the team can go on the road significantly.

Before the formation of the Carolinas Rugby League, Clemson would have to make costly trips to play teams like Arkansas State, Tennessee or Florida on the road. Now that Clemson no longer needs to travel further than Greenville, N.C., the team can work on building heated rivalries without having to pay as much in dues.

Formed in 1967, Clemson's rugby team has a long and proud history. The best year for the Tigers took place in 1996, when the squad finished ranked seventh nationally and won the USA Rugby South championship. More recently, Clemson finished, ranked 13th nationally, in 2006 after taking a Sweet-16 loss to U.C. Santa Barbara in the national tournament.

The 2010 men's rugby team is composed of more than 50 players who are divided into a first and second team. While

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Tigers back on track

ACC play continues as men improve record to 17-7.

CHRIS CERVEN

STAFF WRITER

Coming off a safe to say not so pretty loss last Saturday at Virginia Tech, the Tigers desperately needed a win at home Wednesday night against Florida State. On a night where you would expect the team leader Trevor Booker to step up and put the team on his shoulders in an important game, the size and strength of Florida State's big men shut Booker down for a majority of the game.

Last season, the Seminoles were able to recover from 19 points down to comeback and beat the Tigers in Littlejohn. This season, Oliver Purnell got a lot of help from a few unexpected sources. Clemson needed someone to step up big time, and the team didn't get just one person to step up, it got three.

David Potter, Andre Young and Booker's younger brother, Devin, all helped the Tigers by having career scoring nights in a 77-67 win over the Seminoles, in an extremely important game. Potter and Young both lead the Tigers with 19 points apiece and made a combined seven three-pointers, which was extremely crucial due to Florida State's size inside. Both Potter and Young were single handedly responsible for Clemson's 18-8 run to finish the first half



Junior forward Jerai Grant rattles the rim with yet another thunderous dunk against Florida State on Wednesday night.

Clemson basketball: kicking it up a notch



After progressively improving every season, last season had a disappointing finish for Clemson basketball. The Tigers lost five of their last nine regular season games and then suffered first round losses in the ACC and NCAA tournaments. With the loss to Virginia Tech, this season took on the feel that the road ahead may be on the same path, unless the Tigers can get a healthy Demontez Stitt and a coherent offense.

To break into the upper echelon of the ACC, after spending years at the bottom of the standings, a more consistent level of performance is needed. Perhaps it is the expectation that the team

would progress further after coming close to securing an upper echelon spot in the 2007-2008 season.

In that season, the Tigers lost to UNC in Littlejohn on a last second shot by Wayne Ellington, in a game which would have elevated the program. Clemson faded late in Chapel Hill to lose another game they should have won. A missed chance to open up a big lead on UNC doomed them in Charlotte in their first trip to the ACC Tournament Championship Game since 1962. Winning any of those games would have sent a signal to recruits that Clemson was a legitimate contender, but particularly, winning the championship would have opened doors that had always been closed.

Clemson may return to the finals under Oliver Purnell, perhaps even this season. There is no accounting for what happens in the ACC Tournament. The team that plays angriest can surprise a much better opponent.

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No. 16 Tigers attempt return to Omaha.

CHRIS CERVEN

STAFF WRITER

Back on June 7, the Clemson baseball team walked off the field after losing its super regional series to Arizona State. It marked the end of a season that put Clemson baseball back onto the national scene. This year the team will try and keep the momentum going; all hoping that a trip to Omaha in June

The Tigers enter the 2010 season ranked No. 16 in the Pre-Season Collegiate Baseball poll and projected to finish 2nd in the Atlantic Division of the ACC, behind front-runner Florida State. The Atlantic Coast Conference this year is loaded with talent throughout. Six out of the 12 ACC teams are nationally ranked inside the top 20 in the nation. "Being in the ACC, we have one of the toughest schedules in the entire country. From top to bottom, the teams are equally matched, and every weekend is a battle. We learned last year just how much every game counts so you are able to not only host a regional but also a super regional at home," said starting shortstop Brad Miller. "With the ACC having six teams (including us) in the pre-season top 20, every game in the conference this year will be important and tough."

Perhaps a major question mark for this year's team will be the pitching rotation. Although the pitching staff is extremely deep like in years past, the loss of two major starters may prove vital as Clemson moves deeper on into the season. "With the departure of some key arms from last year like Trey Delk and Chris Dwyer, there are some big roles to fill this year with the pitching staff. Weekend starter junior left-hander Casey Harman returns to lead our staff which is very deep like many Clemson teams in the past." Last season, Harman went from the bullpen, to one of the team's most valuable starters. Harman finished the season 7-3 with a 3.95 ERA in a team high 86.2 innings pitched. To go along with that, he also has the second best strike-out to walk ratio in school history while appearing in 22 games.

The incoming freshmen could play vital roles as this season plays out as well. The freshman class, ranked as high as number 20 in the nation, could fill some key holes in the lineup that have been vacated by graduating seniors or players leaving college for the MLB draft. "We could have a lot of impact freshman stepping up and filling big roles for us this season," said Miller. "First baseman Richie Shaffer will have a chance to step in right away, and on the mound right-handers Dom Leone and Scott Firth have a chance to throw a big amount of innings."

However, for those freshmen to play, they are going to have to battle for a position on the lineup as the Tigers return eight of nine starters on offense. "Our junior left fielder Jeff Schaus was an All ACC First Team selection last year and will be a huge part of our lineup again. Also senior center fielder Wilson Boyd was our leading hitter last year, and he comes back ready to have another great year." Along with Schaus, Boyd and Miller, some other key returners include the likes of outfielders Addison Johnson, Chris Epps and Kyle Parker. The infield returns third-baseman Jason Stolz and second-baseman Mike Freeman along with Miller, as well as junior John Nester behind the plate.

This year also marks the 17th season (31st overall) to legendary Head Coach Jack Leggett. Coach Leggett has never had a losing record in 16 seasons with the Tigers, and has only had one losing season in his career, all the way back in 1989, while coaching Western Carolina. "Coach Leggett pushes his players every single day, every single drill, in every single practice," said Miller. "He stresses the importance of concentration in the little things that leads to success on the diamond. It has been a great honor to play for and get coached by Coach Leggett and I can't wait to win some more ball games with him leading

The 2010 season also marks the first in which the Tigers will play in front of the brand new Thomas F. Champman Grandstands in left field. Thomas Chapman, a former Clemson athlete and retired CEO of Equifax Inc., donated \$2 million to form a leadership program in the College of Business and Behavioral Sciences, as well as to enhance and expand Doug Kingsmore Stadium. With his generous donation, the athletic department went ahead and added 1,000 seats in the form of two grandstands in left field. "I know the benefits of the Clemson experience, and I want to enhance that experience for future students," Chapman said. "I learned valuable lessons on and off the field and was fortunate to have been blessed from the commitment of mentors who took an interest in my potential. I believe in paying back what is given to you. My athletic scholarship provided me an outstanding college experience and a future career in professional baseball upon graduation, as well as a quality education." The players are extremely excited, as well, to play in front of the new additions to the stadium; not only for the looks of the stadium, but it is also a valuable recruiting aid. Miller says that the new Thomas F. Chapman Grandstands are unbelievable. In just one year of playing for Clemson, he can't believe the improvements made to the team's facilities. The Tigers have added more than 1,500 seats and really made the stadium one of the elite places to play in the country. The team is very excited to get to play in front Tiger fans this year and fill up Doug Kingsmore

The 2010 Clemson baseball season could prove to be a very exciting one indeed, especially once ACC play kicks in. It's a long season ahead. First they must make it through the regular season, then on to the ACC tournament, then on to regionals, followed by super regionals. If they get through all that, there is only one more stop along the way, and that is a trip to the College World Series. Even though there may be 32 individuals on the team, all share one goal: being in Omaha during mid-June, and that all begins Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. at Doug Kingsmore Stadium with a matchup against Miami of Ohio.

Men's tennis triumphant

Tigers cruise past Spartans and shutout Blue Hose on Saturday.

CLARKE MCCANTS

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson men's tennis team picked up two wins in a matter of hours Saturday, defeating USC Upstate and Presbyterian College in a doubleheader at Hoke Sloan Tennis Center. The Tigers defeated the Spartans 5-2, and then later cruised past the Blue Hose 7-0. With the victories, the team improves to 4-0 on the spring season.

The match between the Tigers and the Spartans of USC Upstate came early Saturday, with the teams taking the court at 9 a.m. In singles play, junior Derek DiFazio defeated Marco Linconir of Upstate 6-4, 7-5. Senior Rok Bizjak topped Renzo Airaldi 6-1, 6-3. Senior Carlos Alvarez downed Edgar Rodriguez 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. Junior Kevin Galloway was in a battle with the Spartans' Ramiro Blanco. Galloway easily won the first set 6-1, but Blanco responded by taking the second set 7-5. The third set was a tightly contested affair, with neither player able to gain an advantage. The set gave way to a tiebreak, where Galloway outlasted Blanco 7-6 (1) to take the set and the match.

The Tigers enjoyed similar success in doubles play, as they took two of the three matches. The Tigers duo of DiFazio and Bizjak defeated the Spartans twosome of Marco Linconir and Jack Roux 8-4. Galloway and partner Wes Moran took down Edgar Rodriguez and Ramiro Blanco 8-6. But the team of Alvarez and senior Gera Boryachinskiy was not so fortunate, as they fell to Javier Tori and Renzo Airaldi 8-4.

Though it was only a few hours later that Clemson took the court against Presbyterian, you wouldn't have known it from the Tigers' dominant performance. The Tigers swept the doubles play, and they did so in top form. DiFazio and Bizjak downed PC's Matthew Martin and Ivan Ho 8-1. Alvarez and Boryachinskiy atoned for their earlier loss to the



Senior Gera Boryachinskiy returns a volley during a match against the Spartans of USC Upstate on Saturday.

Spartans by defeating Andrew Brigham and Zachary Sprouse 8-2. And to complete the trifecta, Galloway and Moran topped Edward Snead IV and James Zaher 8-2.

The Tigers were just as dominant in singles action against the Blue Hose, as they took all six matches without losing a single set. Boryachinskiy defeated Andrew Brigham 6-2, 7-5. Galloway beat Matthew Martin 6-2, 6-0. Sophomore Robert Pietrucha took down Ivan Ho 6-3, 6-1. Two Tiger freshmen, who didn't see action earlier in the day

against USC Upstate, took advantage of the extra rest against PC. First, Zachary Rigsby downed the Blue Hose's Zachary Sprouse 6-1, 6-1, and then teammate Juan Bolona, not to be outdone, defeated Edward Snead IV 6-2, 7-5. And to top off the team's stellar performance, Moran easily topped Ryan Walters 6-0, 6-1.

The Tigers will return to action on Tuesday, Feb. 16, when they host the College of Charleston at 5 p.m.

Lady Tiger Tennis keeps rolling along

KENNETH ELLER

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Women's Tennis team moved on to 8-0 on the season with a win over Charlotte in the final home match until March 5. The Lady Tigers shut down the 49ers, 7-0; the team has never lost to Charlotte, holding a 4-0 record over the opposing team.

The 8-0 start for the Tigers is only the third time this has happened in school history.

Last Saturday, Clemson upset the No. 4 ranked Georgia Bulldogs in Athens, 4-3. The team trailed by 3-1, only to come back and win the next three singles matches to put away the win.

The win was the first win over a top-5 team on the road since April 9, 2006, in which the Tigers defeated North Carolina, 4-3; it was also only the fourth time in history Clemson defeated a top-5 team on the road.

Junior Laurianne Henry can be credited with the goahead win for Clemson, as she defeated Georgia's Naoko Ueshima. Henry won the first set in a tie break, but dropped the second, 6-1, only to win the third and final set, 6-3, providing the edge that led to a Clemson win.

The Lady Tigers did not fare so well in the doubles matches; Clemson won the first match, 8-6, but dropped the next two, 8-6, 8-3. At first, the Tigers' singles game did not look promising, as Clemson lost the first two; however, the team pushed through to win the next four matches to put the team ahead for the day.

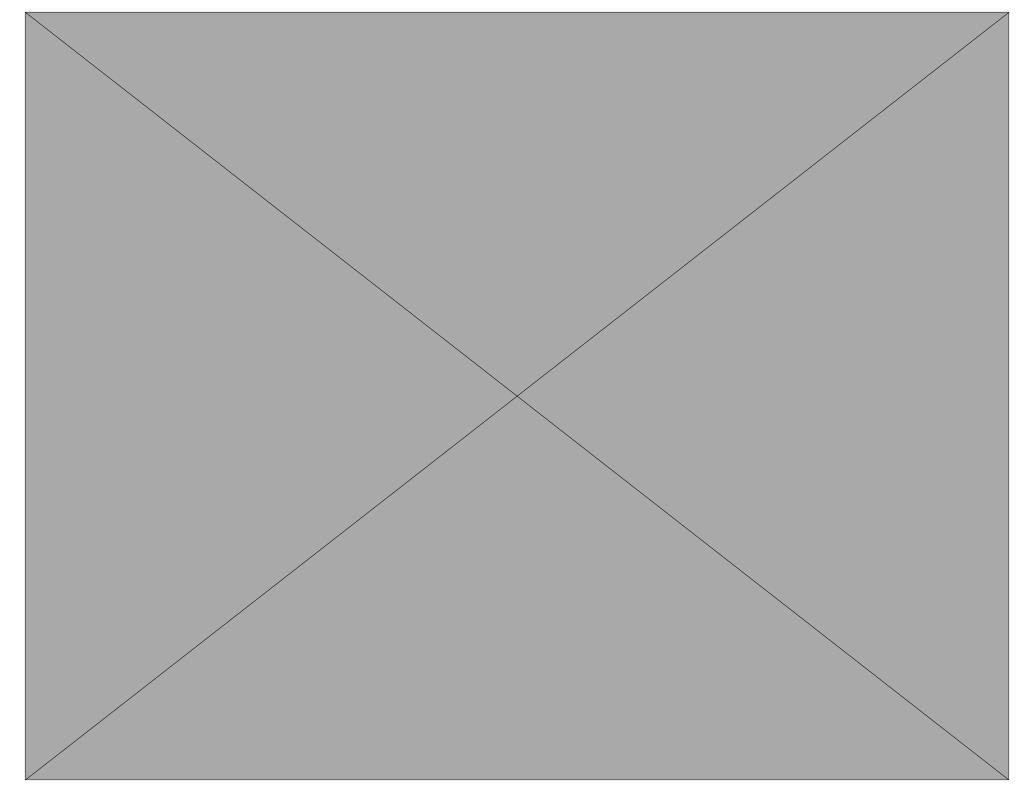
Georgia was the fifth ranked opponent the Tigers have faced, and taken down, this season.

Clemson went up against Charlotte on Tuesday and looked strong in every aspect of the game.

The Lady Tigers' doubles game was close to flawless against Charlotte; the three teams closed the matches with wins 8-3, 8-0 and 8-0. The team consisting of senior Estefania Balda and ACC Player of the Week Laurianne Henry moved to 3-0 on the season in doubles play, winning their match 8-0 against the Charlotte team.

The Tigers then moved on to singles play; the result was much the same. Clemson dominated every game, not letting an opposing player win more than four games in any set during the day. Ninth ranked sophomore Josipa Bek looked strong as well, winning her singles match 6-1, 6-0. Balda and sophomore Keri Wong both defeated their opponents, 8-0, to seal the win.

The next seven match-ups for the Tigers will all likely be ranked teams, starting today with Southern California in the ITA National Team Indoor Championships, held in Madison, Wis.



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Senior Trevor Booker pulls up for a shot during Wednesday night's win. Booker finished with 13 points.

by hitting four three-pointers, including Young's three-pointer at the buzzer to close out the half.

Devin Booker had a career night as well. While his brother was constantly getting swarmed by defenders every time he touched the ball inside, Devin always seemed to be in the right place, especially just over a minute into the second half when Trevor dished it off to his brother for a dunk, and a three-point play. Devin finished the game with 14 points, while surprisingly shooting 7-8 from the free throw line.

Three point shooting played a key role in this game as well. Clemson shot 40 percent from deep, to go along with 44 percent from the field, numbers which have not been seen for the last several

games while they have been in a shooting slump. The Tigers shot superbly as a team from the charity stripe during the game. Usually a weak point, Clemson managed to shoot just over 76 percent for the game.

At one point, Clemson extended its lead to 15 over the Seminoles, who shot a dismal 37-percent from the floor.

Having lost four of their last five ACC contests, the win over the Seminoles was a godsend for the Tigers who faced an even tougher task in reaching the NCAA tournament had they lost. With the loss, Florida State falls to 17-7 (5-5 ACC) on the year while the Tigers (17-7, 5-5 ACC) matched their record.

Clemson returns to action Saturday at noon in yet another must-win home game against the Miami Hurricanes.

Jackets sting Clemson

Despite Senior Lele Hardy's 13-point performance, Lady Tigers fall.

APRIL WADE

STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Lady Tigers fell to No. 21 Georgia Tech on Monday night despite the efforts of senior Lele Hardy, 68-53. The loss dropped Clemson 11-14 (2-6 ACC) in the season.

Despite the loss, Hardy continued her spectacular season. She finished the night with 13 points and seven steals. The seven steals brought her up to 6th place in all-time steals in the ACC. She now has 375 steals and she has increased her average to 3.52 steals per game.

Hardy also moved up to 7th overall in school history for scoring with 1,468 total points in her career. She also showed up on the boards with eight rebounds. Overall, she stands second in the ACC in rebounding, third in steals and eighth overall in scoring.

Hardy and the rest of her teammates' efforts were not enough to squash the Yellow Jackets. Each team ran pretty tight in the stat board. Each team had an equal 25 turnovers. Clemson just barely passed Georgia Tech with 38 rebounds compared to the Yellow Jackets' 37. The Lady Tigers were not able to take those turnovers and rebounds and add points to the board. Clemson's offense was abysmal as the Lady Tigers were only 8-29 and 2-4 outside the three-point line.

Georgia Tech was the eighth ranked opponent that Clemson has faced so far this season. At half-time, Georgia Tech held a lofty lead at 33-22. The Lady Tigers attempted to come back twice after half-time. They returned once early in the half to make it 37-30 but the Yellow Jackets just turned around and reburied Clemson once more with a 14-5 run. The second time Georgia Tech returned from a potential comeback was the end of the Tiger's momentum. They never returned any closer than nine for the rest of the night.

Fouls assisted in the defeat of the Lady Tigers. Clemson compiled 20 fouls giving the Yellow Jackets 14 of its 68 points in free throws alone. The Lady Tigers converted on 10 of their 12 free throws.

April Parker also contributed to the Lady Tigers' fight. She tallied 10 points, seven rebounds and one blocked shot. The team totaled eight blocked shots for the night. Lindsey Mason had three blocked shots and Hardy took out the final two. Kirstyn Wright was



Sophomore center Shaniqua Pauldo goes up against a Georgia Tech defender during Monday night's contest.

the next leading scorer for the Lady Tigers with seven points followed closely by Shaniqua Pauldo, who added six of her own.

Clemson will travel to take on nationally ranked Florida State for the second time on the road in Tallahassee, Fla. Thursday night. Clemson will stay on the road this weekend and take on Maryland Sunday afternoon before they return home next week to play Miami for a special breast cancer research awareness game where they will recognize those who are fighting and have defeated breast cancer. They will also be doing a special fundraiser by shooting free-throws for donations toward further research for the cure for breast cancer.

Clemson golf tees off spring season

ALEX URBAN

STAFF WRITER

In a solid start to the season, the Clemson golf team finished third in the Jacksonville Invitational played at the TPC Stadium Course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The Tigers finished one shot behind Wake Forest and eight shots behind East Tennessee State.

The tournament was held at the same course that the PGA Tour uses for the Players Championship; it is the home of the famed 17th island green hole that can be a mental challenge for even the best players in the world.

Ben Martin led the Tigers with a six-over 222 that was good enough for third overall. He finished four shots behind Brendan Gielow of Wake Forest. Martin was leading the tournament after a first round 71 but would fall victim to the weather conditions that kept scoring difficult.

Clemson actually held a fourshot lead at the end of the first round, mostly due to the stellar play of Martin and Corbin Mills, a talented freshman from Anderson.

Mills finished tied for fifth, just one shot back of Martin, while another freshman, Crawford Reeves, finished one shot behind him.

Players had to contend with high winds throughout the tournament at the famed Stadium Course, especially during the second round on Monday.

Martin was a finalist for the U.S. Amateur Championship this past year and will play in the Masters in April. He leads the Tigers into a season where they are expected to do very well. Despite the loss

of the talented Kyle Stanley to the pro ranks, Clemson returns a very talented team.

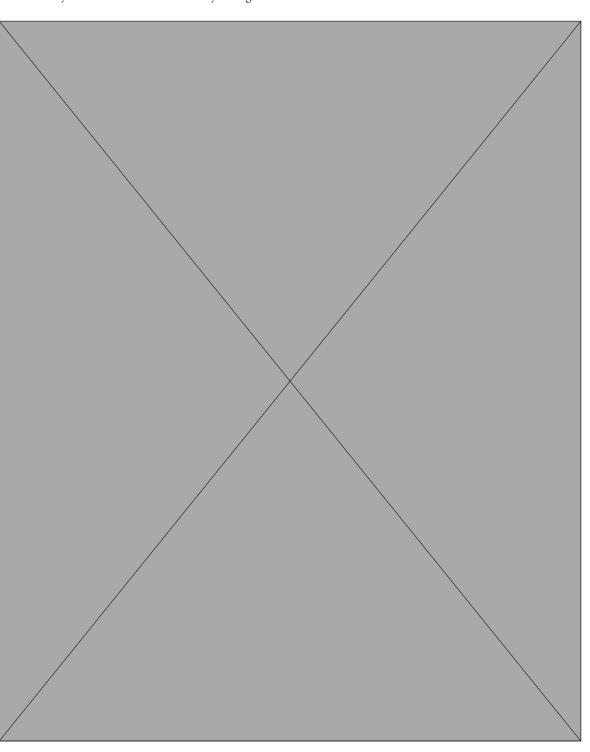
Along with Martin, Coach Larry Penley has recruited some extremely talented players. Along with freshman Mills and Reeves, Brewer Bradshaw (RS FR) is also expected to contribute to the young squad.

Bradshaw is the son of former South Carolina quarterback, Bill Bradshaw. Bradshaw recorded a hole-in-one and was the low scorer at the Cliffs at Keowee Springs in the teams' qualifying tournament for the Jacksonville Invitational.

While the Tigers were looking for a win in their first tournament, they still fought through tough wind conditions and started their season off well. The young players got experience for the rest of the season, and they will look to continue their momentum into the rest of the schedule.

East Tennessee State finished with a team score of 29-over par, edging the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest by seven strokes. Wake's Gielow won event with a two-over par with a 218 three-round performance. Charleston Southern's Kelvin Day was one stroke behind Gielow and finished the tournament with a total of 217.

The Tigers play at the Westin Rio Mar Classic in Puerto Rico from Feb. 21-23. Clemson will take another two weeks off after their trip to Puerto Rico before a slightly shorter trip to Aiken, S.C., for the USCA Cleveland Classic on March 8 and 9.



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both teams are in the Carolinas Rugby League, there is a separate trophy for the A and B squads within the conference.

Just doing well in conference play does not guarantee the Clemson rugby team a spot in the national tournament at the end of the season. To earn its rightful place with the rest of the top teams in the nation, Clemson's rugby squad will have to finish top in the conference just to make the tournament. Should the men's team find its way to the tournament, it will likely be matched up against the perennially top-10 program, Arkansas State.

Clemson's current roster is headed up by team captain and hooker, Tyler Mattler. Other notable players leading the team include junior Andrew Black at the prop position, senior Chris Guest playing number eight, senior Nolton O'Neal at second row and sophomore Ethan Picone at fly half. Nolton O'Neal and Ethan Picone were honored this past fall as the first recipients of Clemson Rugby's new scholarship program.

The rugby team currently has five games left in the season. According to the team captain, the most defining games of the season will come on the road against Appalachian State and South Carolina. Clemson played against Appalachian State on the road twice during the fall offseason, falling just short of beating one of the nation's top programs both times.

Since the fall, Appalachian State has lost some of its top players to graduation. This gives the Clemson squad higher hopes for the regular season. South Carolina is also a big threat to Clemson's hopes for the national tournament. The Tigers will square off against the Gamecocks in Columbia on March 5.



Rugby Captain Tyler Mattler will lead the team through the spring.

Clemson still has two more home games remaining. Thanks to yet another rainy weekend in Clemson, the match against North Carolina State that was supposed to be played on Feb. 6 was instead, rescheduled to March 12. The other, and possibly the biggest, remaining home game will be played against the University of North Carolina on Feb. 20.

While football may be far away from us, rugby season is upon us in its full brilliance. If you are sick of booth reviews, challenges, play clocks and timeouts, this may be the sport you have been looking for. If you want to see brutal hits without a single pad, rugby just might be your game.

So if you are interested in watching a sport that is more violent than baseball or basketball this time of year, come out for one of the games and help root on the Clemson Men's Rugby team.

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But Clemson seems to have fallen into being a middle-of-the-pack ACC team this season. Given where the program was, this is an accomplishment, but to achieve greater heights Clemson has room for improvement.

The biggest change must be in its offensive game. Clemson's half-court offense has not performed well over a sustained period for much of Purnell's tenure as coach. Elite teams pass the ball effectively, creating open shots in the half-court. Clemson's ball movement in the half-court is not at that level yet.

The Tigers also need to do a better job of getting the ball in the paint to Booker and Grant early in possessions. Purnell's best teams have used their inside game to set up outside shooting. This season, the Tigers have gone away from their inside game when they get an early lead.

The consequence is that Clemson has difficulty running

a smooth half-court offense and is reliant on forcing turnovers to score points. The press, however, has been less effective this season and for the second half of last season, particularly against good teams. Purnell has gone away from it more in recent games, but Clemson is at its best when the press creates fatigue and turnovers.

Some adjustments to the look of the press by Purnell could help reinvigorate the defense. It has become clear that opponents have made adjustments. Clemson should make them as well.

Some of the Tigers' problems are more mental issues. There is no reason that Clemson should continue to struggle so mightily at the free-throw line. The struggles are as much of a team mentality issue as anything else.

Clemson must develop a killer instinct in games where it has a lead. Elite teams don't let up the energy when they are ahead. The Tigers took this message to heart last season when they pounced on Duke in the opening minute in Littlejohn and never let up. But the follow-

ing week, they forgot the lesson when they blew a double-digit lead against Florida State. The problem re-emerged again this season in the Illinois and N.C. State games.

No team can perform perfectly in any of these areas, but small improvements make the difference. Between most of the teams in the ACC there is little separation in talent. The elite teams have the best players but they also excel at fundamental aspects of the game, like free-throw shooting and maintaining pressure on their opponent.

If Clemson can make these small improvements, improve its half-court set and make the press work effectively again, it can be an elite team. But breaking into the upper echelon is more difficult than becoming respectable. The process is long but it's possible for Clemson to be one of the top teams in the ACC.

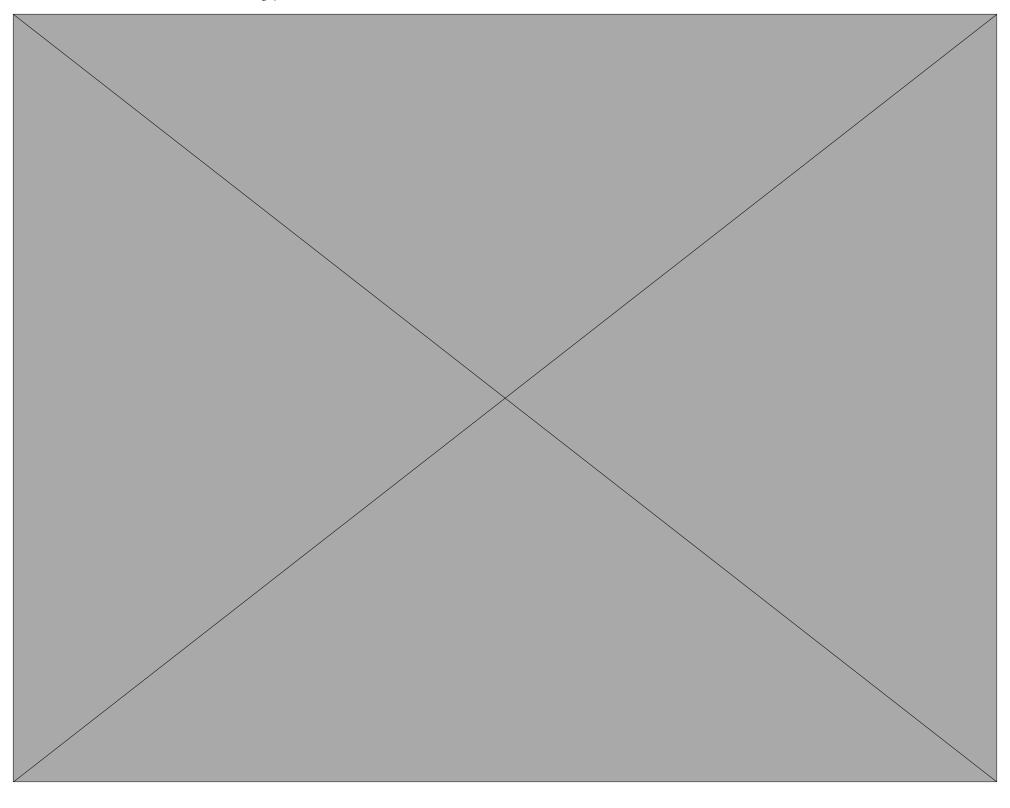
All that being said, perhaps the point of this column is that Clemson's basketball program has risen to the point where getting to the top is a relevant question.



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KATIE DUEEN

Score a culinary victory with your valentine.

Valentine's Day — two words that instantly conjure up images of chocolate, flowers, hearts, Cupid...and food. For many, it's a day to take your significant other to a fancy restaurant you don't eat at the other 364 days in the year, but for others it's a day to have a relaxing meal out with your loved one. As a result, I've picked out some restaurants in the Upstate for both upscale and laid-back diners to help you decide where you and your sweetheart should eat on this upcoming day of love.



First up on the upscale establishment list is Sullivan's, located in downtown Anderson. This is truly a place for the more adventurous in the culinary world. The food here is absolutely sensational, including grilled grouper with scallops and shrimp on a bed of rice and even bacon-wrapped quail over grits. Luckily, even though the main courses set the bar high, the desserts do not disappoint either. From carrot cake to peanut butter cake to chocolate chip cheesecake, the variety of desserts available will absolutely make your sweet tooth spin as you find a little something to finish off your meal. If Sullivan's is the place for you and your special someone, then make reservations as soon as possible as they are expecting a busy Valentine's Sunday crowd, especially since they're typically not open on Sundays.

Downtown Anderson www.sullivansmetrogrill.com

Pixie and Bill's (864) 654-1210

As an iconic culinary fixture in Clemson, this place can provide a classic Southern meal with an upscale twist. Anyone needing a shrimp and grits fix for Valentine's dinner would not be pleasantly surprised if they chose this fine dining establishment. With an extensive dinner menu, complete with a large range of appetizers, including delicious, cheesy spanakopeta, Pixie and Bill's has a reason for its positive reputation. Reservations are recommended for this restaurant as well. They are also very lunch-friendly if you decide to do an early celebration on Saturday.

Clemson www.tigergourmet.com

Larkin's..... (864) 467-9777

Located next to the Greenville's Peace Center and overlooking the Reedy River, this elegant establishment has much appeal for those people wanting an excellently cooked steak and a glass of wine chosen from an extensive wine list. Larkin's offers a three-course fixed price menu, as well as the typical a la Carte menu items. In honor of Valentine's Day (and the musical "Wicked" performing at the Peace Center), Larkin's is offering a "Wicked Valentine's Dinner" buffet for \$38.95 a person at certain times this Sunday. As with the previously mentioned restaurants, reservations for Larkin's are extremely important to making a romantic evening less stressful, particularly if you decide to partake in the buffet, which appears to be a popular choice for many people in the area.

Greenville www.larkinsontheriver.com



Brioso..... (864) 653-3800

A prime example of a more relaxed dining experience is Brioso, located in downtown Clemson. Featuring a unique yet welcoming décor while serving tasty food, Brioso is the favorite Italian place of many Clemsonites. The main highlight of the menu is the mix and match option of being able to select your pasta and sauce from several choices of each to create a dish specific to your tastes for around \$10 a plate. People seeking a relaxed atmosphere will appreciate the "come as you are" feel of Brioso. It's elegant without being overwhelming and makes any person comfortable with its warm and inviting feel.

Downtown Clemson www.briosopasta.com

Copper River Grill (864) 888-8788 - Seneca (864) 859-0086 - Easley

A second relaxed option is Copper River, with locations in both Easley and Seneca. This is another great option for those couples that can't live without steak and mashed potatoes. Each main course comes with a house or Caesar salad paired with a warm honey butter croissant that just absolutely melts in your mouth. Offering a wide variety on the menu, Copper River is truly a homey restaurant with a sophisticated feel, complete with a fireplace in the center of the Easley location. With prices for main courses ranging from about \$10 to \$20, there's something for every person's taste buds here at an affordable price without losing the romantic ambiance. This restaurant will be open on Valentine's Day, so those wanting to enjoy Sunday evening out can do so without breaking the bank.

Seneca & Easley www.copperrivergrill.com

Trio (864) 467-1000

Many restaurants typically closed on Sundays are remaining so this weekend, despite the fact that it is Valentine's Day. For those couples wishing to dine out on Saturday, there is another option in Trio: A Brick Oven Café. Found in the midst of downtown Greenville, Trio is special in that it features wood fired pizzas, along with uniquely combined calzones and salads. They also offer tons of sandwiches and pastas, many using goat cheese while others remain more traditional. As for the atmosphere of Trio, it's been said to be like a "short visit to Italy," complete with music, fresh bread with olive oil, and big portions. This is the place for you and your honey bunch to have a big variety of uniquely interpreted Italian food at your fingertips, and all for just a couple dollars.

Downtown Greenville www.triocafe.com

Whether you choose to make your Valentine's Day dinner dressier with more extravagant meal options or more hassle-free by going the day before to more reasonably priced restaurants, one things is sure: any of these choices will make a Valentine's Day culinary experience for you and your special someone to remember.

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Love day lament GREG BLANTON

here's no doubt in my mind that Valentine's Day is the worst holiday of the year. The naïve would argue that I'm a heartless pessimist, that Valentine's Day is all about love and romance and I must have neither in my life. Perhaps that's true, perhaps I don't have love and romance in my life, but I know I'm not alone.

I know there are plenty of you out there who will be alone, or at least without romance, this Sunday night. And you know what? That's just fine. Why should a person who has friends and family and a college education and happiness 364 days of the year feel especially bad on one day simply because it's supposed to promote lingerie and chocolate?

The fact of the matter is, Valentine's Day is hardly even about the virtues of love and passion. Next to Christmas, Valentine's is the second largest promoter of materialism and sexism among holidays. Think about it: any guy in a committed relationship out there knows that this Sunday is a big day for him. He knows that he's going to have to put on a good performance. He will have to see his little lady, and he will have to treat her as nicely as he and his wallet can manage: chocolate, roses, some jewelry and dinner

at a nice restaurant. Of course, this isn't the case with all couples but Valentine's Day would have us believe it should be.

And then there's the sexism. Valentine's Day is the perfect metaphor for the conventional romantic dynamic between a guy and a girl; the guy treats the girl and pays for everything, and the relationship is successful largely based on the girl's satisfaction. Think about the commercials you see on television or hear on the radio. There are all the advertisements for jewelry stores where a husband or boyfriend buys a new necklace or bracelet for a significant other. There are the raunchy advertisements directed at males to buy racy lingerie for their ladies. Where are the advertisements directed at females to give to males?

Christmas and Thanksgiving are all about family, and at least the vast majority of us have family to be with. St. Patrick's Day and Mardi Gras are all about partying, and there's nothing more democratic than excuses for partying. Valentine's Day is for the minority among us who are part of a couple, so the rest of us are left high and dry, and even then the whole promotion about love and red roses is just a charade; Valentine's Day is really all about men spending money and time to please their girls.

These may not be politically correct statements, but that's largely because Valentine's Day is definitely not a politically correct holiday. It's about time we reassessed the materialism and sexism that make Valentine's Day the worst holiday of the year.

It's about time men and women became equals in a couple; why should men generally be expected to pay for woman, and why on Valentine's Day should it be expected that the guy bestows bounties of gifts and kisses on the girl?

It's about time that Valentine's Day stopped being about gifts and material objects as signs of devotion; guys, if you're really truly passionate about your girl and want to show it, then you should be able to find a way other than money and jewelry as proof.

So this Valentine's Day take a stand. If you go out on a date, go dutch. If you feel the need to prove your love to one another, let's not depend on the vanity of money to do it. And lastly, if you're like me and will be spending an unromantic Valentine's Day alone, don't feel bad, because somewhere out there are too many guys and girls who think that love and commitment mean materialism and sexism, and we will pity them.

The boy

The boy shorts revolution

MOLLY CARPENTER

few days ago I found myself walking across the horseshoe. It was outside Smith Hall that I ran into two of my friends who eemed to be in quite a hurry. When asked he cause of their rush, they responded, We are headed to Victoria's Secret. Cosmo ust told us thongs were out and boy shorts are in." And that's when it hit me: the boy horts revolution was upon us — just in time for Valentine's Day.



about underwear than the girls who flaunt it? The only obvious answer: the boys who take it off. It became my mission to discover the true answer to one of life's most mystifying questions: what kind of underwear turns guys on the most? I headed downtown Clemson last Thursday on a bigger mission than promal. I had to find out the answer.

As I skimmed the crowd of Loose Change and 356, I began my search for the solution. I went up to guys and girls alike, asking them what was their preferred type of underwear in the bedroom (for the record, ladies, this is a fantastic pick-up line if you ever want to seem seductive, obvious and somewhat skanky). I found that more than one pattern emerged. First, when asked this question, all guys think they are hilarious when they respond "no underwear." After they chuckle and their buddies high five them for their outstanding wit, they start to ponder the question. And nine times out of ten, a smile crept across their face as one magical phrase escaped: "boy shorts."

When the issue was pressed further, words such as "lace," "black" and "cheeks," were common adjectives used to describe their favorite panties. When asked why boy shorts, over say the traditional thong, their answers were similar in this aspect as well. Generally, boy shorts were preferred because while they cover more than the thong, they are still sexier. There's something about seeing just half the cheeks, not the whole thing, that drives boys wild. A lot of guys stated that it leaves something to the imagination, and that the thought of taking them off, well, it just about drives you insane.

After gathering this vital information, I thought surely the girls will be up to speed about this desire....

Wrong. Just as the guys fell into a typical pattern with boy shorts, girls found themselves generally attracted to the same type of panty. However unlike the guys' primary response of "nothing," the girls wanted to know whether I was referring to underwear for class, the gym, sleeping or sleeping with someone. It just goes to show you what's on people's minds! But more importantly, when explained that this article was not even remotely concerned with the drawers you would choose for your gym time, almost every girl said thong. One stated, "Classic, sleek, doesn't leave too much to the imagination but at the same time seeing it doesn't automatically mean you're getting in it. It's mysterious but playful at the same time." If you didn't catch on, that's basically the same description guys gave for boy shorts.

genders are concerned with mystery, imagination and sex appeal. But, as with many issues when it comes to romance, it seems to be a clash of the titans. My only conclusion: if you really want to drive your man wild this Valentine's Day, then black, lacey, boy shorts are your best option. However, if you are really partial to your thong, then keep it on. Because, let's be honest ladies, if he's getting into them, he's not going to be too concerned with what he's taking off.



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Late Registration

Maymester — May 10, 2010 Summer I — May 17, 2010 Summer II — June 29, 2010 In the Feb. 5 issue, "Word on the Street" was written by Bekah Wilson. The map for this feature had incorrectly displayed the location of The Valley, which can be found at 500 Old Greenville Highway near Gold's Gym. TimeOut regrets these imperfections.

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- 1. Which fruit is also known as the "love apple?
- 2. According to myth, which Roman goddess is the mother of Cupid?
- 3. People in what profession traditionally receive the most Valentine's cards every year?
- 4. Valentine's Day evolved from what ancient Roman festival?
- 5. From what continent are the majority of roses imported to the United States?

RECIPE

Mediterranean Crescent Pinwheels Yield: 20 small pinwheels

1 can (8 oz) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls 1/2 lb cooked ham, thinly sliced

1 cup crumbled feta cheese 1/2 teaspoon pepper 1 TB olive oil 6 TB chopped fresh basil

- 1. Heat oven to 375°F. Separate crescent roll dough into four 8x5 rectangles and place on lightly floured surface.
- 2. Arrange 1/4 of ham slices evenly over each rectangle.
- 3. In small bowl, mix cheese, pepper and oil. Sprinkle mixture evenly over ham. Sprinkle with basil.
- 3. Roll up each rectangle starting at short side. Seal edges. With serrated knife, cut each roll into five slices. 4. Place, cut side up, on greased cookie sheets.
- 4. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve

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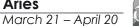
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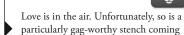
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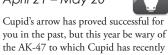




Taurus

April 21 – May 20

from under your bed.



upgraded. Gemini

May 21 – June 2



Console yourself this dateless Valentine's Day by eating copious amounts of conversation heart candies. There's nothing like spending as evening eating

Cancer

June 22 - July 22

colorful chalk by yourself!



You will be overcome by confusion, anger, suspicion and ultimately laughter when you discover the bizarre love triangle in which you're involved is really just an even more bizarre love circle

Leo

July 23 - Aug. 23



Upcoming events will have you regretting testing your mating call in Harcombe.

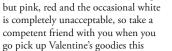
The stars would like to remind you of

vour severe colorblindness. Anything

Virgo

weekend.

Aug. 24 - Sept. 22



Libra Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Look forward to a call from a sweet, mature older woman this weekend. Just be prepared that said woman will most likely be your mother.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21



Though you may long for the tender touch of a significant other this weekend, don't expect to receive much more than a slap from your roommate who's figured out you're the one stealing all the food from the fridge.

Sagittarius

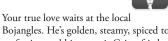
Nov. 22 - Dec. 2



Bears hibernate for months, so your impending decision to sleep through the hearts and rainbows and all that lovey stuff that abounds on Valentine's Day is not only possible, it's necessary in your

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19



Bojangles. He's golden, steamy, spiced to perfection and his name is Cajun fried chicken. Now go show him some love.

Aquarius

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Jan. 20 - Feb. 19



There's no such thing as Love Potion Number Nine. Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but you're going to need a

Pisces

weekend.

Feb. 20 - March 20

Celebrating Valentine's Day on Valentine's Day is so cliché. This year, pass on conformity, crowded restaurants and watching others take part in barely tolerable PDA and postpone the celebration until next

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REKAH WILSON

"Dear John" Feb. 5



Another novel by Nicholas Sparks has been adapted into a film full of romance, drama and shots of Channing Tatum shirtless. Like its predecessors, "The Notebook" and "A Walk to Remember," there is an "opposites attract" relationship between a Special Forces soldier on leave named John and sweet college girl Savannah. However, things inevitably fall apart when John reenlists after the Sept. 11 attacks. Back in Charleston, S.C., Savannah tires of waiting for John and makes a decision that viewers are sure to dislike. Although it is a cliché tearjerker, it does provide beautiful shots of Charleston. And of course, who wouldn't want to see Channing Tatum looking good and portraying the ideal man?

"Valentine's Day" Feb. 12



With a cast of more than 20 well-known names such as Taylor Swift and Ashton Kutcher, this romantic comedy is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Ironically, it opens Valentine's weekend. This movie portrays a diverse group of people living in Los Angeles as they steer through hookups and breakups all in one single Valentine's Day. Singles and couples experience budding romances and depressing heartaches while discovering the trouble in keeping, ending or finding a relationship on the holiday of love.

"From Paris With Love" Feb. 5



Don't let the title fool you. Unlike most movie genres viewed during this time of hearts, flowers, and candy this adventure film features Jonathan Rhys Meyers as a low-ranking intelligence operative working in the office of the U.S. Ambassador in France, and ready for an exciting career opportunity. His mission explodes when he ends up joining John Travolta who portrays a trigger-happy joke-cracking U.S. Agent. Together they work to prevent a terrorist attack in Paris, which Myers discovers he is actually part of its target. It has plenty of action and destruction, however its jokes are at the expense of women, minorities, Muslims and anyone who isn't the typical American.

"Crazy Heart" Dec. 16



This movie is the story of a man who once was a popular Country and Western star, who becomes a broken singer who has been through four marriages, been on the road for far too long, and had too many drinks. Played by Jeff Bridges, Bad Blake is a man with incredible talent, yet he is despised for his unattractive personality. His situation improves when he meets a young journalist named Jean, played by Maggie Gyllenhaal. As they get to know each other throughout the film, she discovers the true man behind the mask of the musician. While trying to rekindle his career, Bad Blake finds hardships on the road of redemption and sees how tough life is on his crazy heart.

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facts to know about
Valentine's Day

KATHERINE CWATHWOOD

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and in honor of that holiday of chocolate and roses, here are some fun facts to keep on hand to potentially impress that special someone.

The very first Hallmark valentine was issued in 1913. Now Hallmark offers 1,330 different kinds of Valentine cards for the enjoyment of customers worldwide. One can find Valentine's cards for all ages and cards that range from humorous to amorous (not to mention the myriads of different kinds of simple one-fold valentines that we all remember from childhood, ranging from cute baby animals to superheroes to Harry Potter).

More than 50 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are bought in the last six days before the actual holiday. This serves as another testament to the procrastination of our culture, a la the scramble to buy last minute gifts in the days right before Christmas. Adding to the theme of "unpreparedness," 64 percent of American men do not plan ahead for any special Valentine's Day activities.

The phrase "sweets for the sweet" comes from the play "Hamlet," Act 5, Scene 1. However, the quote, which is spoken by Hamlet's mother, the Queen, does not refer to candy or cookies. The Queen is actually scattering flowers over the grave of Ophelia, Hamlet's former love. While this is certainly not the most romantic of origins, this phrase nevertheless carries a much more positive meaning today.

Fifteen percent of women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day. This gives new meaning to the phrase "Singles Awareness Day," as one imagines the thousands of women who can't bear the idea of not receiving anything on Valentine's Day, and thus take matters into their own hands. It also brings to mind even those lucky ladies who have a boyfriend or husband, but fear that he perhaps will not remember to send flowers. Women also buy 85 percent of all Valentine's Day cards. Really, guys, this has gone far enough! It's time to step up to the plate and buy those cards, flowers and chocolates for your girlfriend so she doesn't have to do it for herself.

More than nine million pet owners will buy presents for their pets this Valentine's Day. Yes, you had better believe it. Millions of dogs and cats (and who knows what else) will be the lucky recipients of such wonderful things as heart-shaped dog treats and red and pink chew toys. One only hopes that these same owners will resist the temptation to dress their faithful pet in a Cupid costume.





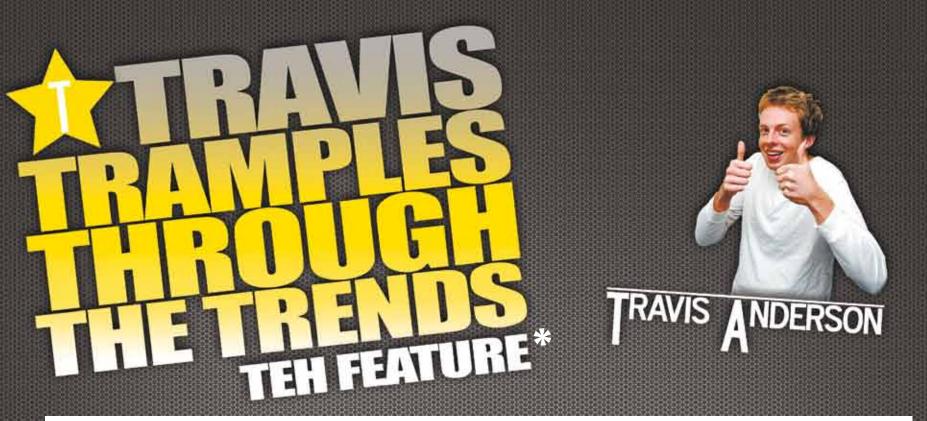




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WELCOME TO THE SOCIAL

ell we've spent a good time trampling through the trends: Clemson's poor fashion taste, texting fervor, social eating, pointless speech, vampire fetish, unhip hipsters, the complaining virus, the walk of fame, awkward avoidance, humorless sarcasm, the consciousness of pronunciation, "Jersey Shore" and the most recent, the mouthful that is: apathy during adequate complacency and sipid advocacy during tragedy. While these are not what people would immediately consider "trends" they are the most important to understand; these social trends that alter our way of life. These trends at the basis promote self-realization, which is why I believe that MTV is a strong follower of this column because it finally decided to remove the term "music television" from its logo.

However, I have no idea what to trample this week.



Please punch this guy in the face.

So I'll do the usual Facebook procrastination that is creeping and stalking (hey, ladies), browse the Internet for funny pictures, watch episodes of "Greek," check twitter to see what's up with Kristen Bell (all the other tweeters are overrated) and end up back at Facebook....

I guess it's time to trample my own addictions: down with Internet social networks! They drain our souls. Miley Cyrus realized this and made a rap the day after she tragically abandoned Twitter: "I stopped living for moments and started living for people. Yeah, you write what you're doing but who really cares if I'm playing with so what or just doing my hair." We could all learn from her experience.

I like to compare the present college society to that of the past. I realize that we have it so much easier,

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...down with Internet social networks! They drain our souls.

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because we have to spend so much less time obtaining information and communicating since the Internet. We are a greater generation!

Well, then you take in the vast amount of entertainment that computers and the Internet have brought in you realize... the time we save from technology is reinvested into entertainment through such devils as Facebook and Hulu. So we may not be a greater generation, just more entertained. We throw away all of that time efficiency



There is no 12-step program for deactivating your account, especially when Facebook says your friends will miss you when you go to kill your Facebook self.

by checking in on and keeping up with Facebook and Twitter. Indeed, I am checking in on my own Facebook every other second to witness the drama development of my new "open relationship." (That's right...open!) It gets better because just below birthdays, Facebook alerts me that today is our anniversary. Thank you for being so resourceful Facebook, how would I maintain meaningful relationships without you! Can you please show me where the g-spot is! Facebook suggests: "No

I do not have nor allow any pictures of such a thing, I recommend you Google it."

Of course people are aware of the time drain that is the Internet because of such sites like Facebook. That's why some people are taking part in a "No Facebook February" or giving it up for Lent. In an interview with the man who started the "No Facebook February" push in Clemson, it was said that... oh wait, I didn't know how to contact him outside Facebook.

Either way, it is a sin we enjoy too much to sacrifice, like gluttony. The "No Facebook February" Facebook group is evidence, considering 698 Facebookers are still members of the group (meaning they did not deactivate their account and get removed from the group), but it still shows people support the idea (just not actually following through with it...).

I remember an interviewee speaking about his book he was promoting titled something like "7 Easy Ways to Save Money," and one of his tips was "stop using your cell phones" because people can spend \$1200 a year on subscription services, and because 20 years ago, people functioned without cell phones. Great logic there, dude. Anyway, the point is that we've grown accustomed to Internet social networking, so we're inevitably trapped. But it's not so bad! We can celebrate the totally pointless farms that we have going!



"If I don't get online weeds will grow!"

I am definitely not going to implore you to quit social network sites; it's equivalent to suicide. I implore you instead to spend 24 hours straight on the Internet. I really have no good reason to suggest it. It's just for kicks.



Facebook – It's good for hearing from friends who don't want to talk to you and ignoring friends who want to talk to you.



Google Buzz – Google, what are you doing here? You don't even belong here.



Justin Bieber - ... what?



Twitter – "Hello? Is anybody there? Someone please answer me... It's very cold and all I can hear are screams. Please! Help! I fear Candlejack will come an—"



Safe Sex – Drop the rubber and feel the lover.



Complex Equations - $(RAH)^2(AH)^3 + [ROMA (1+MA)] + (GA)^2 + (OOH) (LA)^2$ - Leave it to Lady Gaga to make math sexy.



Leggings with pea coats and Uggs – Hey, don't hate on the form fitting tights, I like dem curves.



Flannel – No type of clothing needs holidays dedicated to it.



Smurf's – No one saw the comeback, but then came James Cameron.

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What is a street team you ask yourself? We are the group of people that are responsible for promoting and advertising the show in any way possible. The marketing team is the most diverse crew within TPP because of the variety of endless work opportunities. Have you seen the giant bread truck blasting music and driving around promoting events on campus? If you join Street Team, that could be YOU getting paid to drive around blaring music, and letting everyone know about the shows Blues Brothers style from the truck's amazing sound system!

Street Team is also responsible for all of the flyers hanging around campus and surrounding areas promoting upcoming events. How easy is it to take some flyers with you, post them on the bulletin boards in different buildings on your way to class, and then get paid for it? Sounds like a great job to me! If you have a creative and innovative mind, then TigerPaw Productions would love to have you join the Street Team.

We are continuously seeking new ideas and ways to promote the shows. If you're searching for a job that offers unlimited work opportunities and one that sets no boundaries then street team is the job for you! If the Street Team or any of the other fantastic opportunities that TigerPaw Productions has to offer grabs your attention, then come on out to our Spring interest meetings on February 16th and 17th at 7 p.m. at Littlejohn Coliseum to learn more!

Lauren Barbour Street Team Director













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