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Drinking rates hold steady despite task force

Statistics show student drug and alcohol use remains above national average.

CAROLINE STONE
Assistant News Editor

The University is no longer the number two party school according to the Princeton Review's 351 Best Colleges; in fact, the ranking dropped this year to No. 16 overall. But have drinking and drug use actually decreased?

Clemson Outdoor Recreation and Education's (CORE) 2003 Alcohol and Drug Survey evidences that since 2000, drinking and drug use rates have remained steady with only slight variations.

The CORE statistics show that in 2000, 56 percent of students reported having had at least five drinks in the past week; in 2003 that percentage dropped to 55. However, in 2003 the national percentage of college students who reported heavy episodic drinking was 42. Additionally, the percentage of University students who reported abstaining from alcohol was on par with the national average of 17.

While University students' use of illegal drugs such as ecstasy and sedatives was relatively low, with rates at one and two percent, respectively, 17

percent of students reported having used marijuana in 2003.

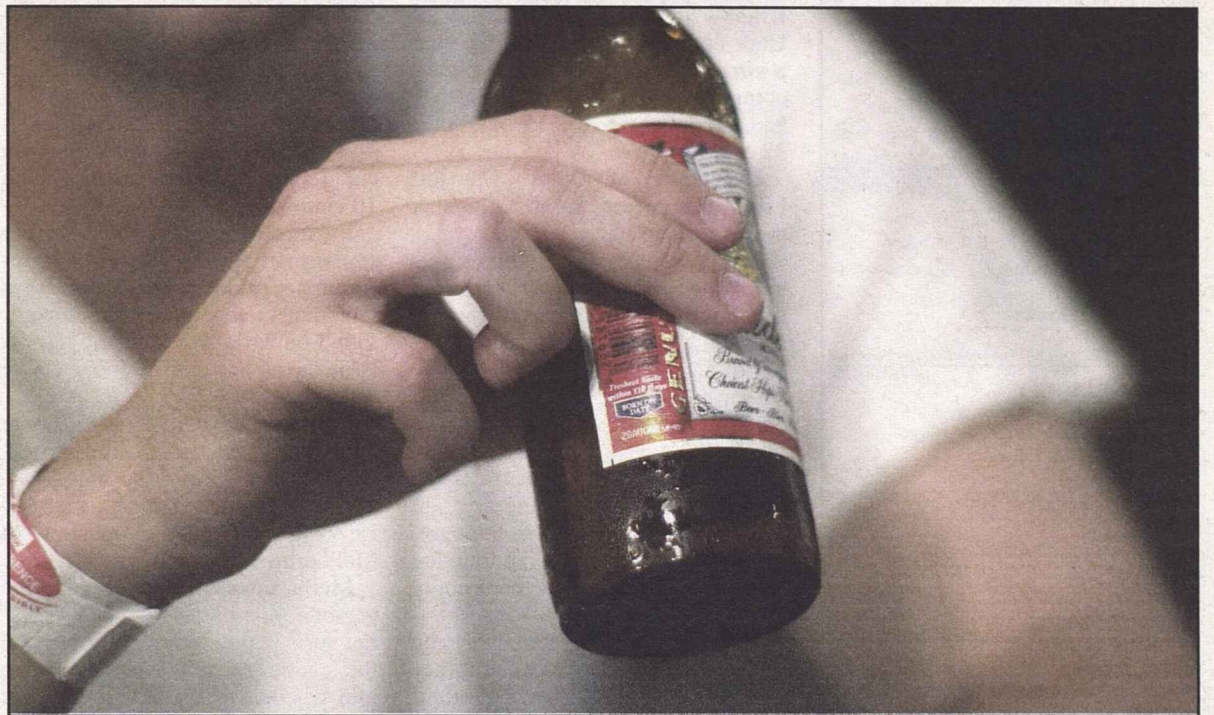
In 2001, the Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force (AODTF) was formed in response to statistics that showed the University had drinking rates that "substantially exceeded national averages," according to George Clay, executive director of student health services and co-chair of AODTF.

According to Clay, the task force's goal is to "reduce the rates of high risk drinking, other drug use and associated negative impacts to below national averages."

According to the CORE statistics, students' alcohol and drug use resulted in multiple "problematic experiences" in 2003 including missing class, memory loss, poor test performance and driving under the influence.

The task force includes students, faculty, staff, law enforcement, tavern owners, community representatives and local prevention agency members who meet monthly during the academic year. The strategic plan that the task force has developed is based upon a "comprehensive prevention and intervention strategy."

He also explained that the "essential elements" of this strategy include creating a health-promoting normative environment, promoting drug-free alternatives for students, limiting alcohol availability, developing and



BUD FOR BUZZ: Task force utilizes participation between students, faculty, staff, local law enforcement and business owners to combat alcohol and drug use.

enforcing policies and laws and restricting the marketing of alcoholic beverages in and around campus.

Clay noted that one tactic the task force utilizes is Social Norms Marketing (SNM). Social norms are societal beliefs about behaviors which

are considered normal. The tactic functions on the principle that people will act upon their perceptions of normal behavior and that oftentimes college students over-estimate the alcohol and drug use by their peers.

Clay noted that the AODTF has

identified "such misperceptions as one key area of focus."

This approach recently received increased attention after a Harvard study, published in the July issue of

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Proposal threatens ecosystem



STACY BROGAN staff photographer

DAM UNSURE: Chemicals released by local plant could enter Lake Hartwell if two Twelve Mile Creek dams are removed.

Dam removal would benefit boaters but could introduce toxins into lake.

COREY GREENE
Staff Writer

Pickens County residents face a two-edged sword on Twelve Mile Creek, where a proposal to remove two dams would restore a white-water gorge, but could also release cancer-causing PCBs into one of Lake Hartwell's water sources.

Negotiations are currently underway to iron out the proposal.

All settlement discussions are conducted behind closed doors and have limited input from the citizens of Pickens County. Among the discussions are the creation of

improved flow of sediment into Hartwell.

"The requirement is to get clean sediment into Lake Hartwell. The problem with this is these little dams. The proposal looks to ultimately remove two of the dams," said Dyck.

Removal of the dams would open up a two-mile stretch of whitewater, giving boaters an uninterrupted five-mile stretch to Lake Hartwell.

Between 1955 and 1977, approximately 400,000 pounds of PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, were discharged into Town Creek at the former Sangamo Weston Inc. plant in Pickens. The PCBs then flowed into the Twelve Mile Creek and downstream to Lake Hartwell. The situation was later designated as a Superfund clean-up site after PCBs were linked to cancer, stomach ailments and liver damage.

Twelve Mile Creek and Lake Hartwell receive EPA Superfund Site designations as a result of PCB contamination arising from the manufacture of capacitors at the Sangamo Plant near Pickens (Sangamo was purchased by Schlumberger and is designated the responsible company).

PCBs are oily materials that bioaccumulate into lipids of living organisms and work their way up through the food chain (i.e. from bacteria to fish to humans). PCBs cause liver damage and are carcinogens to humans.

An advisory is already in effect warning citizens not to eat certain

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White substance excites FBI, SLED intervention

Downtown post office closes briefly after baby powder found in letter.

DANIEL LOWREY
News Editor

The white substance that forced a brief closing of the Clemson city post office Saturday has been identified as baby powder, Clemson Police Chief Jimmy Dixon said this week.

According to Dixon, FBI and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) investigators in Columbia tested the powder and concluded that it posed no threat.

"A gentleman who was infatuated with someone here in the city

of Clemson had mailed her a card and was trying to be romantic," said Dixon.

"It was very much an accident," Dixon added that representatives from the post office and the Joint Terrorism Task Force had spoken with the letter's originator.

"We have not been able to determine any malicious intent," he said. A postal worker noticed the powder at approximately 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Dixon said that after authorities secured the package and a postal inspector gave the workers a safety briefing, the post office reopened at about 9:30 a.m.

"We had done a preliminary threat assessment Saturday and nothing

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DAVID KALK photo editor

YOU'VE GOT MAIL: A letter's romantic flourish caused stirred excitement at the city post office last week.

TIMEOUT

311 give students a mid-week break to rock hard and party down at Littlejohn Coliseum.

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One nation under God? Separation of church and state a hot topic once again.

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SPORTS

The Tiger overviews this year's ACC basketball action as Clemson prepares for its opener.

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Clemson weekend forecast

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
65° 45°	60° 35°	58° 45°

this forecast courtesy of the National Weather Service

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Utah librarian fights child porno charges

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Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) — Eighteen minutes online could get former University of Utah library employee Ralph Kranz 150 years in jail.

On Sept. 4, the former documents librarian and an employee at the library for the past 21 years, visited what investigators classify as child pornography sites.

On Sept. 8, technicians discovered the files in the cache folder of Kranz's state owned University of Utah computer while dealing with a virus that had affected the library computer network. The files each had a time stamp of 3:15 p.m. to 3:33 p.m.

University of Utah's Marriott Library Director Sarah Michalak then notified police.

Kranz waived his Miranda rights to tell the investigating officer, Utah Detective Mike McPharlin, that he was conducting research to see how easily accessible and available the sites were. Kranz said "he had not entered any sites," according to McPharlin's written report.

Regardless, according to Utah Assistant Attorney General Paul Amann, the prosecutor in the case, Kranz's explanation of conducting research is "an excuse commonly used."

Wayne Peay, director of the Eccles Health Sciences Library says, "Ralph would know you don't go into this kind of information

casually." Peay says in order to conduct research in this area, "you would make sure you were advising your supervisor."

Conversely, Jack Ford, spokesman for the Utah Department of Corrections, says the case "comes as a surprise to me."

"I'm surprised there is a state law that says you can't look at something," says Ford. "If you're not the one taking pictures, putting the Web site out, trafficking it, it's real hard to make a case."

Because people who view, traffic in or create child pornography images are all prosecuted under the same statute, Kranz faces up to 15 years for each count. Each different child pictured constitutes one count and Kranz has been charged with 10 counts.

Prosecutor Amann, who is also a spokesman for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, says that due to the number of images found on Kranz's computer, "Kranz is at the upper end of folks we've seen."

When asked why Kranz's home computer was not confiscated, Amann says "there's so much evidence that it doesn't matter." He also referred the question to McPharlin.

McPharlin says that obtaining the personal computer would be crossing jurisdiction lines. "It's beyond the scope of this case to probe into whether or not he's doing it at home."

McPharlin says there was no evidence that the files were being moved from Kranz's office computer. "I was not able to find any place on the suspect computer where the picture files were being separately stored," McPharlin wrote in his report.

Rather than arresting him immediately, McPharlin gave Kranz a week to arrange for a surrender. McPharlin says he did this to avoid arresting Kranz in front of neighbors and to avoid a potentially embarrassing situation. "The arrest is simply a method of ensuring this individual will appear in court and answer to the charges."

McPharlin says Kranz "is not a flight risk," and says "there is no reason to believe he's going to run away."

"He's been cooperative from the beginning," McPharlin says. When asked to comment on Kranz's termination, Michalak, Marriott Library director, says, "I think there is a situation of trust. I remain confidential about matters regarding personal lives that are confidential."

Michalak adds she had notified library employees that the charges, which were filed on Oct. 27, had been pressed against Kranz.

Michalak says, "I read from the formal charges" during a staff meeting attended by "more than 100 people."

University spokeswoman Coralie Alder confirms Kranz is "no longer employed" at Utah, but says that

exact details of his termination will remain confidential.

A representative from Human Resources says generally a person charged with a crime "would have to be convicted" before employment could be terminated, but also says charges such as Kranz's are "very serious" and could allow for an exception in policy.

Alder did not reply with information on Utah termination procedures.

Stephen Hess, the school's associate vice president for information technology, says Utah can let people know it is a felony to download child pornography to try to prevent the occurrence. However, Hess says "We don't monitor content on machines. We don't want to violate privacy."

Hess also says that the files on Kranz's computer were "discovered inadvertently."

"What people do on their machines is their business, generally speaking."

Kranz arranged for a surrender through Pre-Trial Services, an agency which gives clients the option of pre-trial supervision rather than posting bail.

Jim Kirkman, a court screener for the group, says that after results from an evaluation on Kranz are obtained, an initial court appearance would be scheduled.

Kirkman says the arraignment could take place as soon as early this week.

Study says diversity preempts campus binge drinking

ALEX BALISTRERI

The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) — Campuses that are not racially diverse foster a significant increase in student binge drinking, according to a study appearing in the American Journal of Public Health's November issue.

Henry Wechsler, principal investigator of the study and director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, said he could not reveal whether the study was conducted at University of Wisconsin-Madison, but noted it surveyed alcohol use at 114 predominately white colleges across the nation and included 52,312 students in its scope.

The study used data collected since 1993 and found two major

results: Young white men have the highest binge drinking rates among demographic groups and binge drinking decreases significantly in racially diverse environments.

"Diversity offers other models for behavior, for partying, for recreation," Wechsler explained. "Incoming students who had not been binge drinkers in high school were less likely to take up binge drinking if they came onto a more diverse campus. If they went to a less diverse campus their odds of binge drinking were greater."

UW Clinical Professor of Social Work Beverly Flanigan considers the results of the study valid and pointed to statistics showing black men drink less than white men. Flanigan said blacks' religious and historical tradition of drinking alcohol only at important life events may contribute to their

lower rates of binge drinking.

In addition, the study found young males in particular were the single largest contributors to drinking, "to facilitate social interaction with young women," according to Flanigan.

"Guys, I feel, in their nature, have a history of excess and, you know, it kind of comes with the stereotype 'I'm a man, I'm a big strong guy, I can do whatever'," said Interfraternity Council Vice President of Risk Management Phil Jaynes.

The almost homogeneous concentration of young, white males in fraternities is a significant reason they have the highest binge drinking rates of any group on campus, according to Wechsler.

Jaynes disputed these claims, saying that they exaggerated the view of fraternities as institutions

of drinking.

"By just saying you're (in a fraternity) to drink, that is not there at all. A lot of men that come to college are part of a group ... and I think a fraternity helps bolster that friendship and inner camaraderie-ship," Jaynes said.

He agreed, however, that pack mentality, especially among freshmen men, leads to increased rates of binge drinking.

Wechsler outlined a number of policies the university could adopt to help lower these rates, including curbing the "exclusive concentration of people in housing arrangements, for example, freshman dorms."

"They might also want to think about the admissions process ... to get a more diverse campus both with respect to age and race," Wechsler said.

Around the World

Washington D.C. - President Bush signed a bill on Wednesday banning the procedure referred to as "partial birth abortion," a process doctors call intact dilation and extraction. The operation is sometimes used to terminate pregnancies after the first trimester. Bush said the bill would benefit the unborn, "innocent child."

South Africa, Africa - Informant Johannes Smit testified this week against a band of white militants known as the Boeremag who plotted early last year to topple the government by blowing up power stations around four military bases and executing anyone at the bases who resisted the takeover. Twenty-two South Africans are charged in the coup.

Xian, China - University students took to the streets on Saturday, shouting anti-Japanese slogans and carrying banners after several Japanese exchange students performed a risqué skit before a student audience. Some students and school administrators saw the presentation as innocent, if in poor taste, but many fancied the skit an insult to China.

Athens, Greece - Striking teachers dealt with riot squads Wednesday as more than 1,200 educators tried to enter the Education Ministry to demand higher wages. Doctors, ambulance drivers, lawyers and ferry workers also walked off the job.

Numbers in the News

289,000,000
dollars allocated this week by the Senate to President Bush's global AIDS initiative.

936
hours until the greatest film trilogy of all time climaxes with the release of Lord of the Rings: Return of the King.

254.23
minutes in which 34 year-old SEAN "P Diddy" Combs completed the New York City Marathon, raising 2.85 million dollars for charity and receiving USA Track and Field's Athlete of the Week award.

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age of a girl who was handing out Ecstasy pills, cocaine and heroin packed in aluminum foil to classmates. The police arrested the girl's three brothers, aged 16-21.

Academic panel evaluates honor code

Students lead discussions on incidence of academic dishonesty on campus.

ISAIAH TRILLO
Staff Writer

Tuesday, the student senate committee on academic affairs hosted a forum on academic integrity. Organized by vice chair Richard Hartke and paneled by six students, the forum was a follow-up to a survey administered during the spring to research student opinion on the current academic integrity policy. The forum served as a way to gauge current student opinion and to raise awareness of cheating in general.

The University's academic integrity policy has come under review in the past year. The majority of major universities in the United States use one of two kinds of an honor code, traditional or modified. One of the most well known cases of a traditional honor code is the University of Virginia, where professors leave during exams and tests, as all students are trusted and bound by the honor code to which they agree.

Students in traditional honor code

programs often play a large role in the judicial system that addresses allegations of academic dishonesty. A school with a modified honor code does not have unsupervised tests but does stress very strongly academic integrity and its students sign an honor statement before every assignment. Clemson is still early in the stages of looking at its policy, and according to Drew Land, chair of the academic affairs committee, the necessity of an actual change is still uncertain.

At the forum, students debated aspects of integrity, what effect, if any, a change in policy would have, and how and why cheating happens. Many present were unsure that cheating is even a problem. However, according to a recent survey of 21 schools conducted by Donald McCabe, the leading researcher on academic integrity and a professor at Rutgers University, cheating is more of a problem than many realize.

McCabe's findings indicate that students often do not think that certain forms of cheating are serious. For instance, only 79 percent felt that copying from another student on a test was serious, with 69 percent feeling the same way about plagiarism.

Most notable was McCabe's find-

ing that schools with an honor code, whether traditional or modified, are less likely to experience cheating. According to the survey, there is a 12 percent increase in cheating on tests between schools with a modified honor code and those without, and a six percent increase of cheating on other types of written work. The margin is even larger between schools with a traditional honor code and ones without. McCabe also found a small, but statistically significant, difference in cheating among the sexes; male students are four percent more likely to cheat than female students.

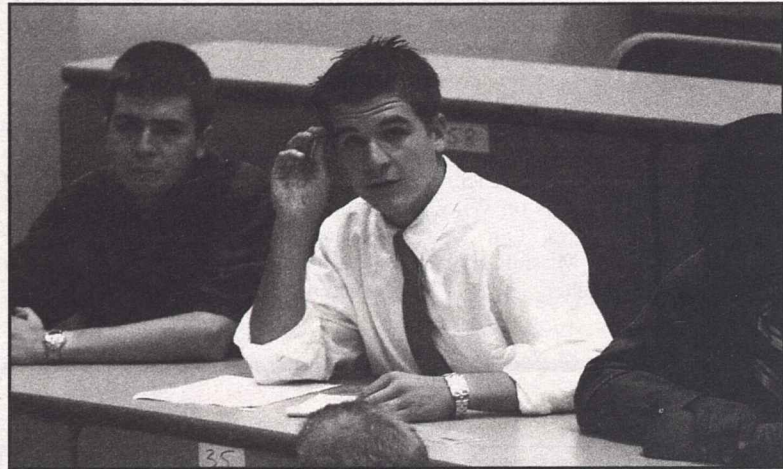
The forum's attendees debated the relevance of McCabe's findings for Clemson. According to some, cheating will always be a problem in society. But does that mean nothing should be done to stop it?

Many students felt that cheating did not directly affect them. Meanwhile, professors often must change their curriculum to plan for instances of cheating and are now required to do more work, such as checking papers against a database for plagiarism.

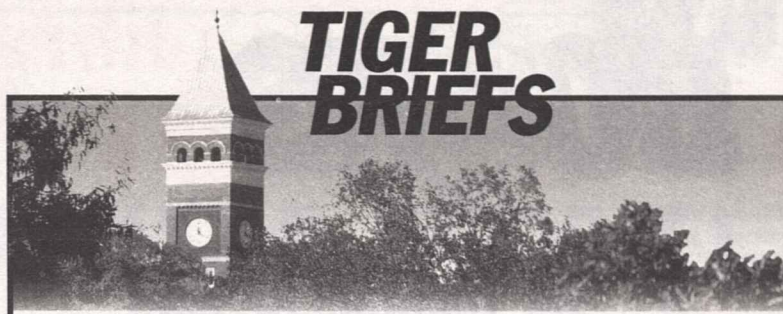
In the long run, it was argued, the degree a student earns from Clemson University may be worth less because of cheating, as employers may form a negative opinion of Clemson graduates as a result.

Students also expressed misgivings over their role in an honor system. Traditionally, a student faces the same consequences as a cheater if he witnesses that person cheating and does not turn them in. Many, though, felt they would be unable to turn in a fellow student.

According to one student, society has ingrained in us the desire not to be the "tattle-tale," and students are unsure if they should be responsible for the actions of other students. It is clear that academic integrity is an important issue on campuses across the nation, and students can feel better knowing that the University is working to give its graduates the best degree possible.



DECISIONS, DECISIONS: Members of student government contemplate the severity of cheating and the necessity of preventative measures.



Researching breast cancer

A Clemson University scientist has received federal funding to pursue a promising line of research for a way to prevent breast cancer.

Wen Y. Chen, associate professor of the department of biological sciences, has received a two-year grant from National Institutes of Health to further his research on stopping breast cancer cells from developing. The grant totals \$73,500 for the first funding year.

"We are excited with this small two-year NIH grant since it signals that we are on the right track," said Chen. "In the past five years, we have focused on developing a potential treatment for breast cancer. It's waiting for FDA approval for initiation of clinical trials. The NIH grant is to support our idea of testing whether the same approach can be used as a breast cancer preventive agent."

S.C. schools improve — slowly

Report cards show that South Carolina schools continue to get better, but that improvement isn't happening fast enough to meet rising state and federal standards.

Eighty-two percent of the state's 1,100 public schools were rated excellent, good or average, according to numbers released Wednesday by

the Education Department and the Education Oversight Committee.

That's up slightly from last year, when 80 percent of schools were rated above average. Seventy-six percent of schools were rated above average in 2000 when state ratings first began.

But more schools received an unsatisfactory grade for their rate of improvement. That number increased to 43.2 percent from 26.6 percent last year.

Wilkinson worked tirelessly to improve Clemson

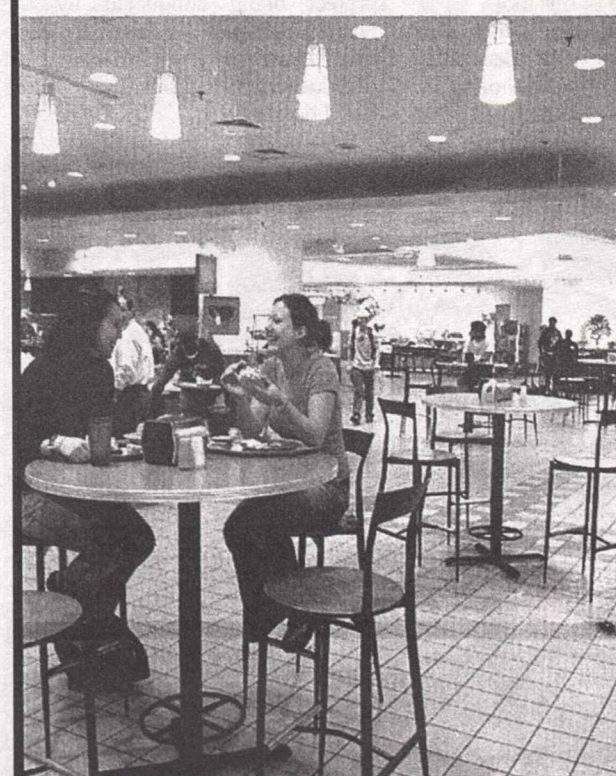
Retired biological sciences professor Ross Wilkinson died Oct. 23 while visiting his daughter in Lakeville, Minn. Wilkinson served as interim associate provost prior to his June retirement. Wilkinson is survived by his wife, Judy Wilkinson, who also retired in June. She was director of recruitment and retention for the college of engineering and science.

Dining and vending coordinator loses cancer battle

Stanley Guinn, former University dining and vending coordinator, died the morning of Oct. 30. Guinn was undergoing treatment for cancer when he retired in August after 13 years of service to Clemson.

Have you heard about the Newly Renovated

HARCOMBE?



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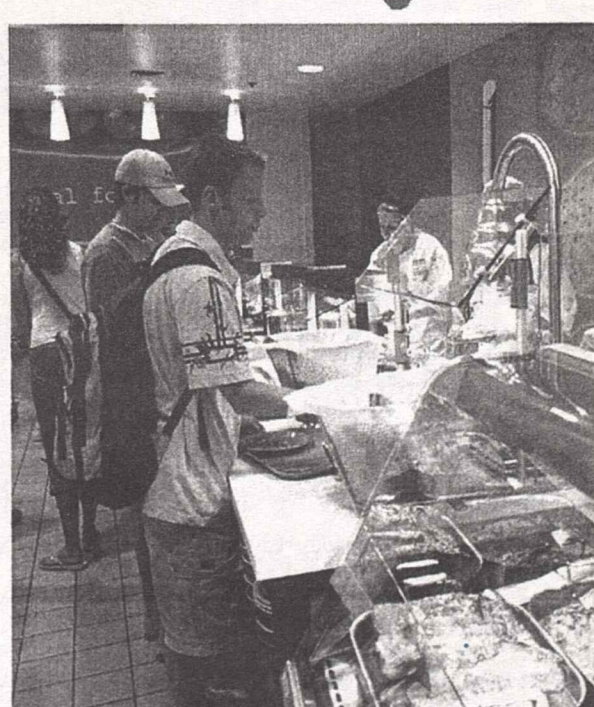
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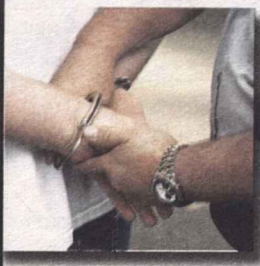
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IN THE BOOKS



Campus Arrests



The following are arrests that were made by the Clemson University police department from Thursday, October 30 to Wednesday, November 5.

October 31

1:57 a.m., Michael Burke, DUI, Cherry Rd., officer: Felton

November 1

2:12 a.m., Jessica Dey, public disorderly conduct, possession of fake ID, Mell Hall, officer: Lyle

2:12 a.m., Tyler Lumsden, public disorderly conduct, possession of fake ID, Mell Hall, officer: Hughey

November 4

9: 52 p.m., John Gordon, simple possession of marijuana, Littlejohn, officer: Hogue

11:02 p.m., Christine Hallett, simple possession of marijuana, public disorderly conduct, Littlejohn, officer: Lyle

November 5

2:06 a.m., James Fox, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Hwy. 93, officer: Owen

Fire & Rescue



The following calls were among those that the Clemson University fire department responded to from Thursday, October 30 to Wednesday, November 5.

October 30

8:42 a.m., fire alarm, Holtzendorf

October 31

2:53 a.m., motor vehicle accident, R-1

12:15 p.m., fire alarm, Simplex

November 1

3:33 p.m., fire alarm, Clemson Downs



Crime Report

The following calls were among those that the Clemson University fire department responded to from Wednesday, October 30 to Wednesday, November 5.

October 30

12:57 a.m., suspicious activity, Harcombe, officer: McGill

2:58 p.m., burglar alarm, Bryan Mall, officer: Vissage

10:01 p.m., suspicious activity, Long Hall, officer: Gantt

October 31

1:11 a.m., driver uninsured, Hwy. 93, officer: Hughey

7:12 a.m., burglar alarm, Calhoun Mansion, officer: Demaio

11:15 a.m., larceny, paint shop, officer: Moore

5:19 p.m., larceny, Fike Recreation, officer: Vissage

November 1

12:14 a.m., burglar alarm, Hanover House, officer: Smith

November 2

1:23 p.m., burglar alarm, Calhoun Mansion, officer: Kirkland

November 3

9:54 a.m., simple larceny, Littlejohn House, officer: Moore

5:05 p.m., burglar alarm, Riggs, officer: Ashley

7:18 p.m., burglar alarm, Calhoun Mansion, officer: McAbee

November 4

12:22 a.m., assist housing, Sanders, officer: Felton

3:46 p.m., burglar alarm, Calhoun Mansion, officer: Vissage

Officer Tracker

★ 1 arrest
★ 5 arrests
These are the running tallies of each officer's arrests since September 10, 2003.

Ashley ★

Brooks ★

Felton ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Hillyer ★

Hogue ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Hollis ★

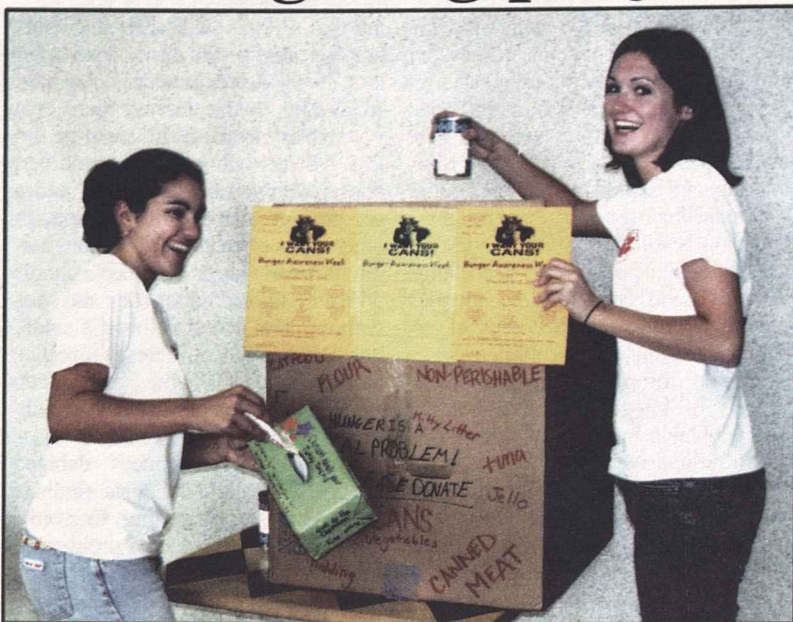
Hughey ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Lyle ★ ★

Owen ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Simpson ★

Thanksgiving project helps needy



TURKEY TIME: Students participate to raise awareness during Hunger Awareness Week.

Tigers Who Care uses Turkey Tokens to assist local agencies with outreach.

SARAH BAILEY
Staff Writer

If you have spent more than \$30 recently at a Bi-Lo grocery store and used your Bi-Lo Bonus Card, then you have received a Turkey Token. Honestly, how many of you are going to save seven tokens and get a free turkey? If you aren't, then Tigers Who Care needs those tokens.

During Hunger Awareness Week, Nov 15 through Nov. 22, they will be collecting Turkey Tokens, along with food donations, to give to local agen-

cies that help the needy.

Tigers Who Care is a co-ed service club dedicated to involving students in service projects. This is the second year they have sponsored Hunger Awareness Week.

"This year we hope to educate the Clemson community about the problems of hunger around our area and around our country," said Jen Pitz, co-chair of the event along with Louise Bhavnani.

During the week, members of the club collect canned food items which will then be donated to agencies such as Helping Hands, Clemson Community Care, Meals on Wheels, Food Bank Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Homebound Mission and the Foothills Animal Shelter.

Students can make a donation at the Clemson Bi-Lo, Clemson Winn-Dixie, the information desks at Hendrix Center and the University Union Loggia. The Turkey Tokens can be left at the Hendrix Center and University Union information desks, as well as in the Cooper Library.

Jennifer Shurley, the University's community service coordinator and the advisor for Tigers Who Care, encourages students to become involved with the group.

"This group is dedicated to serving others and living up to the notion that to whom much is given, much is expected," said Shurley.

Pitz emphasizes that by collecting cans and Turkey Tokens, Tigers Who Care hopes to ease some of the hardships associated with this oftentimes stressful season.

"Our goals for Hunger Awareness Week are to donate a truck full of food to each of our organizations in need, to collect enough Turkey Tokens to purchase at least 10 turkeys and to allow campus organizations to participate in collecting food in front of Bi-Lo and Winn-Dixie," said Pitz.

Students can donate holiday food items such as cranberry sauce, canned yams and dessert mixes. Tigers Who Care also need the following general items: canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, flour, sugar, pudding mixes, dry dog and cat food, clay kitty litter, dish detergent and bleach.

"In the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, it is easy to lose sight of our neighbors in need," said Shurley. "Participating in Hunger Awareness Week is an easy way to give back to our community at a time when help is truly needed."

DRUGS

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the Journal of Studies on Alcohol, contested that existing information fails to show its effectiveness.

The study was led by Henry Weschler, who asserted in the article that social norms approaches are "very long on promise, but very short on proof."

Michael Steele, resident director in the fraternity village, noted that in response to assertions that this program cannot change social norms on campus, "I would say that the committee alone could not change the social norm on campus. It would take ... the community and the campus which includes faculty, staff and students. But it all has to start somewhere. I think that students need to start realizing how they need to be held accountable for their actions."

"We have made limited use of SNM at Clemson so far," Clay said. "SNM is one tactic that shows some promise within the framework of the overall strategy, and the task force

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DRINK IT UP: Statistics show student consumption at Clemson above national level.

looks to the students themselves to advise everyone involved of how to make the best use of this tool."

Clay acknowledged the lack of "published scientific data" that supports the effectiveness of SNM "when used as a component of a

comprehensive strategy" and mentioned an ongoing three-year research project being conducted by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the Department of Education that should guide future SNM decisions.

POST

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indicated threat or malicious intent, so it was reopened," he said.

The incident was the second in the area in less than two weeks. Lethal ricin was found at a postal center near Pelham Road on Oct. 15.

A package containing a vial of ricin was found in Greenville's airport postal distribution center but officials do not believe the incident was related to terrorism.

The Greenville facility was shut down for 11 hours.

The downtown Clemson post office has followed normal operating hours since it reopened Saturday morning.

DAM

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fish from Lake Hartwell, especially those at the top of the food chain, said Dyck.

"PCBs aren't very soluble in water, bacteria accumulate the PCB's and the fish gets contaminated," said Dr. Dyck.

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TV lowers learning

EMILY SCHWEIKART
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) — Difficulties with reading may result from excessive television viewing in young children, according to a recent media study done by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The study found that children from six months to six years old typically watch about two hours of television, video games, or computer each day. Within this age group, 34 percent of children ages four to six who live in a home where there is extensive television viewing can read, but 56 percent of children in this age group growing up in households with less TV watching can read.

According to Joanne Cantor, a professor emerita for the University of Wisconsin, a large amount of viewing displaces other activities that allow children to learn.

"TV viewing tends to be passive and not involve the viewer actively in the learning process," Cantor says. "This is especially important for very young children."

Cantor says that frequent TV watching can even promote anxieties, which then affect a child's ability to concentrate and learn.

Rhode Island resident Scott Fertik is the parent of a six-year-old son and agrees that TV is harmful to his child's development. Rather than placing his son in a public elementary school, Fertik sends his son Max to learn at the Waldorf School, a specialized school that promotes learning without the use of TV.

"Computers, TV, and videos all create a society of robotic human beings who are depending on these machines to learn and go about their everyday lives," Fertik says. He believes that when children watch too much TV it can limit their imaginations and make them less enthusiastic about reading.

Fertik remains firm that this type of learning works well for his son.

Max watches only a couple of hours of TV each month and currently has a passion and skill for reading. The few programs he watches are normally educational, although he watches an occasional sports event.

According to Cantor, not all TV programs will limit reading skills.

"Educational programs, whose first objective is to teach or to promote critical thinking, are often beneficial," Cantor says. "Also, programs that have goals to teach social lessons can be valuable."

"Sesame Street," "Blues Clues," and "Doug" are three popular kids programs Cantor believes to be beneficial.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit research organization, family ownership of television is nearly universal. A 1996 study by the AGI found that on average, American families owned two to three color TV sets and one black and white set. The AGI also found that by the time they graduate from high school, American teenagers will have spent 15,000 hours in front of the TV and only 11,000 hours in formal classroom instruction. College students were reported to watch an average of 5.5 to eight hours of TV every weekday.

UW junior Anna Weedman believes that college students' reading skills are already established and the amount of TV she watches does not affect her schoolwork negatively.

"I do wish I had read more as a child, though, because I might be more enthusiastic about reading now," she says.

Instead of television, Weedman feels that other media outlets are worse distractions from reading.

"The real thing that distracts me from my school work isn't watching 'Friends' or 'The Bachelor' every once in a while, but how easy it is to be distracted by my computer," Weedman says.

Statistics show increased incidence of rape, student opinion inconsistent

State crime study reports highest rape figures since 1994.

RENEE PELTON
Staff Writer

According to the state's annual crime report released on Oct. 27, over 2,000 South Carolinians reported being raped in 2002. This figure is an increase of 14 percent from the previous year. Additionally, the report noted that the last time the state had more than 2,000 reported rapes was in 1994.

Given this increase in the state, how does Clemson compare?

According to the 2003 Campus Safety Report, the occurrence of reported forcible sexual assault at the University dropped from five occurrences in 2001 to three occurrences in 2002. However, some experts don't find such low numbers to be efficacious.

A U.S. Justice Department study released in 2000 found that a college with 10,000 female students is likely to have 350 rapes yearly. A 2001 study at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. corroborated the national findings. If those estimates are correct, Clemson should expect close to 300 rapes every year.

Meanwhile, a spring report from the University's Commission on the Status of Women made several recommendations for the campus environment facing female students, one of which was the implementation of specific services for rape victims.

Clemson University has no specific "rape hotline," said Gregory Harris, campus police chief. He

added that a rape hotline would have to be manned 24 hours daily by people qualified to handle rape situations. The department's trained victim advocate is available on a 24-hour basis for all victims. The victim advocate is male, but there are female officers on each shift with whom victims can speak with if they prefer, Harris said.

Although the University has an overall low occurrence of sexual assaults, police Chief Harris noted, "We have the possibility for any type of crime to occur. Students should err on the side of caution. Why not be cautious? It could save your life to be cautious."

Clemson students expressed varied opinions about campus safety.

A junior who wished to remain anonymous said, "I don't necessarily feel the drop is accurate, but I still feel relatively safe on campus."

Junior Laura Singer emphasized, "The assault last year in Calhoun Courts made me think twice because it happened so close to where I live. Since then I always lock the door when I'm home alone, and my boyfriend walks with me at night."

The assault occurred April 27 of this year when a male entered an apartment, went into a back bedroom, and sexually and physi-

cally assaulted a student. He was arrested three days later and charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Following the incident, the housing department changed the card access to resident halls to 24 hour.

Officials urge that any person who is victimized by rape should first notify the police. Additionally, these individuals should not do anything that could destroy evidence such as bathe, rinse out their mouths or change clothes.

The Campus Safety Report, in addition to reporting incidences of crime on campus, also suggests preventative measures that can be taken to avoid becoming a victim of sexual assault. These measures include never

walking alone at night, using the campus transit systems, knowing the location of emergency phones and reporting any suspicious activity.

Despite past occurrences, not all students agree with the necessity of these measures. Freshman Taryn Brice said, "I feel extremely safe, and I have my cell phone wherever I go. I generally don't think I need to take extra measures."

Senior Bryan Cowden also noted, "Girls need to have a sense of awareness, but I don't think they should be paranoid."

"We have the possibility for any type of crime to occur. Students should err on the side of caution. Why not be cautious? It could save your life to be cautious."

GREGORY HARRIS
University police chief



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Pledge, country should remain "under God"

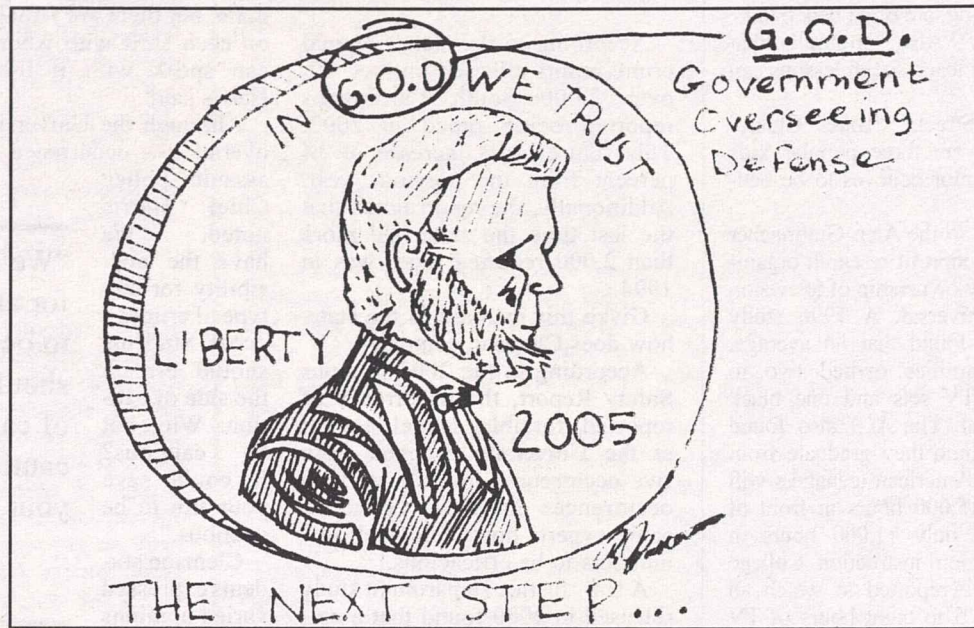
Two little words have created quite a stir lately in households, schools, local courts and soon the U.S. Supreme Court. The phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is under review for its constitutionality in an emotionally-charged case.

While legitimate, and certainly passionate, concerns do exist on both sides, no sufficient reason exists for the phrase to be removed from the pledge. The Supreme Court should overturn the appeals court decision and keep the pledge the way people have recited it for the past 50 years.

What many don't realize is that the pledge was not penned by Jefferson, Madison or some other 18th century American patriot. On the contrary, Baptist minister and devout Socialist Francis Bellamy wrote the original words in 1892, which read, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

And the now controversial phrase "under God" didn't appear until 1954, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower, moved by a sermon he had recently heard, approved a joint Congressional resolution and signed it into law. At the time, Eisenhower remarked, "From this day forward, the millions of our schoolchildren will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty - a patriotic oath and a public prayer." But now Eisenhower's confident vision is in jeopardy.

Because of the history of the pledge, people cannot validly reach back to the past and claim the Christian heritage of our Founding



Fathers, which is largely a myth anyway, to support our nation's having always been under God. What they can do, however, is realize the context in which the addition occurred in 1954. The phrase "under God" was added primarily to distinguish between the United States and Russia, particularly between what was seen as capitalistic, theistic democracy and atheistic communism.

Herein lies a legitimate distinction and one that the Senate felt was significant when it voted 99-0 to pass a resolution supporting the 1954 and current version of the pledge. This vote included the most liberal Democrats and

the most conservative Republicans agreeing to include "under God."

The appeals court and others who support the removal of the phrase argue that it is a government endorsement of religion and thus a violation of the separation of church and state, or the clause that the government shall not make a law respecting the establishment of religion, to put it in constitutional terms.

The phrase is really a government endorsement of dependence, as one can now place many interpretations on the word "God." The pledge does not say Jesus Christ, Allah or anything else, which raises the question

of why many Christians, for instance, would make such a big deal over the phrase that really leaves "God" open to anyone's interpretation. What does make sense is Christians and other Americans alike supporting the idea that the nation relies on a higher being.

The crux of the matter, however, is that no one is forced to say the pledge anymore. People can say it if they like or not say it if they so choose. And they have done both of these in recent years. Unanimous consent of the American population that they agree with each word in the pledge is not necessary for something no one is forced to say.

This debate is getting too specific and detailed. Think of what would happen if this issue went to coins, bills, "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful" and even the presidential oath of office. First of all, do Americans really want to challenge these words, too? Do they want the President to stop invoking "so help me, God" at the end of his oath? In addition, why spend so much money haggling in court when there are more important issues on which to focus?

Then think practically. Taking the phrase out would produce the same situation we have now in day-to-day life. Those who like the phrase will continue to say it, and those who don't, won't say it. That's the way the matter stands right now, and no change to the official wording is likely to alter that. So, why waste valuable time and money?

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Faulty reporting vilifies Clemson fans

During Clemson's 45-17 defeat at the hands of Wake Forest on Saturday, one could hear chants of "Fire Bow-den!" echoing through Groves Stadium. No one is denying that fact. What some reporters have been stating, however, is that those cheers and jeers were coming from Clemson fans - and that was not the case.

These reports are not only false and misinformed but also potentially very damaging to the Clemson football team and the overall image of the Clemson fan.

Some local papers implied that Clemson fans were the main contributors to the negative chants, but the particularly faulty reporting came from a long distance. One misguided reporter, whose stories ran in multiple Florida newspapers, was covering the Florida State game against Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

While his story focused primarily on that game, a lopsided shutout victory for the Seminoles, he also looked ahead to anticipate the father-son face-off this weekend. In order to emphasize how difficult it will be for Bobby Bowden to coach against his son, the writer pointed out that Tommy "was being reviled" during the game by Clemson fans demanding that he be fired.

This assertion certainly made his storyline a lot juicier than it would have been otherwise, but as anyone who attended the game and possesses both ears and eyes knows, his facts were clearly wrong. And having a more interesting or controversial story is

certainly never an appropriate reason for false information.


The USA Today, which may have picked up its facts from another article written after the game, clearly stated in its ACC roundup this week that Clemson supporters chanted "Fire Bow-den!" and that "in one of the darkest moments for this once-proud program, the Tigers' fans showed their rage while their team looked like it had little fight." This report is even a bigger problem because it uses the false information to establish a rift between fans and team at Clemson.


Now certainly many Tiger fans were disappointed and even upset at watching their team fall in such humiliating fashion. A few of those probably even yelled offensive remarks in their moments of anger. But as a general rule, Clemson fans were not the ones providing the volume during Saturday's Wake Forest game.


Clemson fans in general are just much classier than that. Yes, they are competitive and want to see their team win as badly as anybody else, but they typically provide positive energy and support for their team. The way these articles and others depicted Saturday's events, however, seemed to pull them down to the level of the Georgia Bulldogs' fans - don't even go there.


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BRIEF PAWS

Two men recently completed seven marathons in seven days. Just thinking about that makes most people tired. 

Several Catholic school girls in Philadelphia chased and beat up a man who was exposing himself to them last week. Girl power! 

In New York's Grand Central Station, a man accidentally dropped his cell phone in a toilet and then got his arm stuck while reaching in to get it. It took police and firemen 90 minutes to free him. Let it go, man, let it go. 

The U.S. economy appears to be on the upswing, according to recent GDP growth rate reports. At least Bush is getting good news domestically. 

Despite the jeers of Wake Forest fans last weekend, Tommy Bowden gets one more chance Saturday. Beat Daddy, and he may keep his job. 

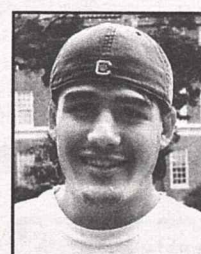
SPEAKING OUT

Should the phrase "under God" remain in the Pledge of Allegiance?



Kelly Smith
finance
senior

"I don't think 'under God' should be taken out of the pledge. Anyone who doesn't want to say that part doesn't have to."



Scott Key
finance
junior

"No, at the time of our foundation there may have been a majority of Christians, but under the constitution we are a diverse country with freedom of religion ..."



Roy Funderburk
indus. management
senior

"Yes, the U.S. was founded by God-fearing men and women. Over the years we have slipped away from the values we were founded on. We cannot afford to take another step back."



McKenzie Duke
finance
senior

"As a nation founded under God, He has blessed us with unchallenged prosperity and unprecedented success ... We mock our Creator's blessings by questioning (this)."



Katie Johnson
special education
senior

"Yes, I feel that this country was founded on this statement and you can't take that away. People who do not agree with the phrase have the right ... not to say the pledge at all."



Lindsey McWhirter
management
senior

"Yes, this country was founded on the basis of Christianity, and now people are so caught up with being politically correct that they want to change our national pledge of allegiance ..."



Letters to the Editor

Don't bash N.J.

Matt Williams, I was very insulted by your recent comments about my proud-to-be home state of lovely New Jersey. I really get angry about the southerners making comments about a state that they just don't understand. New Jersey is not the armpit of America. Instead, it is one of the most interesting states in America. I am from Williamstown, N.J., and it may not be wonderful, but there is so much more to do there than there will ever be to do in boring South Carolina. Don't get me wrong, I love South Carolina and I love Clemson or else I wouldn't be here. But N.J. really has more than you saw. We have the boardwalks, beaches, good food and three major cities: Philadelphia, New York, and Atlantic City. Don't judge N.J. when you didn't even really get to go into the state ... It is one of the most diverse states in America and I wish that from now on you would not treat N.J. the way everyone else does.

Kelly Valaitis
Clemson, S.C.

Fire Gen. Boykin

As a preface to this letter, let me just say that articles like those in the last issue of The Tiger are why I'm concerned for the future of this country and this great institution. However, I do want to commend the authors of the opinion papers for not being ashamed of their opinions. Anyway, I was more than appalled by the article condemning those that are against Lt. General Boykin's thoughtless actions.

First, let me outline the factual discrepancies in the article. We all know that our country was founded on Judeo-Christian morals, but we also know that people came here searching for religious freedom. Also, what we have to realize is that this is in no way a homogenous country, that we have found strength as well as turmoil in our diversity, a fact that we pride our-

selves in. The reasons why people are upset with what Boykin said is not because they do not agree with his right to freedom of speech, but because he is a leader, a representative of our country and the administration that runs it. With that in mind, it was beyond abhorrent for him to wear the uniform of this country and make statements as if they were indicative of how the entire country feels.

Secondly, one of the major tenets of the national security policy is that we do not want this war to be seen as a war on Islam, not only because it is divisive and morally wrong, but because to wage war against the Islamic people is to wage war on ourselves since there are more Muslims in this country than any other religion. We are NOT a Christian nation, but a nation that boasts of a man's (and woman's) right to make his own choices.

Thirdly, we also have to look at the international repercussions of Boykin's statements. President Bush was recently confronted by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad for the hypocrisy of his stand against anti-Semitism when his political leaders denounce Islam. In short, I feel as if it is not too much to ask a grown man to think before he speaks. We as Americans have to understand that there are responsibilities as well as advantages that go along with living in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Jenee Davis
Clemson, S.C.

Cartoon misdepicts Israeli government

The cartoon showing Palestine as a 'wolf' out to attack the 'innocent young child' portraying Israel is exceptionally insulting. A more correct image would place Israel as a wolf also, for their government is certainly not innocent of harming civilians either.

Ethan Deneault
Clemson, S.C.

Majority of world is against Israel

I'm questioning the view expressed in the staff editorial last week on the building of the barrier in the West Bank. It may have been a majority view as far as your senior staff, most of the U.S., Israel, the Marshall islands and Micronesia (wherever the last two might be). The right to use the term majority ends promptly here. My opinion is the one of the world's majority, in fact, 97.3 percent of the world (144/148 United Nations members). War on Iraq was divided among the world community, but clearly with this issue it is pretty one sided. Why is the wall being built? Well surely this is to stop the Palestinians from blowing innocent people up - this of course no decent person can support.

Why are these suicide bombings happening? Simple really: Ever since Israel has occupied the Gaza strip and the West Bank, it has continually tried to build Jewish settlements in the regions. Indeed, there were problems before then, but not with such ferocity. They have no right to develop communities there. The world's leaders question this, and Israel ignores them. When the Palestinians react, the Israelis time and time again send troops in, blow up some police stations, raid a refugee camp and leave again.

Peace in the region will not come about from Israeli methods - a wall, an expensively American-funded army - it's not working now is it? The only way peace can be brought closer is if the world's overwhelming voice can be listened to and America, instead of standing as a barrier to peace, worked for it.

Kenneth Weir
Clemson, S.C.

Barrier separates Palestinians

Last week's editorial in favor of the Israeli barrier deeply misunderstands both the nature and purpose of the barrier. The barrier is not erected between Israel and Palestine along the Green Line. It is erected largely in Palestinian

territory. If the barrier continues along the proposed route, nearly 200,000 Palestinians will be cut off from their homes and farmlands. In one case, Qalqilya, the entire town has been surrounded by the barrier and the people caged in like animals.

The purpose of the barrier is to separate the Palestinians into bantustans so that they never have a viable state. We must bear in mind that Israel has been occupying Palestinian land for over 35 years, that it is denying the Palestinians basic human rights, that it slaughters Palestinian civilians regularly and that it has begun starving them so as to get them to leave the land.

I am teaching a course next semester, Humanities 309, Living Under Occupation, that will make a lot of this more clear. In the U.S. we are rarely given the full story of the occupation of Palestine. As a result, misunderstandings such as those of last week's Tiger are commonplace.

Todd May
Clemson, S.C.

Thanks for your thoughts

Thank you, Will Spink and Travis McConkey, it is wonderful to know that some other people in the world still have their heads on straight.

Erin Gross
Clemson, S.C.

"Beer" song has to stop right now

The Clemson Tiger Band must be stopped from playing and singing the "Beer" song after the football games. Our great university does not need the Tiger Band members playing and singing "I need a beer, I need a beer..." after our athletic events. Clemson University is a great academic school. We have a grand Athletic program. We do not want it destroyed by the "party" image we had recently. The Tiger Band must promote and protect the integrity of Clemson University.

This song and any like it must be stopped immediately.

Terry Keisler
Clemson, S.C.

Abstinence is unrealistic

When I read the letter to the editor that Andrew Davis sent in attacking Alanna Jones for her "On the Prowl" column, I think I threw up in my mouth. Yes, abstinence is the most fail-proof way to prevent pregnancy and disease, but that doesn't necessarily mean it is the best or the most realistic. The fail-proof way to prevent car crashes is not to drive, the fail-proof way to stay skinny is to not eat rich foods, the fail-proof way to avoid indigestion is to not eat at China-Wok; however, where's the fun in that? Face it Mr. Davis, people around here are going to have sex whether you want them to or not, and Ms. Jones's column acknowledges this. If you don't want to be offended, maybe you just shouldn't read the column.

Jacob Crawford
Chapin, S.C.

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Think rightly on Israel, Boykin

Last week as I skimmed The Tiger, I was bothered by a view of the articles present. Several of the columns were rather conservative, and as a liberal I wanted to put a few alternative thoughts into the atmosphere. This week, I'd like to comment on the Israeli barrier and General William G. Boykin.



JESSICA DAVIS
Columnist

The last staff editorial featured support for the Israeli border. Once again the United States is making a poor decision regarding the nation it recognizes as Israel.

Before I begin on why the United States might want to stay out of this one, let's introduce some background. Believe it or not, there has not always been an Israel. Following World War I, the British-backed Balfour Declaration gave support for a Jewish state in Palestine. By World War II, Palestinians demanded independence and the end of overwhelming Jewish immigration. Violence between the two groups ensued. The British took the problem of Palestine to the United Nations. The United States supported the Jewish state as it has throughout the 20th century (despite our legacy for independence).

In the 21st century, the United States supports the construction of a wall separating the Israelis and Palestinians. Some believe that this could thwart much of the violence between the two groups. This is a gross oversimplification. Simply imagine that some group has occupied the United States and

declared it Trupia. The Trupians have decided to build a wall along the Mississippi River. How well do you believe Americans would accept this false border? We as a nation must become more empathetic and knowledgeable to world events. A wall only adds tension, alienation and fear.

Another column touted the great conviction and patriotism of General Boykin. In the article, bigotry was mistaken for the virtues of "truth and righteousness, liberty, freedom and justice." Boykin has been on record for calling Allah an idol since 1993, long before 9/11 (though 9/11 is no excuse for his comments). Boykin differentiates from Muslims and extremists only in his written apology, begging one to question whether there ever was a differentiation.

Those who are the most glib have not been discriminated against. Boykin is free to hold his beliefs and tour the Bible circuit. Unfortunately, Boykin's comments have repercussions on the national and world stage. Bush has attempted to patch relations with the Muslim community; however, the confirmation of Boykin may alienate another ethnic community from the administration. Finally, to compare Boykin to Stonewall Jackson ... well if that doesn't illustrate my point, I don't know what does.

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EDITORS' CORNER

Student government needs political parties

Among the most popular running feuds on any college campus is the one pitting student government against the campus newspaper. This exists because student journalists take the outside view of the political body and often see weaknesses.

At Clemson, while the tension is not so apparent, it is the same. The general feeling is that nothing interesting ever happens (which is NOT the same as nothing ever happens), mostly as a result of many inefficient practices. And I think I may have one solution - following real-life models of government elections and political parties.

Though crude, here's a basic outline: each political party would take clear-cut stances on certain issues and each would run on these as its platform. The goal is to have each party choose its own candidates to run on its ticket. This way they are forced to choose the most qualified person for certain positions, which means no more candidates who have no incentive to do anything. (Some people within student government internally complain about this regularly but seem to be a little hesitant to state the obvious: So what ever happened to our student body president?)

The obvious result from such a party system is increased quality

of work from all branches.

Currently, the student senate has too many students who just exist and that's about it. It's quite obvious that some want it for their resume, which is fine. The problem is when it goes on the resume and the person does nothing. False advertising - very unethical. Of course, it may be the case that there are a few dominating players who are just smothering the novice field from doing anything.

Whatever the problem, a good political party system will push more senators to speak more aggressively of their views and encourage them to really pursue changes. Or else they won't be elected, much less chosen to run.

For example, a senator in one party may focus on campus safety, another on tuition increases and yet another on academic policies. Picking certain areas and advocating change is one thing but having to compete with others to see who can show who has done more is a completely different standard - one that will erase any images of a do-nothing student government.

Another advantage is it allows candidates to take full advantage of the few number of days allowed to campaign. Currently, candidates rely heavily on gathering volunteers to help spread the word. Basically, whoever has

more help will have a decisive edge over their opponents. Too much time is spent getting things ready and not actually telling people why they are running. As a result, campaigns are very much standard - and boring. Political parties solve this problem by having readily available resources and thus enabling more time to the important portions of the campaign.

The best part is that students would choose political parties and thus vote candidates based on their beliefs. It's very time-consuming to get to know every candidate and choose based on flyers and stickers. Besides, in a uni-party system, as evidenced by Clemson itself, candidates are driven by personality, not platforms. Look close enough and you'll find that everyone says the same thing. It's hard to choose when you have to fine tune the differences.

With political parties, students would just need to know the party's stance on the issues important to himself and vote based on that. This will encourage a much higher voter turnout since people are no longer randomly voting based on the same hodgepodge of ideas. And surely, it will alleviate the sorry voting participation numbers we've been reaching the past years.

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ADORA CHEUNG
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Of birthdays, bars, Bowdens

I'm excited to report that last Thursday was an especially un-academic day for this Tiger writer, but not because it was nearly Halloween. No, last week, at long last, after several unfortunate years of underaged college life, I finally turned 21.

As a result, there was the inevitable pre-weekend celebration in which I and a group of friends ambled over to Tiger Town Tavern with the intention of getting the free t-shirt I so rightfully deserved.

Upon our arrival, I coolly handed the bouncer my ID. He looked at me. He looked at the ID. He looked at me again. He looked back at my ID. Finally, almost begrudgingly, he relinquished control of my license and gave me a gruff "Happy Birthday." I was in!

As I entered the bar, I surveyed the scene. Smoke-filled room? Check. Head-throbbingly loud music? Check. Densely packed crowd? Check. Disgusting bathrooms replete with the finest in wall literature? Check. Scantily clad sorority girls? Check and double check. I decided then and there that Clemson's bar scene really is a college student's wonderland, a haven where the beer flows like water for those with thick enough wallets.

This was it, the moment that so many of us long for — that first experience as a legal 21-year-old drinker. No one was more excited than I, except for maybe my accompanying friends, who were doing what any good friends would do on such a very special day — plotting my untimely demise.

Yes, my friends decided their sacred duty was to make my birthday special by ensuring that I would not remember even the most miniscule detail of the night. Never, I have decided, are college students more giving of their money or alcohol than on the day a friend turns 21.

In fact, I was still questioning my sobriety two days later when I was listening to the Clemson-Wake Forest game on the radio and heard the Demon Deacons were dominating the Tigers, 45-0. Could this be right? How could this be happening to my beloved Tigers? And where exactly am I?

In other Clemson news, after the Tigers' astonishing performance this weekend, Tommy Bowden reportedly accepted an endorsement deal with Viagra (yes, I'm making this up). The commercial, scheduled to air soon, includes such great quotes as, "Is your game limp? Well, so is mine!", "My players need pornography to get up for the big game, but with

Viagra, you won't," and "Viagra — it can't save my job, but it sure can save your sex life."

Speaking of incompetence, a few weeks ago I was excitedly preparing to play some Ultimate Frisbee on a Sunday night. I went to Fike to request that the intramural field lights be turned on. Surprisingly, two people (either Fike or intramural office representatives) flatly denied my request. They simply told me, "If we turn the lights on, people will play on the fields and tear them up."

Whatever was I thinking: students playing on the intramural fields?! Blasphemy! As a concerned Clemson student, I would never want to jeopardize the field conditions in the name of a sporting event that involves students actually *playing on their fields!*

How selfish of me to want to play on the intramural field when it is so obviously our duty to keep them in pristine condition! I, like any other student, would sincerely hate for this weekend's drunken tailgater to be forced to discard his chicken wings and beer bottles on a less than immaculate field.

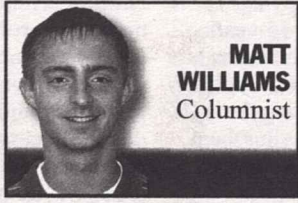
Luckily, the lights finally did get turned on later that night courtesy of another employee, who apparently wasn't at all aware of the importance of vigilant field maintenance.

Speaking of "Nazis" (well, at least I am now), a few days ago I was parking in the lot behind Sikes when I noticed something very disturbing — a parking services truck parked at an expired meter!

Having suffered the brunt of parking services' wrath more than my fair share of times, I had a taste for revenge, so I excitedly wrote a ticket priced at 30 billion dollars (reducible by half if paid on time). Meanwhile, the driver of the truck was probably busy stealing candy from babies, or at the very least, money from college students.

We shouldn't stand for this blatant violation of the One Clemson principles any longer, dear readers, and that's why I have designed some tickets for distribution to parking services officials. Simply print them out from my Web page (<http://hubcap.clemson.edu/~mdwilli/tickets.doc>) and distribute them anytime you see a parking services official parked in what you deem to be an unauthorized location. Together, we'll show them who's boss (and by "show them who's boss," I mean "annoy the heck out of them!")

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MATT WILLIAMS
Columnist

Did condom costume merit suspension?

Condom-covered shirt. If someone walked into your classroom wearing a condom-covered shirt, would you be distracted? The words alone cause distraction enough. Now imagine that a 16-year-old girl walks into a high school actually wearing a shirt covered in condoms. Who wants to do math problems when they can be collecting candy flavored condoms off a classmate's clothing? Most students are going to spend the day more occupied with finding her than they are doing with any kind of schoolwork that day.

Her principal had no other choice than to suspend her. His reaction was to give her a three-day suspension, but her penalty was later reduced to one day. She got a small punishment for her crime. Her high school promotes

abstinence, so not only was she causing a disturbance, she was breaking other rules as well. So what if it was the first time she had ever been in trouble, first-timers or well-seasoned rule breakers all should be punished.

Most school districts have dress codes of some sort, and they are usually upheld with an iron fist. General dress codes prohibit any type of clothing that causes a distraction to students or teachers. More specific rules are normally left up to each school.

There is little chance that her high school had a specific rule concerning condom shirts. After all, one doesn't deal with them every day. Her clothing is still covered by the general rule, though. No one should be arguing about this girl's getting punished. She broke the rules; she deserves whatever punishment she gets.

The fact that her shirt was promoting safe sex is what has become the crux of the issue, and it should not be. For one reason, she goes to a school that openly supports abstinence, not safe sex. It should be an open and shut case. Girl broke rule. Actually two rules if you count her advertisement of safe sex. Girl gets punished. All the people move on with their lives.

Of course, nothing is ever that easy. The press picked up on this story and made it national news. Come on, she knew what the rules were, she chose to break them. It's like stealing a car even though you know it is wrong and then trying to get out of going to jail.

You go to jail because you broke the law. She was punished because she broke the rules. Who cares what she believes in? Here's an idea, go to a different school. You know what your school's feelings are on safe sex. If you disagree with the administration and its policies, either go along with the rule, or leave.

This girl's experience is representative of one of our education system's biggest problems: The very institution that is supposed to be stimulating creativity is the one that punishes students for displaying it.

Nevermind that the girl's mother is HIV positive and maybe, just maybe (high school principals, this is your cue to look away) this was an attempt to help others avoid the infection that will take her mother's life.

No, that couldn't possibly be the reason. Everyone knows that any time a high school student does anything that doesn't fit the status quo he or she is being subversive and only trying to make trouble.

A condom costume? What a fantastic idea! To think, you can promote safe sex, prevent the spread of infectious diseases and relive your pre-teen past all in one.

In the creativity category, she gets a 10 (with a 9.5 from the Russian judge). We should stand up and applaud her for defending her right to safe sex. Besides, her costume is a better safe sex educator than the ineptly named "health education" (sex ed.) classes we snickered through in middle school.

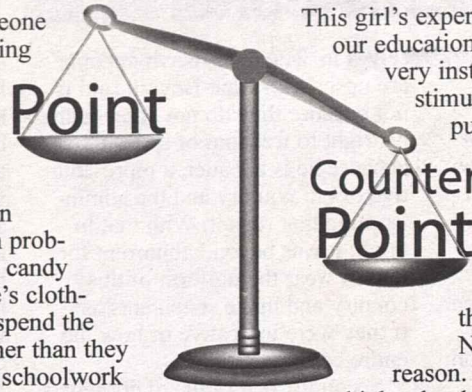
Then again, the condom costume also won her a fabulous three-day vacation from school (a.k.a. suspension) because it "inhibited the learning process" of her fellow students.

The school's decision to suspend the offending student comes dangerously close to the illegal legislation of morality. By publicly stating that the student was suspended because she supposedly advocated promiscuous sex, the school conspicuously aligned itself on a moral basis.

This statement would mean one thing if it came from a privately funded school. However, somewhere, someone's tax dollars are paying for this particular public school to exist. As a consequence, this state-funded institution cannot affiliate itself with moral principles that discriminate against students.

In today's political climate, where separation of church and state is a hot topic, the school's moral judgement in the matter presents another gray area. The condom costume was officially called a "distraction" but was condemned by the principal because of its moral implications.

At worst, this student should have been sent home to change. I somehow doubt that a suspension was necessary. Was she a repeat offender? Did she wear the costume every day despite warnings to cease? If costumes in general are distracting, then I suppose the school can do whatever is necessary to ensure a positive learning environment. However, I find it hard to believe that if the same girl showed up wearing a clown nose and big red shoes she would have been suspended, or even reprimanded for that matter.



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TIGERS TALK



America has quaint notion on guns

I vividly recall the day my father announced that a family friend, another Army officer, had been awakened the night before by a noise downstairs. In a sleep-deprived stupor, he'd grabbed his .45 from the bedside table, stumbled to investigate, spied a shadowy figure moving about in a suspicious way, and killed his wife of 15 years. Dad

turned in his .45 the next morning. I suppose that if my father and I had done a lot of deer hunting, I'd have the blithe attitude toward guns one of my Georgia cousins has: his father built their home around a six-foot tall, 2.2-ton gun vault, and it's still not big enough to hold the family's arsenal.

The hot-cold attitude toward firearms in our family reflects an ambiguity that has long been part of American culture. Nowhere is this more evident than in the mixed signals sent by small-town Southern law enforcement. A friend of mine who teaches at Presbyterian College tells of a biologist who annually volunteers for the thinning of the Clinton squirrel population. One Thanksgiving at 6 a.m., the professor located his 20-gauge shotgun, donned his orange vest, unleashed his dog, and started walking the half-mile to campus. He hadn't gone a block when a police sedan pulled up beside him. "Damn," the biologist thought, "Here I am with a loaded gun within the city limits, 20 extra

rounds in my vest, and no hunting license." He need not have worried. Without stopping, the officer rolled down his window and said, "Hey, mister, you'd better get your dog on a leash!"

Some have traced our gun schizophrenia to the Constitution itself. The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the

right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." If a student today submitted this sentence to me, I'd circle the commas following "State" and "Arms," question the archaic capitalization of the three nouns, but otherwise it's grammatically correct and clear. Which is not to say that it's logical; for starters, what is there in the people's right to wield arms that insures a well regulated militia, not a ragtag posse? The Second Amendment, while once relevant and necessary, is now outdated. The prospect of a million fit sharpshooters driving in from the suburbs answering the call of President Bush is a quaint and dangerous notion. The improbability of a Swiss-style militia working in a country as large and diverse as ours is one reason there's a professional, not amateur, armed force seeking to restore order in Iraq at present. I understand the Framers' concerns about a standing army, but their fears derived primarily from absolute monarchs and despots, not a President who can be

impeached or voted out of office.

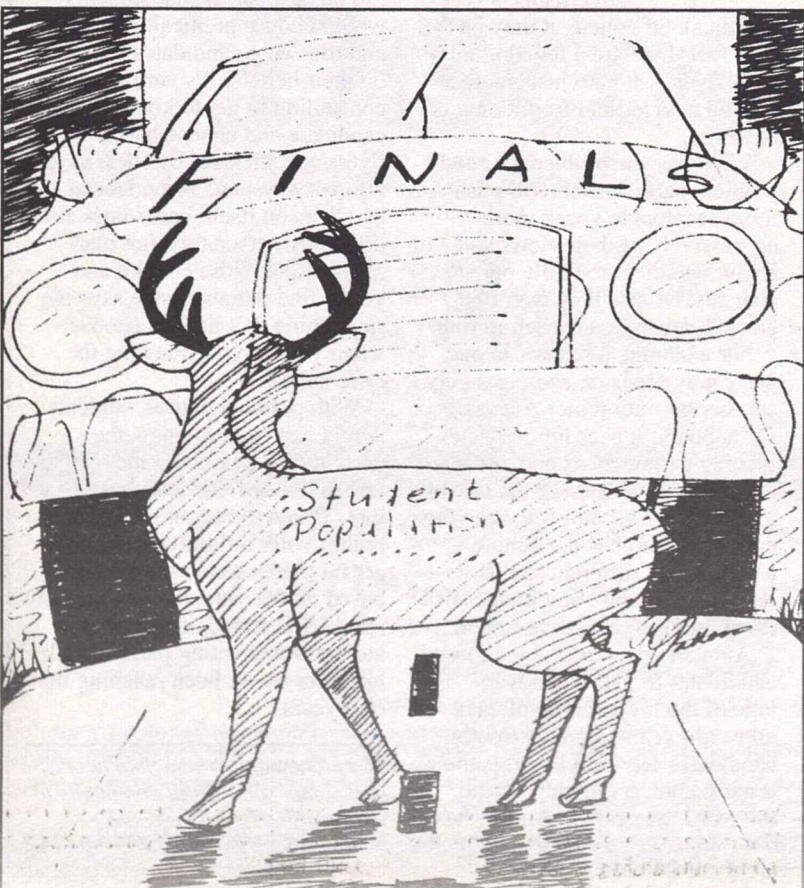
The U.S. Constitution is a flawed human document, but as one who has long advocated tighter controls especially on handguns, I must sadly conclude that the Second Amendment does guarantee ordinary citizens some gun ownership. But since the AK-47 has usurped the musket, the most powerful armed force in human history has mushroomed from an army of 840 men (all the first Congress allowed), and our "men and women in blue" have replaced the virtually nonexistent colonial police force, some revisions to our national "mission statement" are needed. Recall that during the two weeks the D.C. sniper was killing 12 innocents, guns killed another 1,200 Americans who died all but unarmoured. Society and technology change, and the documents that govern us should evolve as well.

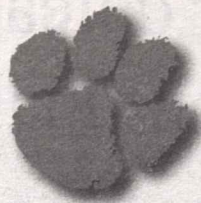
We might learn a lesson from the Germans who hunt and compete in marksmanship contests just the way Americans do. However, when a shooting contest or the hunting season rolls around, our German cousins go to a state-regulated vault and secure their weapons, not the den, the attic, or a box under the bed. Does this cause some inconvenience? Of course it does, but it may account for fewer than 100 German citizens on average being killed a year by guns as opposed to over 10,000 a year in this country. Somehow, we have to take the casual out of casualty.



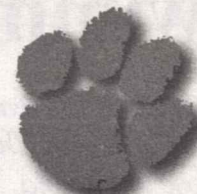
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Swimming splits weekend meets

Coach Chris Ip's teams defeat College of Charleston but lose to Virginia.

DANIEL BLACKMON
Staff Writer

The swimming and diving teams recently split a match up with two rivals. The team defeated an in-state opponent at the College of Charleston, and fell to the University of Virginia, a conference rival.

The men defeated the team in Charleston by a score of 136-82, and the women's team defeated the Cougars 143-87. The team combined to win 20-26 overall. Leading the way for the men's team was junior Buddy Reed, who won the 800 free with a time of 9:13.11. Brian Ragone's time of 24.98 in the 50 free placed him ahead of fellow Tigers James Stoffer and Ryan Cassella. In the 200 IM, Rob Kummer's time of 2:13:84 led the way, while teammates Greg Middleton and Tommy Rapold also swam well. Sophomore Jordan Raynovich won the 100 fly with a time of 58.82 and was followed by team-

mates Joel Johnson and Derrick Mulder.

The women's side had an impressive outing as well, especially in the 800 free and the 100 fly. Clemson took the top three spots in each of those events, with Nichole Carlton taking first, followed by teammates Janell Brodrick and Kristie Fancher. Sophomore Kelly Urso took the top spot in the 100 fly with teammates Caroline Boden and Katie Hicks.

Head Coach Chris Ip saw this game not only as a win for the record books, but also a good opportunity to allow freshmen and sophomores some experience.

"I was happy with the performance on both sides," said Ip.

Against the University of Virginia, the Tigers had some strong performances despite losing overall. The men fell by a score 137.5-105.5, and the women 151-90. Freshman Christine Anseeuw won the women's 100 free with a time of 52.95. The women's 400 free relay team won with a time of 3:33.33, while the men's 400 free relay team also took first place with a time of 3:05.90. The men's team also edged the Cavaliers in

the 400 medley relay by a time of 3:21.42.

Individually, senior Drew Scheerhorn won the 50 free with a time of 20.88, a win Coach Ip called "formidable". Diver Eric Shulik won the one meter diving competition with 279.22 points. Buddy Reed also won the 100 free against UVA with a time of 46.97.

Coach Ip was not disappointed with the loss against the Cavaliers, who are the defending ACC champions on both the men's and women's side.

"I think we put on a good show," said Ip. "Drew Scheerhorn really helped us out." He also praised Shulik for the men, and sophomore Kim Routh and freshman Kelly Dieters on the women's side.

The Tiger's will hit the pool again on Friday when the women face Gardner-Webb while the men will go up against Florida State.

Gardner-Webb stands at 0-1 on the year, losing to Davidson 158-104 in their season opener. Gardner-Webb is led by freshman Terra Wilson, who set three school records against Davidson. Friday marks the first ever meeting between Gardner-Webb and Clemson.

Women's soccer defeats Virginia in season finale

Lady Tigers upset of No. 5 Cavaliers gives them a third place finish in the ACC.

BRIAN GARRISON
Staff Writer

Saturday evening, the No. 22 ranked Lady Tiger soccer team upset the No. 5 ranked Virginia Cavaliers by the score of 2-1. On Senior Night, the Lady Tigers' final home game, Clemson improved their season record to 11-5-2 and 4-3 in the ACC. The Cavs fell to 12-4-2 on the season and 3-3-1 in ACC league play.

It was an emotional evening for the Lady Tigers as seniors Leigh Ann Harrison, Allison Mitchell, Tanya Peterson, Mary Jean Sullivan and Lauren Whitt played their final regular season game at Historic Riggs Field. All of the Lady Tigers played with emotion defeating the No. 5 Wahoos. Courtney Foster started the game off with a bang by putting the Tigers on top early with her 13th goal of the season at the 2:09 marker in the first half. Allison Mitchell and Allison Graham were credited with assists on the score.

Virginia answered with a score off a penalty kick at the 14:14 marker in the first half. Sarah Turner slid-tackled UVA's Shannon Foley. Foley was just at the box, so there was a call for a penalty kick rather than just a foul.

At the 64:17 marker, Kelly Schneider scored what would be the eventual winning goal. Lydia Vandenberg set it up to Kristen Allen who passed to Schneider in the middle of the field for a short Tiger goal.

"This is my third year at Clemson, and this is the best performance I've seen by a Lady Tiger team," said Clemson Head

Coach Todd Bramble. "I am happy for the team and I think we are playing great soccer now. All the pieces are coming together. I am happy with the way we are playing and this will give us momentum heading to the ACC Tournament next week."

Courtney Foster was named ACC Player of the Week because of her goal against UVA and her assist hat trick against College of Charleston earlier in the week.

Saturday's win against the University of Virginia will help the Lady Tigers move up in the polls.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Lady Tigers began ACC Tournament play against Maryland, losing 2-1. The loss dropped the Tigers to 11-6-2 on the year, while the Terps improved to 11-7-1 with the win.

Kimmy Francis scored both of Maryland's goals. Her first came at the 30 minute mark, as she scored an unassisted goal to give the Terps a lead they would never relinquish. In the game's 53rd minute, Francis scored her ninth career goal and gave the Terps a commanding lead.

Clemson cut Maryland's lead to 2-1 in the 79th minute, nailing down an unassisted goal from 17 yards out. But the Tigers had not begun to rally soon enough and the Terps gained a valuable victory.

The Lady Tigers, who have shown a lot of character in the latter part of the season, left Clemson head coach Todd Bramble with something to be desired Wednesday. "I was disappointed in our performance," Bramble said. "We did not display the character that allowed us to have the great victories we had at the end of the season. The effort and the consistency was missing today that allowed Maryland to be deserving of the win."

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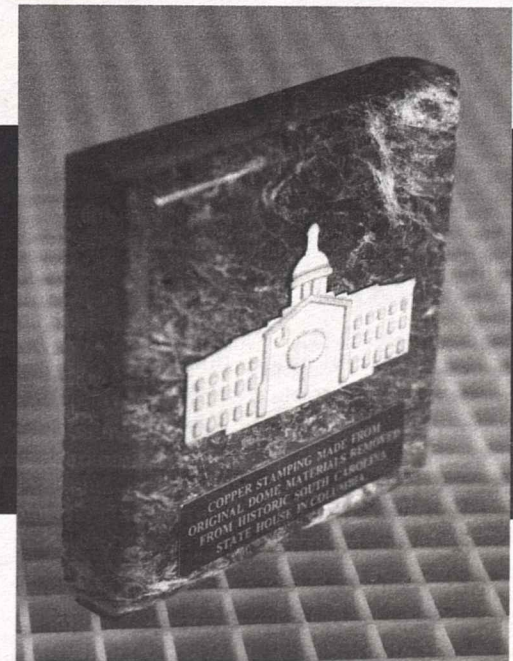
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Safer goalpost at Kansas may end tradition

University installs collapsible goalposts after win over Missouri Tigers.

JOHN DOMONEY
University Daily Kansan
(University of Kansas)

(U-WIRE) — Whether Kansas wins or loses to Nebraska on Saturday, one thing is certain: The goalposts are coming down.

After the goalposts were torn down following Kansas' 35-14 win over Missouri on Sept. 27, the Kansas Athletics Department replaced them with collapsible goalposts. The new posts are dismantled after the game in order to discourage fans from tearing them down.

The department purchased the goalposts for \$3,500 each as a means to keep fans and students safe.

"We've said all along the safety of students is our number one priority when they reach the field," said Jim Marchiony, associate athletics director. "We wish they wouldn't do that, but brains do not always win out over emotion."

If Marchiony has his way, the Missouri game will be the last time fans have the chance to tear down the metal structures.

"We think the important thing is no one will get hurt at a University of Kansas football game," Marchiony said. "We like to think words of warning about safety are enough of a deterrent. Unfortunately, that's not the case."

The department warned students before the Missouri game about safety issues if they chose to charge the field after the game. Nobody was hurt in the post-game celebration, but this has not been the case at other campuses around the nation.

After West Virginia's upset victory over Virginia Tech last month, police officers sprayed mace into the crowd of fans headed toward the goalpost.

Marchiony said he did not want to turn the field into a military zone full of security officials and police officers defending the goalposts.

"You can have an infinite number of security on the field and it won't stop a mob of people from doing something," Marchiony said.

Police have not been deployed to guard the base of the goalposts for years, said Schuyler Bailey, university police lieutenant. The campus police are only placed around the field to try to persuade students not to rush the field. The police also look out for safety concerns of the fans and students who do take their

celebration to the field.

Bailey said the collapsible goalposts were a good idea, but said he did not think they made the police officers' jobs any different.

"What it does do is make it safer out on the field," Bailey said.

After the conclusion of each game, KU event staff members collapse the goalposts in the end zones in a matter of seconds, a practice that began after the Baylor game on Oct. 18.

Marchiony believes this practice will eventually discourage fans and students from targeting the goalposts after exciting Kansas football victories.

"We hope after awhile the fans will lose interest in rushing the field to tear down the goalposts," Marchiony said.

Marchiony said he expected the goalposts to remain in place for many years, but others wished a college football tradition would not be ruined.

"I think tearing down the goalposts and throwing them into Potter Lake is a part of KU's athletic tradition," said Grant Thompson, a Leawood, Kan., senior. "Nobody got hurt after the Missouri game, so I think KU students celebrating are much more safe than students at other schools."

Tigers conclude non-traditional season

Strong finish at Head of the Hooch regatta will power the Lady Tigers into spring.

ROY WELSH
Assistant Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Clemson rowing team concluded their non-traditional fall season at the Head of the Hooch Regatta in Gainesville, Ga. The Tigers competed in seven of the day's events, winning the Women's Championship 4+ and the Women's Freshmen Novice 8+. Among those falling to the Tigers were Miami (Fla.), Texas, Duke, North Carolina in the South's largest fall regatta. The victories in Georgia gave Clemson a

strong finish to their season and further established the program as a power in collegiate rowing.

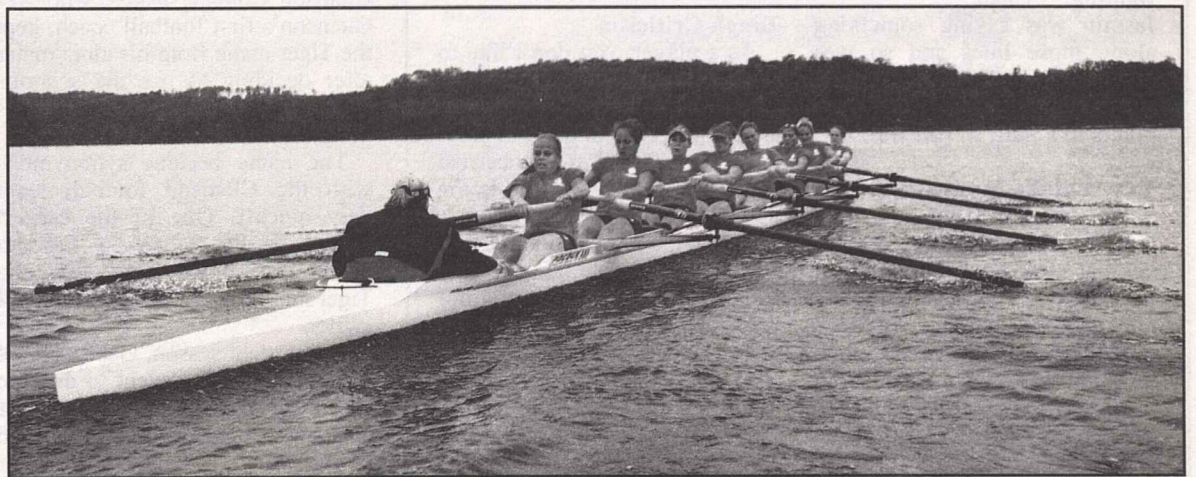
Clemson edged Texas in the Women's Freshmen Novice 8+, earning a victory with a time of 18:09.0. Clemson had boats finish in second and third to Miami in the Women's Freshman Novice 4+, clocking in with times of 20:19.3 and 20:40.2. Clemson's strong showing in the novice races were certainly signs of a bright future for Tiger rowing.

Clemson won the Women's Championship 4+ by 17 seconds over Miami, recording a time of 19:25.6. Clemson's second boat in the Women's Championship 4+ recorded a time of 19:49.1, giving them a

fourth-place finish. In the Women's Championship 8+, the Tigers' top two boats finished in second and ninth place, with respective times of 17:34.6 and 18:15.4. Duke, the winner of the Women's Championship 8+, finished in 17:32.0.

Clemson head coach Susie Lucek seemed pleased with her team's performance Saturday. "It was a day of great racing," Lucek said. "All the boats gave solid performances. We are proud of them and are looking forward to the spring season."

Clemson will now take a hiatus from racing until the spring season begins. The Tigers will kick off their spring season when they host the University of North Carolina at the Clemson Challenge in March.



ON THE WATER: The novice 8+ boat practices on Lake Hartwell on a cloudy afternoon last week.



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Kickin' it with Cole Chason

Halftime at Wake Forest

For about five or six minutes, there were no coaches in there and during that time, a couple of guys spoke up. Tony Elliot was talking about we play football year-round, seven days a week and how this is basically our life outside of school. He just said that we didn't need to give up and we need to keep fighting. Chad

Jasmin was saying something along those lines and so was Curtis Baham. There were guys saying that if they can score 35 points in a half, so can we.

Tony Elliot's Motivation

You have to have guys like that. You are not really going to get that kind of motivation from the coaches, because they are not out there playing. To have guys like that, who even when they are down, it doesn't even faze them. They still think it is 0-0 and they are fighting just as hard, You have to have that.

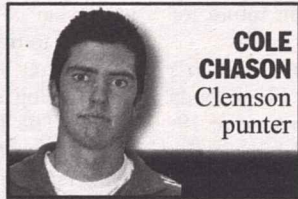
Loyalty of the Fans

The fan support was outstanding at Wake Forest. Even when we were down 45-0, over three-fourths of our fans were still there. I thought for being such a devastating loss, it was great support. Coming into this game, it is hard for everyone to lose like that. It would be unbelievable to have good support this week.

Tough Criticism

As a player, you don't like to hear it (criticism of the coaches) because he (Bowden) directs us and he leads us out there in practice. The coaches are concerned about us and they want to know how we are doing in school. They are like our second parents and to hear people rag on them and say how they are not doing their jobs, it just gets old.

Cole Chason is a redshirt freshman from Roswell, Ga., and is the starting punter.



COLE CHASON
Clemson punter

Tiger traditions: The Clemson mascots

History of the Tiger, the Country Gentleman, Tiger Cub, and push-ups after TDs.

HEATH MILLS
Sports Editor

The Tiger paw and Clemson Tigers is emblazoned all over the Clemson area from the athletic facilities to the library and even the streets leading into town. The adoption of the Tiger mascot did not evolve until former school president Walter Merritt Riggs brought football, along with orange and purple colored jerseys from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now known as Auburn University) to Clemson College. Riggs, who was Clemson's first football coach, kept the Tiger name from his alma mater after deciding to use the school's old equipment to start Clemson's program.

The name became synonymous with the Clemson football team very quickly. One of the earliest slogans for the team was, "Eat 'em up Tigers!" But before 1954, no Tiger mascot was present at football games.

During that season, Gabby Hayes became the first student to don the suit. From that season on, the Tiger mascot has become a fan favorite in Death Valley, especially for younger fans. He has been seen fighting with opposing mascots, being passed

through the stands by the crowd, mocking opponents by sitting in a lawn chair in their end zone and intimidating officials (the last two of which were made illegal by the NCAA due to the former Tiger mascots' antics).

The Tiger mascot was not the only one roaming the sidelines in 1954, though. Clemson also had a second mascot known as the Country Gentleman, who was a student dressed in a top-hat, purple tails and carrying a cane. The mascot evolved from a former Greenville News sports editor's nickname for the university. Though the mascot was popular and original, the Country Gentleman was dropped in 1972, which was about the same time playing "Dixie" and waving Confederate Flags was dropped at football games.

In 1978, the Tiger mascot began with a tradition that would soon be imitated across the South. Zack Mills, who Clemson legend Bob Bradley once called, "perhaps the most innovative and fun-loving Tiger of all," started the pushup tradition after Clemson scores. After each Clemson score at a football game, the Tiger mascot does pushups equal to the total score Clemson has in the game.

The pushups were originally done in the east endzone and the Clemson kicker would delay the kickoff until the pushups were done. Mills also was known to sit in a lounge chair

in the end zone while opposing teams were driving in that direction. He pretended to watch a television in front of him and drink out of a oversized, inflatable Heineken bottle to taunt the opposing offense and excite the crowd. The NCAA ended the fun by banning mascots from entering the field of play during the course of the game after the 1978 season. The pushups have been performed on a board held up by the cheerleaders near the student section ever since.

The pushups are no small feat considering the Tiger suit weighs over 45 pounds (the head alone is 20 pounds) and the number of them done in a day can get extremely high. Due to the heat of the suit and the physical exertion, mascots have been known to lose 10 to 12 pounds on gameday. During the Wake Forest game in 1981, another famous Tiger mascot, Ricky Capps, had to do 465 pushups. The single season record is 1,549 by Dan Wangerin in 2000, who eclipsed Mills's record from the inaugural '78 season. All stats on Tiger pushups are tracked by the sports information department.

In 1993, the Tiger Cub joined the Tiger on the sidelines at football games. Both can be spotted at most Clemson sporting events, pep rallies, festivals and occasionally roaming the sidewalks of campus on "One Clemson" Fridays. This year's Tiger mascot and Tiger Cub are (Tiger) and (Cub).



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275-299	7:30 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
300-324	8:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
325-349	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
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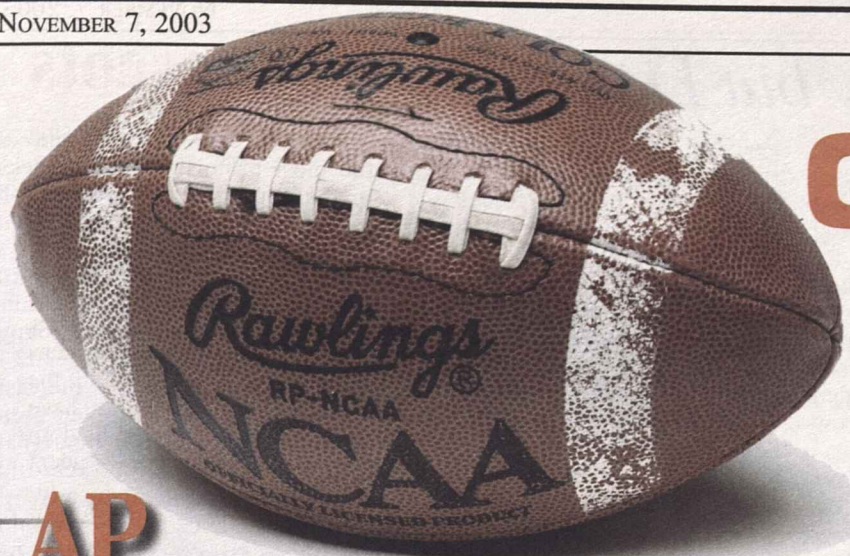
added a few shining moments late in the game for the Tiger faithful on hand at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem.

Chansi Stuckey, a native of Warner Robins, GA, is a redshirt freshman Quarterback behind starter, Charlie Whitehurst. Stuckey has reminded many of a Woodrow Dantzler-type quarterback, as he can pass as well as run the ball with blazing speed. Due to his youth and having to compete with Whitehurst, it's rare that Stuckey gets a chase to play, but because the circumstances allowed for it on Saturday, Stuckey got to show his stuff. Chansi was 9 for 15 passing with 71 yards and two touchdown passes. He also ran the ball for a team-leading 35 yards.

Stuckey entered the game following the only drive Clemson had scored. Charlie Whitehurst led the Tigers down the field for a touchdown, but the six was called off by the referee, saying the ball was caught out of bounds. After being shown on the replay board, Youngblood's foot was clearly in bounds by a few inches. The drive resulted in a field goal by Aaron Hunt.

The following drive, Stuckey connected with Derrick Hamilton at the 9:26 marker for an easy touchdown score on a slant route. Hamilton was untouched on the play. Following only the second punt of the afternoon for Wake Forest, Stuckey again led the Tigers down the field with his QB draws and quick-out passing. Stuckey hooked up with fellow redshirt freshman Kelvin Grant with 1:11 to play in the game for the touchdown. Stuckey threw the Tigers only two touchdowns of the afternoon.

Chansi Stuckey proved Saturday that he could handle being a quarterback at the collegiate level. With Whitehurst in front of him, he is hard-pressed for playing time at the quarterback position, but watch for Stuckey in different plays as a receiver, running back for direct snaps, and as we have seen already this year, reverses. He is definitely an explosive player with many skills that will help out the Tigers for years to come. Hopefully for the Tigers, and the Tiger faithful, we will get to watch Stuckey display his skills under slightly different situations than that of Saturday's massacre at Wake.



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2. USC
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11. Texas
12. Washington State
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15. Bowling Green
16. Purdue
17. Florida
18. Tennessee
19. Nebraska
20. Mississippi
21. Oklahoma State
22. Missouri
23. Northern Illinois
24. Minnesota
25. Pittsburgh



standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
FSU	6-0	8-1
NC State	4-2	7-3
Maryland	3-2	6-3
Ga. Tech	3-2	5-3
Wake Forest	3-3	5-4
Clemson	3-3	5-4
Virginia	3-3	5-4
Duke	0-5	2-7
UNC	0-5	1-8

number game

46 Number of Florida State alumni on NFL rosters at the beginning of the 2003 season.

0 Amount of Heisman winners that played for an ACC school before Charlie Ward won in 1993.

54 Number of years Florida State has had a football program.

Bowden Bowl returns to Death Valley

Tigers hope to rebound after last week's debacle and help Bowden's job security.

ANDREW GIBBONS
Staff Writer

All of sudden it seems Bowden Bowl V has lost some of its magic. All week on campus people have been talking about Bowden and his job security instead of talking about how the Tigers are going to stop Greg Jones or how the offensive line is going to contain Michael Boulware. I think we have the talent to compete with any team in the ACC, it just depends on what team shows up on Saturday. This Saturday, I think the Clemson Tigers of the Georgia Tech game will show up, but I don't know if that will be enough to beat the Seminoles, who now are back in the National Championship race.

Junior Quarterback Chris Rix leads Florida State's offense. Rix this season has gone 165 on 281 passing attempts for 2378 yards. Rix has thrown 16 touchdowns on the season to go with his 9 interceptions. The only problem with Rix is that sometimes he makes stupid mistakes on and off the field. Last year, the media and his teammates questioned his leadership, especially after the Notre Dame game. These concerns might have been right, considering Rix slept through a religion final exam and was required to sit during the Sugar Bowl — a Sugar Bowl that might have been won by the Seminoles if they would have had their starting quarterback. This aside, Rix is a good quarterback who can make stuff happen when he flushes from the pocket. The Tigers must force Rix into bad situations and tempt him to make throws that he should not try. In the backfield with Rix is South Carolina native Greg Jones, who is one of the best running backs in the country, and who will defiantly be a force to reckon with on Sundays in the near future. Jones is a complete back who can either run by you or run over you, just ask UNC Free Safety Dexter Reid who made Sportscenter highlights for the rest of his life by getting in the way of Jones earlier this season. Jones has around 450 yards rushing on the season with 6 touchdowns. FSU's offensive line is huge, and has no starters under



STRUTTIN': Clemson's Derrick Hamilton (21) eludes Seminole defenders on a reverse in the first half of last year's game. The Tigers grabbed a late second quarter lead before succumbing 48-31 to Florida State.

6-4. Like all Seminole teams, FSU doesn't have a talent problem at Wide Receiver. Craphonso Thorpe, P.K. Sam and Chris Davis have combined for 101 catches for 1657 yards with 13 touchdowns. Thorpe has about half of the catches and yards himself, and 9 of the 13 touchdowns belong to him as well. The Tiger secondary will have their hands full on Saturday.

The Seminole defense is one of the best in the country, giving up an average of around 11 points a game. In the second half of games, the FSU defense is averaging an amazing 3 points. Michael Boulware, Columbia native, leads the defense with 68 tackles, with 2 of them being sacks. The defense on a whole has 28 sacks and 12 interceptions. In other words, they make big plays, which is nothing new for a FSU defense. Other players to watch include Stanford Samuels,

3 Reasons why Florida State wins on Saturday Night

1) FSU is just a better team who is playing for the chance to go to the Sugar Bowl and play for a National Championship. They just have more to play for then the Tigers do.

2) Our Secondary has played well this year, but they haven't been tested like they will this Saturday. It's pick your poison with Sam, Thorpe and Davis.

3) Florida State's defense is amazing, with 27 points given up in the second half of ball games this year. If the Tigers get behind more than 10 points, it's over.

3 Reasons why Clemson wins Saturday Night

1) Chris Rix will make mistakes, and I think our defense can take advantage of them. The Tiger offense

must capitalize on these turnovers and turn them into points.

2) As Derrick Hamilton goes, so goes the Tigers. I think Hamilton will have a big game on Saturday. I just don't know if it will be big enough, but for the Tigers to win, they must limit Florida State's big plays and must make the most out of every turnover, special team return or long bomb.

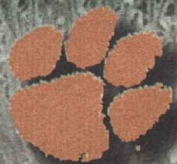
3) FSU has N.C. State and Florida left on their schedule. They killed Wake, and they know Wake killed us. Wonder if they are worrying about Philip Rivers? They just might forget they have a game on Saturday night.

Prediction: Florida State 30 Clemson 24. Florida State is on a mission, and the Tigers are just in the way. Hope I'm wrong.

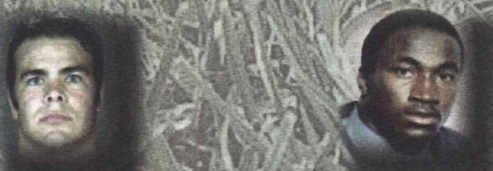
ON THE FIELD

DEFENSE

- DE Khaleed Vaughn
- LT Donnell Washington
- RT DeJuan Polk
- DE Maurice Fountain
- TACK John Leake
- MIKE Leroy Hill
- WHIP Eric Sampson
- ROV Jamaal Fudge
- FS Travis Pugh
- LCB Tye Hill
- RCB Justin Miller



KEY MATCHUP



Clemson LB Leake vs. Florida State TB Jones

Greg Jones absolutely took apart the Tiger defense in last year's contest and made one of the most magnificent runs of the season, crushing Leake on the way to the end zone. After Clemson's running defense at Wake Forest, there is no doubt that FSU will use Jones to test the Tigers again. Leake and the other Clemson linebackers will have to step up their play to have a chance.



OFFENSE

- ST Alex Barron
- SG Matt Meinrod
- C David Castillo
- TG Ron Lunford
- TT Ray Willis
- TE Paul Irons
- SE P. K. Same
- QB Chris Rix
- TB Greg Jones
- FB B.J. Dean
- FLK Craphonso Thorpe

UNC

FROM PAGE 16

am proud of our team, we held together. This will give our team great momentum with the match against Furman next week and at the ACC Tournament. We have our last home match next Sunday against Furman. I want our fans to come out and show support for our team and to recognize our seniors and the fine contributions they have made to our program."

Seniors to be honored this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Historic Riggs Field in Clemson as the Tigers take on the Furman Paladins include defenseman Nick Rivera, midfielder Kenneth Cutler, forward Andre Borges, defenseman Chase Hilgenbrink, midfielder Paul Souders, forward Steven Rhyne and midfielder Grant Kevins.

Do you like taking photographs?

Come take pictures for the Tiger!

Contact David Kalk at 656-4007

I was enjoying a nice, peaceful ride back to Clemson on Monday afternoon having finally gotten rid of the hangover of last Saturday afternoon's 45-17 debacle in Winston-Salem when I got into range of 104.9 WCCP-FM. Interested to listen to what other Tiger fans felt on the situation of the team and the coach, I was instead treated to the annual "Danny Ford Love fest after a Blowout Loss" by just about every person who wanted to speak their two cents.

What is it about us Clemson fans that makes us think that Danny is the solution to every problem? I'm surprised we haven't pushed him for governor to fix the state's budget cuts, but I guess the chance he might pace the sidelines of Death Valley again is more important than anything else.

Was I incredibly upset about getting destroyed by Wake Forest? Yes - taking solace in the fact that it wasn't on TV was not enough to make me feel any better (only like a Georgia Tech fan earlier this season).

Am I sick of watching Clemson football flounder in mediocrity? Yes - I never thought I'd be praying for a chance to travel to Boise, Idaho for another bowl game in my college years. Does Tommy Bowden deserve the blame for where this program stands? Yes

- this is his and his players. Everything starts from the top.

Am I a little surprised that Bowden wasn't fired after being down 35-0 at halftime? A little bit - I guess Duke set the standard that it has to be 42-0 to give up on your head coach (but at the same time I would have been scared to death at what Papa Bowden would've done to us tomorrow night if that had happened).

Will he be fired at the end of the season? I'll put my money on it.

Does anyone want to hear me answer any more of my own questions? I doubt it so I'll move on.

For now, there's nothing to do but speculate on who can return Clemson football to a perennial powerhouse. Time's about running out on the ability to cash in on the program's prestige that has been built around Danny's days at the helm, which is exactly the reason that we don't need to bring him back.

Ford was by far the most successful coach in Clemson's modern history but he's not the answer to take the program into the 21st century for multiple reasons. He did take us to our only national title, but we spent the next three

years on probation. He did have successful teams for the rest of the 80s, but he was forced out amid another NCAA investigation and tried to have more power than the president of the university.

Since his departure from Clemson, what has he done to prove himself capable of resurrecting Clemson football? A 26-30-1 record in five years at Arkansas isn't exactly a sign of a great coach. I'd take five more seasons of Bowden's inconsistencies over that. I'm sure those five years out of football sharpened his coaching skills.

Times have changed and there is no reason to believe Ford has changed with them. Clemson is now recognized as one of the top public colleges in America and graduation rates for our football team are moving up with that image. We were lucky if Ford graduated more players than he sent to the NFL.

I'm sure there are those people out there who would trade the rising value of their degree for a BCS bowl game though so let's look at some other things. They want "three yards and a cloud of dust." The problem with that is our players aren't right for that system. So we'll take a talented

group of receivers and one of the most promising quarterbacks in the country and try to smash it down people's throats? That sounds about right.

But I'm sure Danny will get all the players he wants in recruiting, right? What will these young men know of the Tiger legend? I think it is safe to say that the vast majority of us weren't even born when his Tigers won the national title. How many 18-year-old recruits will remember any of his days at Clemson? They would have been six years old when he resigned.

Lou Holtz is considered a legend by these young players because they remember his dominant Notre Dame teams. They watched him win the national title. Meanwhile, all of the stories of Danny will come from people twice their age - and you remember how much you enjoyed taking advice from your elders when you were a senior in high school.

Who knows, maybe I'm wrong and he could overcome all odds. He's Danny Ford. But what if he doesn't? The jokes about bringing back the good ol' redneck, more than a decade removed from any success in football would make papers from Atlanta to New York and would only continue to grow if the attempt turned out a failure. Clemson football would take one of its legends and its glory days and throw them out the window in the eyes of the nation for a failed attempt to recreate it all. Who in their right mind would want come in and attempt to live up to Danny Ford when he himself couldn't?

On my trip home I enjoyed listening to Georgia fans complain about their coach's play calling in the Florida game. Never mind the fact that he took Georgia to their first SEC title in 20 years and has them in the top 10 during a season that was supposed to be their rebuilding year. He still couldn't beat Florida. Never mind that he came in as one of the most heralded offensive minds in the game because of his success at Florida State. He should let someone else call the plays next year because his decisions cost them two close games. These people had no idea about the defensive alignment that Florida came out in or what the coaches saw on film. He was wrong because they lost. And best of all, it was claimed that he's still no Vince Dooley.

That just proves, we all as fans are fickle. We expect to win every week, no matter the opponent. I know I do, and I spend hours of time each week trying to convince others the same thing. We also seem to remember only the things we want to remember. I remember sitting in the stands at a young age and listening to the crowd complain about our offense in the 80s because Ford's idea of running up the gut three times in a row wasn't working. Clemson always seemed to lose a game they shouldn't and it drove people nuts.

But just like those Georgia fans, we only are looking at the good parts of the Ford era at Clemson and seem to just block out the bad. The Danny Ford image only seems to grow every year. At this point, not even Danny Ford could live up to Danny Ford in the minds of Clemson fans.

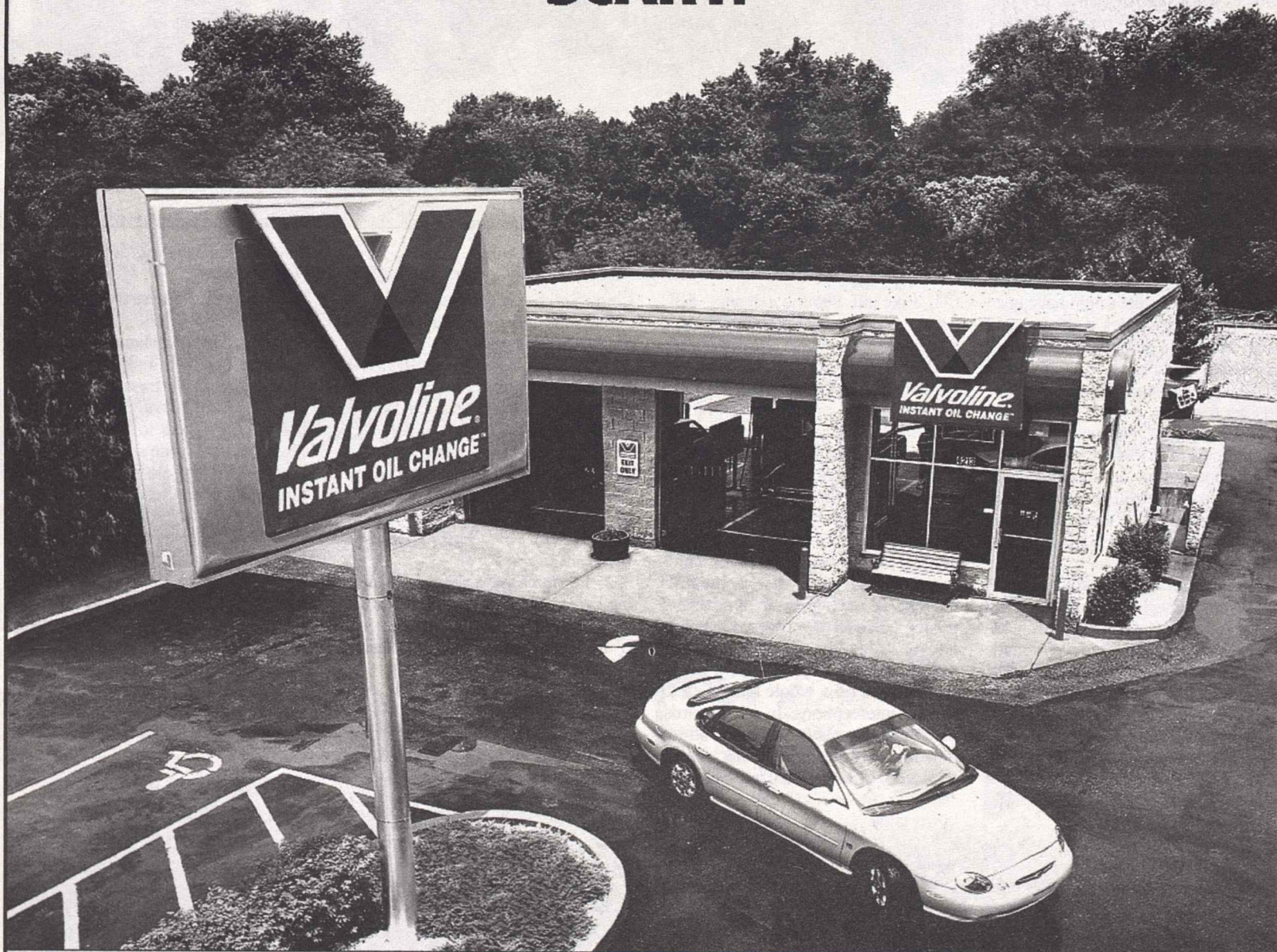
That's why it is time for us all to put Danny Ford behind us. We had a great run while he was the coach. Now it is time to find our next Danny Ford (or Frank Howard or John Heisman). Luckily, we have an incredible athletic director that, if need be, can go out and find us our man. Until then, let's enjoy the last three (or four) games of the season. This Tiger team can still be special when it plays right, so who knows what could happen. We can still end the streak against FSU and put South Carolina in their place for another year. Go Tigers!

Anybody but Danny



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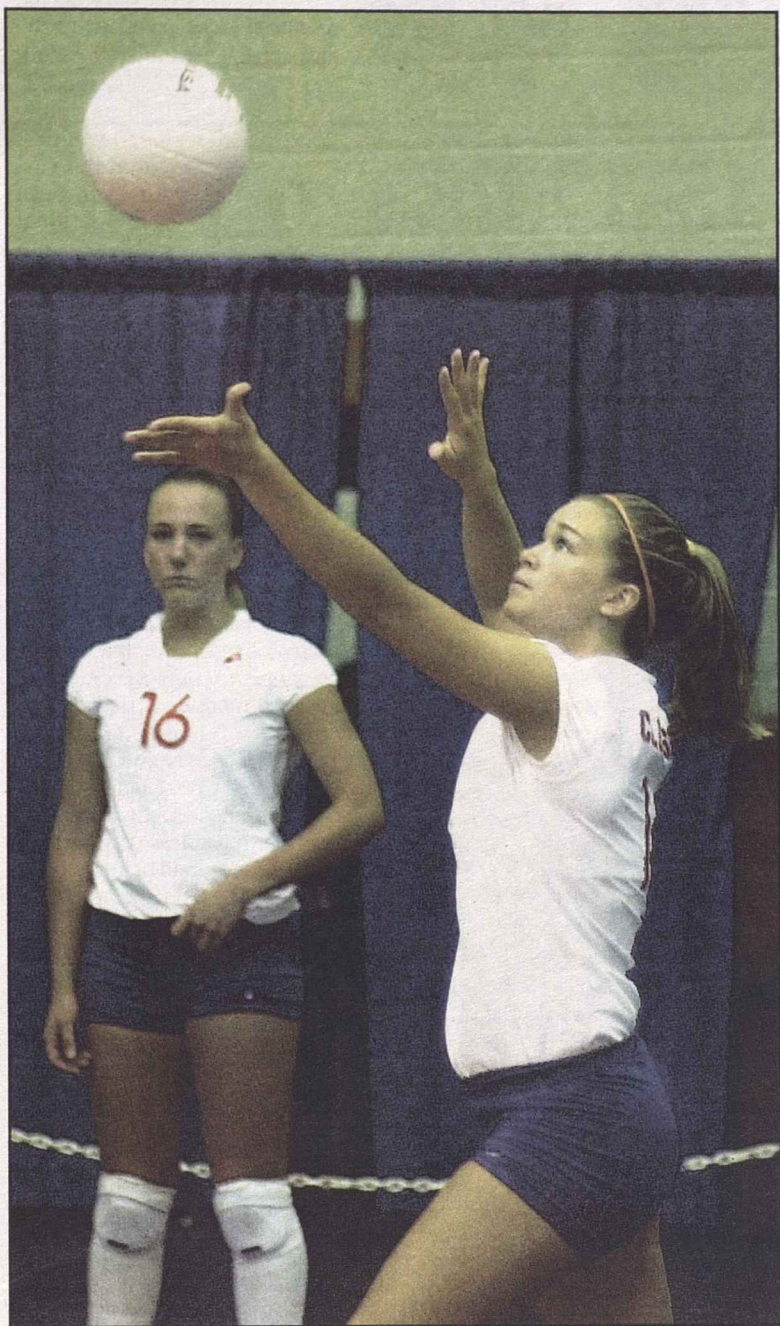
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Lady Tigers falter on conference road trip



START IT UP: Liz Beckham serves while Dawn Robertson looks on.

Coach Joleen Hoover's team falls to UVA and Wake but defeats Maryland.

CHASE ELDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The Clemson volleyball team returned from a two-match road trip over the weekend and took on the Wake Forest Demon Deacons in Clemson.

The Clemson volleyball team dropped a 3-1 (30-22, 24-30, 30-28, 30-18) decision to Wake Forest in ACC play on Tuesday night at Jervy Gym. With the loss, the Tigers fall to 15-14 on the season and 4-9 in league play, while the Demon Deacons improve to 19-7 overall and 8-5 in conference matches.

On Saturday, Clemson traveled to take on Virginia (30-26, 21-30, 24-30, 30-24, 15-8). After the win, the Cavaliers improve to 21-7 overall and 5-7 in the ACC.

Virginia took game one by a score of 30-26. Clemson evened the score of the match in game two, winning 30-21 and also won game three with a score of 30-21. Virginia rebounded in game four, winning by a score of 30-24. Virginia clinched the match, winning game five 15-8.

Individually for the Tigers, Ashton led the team with 24 kills and a .595 hitting percentage. Freshman Liz Beckham added a double-double with 15 kills and 12 digs, while Leslie Finn posted 15 kills with 17 digs. Ryane Beasley led Clemson at the net with five blocks (two solo). Lindsey Abbott tallied 19 defensive saves, while Stephanie Haskell dished out 60 assists with a team-best 22 digs for Clemson.

Last Friday, the Tigers traveled to College Park, Maryland to take on the Terrapins. Clemson defeated Maryland in five games (30-18, 23-30, 35-33, 27-30, 15-13). With the loss the Terrapins fell to 20-5 overall and 9-2 in conference play.

Clemson won the decisive game five with a score of 15-13. Individually for Clemson, Leslie Finn recorded a career-best 31 kills with a .394 hitting percentage and two blocks. Her 31 kills place her fourth in the Tiger record books for most kills in a match. Liz Beckham recorded 25 kills with 25 digs, placing her in Clemson's all-time 20-20 club, while junior Lori Ashton added 15 kills with a .375 hitting percentage and a team best seven blocks. Lindsey Abbott tallied 24 digs and Stephanie Haskell had a career-high 71 assists with 17 digs and four blocks for the Tigers.

The Tiger volleyball team returns to action this weekend, as it plays host to Florida State on Friday night and Duke on Sunday afternoon.

Big East announces five team expansion

The Big East has created a basketball super-conference with the new additions.

ADAM CAPARELL
The Daily Campus
(University of Connecticut)

(U-WIRE) — The Big East Conference just got a whole lot bigger Tuesday, as the conference announced it had officially welcomed five new schools to help rebuild a wounded league.

Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida, all members of Conference USA, accepted the invitations from the Big East to become full-fledged members of the conference at the start of the 2005-06 season.

"It's a very exciting day in the history of the Big East. We are thrilled to be joined by five great institutions," Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese said.

The Big East's expansion was in response to the ACC's expansion earlier in the year that claimed current, and soon to be former, Big East members Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College.

Cincinnati, Louisville and South Florida, who were targeted for their football programs, will be Big East members in all sports. DePaul and Marquette will be members in all sports except for football.

In order to maintain their position as an affiliated member of the BCS, the Big East needed to add three football teams as is mandated by the NCAA.

Many have questioned that when the BCS contract runs out in 2006 that the Big East, and their less potent football league, would not be included as a member in the contract negotiations that will begin within the next few months.

"I still believe that we're one of the six best football playing conferences," Tranghese said. "We think we belong."

Cincinnati, Louisville and South Florida will now join UConn, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia to form the new football league.

Temple, a current member of the Big East only as a football member, will leave the conference after next year.

Along with a new look football league, the Big East will now boast one of, if not the top basketball conferences in the country.

The additions of DePaul and Marquette, notorious basketball schools, along with the other three schools will give the Big

East a basketball super-conference that boasts some of the best programs in the nation.

The eight football schools will join the eight other teams to form a 16-team league. St. John's, Seton Hall, Villanova, Georgetown, Providence, Notre Dame, Marquette and DePaul will form a 16-school league for basketball.

The new look league will feature seven members who have won a national championship, including Syracuse last season and UConn in 1999.

Marquette is coming off an appearance in the Final Four. Cincinnati and Louisville both made the NCAA Tournament the past year.

Seven schools currently ranked in the ESPN/USA Today Preseason Top 25 Coaches Poll will be members of the Big East starting in 2005.

Combined, the new conference will have a total of 39 Final Four appearances and nine national titles won by seven teams.

"One of the key things, being a traditionalist and someone that has been involved with the Big East for almost 18-19 years, it is difficult to see such drastic changes," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said.

"But change does take place and, as is, becoming evident,

UConn and the other members of the new Big East will have the best basketball league in the country."

"It will be a great challenge for UConn and all the schools and I am excited about the new challenges ahead."

The actual vote for the invitation of the five schools occurred Tuesday by the presidents of the remaining Big East schools. That followed extensive conference calls last week when it was finally decided to go forth and extend the invitations to the five Conference USA schools.

Tranghese, who openly criticized the ACC for what he thought was a back door approach by the league to expand by inviting Miami, Virginia Tech and B.C., was resolute that he and the presidents of the Big East went about the expansion process the right way.

"It's a difficult situation but I think we went about it the right way," he said.

It remains to be seen if the new league can survive what will be an unusual transitional period and flourish. But Tranghese is confident the new Big East can thrive.

"It's going to survive," he said. "Clearly, we're here."

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Clemson looks to end their losing streak against Florida State.

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Embarrassed: Defense fails in 45-17 loss to Wake

Blowout loss exploits weakness of run defense, puts Coach Bowden on hot seat.

CHASE ELDRIDGE
Staff Writer

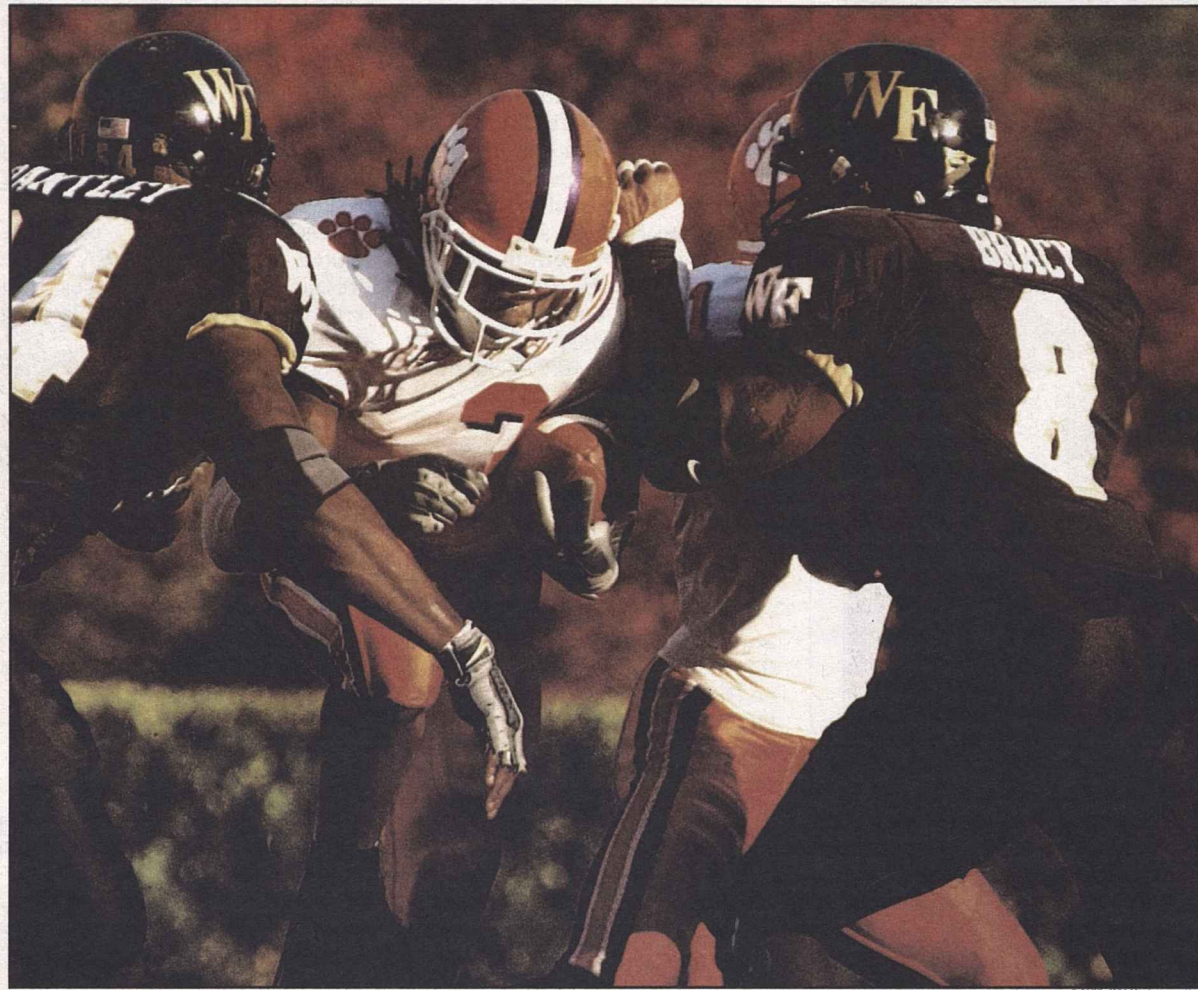
The old cliché that football is won and lost in the trenches has come true for the Clemson defense this year.

Unfortunately, Clemson has been on the wrong side of the cliché with consecutive lackluster performances by its defense in the last two games. In a recent 45-17 thrashing by Wake Forest, the Clemson defense gave up an astounding 316 yards rushing. The previous week before in a 36-28 win over North Carolina, the Tigers gave up 287 yards on the ground.

Defensive coordinator John Lovett discussed the Tiger's recent woes on defense. "In the last two weeks, we just haven't played well, and have been outcoached. Wake Forest came in with a one-back scheme that we hadn't seen on film," said Lovett.

Several missed tackles in the backfield led to long runs this past Saturday. Lovett made some adjustments at halftime and came out with an eight-front in the second half that held the Deacons to only one long run.

Wake Forest seemed to just have a better plan on offense than what Clemson had on defense, as the Deacons scored 28 points in the second quarter to go into the half with what proved to be an insurmountable 35-0 lead. However, the fact that the Wake Forest defense produced two touchdowns didn't help the Tigers'



NO SHOW: Duane Coleman and the Tiger offense struggled to get anything going against Wake.

chances.

Inconsistency is something that has plagued the Tigers this year. Several weeks ago, linebacker Leroy Hill and the Clemson defense were showing

flashes of the great Tiger defenses of long ago. But after the last two weeks, Coach Lovett and his staff are back to the drawing boards.

Two games and over 600 yards

rushing later, Lovett is preparing for perennial powerhouse Florida State. "Florida State offensively doesn't present the kind of problems that Wake Forest does, formation wise. Talent

wise, there is no question that this is the best offense that we have faced," Lovett said.

To stop the run, the Clemson defense must stuff the middle, as well as limiting the number of missed tackles. Lovett said that gang tackling would be much more of a focus against Florida State's offensive scheme than what they used against Wake Forest. Wake Forest used a lot of misdirection that forced the defense to play more of a man-to-man as opposed to a zone.

Coach Lovett and his defense are preparing to stop the Seminoles three-headed monster at running back that consists of bruiser Greg Jones along with the speedy duo of Lorenzo Booker and Leon Washington. "I don't think there's any doubt you have to stop the run, regardless of whom you play. I'd be more afraid of their running game than their passing game. We had a lot of trouble tackling Greg Jones last year," said head coach Tommy Bowden.

Lovett cited pressuring Florida State quarterback Chris Rix as the key on defense for the Tigers. "Hopefully what we can do is present some problems for the quarterback; get him out of his rhythm. If he's off, then they're (FSU offense) not nearly as good," Lovett said.

One thing that is uncertain for the Clemson football team is the future of head coach Tommy Bowden. However, it is certain that a win this weekend would turn some heads in Tigertown. For the Tigers to walk off Howard Field on Saturday as victors, stopping the run is first and foremost for the Clemson coaching staff.

Tiger soccer upsets No. 6 UNC

Win may start Coach Adair's team in the right direction for ACC tourney.

TONY BROERING
Staff Writer

The Clemson men's soccer team got one of its biggest wins of the season Saturday night, as they defeated No. 6 University of North

Carolina Tar Heels in an Atlantic Coast Conference match up in Chapel Hill, N.C. The upset win ended with a 1-0 score, as Tiger junior midfielder Charlie Roberts' first half goal proved to be the game winner.

The much needed win improves the Tigers record to 8-7-2 on the season and 2-4 in the ACC. The loss was just the third of the season for the Tar Heels, as their record

fell to 11-3-3 and 2-3-1 in league play. The win in Chapel Hill was a significant one for the Tigers as Clemson snapped a 14-match unbeaten streak for North Carolina at Fetzer Field, their home field. The Tar Heels' last loss at Chapel Hill was to Davidson on September 7, 2002. Before the game, the Tar Heels were ranked sixth by the NSCAA and seventh by Soccer America.

The sole goal of the game was netted by Roberts at the 37:04 mark in the first half. Bradley Gibson started the play with a corner kick into a group of Tigers and Tar Heels. Roberts finished the play with a header at the near post past North Carolina keeper Justin Hughes. The goal was the third for Roberts on the season.

North Carolina led the Tigers in terms of shots, taking five more than Clemson, 11-6. But Clemson goalie Phil Marfuggi was able to come away with the shutout, making four critical saves, including an incredible play in which he was just able to get his left foot on a shot from an on-rushing North Carolina forward.

For his heroics, Roberts was honored by the ACC league office on Monday, as he was named Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Soccer Player of the Week. The junior midfielder from Lawrenceville, Ga., recorded two goals for four points on the week. In addition to his goal against the Tar Heels, Roberts added another one in a Tiger victory over Elon earlier in the week.

"We played hard and deserved to win," said Clemson Head Coach Trevor Adair. "This was a long time coming and we needed this win. I

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Stuckey proves abilities under center in defeat



NEXT WOODY?: Redshirt freshman Chansi Stuckey shows Dantzer-esque moves while scrambling for a first down against Wake Forest.

Freshman Chansi Stuckey throws two TD passes in the fourth quarter of the loss.

BRIAN GARRISON
Staff Writer

Saturday's football game against Wake Forest was not officially announced as a "Solid Orange" event as some athletic events have been this year in Clemson sports, but you would not have known that had you attended the game. Wake Forest boasted an attendance of 35,643 in a stadium that supposedly has a capacity crowd of 31,000. Clemson fans had plenty to do

with the numbers as orange-clad Tiger fans were everywhere, covering half of one side of the stadium. Saturday was a normal display of Clemson fans traveling to see their team, but this date, what they saw was not normal Clemson Tiger football.

The Wake Forest Demon Deacons handled the Tigers easily Saturday by the score of 45-17. There was no silver lining to Saturday's "contest," nor was there a bronze, or even a brass. However, the Tigers' backup signal-caller, Chansi Stuckey

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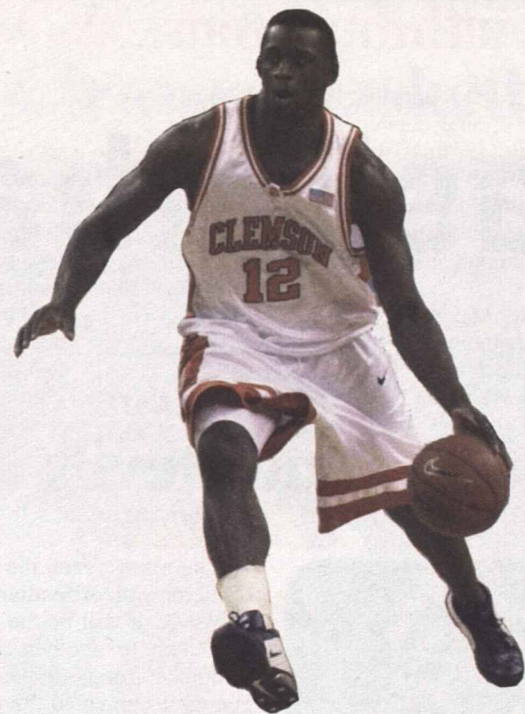


STRIKE: Justin Moore gets the ball downfield in Clemson's 1-0 victory.

DAVID KALK/photo editor

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New coach brings new hopes to Tiger basketball

Coach Oliver Purnell brings new blood to resurrect dormant Clemson program.

TONY BROERING
Staff Writer

A new era in Clemson men's basketball begins tonight, as the Tigers meet a Nike Elite team in an exhibition game in Littlejohn Coliseum at 7:00 p.m. The contest marks Oliver Purnell's first game as Clemson head coach. Purnell, who last year led Dayton to a top four seed in the NCAA Tournament and won the Atlantic 10 Championship, replaces former head coach Larry Shyatt, who resigned at the end of last season.

Despite being in his first year, Purnell expects to come in and win right away. The team returns four starters and eight lettermen from last year's 15-13 team, plus adds three talented newcomers. The returning players accounted for nearly 60 percent of the scoring, 65 percent of the rebounding, 74 percent of the steals, 64 percent of the three-point goals and 65 percent of the playing time.

Despite the return of so many players, the Tigers will still be a relatively young team; they have

just one scholarship senior, forward Chris Hobbs, which means that a successful season this year could lead to much long term success.

The other returning starters for the Tigers are center Sharrod Ford, small forward Olu Babalola and guard Chey Christie. Coach Purnell's enthusiasm is high as the new season begins because he has been pleased with what he has seen from his team so far.

"After watching some game tapes and working directly with our returning players during individual workouts, I have been impressed with our athleticism, especially in the front court," said Purnell who replaced Shyatt on April 6.

"We have players who have been through the wars in this league and that is important. We have some overall team experience and that will be a strength of this team."

Purnell brings a wealth of coaching experience to the program. Growing up in Maryland, he has always been a fan of ACC basketball and has always dreamed of coaching in the elite conference. His coaching resume includes three years at Maryland as an assistant, as well as head coaching experience at Radford, Old Dominion and Dayton. Purnell has a history of turning around losing programs and

believes he can do the same here at Clemson.

"Our inside people have the ability to compete at this level. After seeing tapes of Clemson play against Duke and Cincinnati (who Dayton also played in 2002-03), I think our frontline will matchup athletically. Obviously Chey Christie is a quality guard who has been around the block, and he will be a key to anchoring our back court."

Word from opposing coaches is that Purnell's strengths are pregame preparation as well as sound strategy against more talented opponents. "We will be a team that will depend on defense and rebounding," said Purnell. "We are going to look to run every time we get the numbers. We want to be a team that makes a good decision on when to run and when not to run."

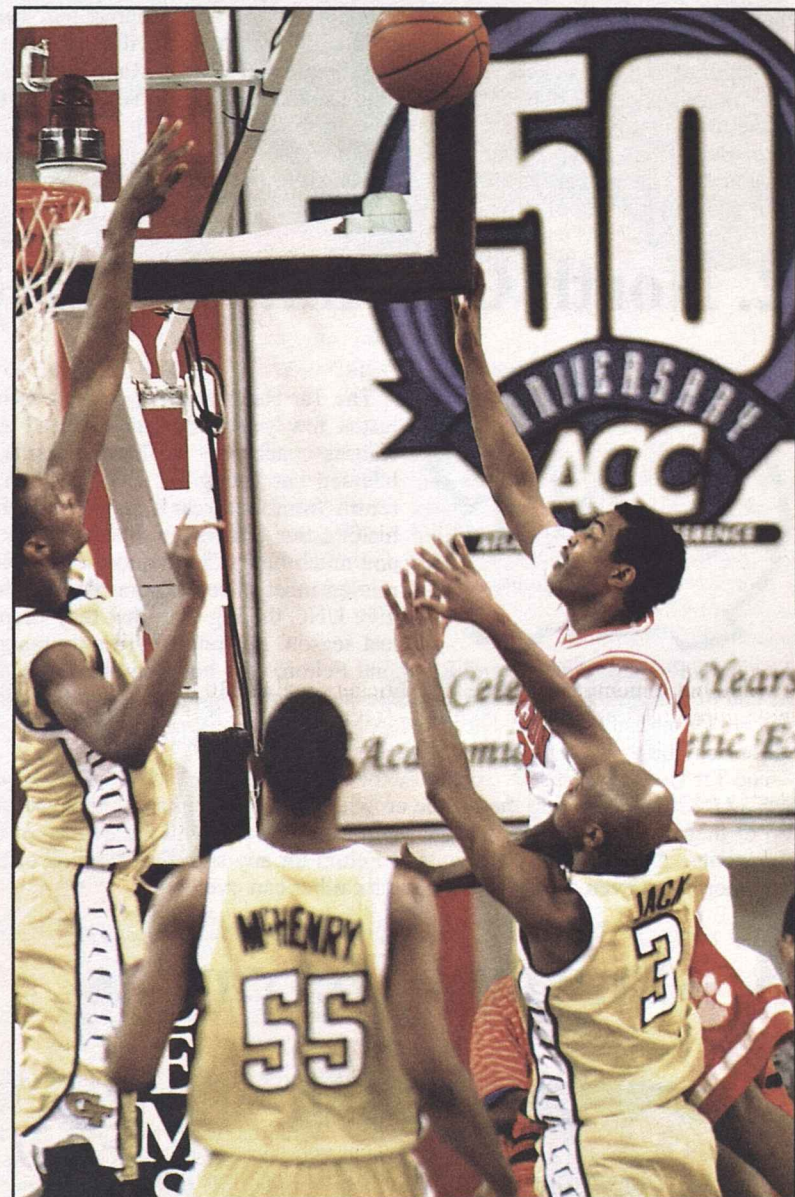
"A key will be taking care of the basketball, not beating ourselves with turnovers or by taking bad shots. There are some good transition teams in this league, so it will be important to get back on defense. We played Duke last year (as Dayton coach) and we know how they can get up and down the floor, so transition defense will be important."

"We will work on our press defense the first week of practice. That is like throwing guys into the water to see what kind of swimming instincts they have. Pressing instinct is important in determining whether or not we will press. We will determine early in preseason practice if we have players who have the quickness and instincts as anticipators. We won't be able to determine that until we go through practice."

On offense, Coach Purnell runs an inside-out passing game, a major change from Shyatt's philosophy of a perimeter oriented attack. Last season, Clemson's front court players had just 47 assists in 28 games. In Purnell's system, that number should double or perhaps even triple, due to the amount of passes they will be making. "I have always played the game in the half court from an inside out approach. You throw the ball in, you draw the defense in, you put pressure on the defense, draw double teams and create open shots. When the ball goes up, you hit the offensive glass. Over the course of a 40-minute game, it just causes defensive problems."

Purnell likes to vary his schemes on the defensive side of the ball. "We will use zone defenses, but it will not be the basis of what we do. People went away from the zone a few years ago, but it is becoming more and more prominent. Syracuse's success with a zone defense in its drive to the national championship last year probably will put it in vogue this year. We like to use a man-to-man when possible from a matchup standpoint."

Purnell knows that his team has the talent to be successful in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference and make a return to the postseason for the first time since 1998-99.



TOURNEY TIME: Shawan Robinson lays the ball up over a Yellow Jacket defender in the Tigers' quarterfinal loss to Ga. Tech in the ACC tournament.

What he really wants to focus on is the mental aspect of the game.

"I want this team to be mentally tough, the kind of team that can sustain toughness for 40 minutes. We want a team that fights for every loose ball and every rebound. I am going to tell our guys that our goal is to win every game that we can. I want them to go into every game with the idea that we can win and that we are going to do everything we can to achieve that victory. Overall, I want this team to show improvement over the course of the season. If we are mentally tough and show improvement as the season progresses, then everything will take care of itself."

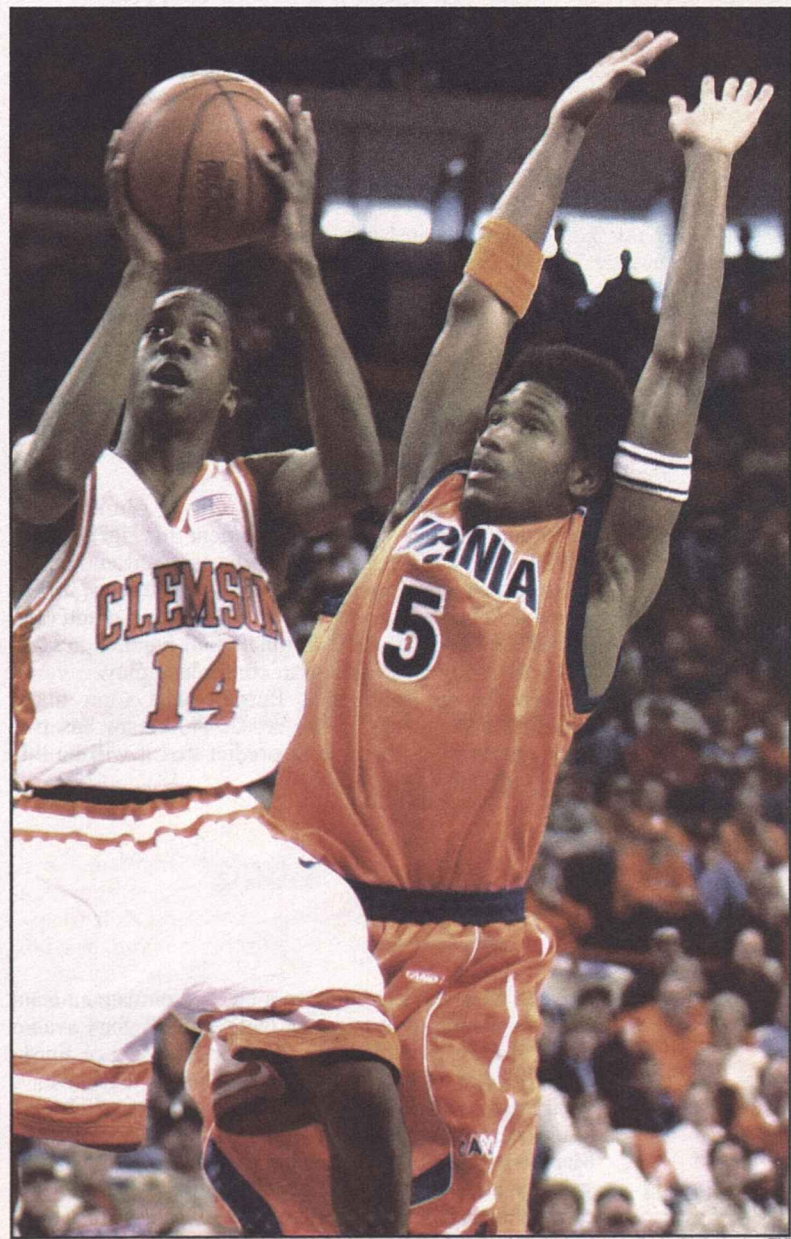
Clemson suffers its biggest loss from last season at the point guard position. Edward Scott, Clemson's first point guard to make first team All-ACC in 43 years, has graduated. "Replacing Edward Scott is one of our biggest question marks heading into the season," said Purnell, famous for his development of top quality point guards at Dayton. "We have a few possibilities we will experiment with in the preseason. Shawan Robinson could start there and we could rotate him with Chey Christie, who has played some point here and in high school. Vernon Hamilton is a freshman who has some outstanding credentials."

Competing at the shooting guard position will be Christie, as well as incoming freshman Jimmy Hudson and possibly sophomore Julian Betko. At the swing man position, Olu Babalola, Julian Betko and junior college transfer Lamar Rice all look to see significant playing time. Coach Purnell has liked what he has seen out of Babalola so far.

"With his size, strength and ability to defend in the open court, I can envision Olu playing the three and four positions this year. He really could defend players at three different positions. Just watching him on tape, that is something that jumps out to me about him. We need a quality player who can swing from one position to another."

Competing in the post positions with the starters Hobbs and Ford will be sophomore Steve Allen, who returns after a redshirt season, and Akin Akingbala. Purnell likes the idea of using all four post players quite often.

"We used a four-player scheme in the frontcourt at Dayton and I would love to continue that at Clemson," said Purnell. "The use of all four will be a function of the progression of Steve Allen and Akin Akingbala. But, just watching the tapes tells us that they have the physical ability to contribute."



SOFT TOUCH: Junior Chey Christie takes a jumper in Clemson's upset of Virginia last season at Littlejohn.

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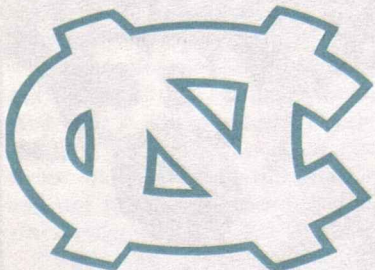
1. Duke Blue Devils



Like many years, the ACC's top player resides in Cameron Indoor Stadium. That man is J.J. Reddick. However, it will be the Blue Devils' depth that carries them to another conference title this season. Reddick's frontcourt partner Chris Duhon was strong enough to be voted the preseason player of the year in the ACC last season. As long as Duhon is able to create shot opportunities for Reddick, the nation's top sharpshooter will keep the conference and possibly the rest of the nation at bay.

Continuing the list of dominant Blue Devils, guard Daniel Ewing took home MVP honors at the ACC tournament last season. The speed and shooting ability of this three guard combination will open up the middle for the depth of Duke's backcourt. Shelden Williams and Shavlik Randolph were McDonald's All-Americans before playing for the Blue Devils last season. Now Duke will toss another of the nation's top recruits into the mix in freshman Luol Deng. The bench may have the accolades of this group but all of the group is good enough to start for most programs in the country. Chances are that Coach Mike Krzyzewski will lead this team back to the Final Four and end the school's two-year drought.

2. North Carolina Tar Heels



The Tar Heels finally got the coach they wanted, just a few years after they started asking. Former Kansas coach Roy Williams inherits an extremely talented but young Tar Heel team. All five starters return from last year's squad and given William's history, this team should be much more disciplined and much better. Sophomore center Sean May, who missed most of last season with a broken foot will give UNC the big man that they desperately lacked last season. His return will only make things easier

for guards Rashad McCants and Raymond Felton, who both may be first team All-ACC at the end of the season. McCants is on pace to become one of the greatest scorers in Tar Heel history. He already set the school record for scoring average as a freshman. Meanwhile, Felton may be the best point guard in the conference.

The Tar Heel's starting five could be the best in the ACC, but depth will be the thing that keeps UNC from winning the league crown. It's tough to imagine this group staying at the top of their game every night, which will be necessary with the quality of the conference opponents. A loss of May, McCants or Felton for any significant period of time will probably more than even a coach of Williams caliber can overcome.

3. Maryland Terrapins



These aren't your Terrapins of old. Gone are the top four scorers from last year's Sweet 16 team. Gary Williams team still has as much talent as anyone in the ACC again this year though. John Gilchrist bided his time behind Steve Blake for two seasons and will now get his chance to run the point. A battle has ensued between freshman Mike Jones and sophomore Chris McCray for the shooting guard position and depth in the backcourt will come from D.J. Strawberry, the son of former Major League Baseball player Darryl Strawberry.

The forward positions are filled with talent leaving the only big question mark at center. Still with Williams leading the charge and the amount of potential this team has, there is no reason to believe they won't contend for another ACC title.

4. NC State Wolfpack



The future looked bright for Coach Herb Sendek's Wolfpack at the end of last season. Unfortunately, center Josh Powell decided to declare for the NBA Draft and signed an agent, which cost him his eligibility though he was not drafted. The loss of Powell leaves State without a proven big man but the rest of the team should be talented to make up for the loss. Julius Hodge, who was the Pack's leading rebounder last year, will be State's most likely candidate for point guard in the upcoming season. Scooter Sherill will continue to give NC State a threat from behind the arc. Sherill, a former McDonald's All-American, will prove most valuable to the Wolfpack if he can add solid defensive play to his offensive prowess.

One of the biggest key's to State's success will depend on the play of Marcus Melvin. At 6'8" tall, Melvin has the ability to score under the basket but he is also deadly from beyond the three-point arc. If Melvin can become a consistent double-double performer and take some focus off Hodge and Sherill, the Wolfpack could end up much higher than this.

5. Florida State Seminoles



Florida State as a basketball power? Head coach Leonard Hamilton is quickly turning the Seminoles into one in only his second year in Tallahassee. The 'Noles return four starters and boast one of the top recruiting classes in the nation to boot. Led by guard Tim Pickett, who is a preseason All-ACC pick by many publications, Florida State will be one of the most dangerous teams in the conference on a nightly basis. The only hole they have to fill is at center where veteran forwards Michael Joiner, Anthony Richardson and Adam Waleskowski will be asked to fill the void.

The best newcomer is McDonald's All-American Vakaeton Walker, a prolific scorer who should contribute immediately. Time will tell whether this group of new stars can mix with the veterans and allow Florida State to contend for the ACC crown. As long as Coach Hamilton can get the group to mesh early enough to gain an NCAA tournament bid, they could end up being a surprise Sweet 16 team.

6. Wake Forest Demon Deacons



Wake Forest went through a fairly active offseason. After Pittsburgh attempted to coax Wake head coach Skip Prosser back to his home town, Prosser decided to stay in Winston-Salem to the delight of Deacon faithful. And no team will be hurt by the loss of one player than Wake Forest. Josh Howard, a first team All-American, departed Winston-Salem for the NBA. Without Howard, there is little chance that Wake can defend their conference title.

The Deacs will rely on Vytautas Danelius as their primary scorer up front. Danelius was named second team All-ACC last season. But the most important player will be sophomore center Eric Williams. Williams blew up the competition in non-conference games last season and was heralded as one of the top freshman in the country early on. Once the ACC slate began, the big freshman began to show his age and spent as much time on the bench as he did on the court because of foul trouble. As goes Williams, so goes Wake this season.

7. Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

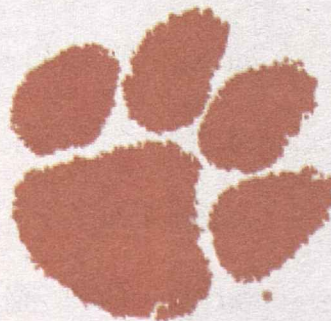


A Yellow Jacket fan has to be lamenting what could have been this season. After finishing fifth place in the conference last season and improving by incredible amounts throughout the course of the season, Tech was supposed to return all five starters and every major contributor this season. As the story goes in college basketball today, Tech unexpectedly lost two of their promising big men last year, when Chris Bosh left Atlanta for the NBA draft after his freshman year and Ed Nelson transferred to UConn. Look for the

Jackets to go to a three-guard system with B.J. Elder, Jarrett Jack and Arizona transfer Will Bynum working in the open court.

Coach Paul Hewitt will keep this team competitive just as he has every year since he took the job. Luke Schenscher, who stands at 7'1" tall, will guarantee that the Jackets will not lose any size under the basket. Still this team will not have a chance at the ACC title like they could have if Bosh and Nelson were still in Atlanta and they will probably have to settle for the NIT.

8. Clemson Tigers



New head basketball coach Oliver Purnell has generated a great deal of excitement in Tiger Town. Unfortunately, his team will not be talented enough to transfer that excitement to a strong conference finish this year. The loss of point guard Ed Scott to graduation leaves Clemson without a dominant ball-handler and this fact will surely be exploited in conference play.

There is no doubt that Purnell will soon make Clemson a contender in the ACC. This team has two many questions to be able to predict that it will be this season though.

9. Virginia Cavaliers



Pete Gillen expected to have a NCAA tournament team at the beginning of last season. Unfortunately for Cavalier fans, his team crumbled to a 7th place conference finish. After the loss of two key starters, Gillen is stuck with a young team with a lot of confidence issues. One of the keys to the season revolves around the health of guard Majestic Mapp who have battled knee injuries for the past two seasons. Chances are this team is one season away from being competitive again in the conference. If the Cavs finish here, Gillen may not be back to lead them.

Coach Purnell provides new perspective for Clemson basketball

New coach and his family have fallen in love with Clemson community.

ROY WELSH
Staff Writer

After Larry Shyatt resigned from his post as Clemson head basketball coach in March, Clemson athletic director Terry Don Phillips began his search for a new head man for the Tigers. Clemson fans had heard little of the progress of the search until an announcement was made that Oliver Purnell, Dayton's head coach, would leave his post in Ohio to take over at Clemson.

Phillips, who has expressed his commitment to basketball at Clemson ever since he took over for Bobby Robinson in July of 2001, landed a coach in Purnell that has turned programs around at Dayton and Radord. Clemson, a school which has struggled on the hardwood since former head coach Rick Barnes' departure for the University of Texas, will hope that Purnell can do the same thing for Clemson.

Purnell says that his interest in coaching at Clemson, a university that is considered by many as a football school, was furthered by Phillips' commitment to Tiger basketball.

"My question to Terry Don Phillips when we finally got to talk was about commitment," Purnell said. "He (Phillips) certainly expressed very eloquently the commitment to basketball and how it just didn't make any sense for basketball not to be strong

here." Purnell also seemed to realize Phillips' familiarity with strong basketball programs, as Phillips has formerly worked for the athletic departments of Oklahoma State and Arkansas.

One of the selling points of Clemson University has always been the sense of community the school has. And Purnell seems to appreciate that, which would certainly be pleasing to a Clemson native or a University alumnus.

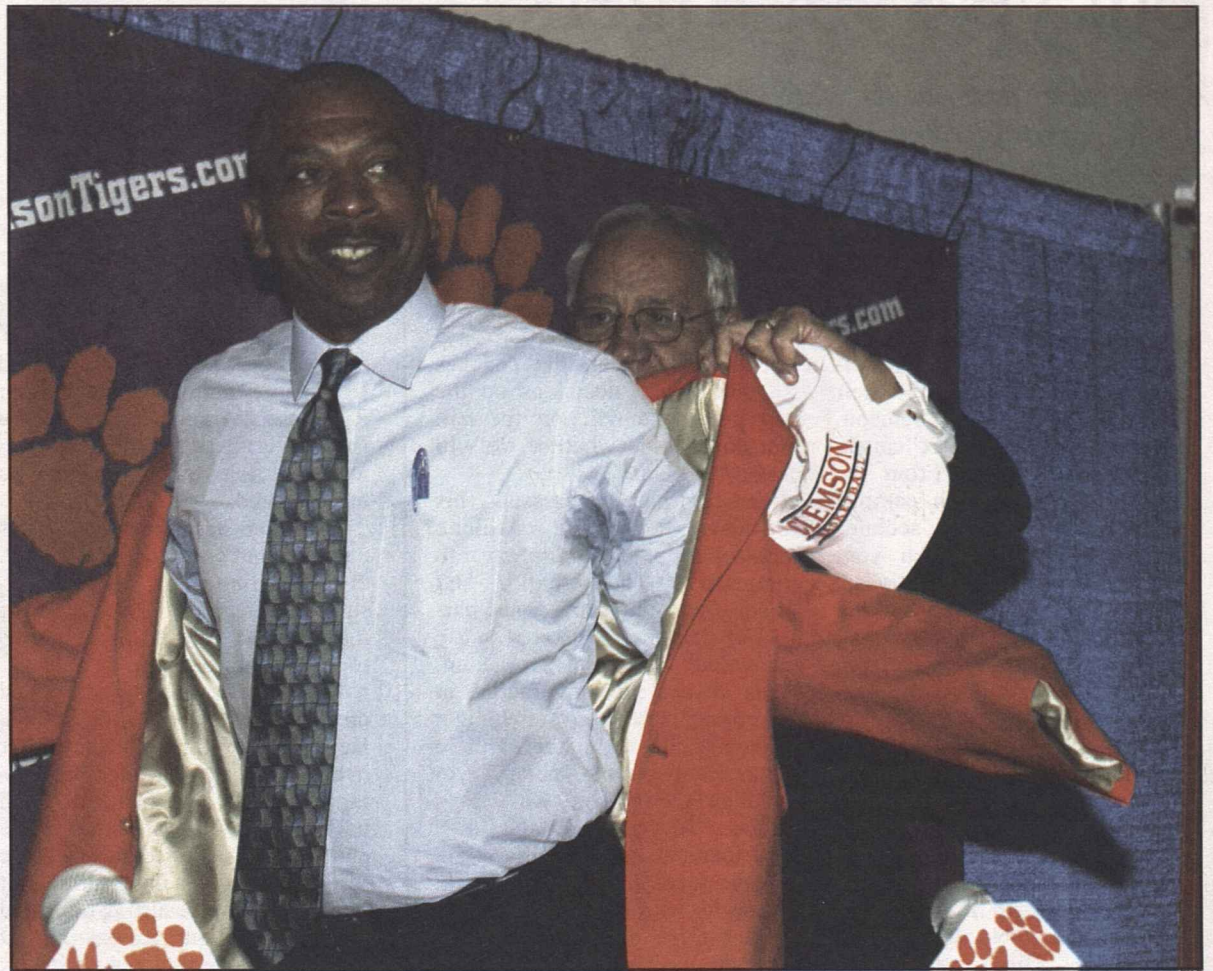
"My wife and I really love it here. It's a college town and a college environment and that's something we like. Athletic events, boy, the school really gets behind all of that. I think that appeals to the students as well," says Purnell.

"With 15,000 students, there is plenty going on for our student athletes on the weekends. I think, in a lot of ways, this is what college should be about for a student-athlete. And my wife and I enjoy it," Purnell says.

"We are building a house right on that lot over there," he says, pointing from his office towards Seneca and Lake Hartwell, "and we are looking forward to being here for a long time and building a strong and solid program."

Purnell says that he has asked the players to buy into his system and he believes in the potential of Tiger basketball, a refreshing outlook after a rough past few years. "My way is different from another coach's way and they have to get in the habit of doing things my way," he says.

"The only thing that I say to my players is that we have a system that has proven to be successful. We basically ask them to pour out their cup and what I mean by that



FIRST DAY ON THE JOB: Oliver Purnell dons the orange blazer for the first time during the press conference announcing his hire as the new head coach of Clemson basketball.

is they have a cup and a way of doing things and I am asking them to pour those out so we can pour in ours. If they allow us to do that, we have a real chance to be successful."

The air of quiet confidence that Purnell possesses is certainly attractive, even though his brand

of Clemson basketball has not yet been seen.

Although Clemson has not had success over the past few years, Purnell believes in the program's ability to win. "As far as I am concerned, this is a sleeping giant," he says. "It's a beautiful place and as long as the commitment is here and

folks want me here, I'll be here."

After Clemson lost Barnes, a coach who was loved by Tiger fans, to Texas, Purnell's desire to stay at Clemson for the rest of his career will hopefully result in a long, successful run for a program that has suffered more than not in the last five or so years.

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Hobbs expects break out year for Tigers

Senior will be expected to provide leadership through his play on the court.

ROY WELSH
Assistant Sports Editor

Clemson basketball has struggled the last few years and it would be easy for a Tiger basketball player to second-guess their choice of coming to Clemson. That is not the case with Clemson senior Chris Hobbs. "From the first time I stepped on campus here, I have never second-guessed myself and each year has added on so many positives," Hobbs says. "The people, the students and the classes and just coming away with a degree from Clemson University are the biggest pluses."

Hailing from Chapel Hill, N.C., Hobbs attended East Chapel Hill High School before coming to Tiger Town. Hobbs was looking to play in his home state until he was injured the summer before his senior year in high school. After his injury, North Carolina, N.C. State, Duke and Wake Forest pulled their scholarship offers. Hobbs says that the storied programs of the four North Carolina schools serve as a bit of motivation, particularly when he is playing them. "It drives me a lot. It makes me want to play even harder when I play them. Any time I play a North Carolina school, I just want to prove them wrong for not taking me and not letting me come to their University," Hobbs says.

After the Atlantic Coast Conference preseason standings were recently released with Clemson being picked to finish ninth in the conference, many would expect the Tigers to feel disrespected. But while it does serve as motivation for Hobbs, he realizes that the low expectations the media have for the Tigers may be well deserved. "It's a big slap in the face and we have got to go out there and prove it and we haven't done it yet. They have the right to do it (criticize). We haven't done anything worthwhile to not get picked ninth."

Hobbs is confident that the Tigers can make a statement in the conference this year, and if his assessment of head coach Oliver Purnell is an accurate one, he may be right. He seems pleased with the change of philosophy that Purnell brings to the table. "In the past, the decision making was made by the point guards," says Hobbs. "This year, the coaches are putting the decisions on the post guys. We will get the ball first and decide whether we will pass it back out."

Purnell has expressed his optimism with the Athletic Department's commitment to competitive basketball, and Hobbs feels the same way, particularly about Clemson recently renovated Littlejohn Coliseum. "It is always nice to practice in something new because you get that sense that they (the Athletic Department) want you to win and they need you to win," says Hobbs. "To have new facilities right there, it just brings a smile to your face. There is really no excuse for us to be bad."

After three disappointing seasons with the Tigers, Hobbs seems to feel a certain sense of urgency heading into his final year at Clemson. "We have to have a good record and protect home court. If we protect home court and can win the majority of our home games, we will be alright," he says. Hobbs has never experienced post-season play while at Clemson and that reaching the postseason is his ultimate goal. "I want to go to postseason play. That is one of the most important things to my career right now, to get a taste of the NCAA tournament," Hobbs says. "I've seen it enough on TV to know what it looks like and now I want to know what it feels like."

Hobbs and the rest of the Tiger basketball team will start work toward an NCAA tournament appearance tonight in Littlejohn when they take on the Nike All-Star team in an exhibition game. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The first regular season game is two weeks from today when Clemson will square off at home against Gardner Webb.

Freshman guard could contribute early

Star recruit will be counted on to play at point guard during the season.

CHASE ELDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Building a skyscraper must start with a solid foundation. First year men's basketball coach Oliver Purnell is counting on freshman Vernon Hamilton to be a big piece of that foundation.

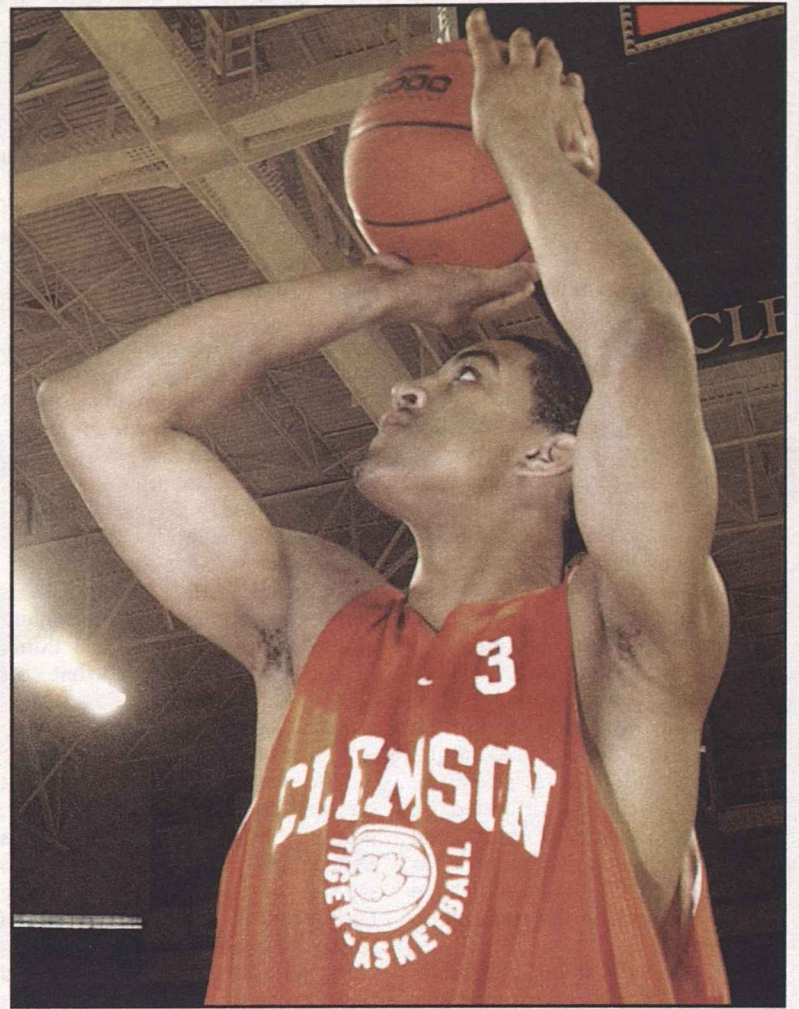
Hamilton, a 6'0", 192 pound freshman point guard from Richmond, Virginia is nearing the first regular season game of his collegiate career. And he couldn't be more excited.

Hamilton describes himself as outgoing and energetic on the floor. "I am definitely a team player, someone who looks to find the open man. I'll do whatever it takes for us to win," said Hamilton.

Hamilton was a highly decorated prep player in the state of Virginia. He was a two-time all-state player in basketball as well as football during his career at Benedictine High in Richmond. He was named in the national top 100 recruit by some services, and was a three-star recruit by Rivals.com. He also participated in the prestigious Adidas ABCD camp as a rising senior. As a senior, he averaged 24.1 points, 7.3 assists and 5.7 rebounds per game while leading Benedictine High to its first ever-state championship.

But why Clemson? "I knew I wanted to play in the ACC. That was one of the most important things in my decision. I figured that being in the ACC would give me the kind of exposure that I wanted. I feel like the ACC was the best conference in America," Hamilton said.

Hamilton was a member of the fall signing period in 2002, thus signing under then head coach Larry Shyatt. When Shyatt was not retained following last season, Hamilton had the option of breaking his letter of intent and signing with another program, but he stuck



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Freshman guard Vernon Hamilton works on his jump shot at practice on Wednesday.

with Coach Purnell and Clemson. "I wanted to be at Clemson. I was pretty solid with my decision," Hamilton said.

Because he possesses quickness and good ball handling skills, Hamilton will be counted on to play point guard for the Tigers this year. He will share the backcourt with sophomore Shawan Robinson, junior Chey Christie and fellow freshman Jimmy Hudson.

Hamilton knows that his role as a freshman will most likely be from off the bench. But he is completely okay with that. "I just want to contribute, and do whatever it takes

to help the team win. I trust and believe in Coach Purnell's offense," said Hamilton.

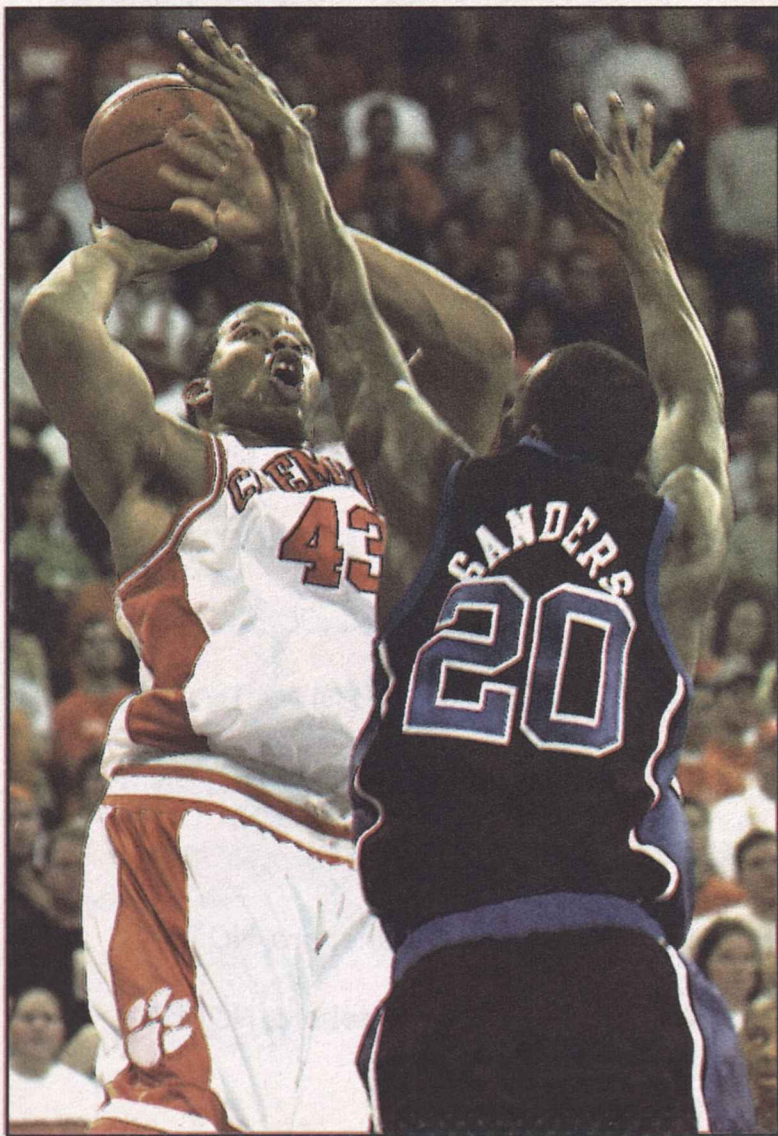
Hamilton expects big things from the Clemson basketball team this year. "I think that mainly we are going to come together as a team this year. We really feel like we can do well in the ACC this year, we are going to put up fight," said Hamilton.

Hamilton, who wears #3 for the Tigers, had an all-around solid performance in the Orange and White scrimmage as he scored five points, had five rebounds and dished out five assists with only one turnover.

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FADE AWAY: Senior forward Chris Hobbs takes a shot over Casey Sanders in the Tigers' loss to Duke in Littlejohn last season.

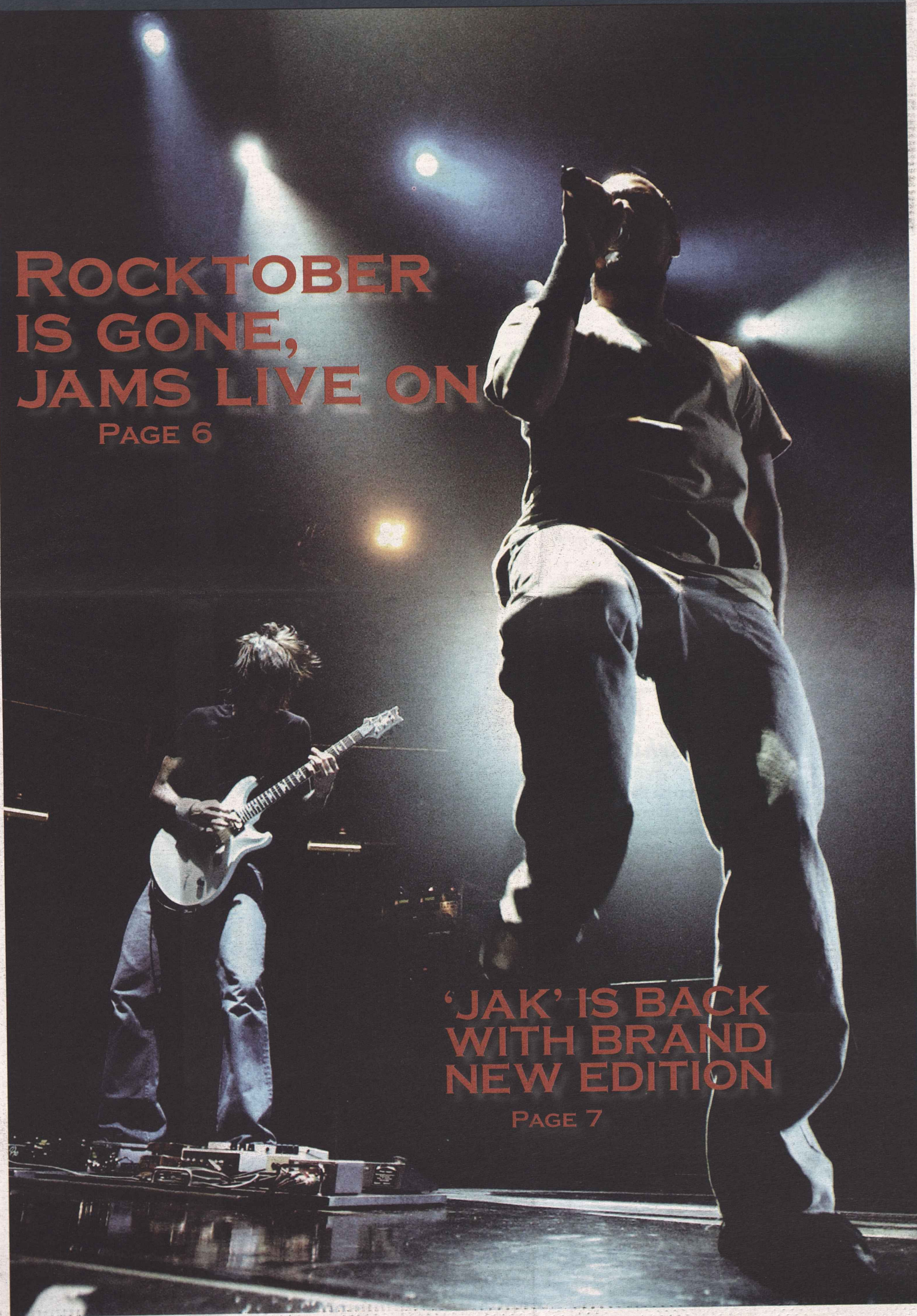
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Show based on classic 80's film on tour in U.S.

ELLEN COLLIS
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 18, Phoenix Productions will bring the inspirational, renowned musical "FAME" to the Brooks Center for one show only. With the great success of the television series and the film in the 80's, the show is not taking its turn in the theatrical level.

Whether you have seen the television series, the movie or have just heard the theme song, "FAME" is probably familiar to you in some way. The basic story line is centered on four students at the New York City High School for the performing arts. At this school, the students receive specialized training in areas such as acting, singing or dancing.

Although the credentials of each student are varied, there is a common thread of performing passion in all of them. A sense of community with these dedicated students creates an understanding of the hardships that each person is going through. Each student faces trials and tribulations, but all of these problems seem to disappear when their art of performing takes over.

The production features songs from the original score including "There She Goes/FAME," "I Want to Make Magic" and "Bring on Tomorrow." The production team for "FAME" includes some of Broadway's finest such as playwright Jose Fernandez, three-time Grammy nominated lyricist Jacques Levy and Drama Desk and Grammy Award-winning composer Steve Margoshes.

Phoenix Productions has had over two decades of theatrical success due to their fresh thinking, innovative solutions and intense imagination and passion. Producers Stephen Kane, Michael McFadden and John Laughlin personally led the creation, development and management of their international touring enterprise.

The hard work of Phoenix Productions has resulted in thousands of performances of over 50 live productions on four continents. The company is currently touring the hit musical "Grease," guest-starring Frankie Avalon, and this new production of "FAME." Phoenix Productions has also toured popular acts such as "Godspell," "Phantom Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" and Barry Manilow's "Copacabana." Phoenix Productions is extensive in their touring locations, performing all over the United States as well as Asia.

"FAME" has a heart-warming feel to it that is not only influential to younger people, but to anyone that can relate to hard work, determination, passion and overcoming obstacles.

"FAME" is the type of story that can make a difference in the world. Although the television show was set in the 1980s, it is a timeless classic that can be applied to people today of all ages.

The show starts at 8 p.m. on November 18. To reserve your tickets, visit the Brooks Center Box office or call the office at (864) 656-7786. Tickets are \$30 each and are going quick, so hurry before its too late! Look in TimeOut for free tickets. ★

ON THE PROWL

BY ALANNA JONES

This column has been the topic of great controversy as of late. I have never personally responded to the many comments that have been made because I am a firm believer in the right to say and think whatever you choose. I respect other people's opinions even if I do not agree with them. I also have been asked many times to explain why I write the things I do and why this particular column is even in our paper. Until recently, I never felt the need to explain myself or my writing. It seems that some people on campus are having difficulty showing me the same respect for my opinions that I have graciously tried to extend to them.

As many of you know, a letter to the editor was printed that indirectly referred to me as a slut. While it may not have been the intent of the author to call me that name specifically, the majority of readers have appeared to take it in that context.

During the three hours I spent on campus last Friday, I was subject to countless forms of harassment. One very mature fellow felt the need to spit on me as he passed by, calling me numerous, unprintable things. I don't really want to go into any more detail than that because I am still very hurt and completely shocked that Clemson students would behave in this manner. When I returned to my apartment on Friday, I finally couldn't hold back the tears any longer and felt as though I had almost reached my breaking point.

Then out of normal habit, I checked my e-mail. I received a letter from a girl who is a junior at Clemson. She said that she was very upset about the comments printed in the paper and that she loves my column. She went on to say that she is a virgin, but, like most human beings, she is curious about sex. It is too embarrassing for her to go to her sexually-active friends or her parents to ask about certain things that she feels like everyone knows about but her. She said that "On the Prowl" is

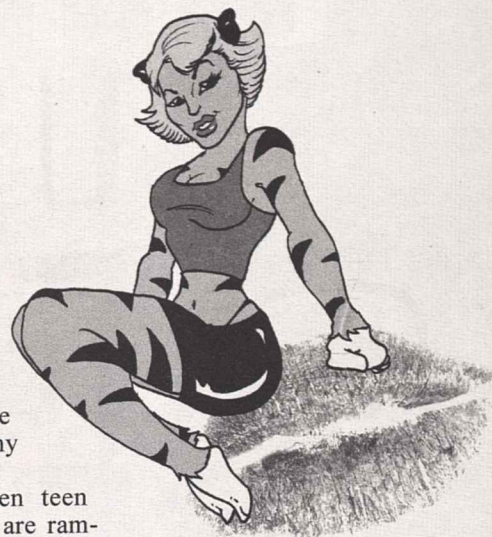
a way for her to find out about these things without having to feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. This is why I write this column. This is why it is in the paper.

During a time when teen pregnancy and STD's are rampant in our society, there has never been a greater need for an open, honest forum about safe and healthy sexual activity. Obviously, I agree with the letter writer that the most effective way for someone to keep from getting pregnant or contracting an STD is to practice abstinence. However, I also believe that it is unreasonable to assume that on a campus full of hormonally-charged young people that no one is having sex.

Whether you think it is right or not, it is happening. I feel that it is better to address what is happening all around us rather than ignore it.

The more information you have about a topic, the better equipped you are to deal with it and to make what you feel are the right decisions. This same theory should apply when you are making decisions or forming opinions about specific people. Most people would never dream of getting up in front of a room full of people and lecturing about biochemistry when they have never learned a thing about it.

Well, then why is it okay to make assumptions and comments about a person that they have never met and know nothing about other than her name? Many readers of this column, whether they support it or not, seem to be under the impression that its content somehow reflects events that occur in my personal life. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Students on campus ask me questions and bring up topics that they are curious about, and that is where I have gotten every idea for every column I have ever written. My friends and family, who are all very supportive of this column, all suggested that I use a



pseudonym while writing "On the Prowl" (which, by the way, appeared in the paper all last year with much the same subject matter but with a different author). They were worried that putting my real name on something so controversial would leave me open to criticism and possible harassment. I never once questioned putting my name on this column though.

I am in no way ashamed by the content of "On the Prowl." I feel that it provides an important service, informing, educating and (heaven forbid) entertaining the readers of "The Tiger." I also had faith that Clemson students were intelligent enough to realize that I am just a writer and that, unless I say otherwise, my writing doesn't reflect my personal life.

I put my confidence in the fact that students would most likely voice their opinions about the column but would not make judgments about my personal character without knowing anything about me. Last Friday, I was very cruelly shown that this was not the case.

Once and for all, this is a column about sex for readers who want to know my take on the sexual topics in which many, but certainly not all, Clemson students are interested. If the very idea of my column offends you, please don't read it. That is your right as an American, and I would defend your rights with my last breath. But please remember that telling me what to write is just a step away from someone telling you what to think or what to believe or what to worship. All of these rights are protected by law in America, just as they are here at Clemson.

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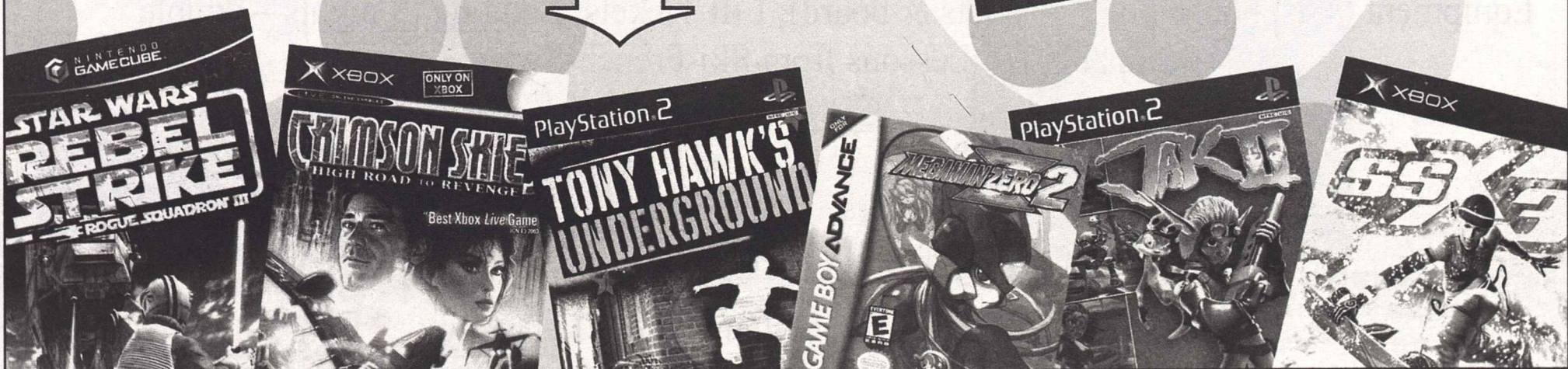
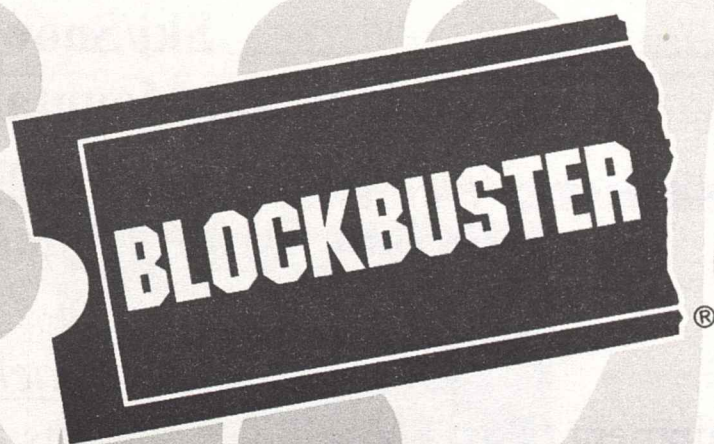
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CLUBHOUSE CORNER Air Rifle Team

JENNIFER MCKELVEY
Staff Writer

Did you know that air rifle is the only collegiate sport in which men and women compete head-to-head? Did you also know that Clemson has a nationally-ranked competitive air rifle team?

Members of the club range from engineering to fine arts majors, and there is almost an equal number of males and females. Everyone is encouraged to join, and no experience is necessary. The majority of the current team even had never shot prior to joining the club. The traveling team also usually meets once a week for team practice, and members set up individual practice schedules for the rest of the week, so the amount of participation is up to the individual.

"The club provides equal opportunity for both men and women, and an environment where the lowest shooter is just as important as the highest shooter," says Lyndsey Hall, club president and team captain.

The club was established in 1991 by students interested in competitive shooting, under the guidance of John Cummings, a biology lab instructor at Clemson. Cummings was both a competitor and coach throughout his college years.

Once the club was up and running, Cummings also created the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference, in which the club competes. Clemson competes with both NCAA varsity teams and club teams in the conference. Last season's team was recently honored in Washington, D.C. by the National Rifle Association, the governing body of collegiate shooting, for their second place finish in the 2003 national championships, the club's highest ranking since 1998, when it finished fifth in the nation. Six shooters on that team received individual national rankings, three of which ranked in the top ten in the nation.

The club's equipment is much more high-tech than Red Rider BB guns. They use Olympic-caliber precision rifles that operate on compressed air cylinders, which are so accurate that the shooter's heart rate can throw off a shot.

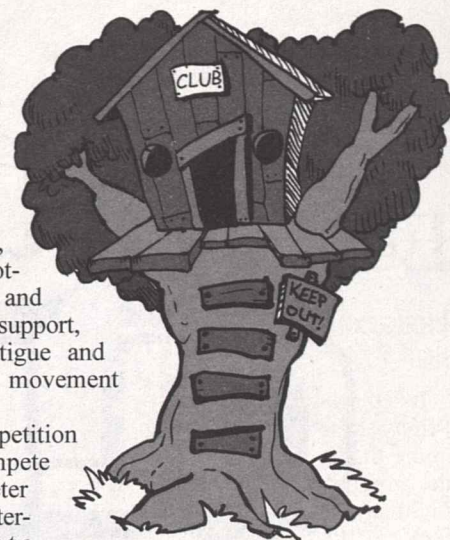
The heavy, stiff shooting coats and pants add support, prevent fatigue and minimize movement as well.

In competition they compete in 10-meter (33 ft.) intercollegiate, international air rifle, according to Olympic rules, and are scored on accuracy. Competitions consist of 40 shot matches, then 10 shot finals between the top 10 shooters of the 40 shot match. Shooters aim at a 1.5 mm bulls eye, centered within a 1.25-inch black circle from a distance of 10 meters, so it requires a great deal of mental discipline.

The club's shooting range was moved from Fike to a temporary space in Holtzendorff, where they are still meeting. The temporary location limits the space in which they can practice, so Clemson currently is not hosting regular-season matches. However, despite the loss of the team's range, the club hosted the Civilian Marksmanship Program air rifle camp this past summer at the Shaver Recreation Complex in Seneca, S.C., which attracted nearly 150 high school shooters. Though no firm dates have been set to move into a more permanent range space, the club has been assured that space

in the old student union bookstore has been set aside for its purposes.

The team's next competition will be this Saturday, November 8 at Georgia Military. If you would like more information, or if you are interested in joining the team, contact Coach John Cummings at cumminj@clemson.edu or Club President Lyndsey Hall at archi_12@hotmail.com. If you want to keep up with how the club is doing in competition, check out the Clemson Air Rifle Club Web site at www.clemson.edu/Air_Rifle_Club. ★



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Edinburgh: essential stop on tour of European destinations

CHRIS COLLINS
Staff Writer

It is the evening of August 15 that I first set foot in the land of the free, home of the brave. I walk out into the muggy hotness of the Atlanta night air, devoid of bugs because they are lost somewhere between Paris and Atlanta as a result of the blackouts in the Northeast. On first walking out, I thought I was caught in the draught from the airport terminal's air conditioning. A few steps later I realized that, no, that was the actual air.

Whereas in this corner of the world, temperatures for this time of year are still hitting the pleasurable mid-seventies and up, back in Edinburgh, Scotland, it is a rather brazen 42 degrees Fahrenheit. It isn't simply the air temperature, for Scotland has managed to master the art of cold, wet and windy. Not only are you cold, but you are somewhere between fairly damp to completely sodden. At this point, a cold gust of wind isn't really what you were after, but you get one anyway. If you are planning on heading over to Scotland, a jacket and trousers are of upmost importance.

In Scotland, all it takes is for the sun to appear clear in the sky for the shorts and t-shirts to come out. I've seen people walk around the streets of Edinburgh and Glasgow wearing shorts in March because the sun came out and it reached the 50s and 60s (Fahrenheit). Here, the sun disappears for an hour and you break out the winter jacket and start complaining how cold it is. I've yet to wear trousers during the day, and would put money on me continuing this until November.

University life really couldn't be much different than from what I am usually accustomed. At the fine institution of Clemson University, the first two years of your degree (major) seem very important, with huge volumes of reading and continual assessments and such. At the University of Aberdeen, my home institution, the first two years could very much be categorized as your "party years." For each class, of which you have around three per semester, you have three hours of lectures (anywhere from 10 to 250 students) and one hour of tutorial (ten to thirty students). Because lectures aren't compulsory, this takes you down to around three hours of actual class per week, plus you get Wednesdays off. As a result, there is a more of an emphasis on your social life at Scottish (and British) universities. Being that pretty much all universities are city, non-campus universities, they recognize that your social life contributes much to your overall university experience, so being able to go out as much as possible definitely helps.

Scotland is a small country, with a population of around five million people. However, the three main cities - Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen - all offer a huge range of activities to do both during the day and night. Shopping in Glasgow and Edinburgh is excellent, with a huge range of national and international chains and independent stores. The night-life is also a great time, with both city centres packed full of bars, pubs, clubs and venues.

The music scene should be mentioned as well. The cities offer hundreds of concerts each year, ranging from huge international acts right through to local bands. These tend to be fairly cheap, although a major gig can set you back as much as \$40-\$50. When summertime hits, there are several weekend festivals, T in the Park being the big one. These will cost up to \$200, but

for three days of nearly continuous music, with four or five stages, they are a great value.

From July to September, Edinburgh is the place to be. From late July to early September, the Edinburgh Festival and the Festival Fringe are held.

For over a month, the city is packed full of all manners of entertainment, incorporating music, film, art, museums, theatre and comedy. There is something there for everyone, and most of the shows tend to be fairly cheap, so you get to see quite a bit without spending too much. Several streets

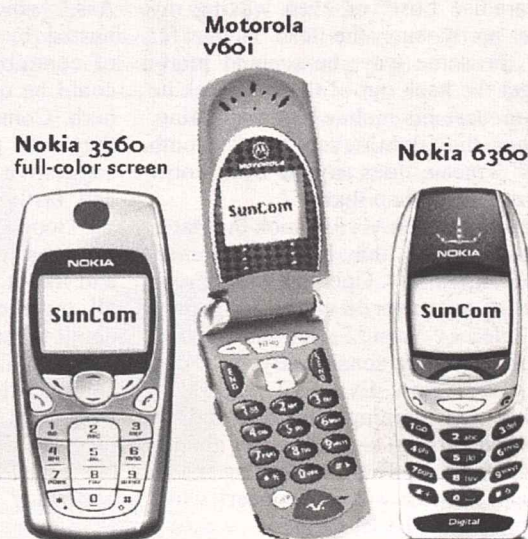
in the city center are also shut down for much of the time, with street performers playing all day long. The city thrives with the huge influx of people and many bars and clubs stay open most of the night, with a great atmosphere everywhere you go. However, I recommend befriending a local before you go so you have some place to stay, or booking EXTREMELY early. Accommodation isn't cheap, and starts to get scarce from March onwards.

Check in next week for more information about touring around Scotland. ★



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beat of the week



Joint venture of bands rock Littlejohn like none other

ROBERT MAGUIRE
Staff Writer

Well, I'd be making a mountain out of a molehill if I said that the 500 people in the 10,000 seat Littlejohn Coliseum gave off anything more than a mild exuberance before Alien Ant Farm. However, once the aforementioned band took the stage, the crowd erupted into ... ok, well it didn't really erupt into anything. The excitement level may have risen to medium delight — much to the dismay of their jack-in-the-box bassist who was definitely several notches above the crowd, let's say, at elevated fervor. Needless to say, there were much better things I could have been doing with my time, like memorizing "Paradise Lost" or even waxing my back. I'm pretty sure the lead singer for AAF felt the same way; he seemed pretty eager to get the heck out of there. I think he had to re-mousse his mohawk or something. Furthermore, they didn't even play "Smooth Criminal!" I mean, does anyone even know who they are other than that?

Well, shortly after AAF, 311 took the stage. Much to my surprise, they brought the energy level up immensely. Opening with "Freak Out," one of my favorite songs from their 93 debut release "Music," they managed to keep the crowd going, consistently, for pretty much the entire show. Every 12-year-old in the building was jumping, moshing and, of course, crowd surfing — the biggest abomination in live music. There is nothing worse than trying to watch a good concert when some donkey-faced, 15-year-old wearing JNCO's and a chain wallet crowd surfs in front of you. Did you come to the concert to

ruin my view or to watch the band?

Anyway, enough of that, 311 was on top of it. They brought out a lot of old stuff, which surprised me. More than 10 of the 25 songs were from the pre-"Down" albums: "Music" and "Grassroots." Only about five songs were played from the new CD "Evolver." I'm sure there were a lot of sad 13-year-olds, but that made me happy (the music, I mean, not the sad 13-year-olds).

They even changed up the set list a couple of times. For instance, they played "Gap," a B-side from the "Enlarged to Show Detail" bonus CD. It sounded fantastic, too. They played "Who's Got the Herb" as well, because the crowd was chanting it so loudly in between songs. Then, instead of playing "8:16 AM," they went into "Off-beat Bare Ass," which is a song about them getting busted by the cops for having some sort of contraband plant and paraphernalia that could be used to smoke the aforementioned herb. Come to think of it, before that song they had played "Hydroponics," which is suggestive of growing this illegal organism, and lastly they changed a lyric in "Feels So Good," saying, "Just take a moment to smoke a joint once in a while. I do it daily and like it, but that's my style." Putting that all together, I don't think they're talking about tobacco.

All of the members seemed to be pretty enthusiastic — P-nut (bass) with his normal frog hop, Chad Sexton (drums) making stupid faces while he played, Tim Mahoney (guitars and looking eerily like Steve Buscemi with long hair) the lone head-banger, S.A. Martinez (vocals and turntables) doing the robotic fish-out-of-water dance (I really don't know how he doesn't have neck prob-



OMAHA STYLINGS: 311 and Alien Ant Farm rocks Littlejohn Coliseum in continuation of the hard rocking series of concerts on campus.

lems from dancing like that every night) and Nick Hexum (vocals and guitars) doing ... okay, well he doesn't really do much. They all seemed to be enjoying their show.

The songs from "Evolver," the album they're touring in support for, were OK. I wasn't terribly impressed by them, except for "Beyond the Gray Sky." While it's not mind blowing, it does have some beautiful vocal harmonies. In other words, check it out.

On the whole, the night was much more gratifying than I thought it would be. There was no spiritual epiphany, but it did provide a

good time. 311 played nearly every song that I could have wanted them to play, and very few songs that I didn't know. It's really nice to know that they're still out there making music that makes people feel good — music to which people can just sit back, chill, and smoke a couple of tobacco products, if that's your thing. ★

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Gov't Mule Exorcizes Pop Music Demons

ROBERT MAGUIRE
Staff Writer

Open up the most recent issue of "Rolling Stone," pick any of the top 40 artists and go see one of their concerts. It's like watching someone act out the CD you sing to at the top of your lungs, there's no originality or improvisation.

The concert will probably not last much longer than the CD itself. What I'm saying is that maybe those annoying music nerds (like me) who say that popular music today is more likely to give you syphilis than to stimulate anything resembling consciousness expansion, have a point. Sometimes, you have to look to the old folks — namely those guys who had already been around for 20 years when Christina getting "Stripped" meant that her diaper was "Dirty."

For those of you who disdain everything about how music is perceived today then you should check out Gov't Mule's "The Deepest End." This double CD and DVD package is the culmination and finale of the band's Deep End Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 tribute to Allen Woody, Mule's bassist who passed away in August of 2000.

The idea behind the Deep End project was to pay homage to Woody in such a manner that his greatest friends and mentors could pay their respects. The two remaining members, Warren Haynes (you may know him from the Allman Brothers Band) and Matt Abts, decided to contact as many of Woody's musical heroes and ask them to play nearly all new material on a couple of albums in his honor.

Well, it came together better than

they could have imagined, resulting in appearances from almost 30 guests from Mike Gordon (Phish) to Les Claypool (Primus and Les Claypool's Flying Frog Brigade) to Jack Cassidy (Jefferson Airplane and Hot Tuna). The project has been an undeniable success, but after three years of touring with stand-in bassists like Dave Schools (Widespread Panic) and George Porter, Jr. (the Meters), they were ready to re-establish a permanent lineup.

This was the birth of "The Deepest End," one last shebang before naming a new member to the band. So, on May 3 of this year, they played an epic, six-hour show with over 20 special guests to a sold-out Saenger Theater in New Orleans.

The chemistry and talent among these artists are spellbinding, especially after you realize how hectic the event was backstage. Most of the guests there were also playing other shows that night with their own bands, so some performers came straight from their own show to Gov't Mule's.

After five hours into the show, when George Porter Jr. was late in arriving from one of three previous gigs that night, Warren Haynes just

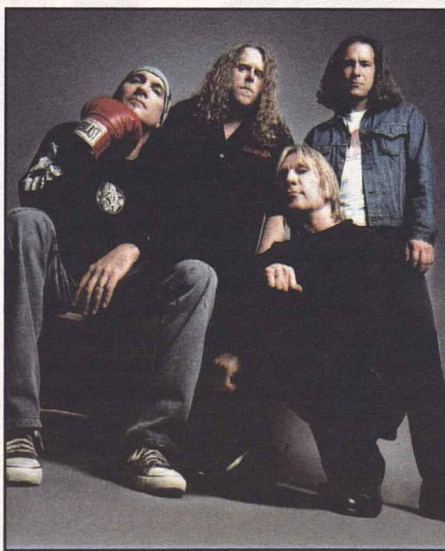
stood with his guitar and sung verses of "Wasted Time," an Eagles tune from the "Hotel California" until George shuffles onto the stage, and they break into "Thorazine Shuffle," with help from Schools and Jason Newsted (formerly of Metallica).

The most intriguing part of this collection is the story, someone who has never really listened to Gov't Mule would find this a perfect starting point. There's definitely something for most music lovers in this collection — a "When Doves Cry" tease at the beginning and end of "Beautifully Broken," a cover

of Hendrix's "Voodoo Chile" and numerous guest appearances from Bela Fleck, Victor Wooten and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band.

"The Deepest End" isn't a classic, but it's meant to be. It's more a documentary of a monumental concert.

To watch it is to understand the passion that's missing in a Ludacris Britney Aguilera Linkin Box 20 album. It's a vehicle to get away from the complacency of popular music. Watch it. Listen to it. It's crazy to hear people who wrote their own music and lyrics, isn't it? ★



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Wilcox inspires in CD

JESSICA KEATON
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Novmeber 13, singer-songwriter David Wilcox will bring his folk sound back to Asheville for a performance at the Grace Centre. Originally from Mentor, Ohio, Wilcox first moved to North Carolina during his college years. After college, he remained in Asheville, building his music profession and gaining a loyal fan base before moving to Columbia, Md., to continue his career. Wilcox focuses his music on such truths as faith, hope and love, backing up his message with his critically-acclaimed vocals and guitar work.

Wilcox's relationship with music began in college, when he learned to play the guitar after hearing another student play Bob Dylan's "Buckets of Rain." A few months later, he started writing his own songs, and shortly afterwards he began experimenting with sounds and styles based on such influences as James Taylor, Motown and Joni Mitchell. By combining elements of these musicians' sounds with those from other musical influences such as Tom Waits, Neil Young and Ani DiFranco, Wilcox created an intensely personal and emotionally-straightforward style that has appealed to folk fans around the world. Mitchell's influences, for instance, led him to explore alternate tunings that have set his music apart from other sounds in the folk genre.

Fans of Wilcox probably can expect this concert to include songs off of his latest album, "Into the Mystery." Released in February 2003, "Into the Mystery" is the

45-year-old musician's 11th album in his 15-year music career. The tracks blend Wilcox's engaging vocals with inspirational themes and a mellow, emotionally moving sound. Inspirations for the songs include faith, today's world and Wilcox's son, Nathan. "They're not kids' songs," he said of the tracks inspired by his son. "They're songs that come from looking at what makes for a good life, and what makes for a life well-lived."

The title of "Into the Mystery" comes from the meditative "Out of the Question," an account of his elusive search for God. As seen when he presents the complexities involved in finding the truth, the song is an excellent example of his poignant, layered lyrics: "The truth is there for finding / But the logic that's involved / A mystery unwinding / Not a problem to be solved," he sings. However, the ultimate depth of the album is left for the listener to determine: Wilcox designed the songs to hold complex meanings for anyone who wished to analyze them, yet he structured them so that they are meaningful even on the surface. "I dared to hope that this record could reach people," said Wilcox. "That's the miracle of music, that you can communicate so much in three minutes."

As was his previous concert, this one is expected to be a sell out as well, so hurry and get your tickets before its too late. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, while tickets at the door are available for \$18. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and the doors open at 6:30 p.m. To find out more information or to order tickets, contact Graceworks at (828) 231-2700 or visit www.graceinfo.org. ★

beat of the week



“Matrix” revolutionizes movie expectations



MATRIX: REVOLUTIONS
Warner Bros. Studios
Released: Out Now

DANIEL McCORD
Staff Writer

When the third part of a trilogy comes along, the excitement and wonder build as fans ponder the fate of the series. Will it pale in comparison to its predecessors (as in “The Godfather: Part 3”) or will it be an amazing stand-alone film (as in “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade”)? The grand finale, so to speak, can make or break the series. “The Matrix Revolutions” lies somewhere in between.

Expectations run quite high with this film. Its fans consist of sci-fi fanboys to the casual moviegoer who got hooked on the series. The first film, “The Matrix,” was absolutely brilliant and enthralled many people that wouldn’t ordinarily have gotten interested in a sci-fi film. “The Matrix Reloaded” added a more philosophical aspect to series but didn’t quite leave the viewer with as much amazement as the first had. “The Matrix Revolutions” follows with loads of action sequences, more philosophy and an epic fight sequence knowing no bounds. What results is a conclusion to the strange chain of events involving Neo, Agent Smith, the Oracle and the infamous Architect.

The film essentially takes two paths and follows each separately. At the end of “Reloaded,” many questions are left unanswered and “Revolutions” sets out to find those answers. How did Neo manage to stop the sentinels in the “real world?” Was the Architect telling Neo the truth? Is Neo just another anomaly?

Neo’s story begins in an amazingly bright subway stop somewhere between the world of the matrix and the “real world.” He is not to be found within the matrix, yet his comatose body is showing mental activity as if he is. As it turns out, he could be trapped in this state of purgatory forever if the Trainman decides to leave him there. The bad part is that the Trainman works for the Merovingian. He is the French “program” who the good guys roy-

ally pissed off in “Reloaded.” Trinity, Morpheus and Sati (the Oracle’s bodyguard) stage a dramatic rescue, and the film’s events are set in motion.

Neo decides that he must go to the Machine City on the surface but gives no reason. He has talked to the Oracle once again and she explained that his powers reach beyond the world of the matrix. Trinity, of course, takes it upon herself to go with him. The rest of the crew decides to make for Zion in hopes that they will arrive in time to aid in the battle versus the sentinels. Much of Zion is evacuated, and those remaining are stationed in defense of the dock.

The tension builds as the city prepares for attack and the sentinels and several enormous drills arrive. The army of giant robots controlled by the humans is spectacular, and the epic battle scene that follows is very suspenseful, but it distracts from the Neo-Trinity-Oracle-Architect plot. It’s easy enough to get caught up in the battle and completely forget about the philosophical questions raised by the

Architect and the Oracle.

When the battle finishes, everyone realizes the war is not over. They must keep fighting, while Neo and Trinity head towards the Machine City. I won’t spoil it for you, but Agent Smith and Neo have a glorious fight scene that in many ways mirrors those from the first film. A bit more is at stake in this case, but the style of the fight is very similar.

Overall the film is a successful conclusion to the trilogy. Most of the questions are answered, although enough windows (or rabbit holes) are left open for another sequel to be possible. (Let’s hope the Wachowskis do not go broke ten years from now.) The ending leaves plenty to be desired. “The Matrix” had much more style, and in a film based on spectacle, style is important. But expectations based on the first film should not influence judgment of its sequels. “The Matrix Revolutions” is a flashy action flick that satisfies most cravings, but leaves you wanting just a little more resolution. ★



SPLISH SPLASH: Neo and Agent Smith go blow for blow in the action packed climax of the Wachowskis brothers final installment of “The Matrix” trilogy.

“Jak II” sure to be instant classic in gaming world



JAK II
Naughty Dog, Inc.
Released: Out Now

BRUCE MORRISON
Assistant TimeOut Editor

One of the key rules for any sequel is to be “bigger, better and badder” than the original. Naughty Dog has taken this as

their credo in creation of “Jak II,” the sequel to the best selling “Jak and Daxter: Precursor Legacy.” In the game Jak and Daxter, the stars from the first game, are exploring a mysterious energy portal that transports them 500 years into the future where the world is a dark cryptic place, where citizens live in fear of the government and Metalheads threaten to take over the world. In this new world, Jak is captured and held captive for two years, subjected to twisted experiments with Dark

Eco, a dangerous substance which threatened to destroy the world in the first Jak and Daxter game. Daxter rescues Jak who discovers mysterious powers the Dark Eco have granted him.

The game plays like no platformer has played before, in fact, it is almost unfair to call the game a platformer. Resembling games more along the lines of “Grand Theft Auto” the player is cast into an endless world that is alive with citizens, police and flying cars. At any time you can commandeer a vehicle, flying to wherever you desire. The entire game uses the same streaming technology, allowing the game to endlessly load without ever bringing up a loading screen. This same technology was seen in “Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy” and “Metroid: Prime” but never at the level of detail found in “Jak II.”

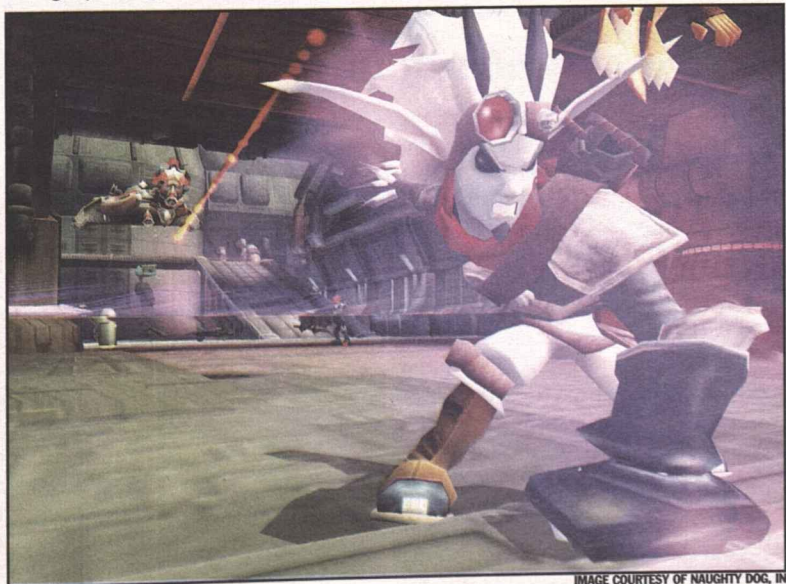
With the freedom of an endlessly open area, Jak takes the player on an epic adventure, exploring areas that are larger than the entire “Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy” game. The darkness of Haven City, the setting for “Jak II” is darker and more mature than the first game, and is reflected in the game’s “T” ESRB rating. There isn’t anything too offensive, but the game does give Jak a very dark side bent on revenge, and it also places weap-

ons in the hands of Jak.

With dozens of new moves, Jak still plays with the same excellent controls of the first game. Naughty Dog, who is responsible for the “Crash Bandicoot” series took care in creating the perfect balance. The game plays in third person, with the camera following behind Jak, but can be positioned at anytime by the player using the right thumb stick.

Heavily influenced by Crash Bandicoot, Naughty Dog crosses genres by creating a game that is part Crash Bandicoot, part “Grand Theft Auto” and part “Tony Hawk.” Jak has a huge assortment of moves, and later on in the game gets a skateboard type device that will make fans of the Tony Hawk series feel right at home.

The only drawback to the game is the difficulty level. Naughty Dog takes no time in introducing the player into a harsh world out to hurt you at every turn. Fortunately, the game auto saves as you go along, and will restart you with no penalty (other than the time you lost) if you die. Naughty Dog wants the player to continue and progress through the game, and to enjoy over 90 minutes of cinematic richness with voice acting, but they still want the player to work at it. This is definitely a game that will be on everyone’s Christmas list. ★



SMASH THIS HULK! The names may be familiar but “Jak II” features a darker more mature theme than the original Naughty Dog game.

“Sin”tacular

BETH WESTEREN
Staff Writer

By the time you are reading this, all shows to the world premiere of “If Sins Be Forgiven” are probably sold out—and with good reason. This intense and wonderfully entertaining play by Clemson graduate student Nakia Oglesby opened on Tuesday in the Bellamy Theatre at the Brooks Center to a full house. It is the second production of the year for the Department of Performing Arts and Clemson Players and is directed by theatre professor Ray Sawyer.

The script was chosen over the summer from a number of original scripts by Clemson playwrights. It began more than two years ago as a character study for a playwriting course and developed into a full-length play. Because Oglesby plans to pursue a MFA in Playwriting, he enrolled in an advanced writing workshop this summer. Each participant in the workshop was given a staged reading of their work, and Oglesby’s play was chosen by a jury of seven to receive a full production this fall.

It is no surprise that “If Sins Be Forgiven” was chosen to be put on stage. This complex drama consists of four characters and more suspense than an audience can almost handle. It is the story of a Baptist preacher, Francis Drake, whose family is beset by tragedies, most recently the kidnapping of his only son. He is then faced with the true test of forgiveness when he is trapped in a room with Damon Richards, the man who abducted his boy.

Drake is played by Clemson area resident Chris Bellinger, and his antagonist is played by freshman Adam Metropolis (who starred in “Marat/Sade” earlier this semester). The cast is rounded out by Elizabeth Colson in the role of Margaret, the secretary, and Dallas Tate as Michael, a family friend and police officer.

The caliber of acting in this show is phenomenal. The demanding roles are played expertly, and seemed to have been developed for the actors themselves. Oglesby did a wonderful job in creating the foils of Francis and Damon, and their intensity builds throughout their interaction until the startling climax. Each of the characters is deeply intertwined with the others in ways that would not be expected. The playwright keeps you guessing as to what will occur; as soon as you think you know what comes next, well, you’ll have to see the play to understand.

The entire production is on the level of professionals, as we have come to expect from all shows from the Department of Performing Arts and Clemson Players. The set is beautiful and houses the action flawlessly; sound, lights and costumes add to every scene; and the music selection is, in my opinion, both meaningful and just generally in good taste. There was not a moment I didn’t enjoy.

“If Sins Be Forgiven” will be performed tonight at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Bellamy Theatre. It will then travel to Lander University on November 14 to compete with other student playwrights in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. ★

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Bizzare life makes for bizzare cartoon

KID NOTORIOUS
Comedy Central
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Staff Writer

"Keep your balls crossed, English, that we're a hit." Robert Evans' animated self makes this prophetic remark to his butler in the first episode of the new Comedy Central R-rated cartoon, "Kid Notorious." The network is trying to extend their South Park-inspired success in the genre to include a semi-autobiographical account of Hollywood producer Robert Evans.

Evans is an infamous personality throughout Hollywood. He is best known for his work as the head of Paramount Pictures, where he has produced his fair share of blockbuster hits and flops. He was responsible for such films as "The Godfather," "The Godfather II" (not III) and "Popeye." He continues to be a huge player in the Hollywood scene, revered by some and reviled by others.

Most recently, Evans was the spotlight of the documentary, "The Kid Stays in the Picture." As the documentary rose in popularity, a new demographic was introduced to Evans and his career. It was the perfect time, everyone thought, for an animated show loosely based on his life.

The show, titled after Evans' nickname, follows the producer as he wheels and deals, gets the ladies and saves the world from one disaster after another. Though the story lines are fictional, the entire prem-

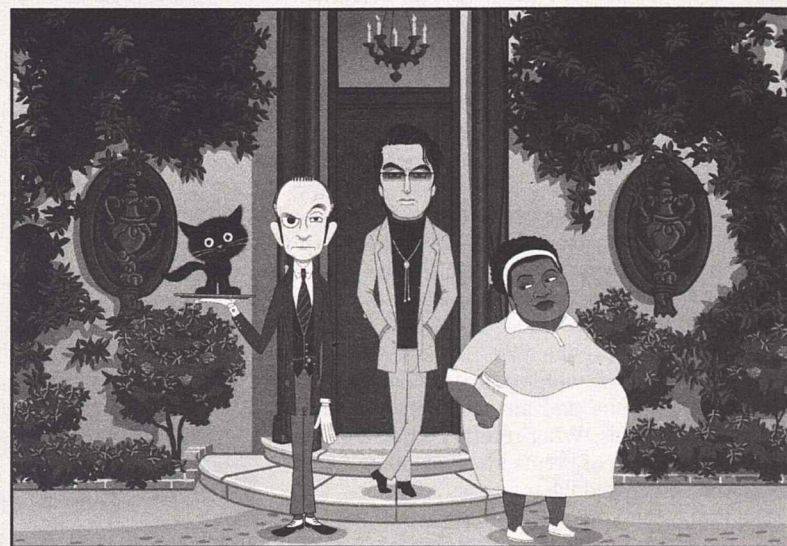
ise is based on his decades of wacky experiences.

The cast surrounding Evans is full of bizarre characters. First there is his sidekick, a bong-toking cat named Puss who shares his bed and habitually abuses the butler (farting in his face every episode). The butler, English, is voiced by Evans' real-life butler for the past decade, Alan Selka. The cook, Tollie Mae, is the formulaic Mammy character with an attitude fit for an episode of Jerry Springer. And then there's his next door neighbor, Slash, voiced by the Guns 'N' Roses star himself. As you would expect, hilarity ensues.

If you are a fan of stereotypes, and not just the politically correct kind, this show is for you. "Kid Notorious" delights in indulging every stereotype (racial or otherwise) that exists, but in a funny way. The first episode spoofs "gang-bangers," Italians, Asians

and "Sharon Stone's Vagina." The second episode focuses on the Nepalese, while the third takes on — you guessed it — the French. This irreverent comedy pulls no punches for any group, though; it makes equal fun of any facet of pop culture. In short, it is Evans' personal views on anything and everything, and Robert Evans doesn't take kindly to being censored.

As long as you're not easily offended, this show provides more than mild entertainment. It also has the added benefit of being very current and topical, which adds to the sharpness of the show. While at times a little over-the-top, it is a fresh view of Hollywood from the inside out. It remains to be seen whether it can match the success of Comedy Central's other animated shows, but if Evans has any say, he will risk anything to make sure it's a hit. ★



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Puss, English, Kid Notorious, Tollie Mae and Slash (not pictured) make up the cast of "Kid Notorious."

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Zombie movie turns out bad, go figure

WISE GUYS VS. ZOMBIES
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DANIEL McCORD
 Staff Writer

Sometimes in the film industry, a brilliant piece of art eludes the industry bureaucrats and actually graces the public with its presence. Then there's the Indie scene, which gives the world heaps of honest cinematic beauty, most of which slips through the cracks never to be heard from again. And sometimes a flick is released that's so bad it's good. Schlock goes a long way in Hollywood and outside its borders in the world of "B" movies. An awfully awful movie can be redeemed by the sheer kitsch value associated with it.

It's a shame that isn't the case with "Wiseguys vs. Zombies," a new film by a production company based in none other than sunny Anderson, SC.

You might be thinking, "What can possibly go wrong when you combine elements from the gangster and horror film genres? How can someone even begin to screw up a zombie flick that also has mobsters? How could a movie be so bad that one should wish that a giant meteor would strike the earth and wipe out the entire human race, only so that he (or she) would not have to watch the remainder of this two hour pile of dreck?" That's what one particularly critical reviewer thought, too. But he

was proven wrong.

Where should one begin to analyze or even attempt to collect thoughts? The plot? The acting? The characters? The dialogue? Yes! The dialogue. Horror films are not exactly known for dialogue brilliant enough to impress the Academy. The horror film has often been chock-full of enough cheesy rhetoric to drive the writers of "legitimate cinema" insane. And cheesy is definitely the way to go in a movie dealing with zombies. However, the writer/director of "Wiseguys vs. Zombies" knows absolutely nothing of coherent dialogue, much less successful corny one-liners.

The plot: Two mafia hitmen are traveling from New York to deliver "the drugs" to a dealer in Florida. They have to stop on the way and get "the drugs" from a guy who has stolen them. What exactly are "the drugs?" They are something developed by the military to revive dead soldiers. The problem? It creates zombies. OK. Makes sense for a film like this. (Why does everyone refer to it as "the drugs" rather than something else? I have no idea. Maybe an elementary school student wrote that part.)

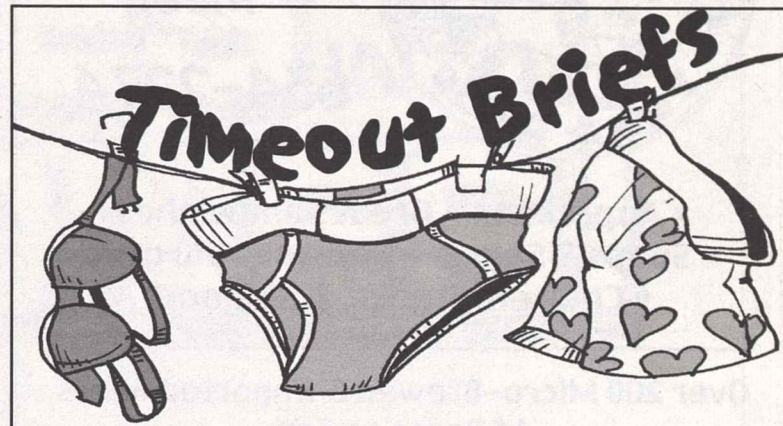
It just so happens that the mafiosos end up in the bustling metropolis that is Iva, S.C. The local law enforcement does not take too kindly to strangers of the Yankee kind. (Good thing these aren't real New Yorkers! See acting section.) They impound the car and "the drugs," along with three dead bodies (or are they?) in the trunk. The druggie zombies come to life and wreak havoc on the town. The hitmen must use their talents

to kill the zombies. The girl falls in love. Wait, there's a girl? That's right, the girl who saw the guys in a diner volunteers her services as their source of transportation for the entire zombie hunt. They kill the zombies, using an advanced zombie killing technique of giving them more of the substance that turned them into zombies. It all makes sense if you think about it.

The characters can best be described in discussion of the acting. Oddly enough, nobody in the film was ever really "acting." They all were playing themselves reacting to a zombie epidemic. Even the protagonist, a supposed hitman from New York, did not even try to hide a thick southern accent. The writer/director should have done more research on his characters. The actors portraying the zombies provide the most dead-on acting in the entire cast.

All in all, the film was under-edited and poorly shot. As with many a young struggling filmmaker, music videos on MTV were an obvious influence. With unnecessarily flashy camera angles and too many canted doors and "trick shots," the final cut becomes almost unbearable. Too much footage was included that could have easily been cut, and thus many long, drawn out sequences drag the film down.

Actually, I must laud the filmmakers for what they are attempting. It takes guts to place one's "art" in the open for public scrutiny. But once the "art" is out there, it is open to savagely unmerciful and honest criticism. ★



It's new music Tuesday on November 11 with these latest releases: **3 Doors Down's** "Another 700 Miles," **Bruce Springsteen's** "Essential Bruce Springsteen," **Chevelle's** "Live from the Road," **Nick Lachey's** "SoulO," **Pearl Jam's** "Lost Dogs: Rarities and B Sides," **Pink's** "Try This," **Randy Travis' "Worship and Faith,"** **Ringo Starr's** "Ringorama" and **Stone Temple Pilots' "Thank You."**

TIGEROAR'S annual Fall Concert will be held tomorrow, Saturday, November 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hendrix Center. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale all day today and at the door on Saturday until they are sold out.

Make it a Blockbuster night next Tuesday, November 11 when these movies come out on video: **"Jimmy Buffet's Minimatinee 1," "MTV Real World You Never Saw: Paris," "Shoot to**

Kill" and "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (Widescreen Edition)."

WSBF and the University of South Carolina's WUSC will battle at New Brookland in Columbia the day before the big game on Friday, November 21. Check back to find out what this is all about and what you can do to support WSBF.

Award-winning poet **Jarret Keene** from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas will be at Loose Change on Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. promoting his book "Monster Fashion."

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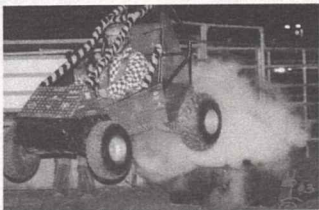
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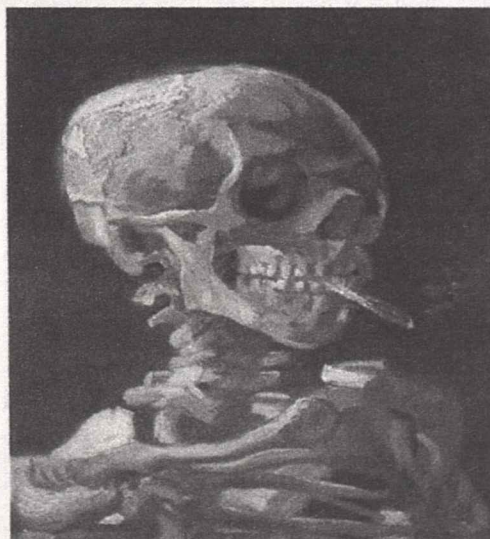


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Irons, Wang fall short in rerelease

CHINESE BOX
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JENNIFER MCKELVEY
Staff Writer

Wayne Wang, director of "Smoke," "Maid in Manhattan" and "The Joy Luck Club," depicts life in his native Hong Kong, prior to the transition from British to Chinese rule in the semi-documentary drama "Chinese Box."

Jeremy Irons plays John, a British journalist living in Hong Kong who has fallen in love with Gong Li's character, Vivian, a bartender with a shady past and a successful, but indecisive boyfriend. The two engage in a brief affair, as they face "inevitable change and unexpected obstacles."

Actual television footage from the transitional time and real people are used to mix reality with the fictitious plot. The raw, blunt atmosphere of the city is portrayed through shots of vendors gutting fish; cramped, decrepit buildings; rude behavior and the overwhelming emphasis of the sex industry.

A taxi driver who drinks and talks too much while driving also makes an interesting comment about the confusing streets. He says they all make no sense, and that one has to take several different roads in the wrong direction to eventually end up in the right direction, possibly comparing the confusion of the city with the uncertainty of the people.

The film is difficult to follow, switching from one idea to another without much explanation as to what is happening. This may have to do with the fact that at least four people, including Wang, were involved in writing the screenplay.

The plot is supposed to be about John's and Vivian's

tormented love affair, but a subplot involving a character named Jean (Maggie Cheung) is actually more interesting. Jean is a street hustler with a scar on her face, whose story John wants to record. Due to Gong Li's lack of use and understanding of the English language, almost no dialogue takes place between Vivian and John, which is rather disappointing and makes it hard to believe much is going on with them.

Symbolism connects the characters with each other and with the time. John represents the dying British empire (he is diagnosed with leukemia), Vivian represents mainland China and Jean represents the exotic and unpredictable characteristics of Hong Kong, the "Chinese Box."

Another interesting character is John's guitar-playing friend and fellow journalist, Jim (Ruben Blades). A brief scene of comic relief is when Jim is talking to John about Vivian, and plays a few songs about love and loss.

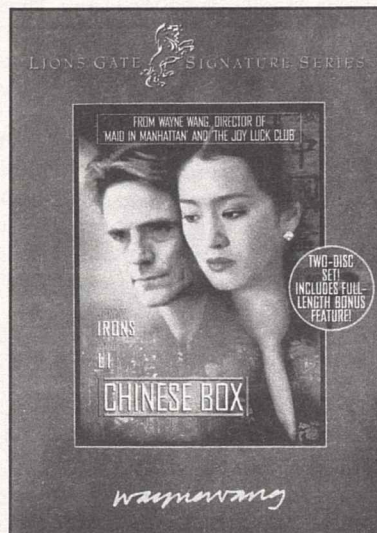
The director's commentary on the film (a special feature) provides some explanation of the ambiguity, but focuses more on the making of the movie.

While the essence of life in Hong Kong is displayed well, the film seriously lacks a strong plot, leaving the viewer disappointed and confused, but maybe that's what Wang intended — to leave the viewer with a strange, disturbed feeling.

The second disc of the Lions Gate Signature Series two-disc DVD set includes a full-length bonus feature of Wang's prequel, "Life is Cheap ... But Toilet Paper is Expensive."

The intriguing title is actually quoted a few times by an older man on the street in Hong Kong, "where anything goes and everything happens."

The film stars an American Chinese-Japanese man who is trying to deliver a briefcase that was forced upon him by the mafia, while exploring Hong Kong and his own identity. One unique scene from the film is a foot chase that lasts several minutes — possibly the longest foot chase of any film. Graphic images of killing ducks and even a man defecating make the film hard to swallow, but the main idea of Hong Kong before China regained control remains. ★



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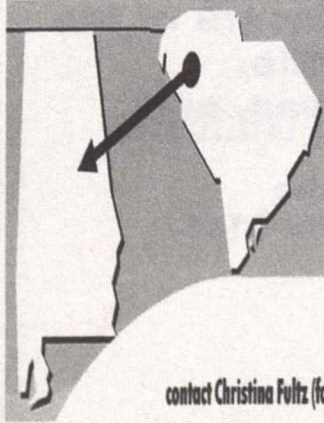
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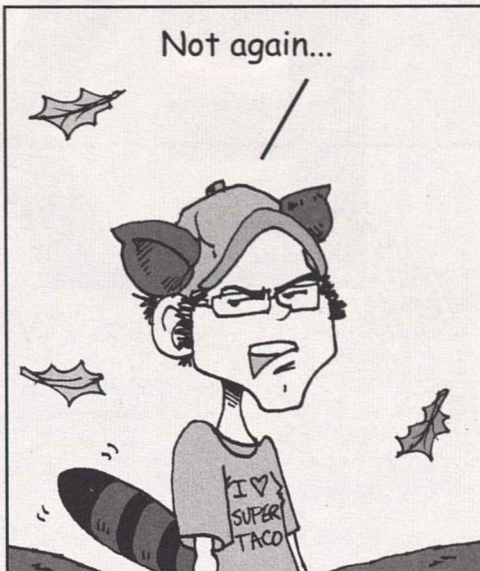
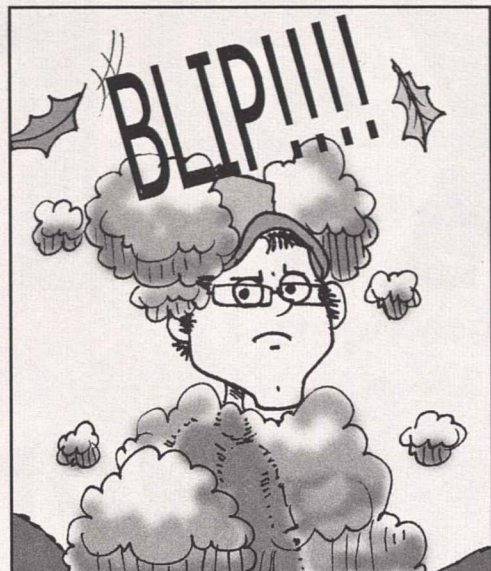
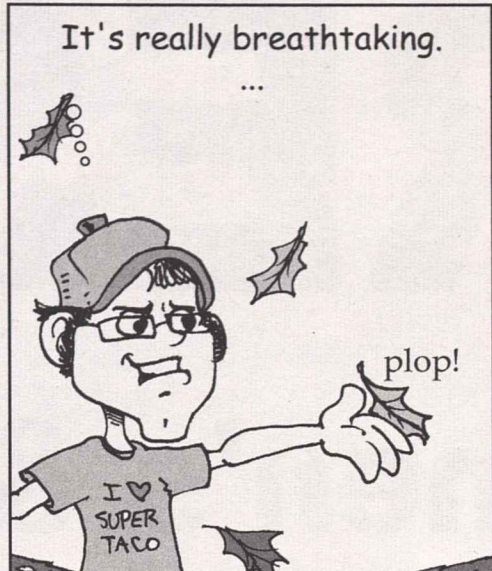
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Virgo (August 23 – September 22): It's time that you got off your lazy butt and actually exercised this week. You would be amazed at how much better you feel by getting your heart rate up. It will make you feel like you stayed at a Holiday Inn Express.

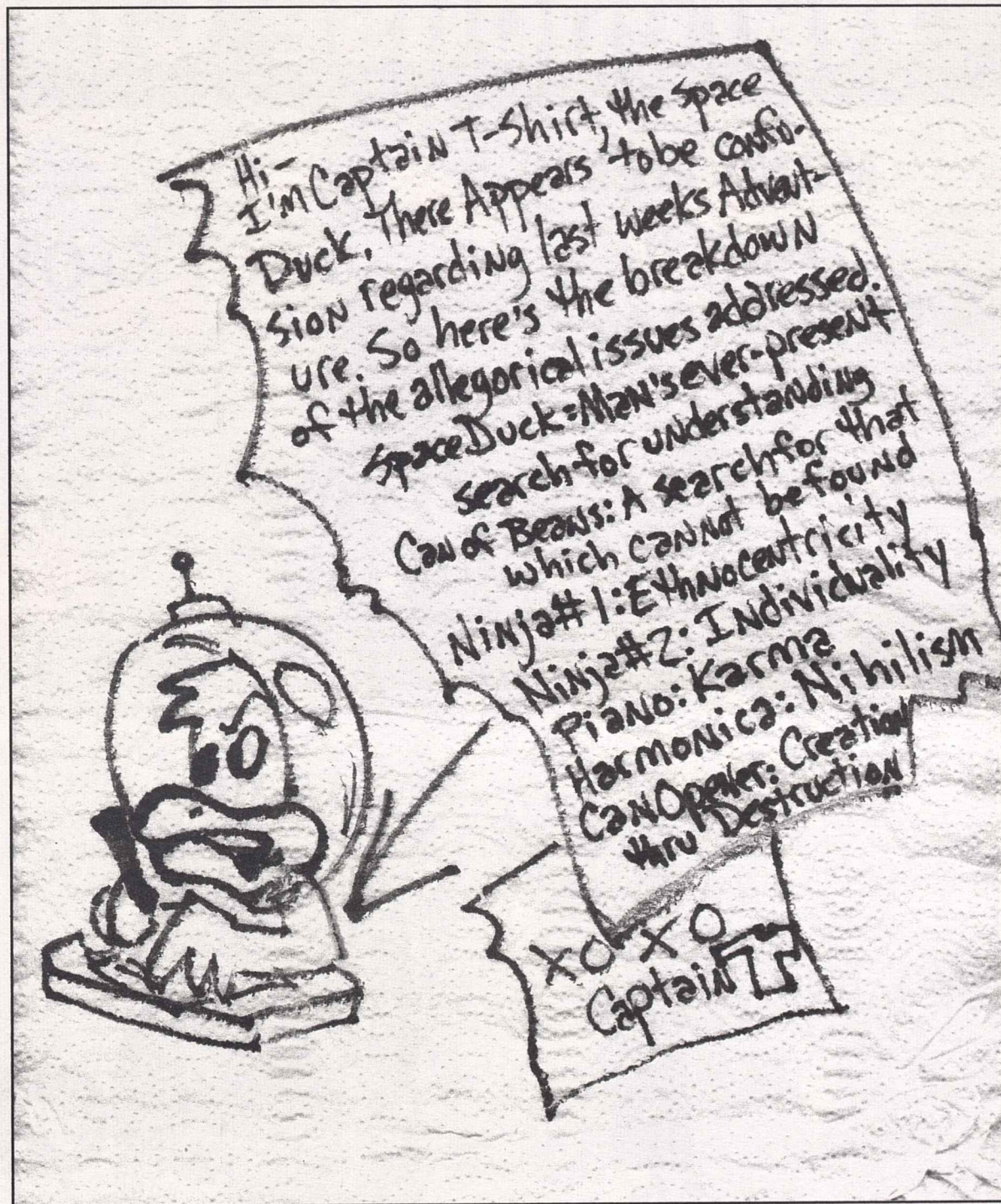
Libra (September 23 – October 22): Be nice to the people around you who don't seem to have as many friends as you do. It will brighten their day with a simple act of kindness.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21): There are plenty of reasons to celebrate this week. If you have already had your birthday, go out and celebrate for the fun of it. If it is your birthday this week, party down and make sure that you are number one on your special day. If your birthday is coming up, make preparations for a big party and a crazy time.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21): Remember to call your mom every now and then, simply to check in and let her know how you are doing. I know that you are having fun, and believe me, you deserve to, but call the parents just to say hello. They will appreciate it.

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