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## Barker responds to salary questions

President expands upon budget decisions throughout his career.

**ASHLEY CRISP**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

President James Barker responded to questions surrounding recent criticism of University salary spending, resulting from information compiled by John C. Bednar, professor emeritus.

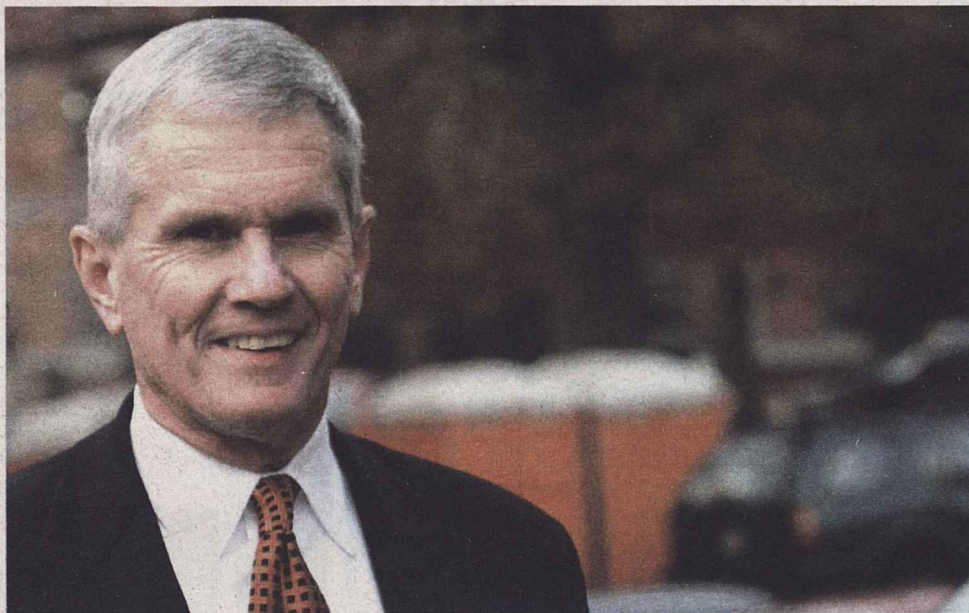
Barker responded to this information in a letter to Clemson University students and faculty and also to questions from *The Tiger*. He said some information distributed was "incomplete and misleading" and several factors were not considered in Bednar's data.

Bednar collected information regarding increases in the Office of the President, Office of the Provost and Office of University Advancement from 2006 and 2008.

His final analysis was presented to the Faculty Senate on Feb. 10 during the free speech time, allotted at the beginning of each meeting.

He expressed concern not only regarding significant salary increases but also with the employees hired. According to Bednar, Barker's son, James C. Barker and son-in-law, Brian Bolt, are both employed with the University. Also questioned by Bednar is the employment of Erin Swann, the daughter of a Board of Trustees member.

"Just as in the case of his own son's situation,



President Barker speaks to *The Tiger* in response to criticism about increases in salaries.

how can President Barker be objective and unaffected by this structural reality in his administration when deciding about salary increases for Erin Swann — when he reports to her father?"

When asked his motivation for looking into this matter, Bednar said, "I want the Clemson

Family to be more aware of the data I have tried to put together, because I think that many of them are not."

"Budget and salary information is a matter of public record. Information on both has always been available and has been easy to access online

for many years," Barker said. "The University is subject to internal and external audit."

The "Dear Clemson" letter said internal promotions explain changes in the number of employees currently earning more than \$50,000 within these three offices. Because of internal promotions, some faculty members were not included in the previous collection of information, making it appear as though only new people were hired. This is not the case.

In addition, Barker attributes the increase of staff in the Office of the President, Office of the Provost and the Office of University Advancement to reorganization. Only one new position was created, Chief Diversity Officer. However, these departments did gain staff that other departments lost. For example, legal services were consolidated to the Office of the President to provide more efficiency.

"New duties and the change from nine-month to 12-month employment led to appropriate salary increases," Barker said.

The letter highlighted two points, one being the improvements in faculty and administration compensation that occurred in years of increased state funding and before the current budget crisis.

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## GSG holds elections

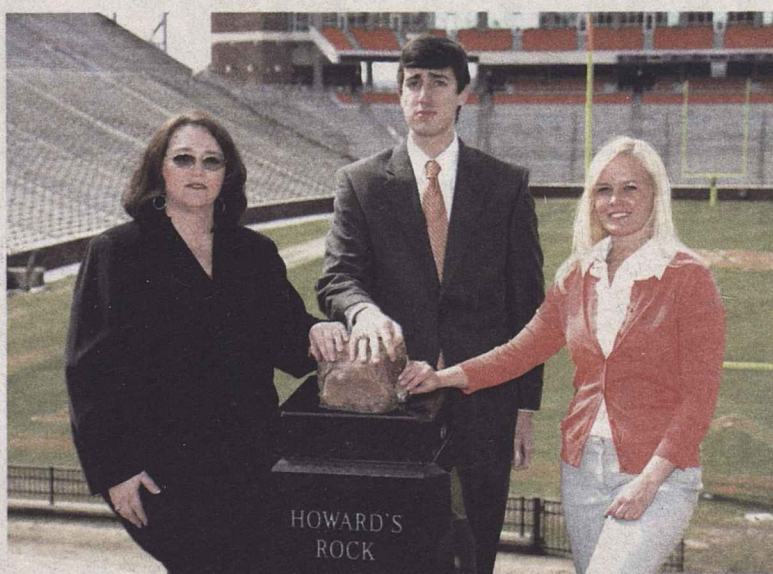
Graduate candidates explain platforms for next term.

**TAYLOR REEVES**  
NEWS EDITOR

With Graduate Student Government (GSG) elections fast approaching, candidates are fervently presenting their platforms to student voters. This year, two candidates, Tim Kalnin and Tammy Vaught, are in the running for the position of president and one candidate, Jennifer Grimland, is running unopposed for vice president. Each candidate has an agenda of improvements and ideas that he or she believes can ultimately benefit the graduate student body.

Jennifer Grimland, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry, has served on the Graduate Student Senate since 2007, and has been involved in various societies and committees therein. If elected, Grimland plans to work with the administration to keep assistantships up and tuition down. "As vice-president, first and foremost, I want to hear the voice of the graduate student body by acting as a liaison between the students and the administration, especially as it pertains to assistantships and tuition," said Grimland. She also hopes to increase GSG awareness and involvement on campus and improve graduate orientation to focus more on interaction and integration of international students. Finally, Grimland plans to maintain and improve health insurance benefits for graduate students.

Tammy Vaught is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in educational leadership. She has served as a graduate student senator and in the past year, has served as the graduate student body vice president. She believes in championing the importance of the graduate student body, especially in the face of an economic downfall. "The next president representing graduate students



Tammy Vaught, Tim Kalnin and Jennifer Grimland campaign for GSG.

will need to be persistent, diplomatic and passionate about educating the faculty and administration on the needs of graduate students and the impact of their decisions," she said. Vaught is also an advocate of graduate student rights, and the maintenance of Clemson as a competitive and economical choice in comparison with peer institutions. Vaught hopes to further integrate off-campus students and organize family events for the graduate student body. "I believe that graduate students should vote for me because I am passionate in my desire to serve and support them," she said.

Tim Kalnin is pursuing a Masters degree in Real Estate Development. He has served as a GSG senator and an Undergraduate Student Government senator. He hopes to facilitate cooperation and communication among the Undergraduate and Graduate student governments. "Working to improve rela-

tions with the much larger undergraduate government will go a long way toward meeting the needs that all Clemson students share," he said. Kalnin also plans to lobby for the sustenance of graduate assistantships, and believes that with the financial crisis, graduate students must make their voices heard or else be made susceptible to salary cuts and budget reductions.

Furthermore, Kalnin hopes to promote the use of recreational facilities by graduate students and better advertise opportunities for campus involvement for the graduate student body. "There is no other candidate as committed to serving this university and determined to address the needs of graduate students as well as I am," said Kalnin.

Elections will take place on Thursday, March 12. Eligible students are encouraged to exercise their rights and vote in the upcoming elections.

## FCA stays

Facility policy calms displacement fear.

**KATE RIPLEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In response to concern about how the new stimulus bill could affect religious activities on campus, Dr. Gail DiSabatino wishes to reassure students.

Although Congress passed a bill stating campus facilities could not be "used for sectarian instruction, religious worship or school department of divination..." DiSabatino checked with Clay Steadman, head of General Counsel, who acts as a legal counselor for the Board of Trustees, the President and other factions of administration, including faculty and staff, to discover what that meant for Clemson specifically.

In speaking with Steadman, DiSabatino came to the conclusion that Clemson will allow for religious organizations to continue meeting in campus buildings by checking with the Facility Use Policy.

The exact wording is as follows: "Any individual or group, including Clemson students, faculty and staff, may reserve and use these facilities for any lawful purpose."

Anyone can view the policy by visiting the page for Student Affairs on the Clemson Web site.

From gaining this insight and consulting with Steadman, DiSabatino was assured that organizations such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and others could remain on campus officially.

"It was his legal opinion that we would not need to take any action, since our current Facility Use policy provides the opportunity for all student organizations to have equal access on the campus," DiSabatino said. "Therefore, we plan to continue to operate within the law."

Steadman himself looked into the Policy concerning the issue and found that Clemson was in no danger with this clause.

"We don't see anything in the language (of the policy) that would in any way restrict access for use of facilities on our campus in the same way we have always used them," Steadman said.

He said that the article that first brought up the issue was perhaps "an overreaction" and students should not be worried about things already set in place.

"We allow organizations to use facilities we make available with or without a religious affiliation or religious component," said Steadman.

While the search for the correct information seemed to be somewhat frantic, FCA's current President, Spencer Lovelace, wasn't worried about the news of FCA's possible displacement.

"I had heard that that might be an issue but it never concerned me enough to generate any significant response," Lovelace said. "Clemson University Staff has always been very responsive to our needs so I felt the issue could be

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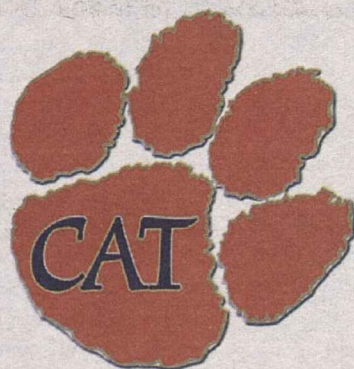
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# CLEMSON'S DAY OFF

LOUISE GOODMAN  
STAFF WRITER



On Sunday night, at the close of a very wet and unpleasant day, the dreary rain that had been falling suddenly changed to snow. Throughout the night, it accumulated by the inches, creating a winter wonderland in Tigertown that many students took advantage of.

Students could be found on Bowman Field engaging in snowball fights, on Kite Hill sledding, strolling around campus and taking in the beauty of Clemson buried under wintry weather that rarely frequents this part of the Upstate.

Clemson students got the day off on Monday, March 2 due to poor weather conditions.

Sunday rain showers froze into snow in the late afternoon.

The accumulation made the roads hazardous by early evening. The storm left 3,400 people in the area with power outages in the late evening.

Clemson University cancelled Monday classes and began classes at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

The school closing was a result of icy road

conditions; buildings remained closed, and the Clemson Area Transit was not in service. Students were informed through Rave Alerts that can be received by cell phone or e-mail.

The announcement was also posted on the University's Web site.

Despite icy roads and cold temperatures, students managed to take full advantage of the day sledding on Kite Hill.

There was even a brave cross-country skier attempting to ski across Bowman Field.

JESSE VON FANGE/staff



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TYLER SMITH/staff



JASON MUISE/staff



JOSHUA KELLY/staff



JASON MUISE/staff



# Weekly News Update

## World in Review

BBC

### Conflicts between Southern and Northern Sudan continue to arise.

Approximately 50 people were killed this week from fighting between the army from the South and militia from the North. The main dispute concerns the oil-rich areas along the Sudanese border. This clash is the result of unreleased tension from the civil war that ended in 2001.

The peace deal that came with the end of the 21-year war resulted in a significant amount of autonomy for southern Sudan until the referendum in 2011. This referendum will decide if the southern, mostly Christian population should secede from the northern, Muslim-ruled part of Sudan.

The skirmish that occurred on Tuesday took place in Malakal in southern Sudan. Many civilians are included in the number of people dead.

The northern army's leader, Gabriel Tang, was almost arrested on Tuesday by the southern army, but they had no legal allegations against him. "Provocations against Maj Gen Tang started immediately after his arrival at Malakal, a matter that had obliged him to take refuge with the joint forces," Brigadier Osman Mohammed al-Aghbash told state media.

## Deutsche Welle-worldwide

### Russian President responds to President Obama's "secret letter" concerning United States defense plans.

President Medvedev's response followed The New York Times' article revealing the secret letter sent by Obama that promised to halt the planned missile shield in return for Moscow's aid in stopping Iranian development of long-range nuclear weapons.

Medvedev stated that he would be willing to further discuss the proposed missile shield, however would not link the issue back to Iran. He said that "haggling" was "not productive" to solve the matter at hand. He also wanted to clarify that The Times did not portray Obama's letter correctly.

Obama also clarified his letter when he told the press, "What I said in the letter was that, obviously, to the extent that we are lessening Iran's commitment to nuclear weapons, then that reduces the pressure for — or the need for — a missile-defense system."

The conflict of interests is not a recent issue, but one that had been going on between Russia and the United States in George W. Bush's term. Russia has felt threatened by the U.S. missile shield since the idea was proposed, claiming the shield was eventually going to impact them, not protect other countries from an Iranian attack. With the new developments in nuclear weaponry in Iran, the United States has made multiple attempts to forge an alliance with Russia on this issue.

CNN

### Three people still trapped under a collapsed building in Germany.

After a building collapsed Tuesday in Cologne, Germany, firefighters listed nine people missing. However six of the nine saw their names on the missing-person-list and contacted the fire department to inform them of the mistake. The other three have not been found.

The building itself was built in the 20th century. It housed the city's historical archive and had many important documents more than 1,000 years old. The cause of the collapse is relatively unknown at this point. Some place the blame on underground construction nearby.

When the building fell, it also damaged the two buildings on its right and left. "Some of the earth underneath the building that collapsed slid into the construction space, which caused a hole under the building," CNN's Ben Brumfield said from the field. "The building fell literally into that hole and fell forward into the street."

Firefighters and rescuers worked all day Tuesday to search for the three missing people who may be trapped under the rubble. Most of those inside the building were able to escape as the building fell slowly and gave the inhabitants time to get out.

## Nation on Point

The New York Times

### President Barack Obama and Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown met to discuss stabilizing the global economy.

Prime Minister Brown arranged a meeting with Obama after much urging from Britain and the rest of the world. Both leaders collaborated during the conference and worked on ideas of how to stimulate the economy globally in order to jump-start their own countries' financial situations.

Obama and Brown mainly discussed Brown's financial reform ideas on the "global New Deal" taking after Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930s. His remedy for the current economic downturn is for countries around the globe to clean up their banking and financial systems.

Issues brought up included introducing a framework for the global market, setting various regulations to help the current economy and starting a financial reform. The most recent of Brown's meetings with Obama took place on Tuesday and was part of a two-day visit to Washington D.C. This also marks the third time the leaders have met to discuss their plans for the economy.

"I've come here to renew our special relationship for new times," Brown said. "It's a partnership of purpose that is driven forward now by the need for us all to work together in unity to deal with the world economic problems."

CNN

### Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich signs book deal to reveal "the dark side of politics."

Blagojevich signed a six-figure deal Monday for his book that will expose the "true" events that took place leading up to his impeachment trial. This move has made many lawmakers uneasy; however, many hope that the information published won't put Blagojevich in a deeper hole.

He has faced many questions and attended many interviews where he has explained his reasons for writing such a book and its content. Blagojevich told audiences that his books mainly will tell only the truth and give the public what actually happened. He also promised that it might contain embarrassing facts from the trial for other politicians and himself.

Although Blagojevich could in fact receive profit from the selling of his book, some lawmakers have recently written a bill prohibiting those convicted of crimes to make money from their criminal activity. Others wonder if the book would give any new insight or information that the public doesn't already have.

According to his publicist, the book, to be titled "The Governor," is set to be released in October of this year.

Los Angeles Times

### Nancy-Ann DeParle and Kathleen Sebelius have been appointed as the health care reform team.

As part of his platform, President Obama plans to reform the health care system to make it easier for lower income families and workers to gain health care. By appointing DeParle and Sebelius, he takes his first steps in recreating this system.

DeParle, to be the head of the newly created White House Office of Health Reform, will work directly with congressional lawmakers to advance Obama's ideas. Sebelius will be responsible for the largest sect of the federal government's department as well as supervising Medicare, Medicaid and many other programs and agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration.

Both of these jobs were to be filled by Obama's first choice candidate, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. However, this idea was quickly withdrawn when Daschle pulled out his name last month for unpaid taxes.

With this position filled, the President's cabinet is finally taking shape, actions can be made to reform many aspects of the healthcare system and more of Obama's agenda can be completed.

# Tigris Scientifica

## The Glass Marshmallow: Aerogel

HOLLY TUTEN  
STAFF WRITER

The material that has the highest internal surface area per gram (about one football field per cubic inch), and is the best electrical, thermal and sound insulator known to man, was also made by man. This ultra-light, low-density solid nanofoam is known as aerogel and sometimes referred to as "blue smoke," "solid smoke," or "San Francisco fog."

Aerogel is the lightest known solid and becomes lighter than air if made in a helium environment. It consists of a tangled silica lattice pockmarked with empty spaces that are five to 150 nanometers (billionths of a meter) across, looks like translucent blue ice and feels like styrofoam.

In 2008 scientists at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory finally got a peek at the 3-D structure of aerogel, but because of its minute scale, they had to use the same imaging techniques first used to visualize DNA. Investigator Anton Barty described the internal scaffolding as a "blob and beam structure." Although the volume of this gel may consist of up to 99 percent air, it can support 500 to 4,000 times its weight. And it's made from the same material as glass.

The inventor of aerogel, Dr.

Samuel Kistler, was born in 1900 and originally planned on a career in agriculture. However, exposure to a wide variety of science courses at the College of the Pacific in California led him to Stanford University. Afterwards he began teaching at the College of the Pacific, where he is said to have created aerogel while in his late twenties.

The origin of the name 'aerogel' is still unknown. In its original form, created as part of a joint venture between Kistler and Monsanto Corp., aerogel was an extremely brittle substance that could easily be reduced to powder. Now, it is so durable that NASA uses it to catch cometary dust in outer space.

Throughout its history, aerogel has been notable as an exceptional thermal insulator. Monsanto used it as insulation in industrial freezers, although it was originally marketed as a paint additive. In 1992, a process for high-output production of aerogel was discovered at the University of New Mexico, and in 2002, the first manufacturing plant dedicated to continuous production of aerogel went into operation. Now it is used in a diverse array of applications.

Scientists recently reported that closely packed aerogel beads efficiently filtered soybean oil from experimentally contaminated water, sometimes absorbing up to seven

times their weight. It has been suggested that aerogel may be used in wastewater treatment plants as it is much less expensive than current filtration materials, such as activated carbon.

One type of aerogel, Spaceloft, can withstand temperatures from negative 301 to negative 392 °F and, once it becomes affordable, may be used in many different types of ultra-lightweight commercial adventure gear such as gloves, jackets and tents. Other future uses include temperature-resistant windows and shock absorbers.

Dr. Stephen Creager, Chair of the Clemson University Department of Chemistry, began using aerogels about five years ago to make hydrogen fuel cells more efficient. He sees aerogels revolutionizing the thermal insulation industry, envisioning uses in homes, commercial buildings, cars and airplanes. He also thinks Clemson University is at the forefront of materials research because it fosters interdisciplinary collaboration between chemists and engineers.

As to the current and future impact of aerogels and other futuristic materials, Creager said, "It would be hard to imagine an area of modern life that is not being strongly affected by manmade materials...Designed materials are a fundamental element of modern civilization."

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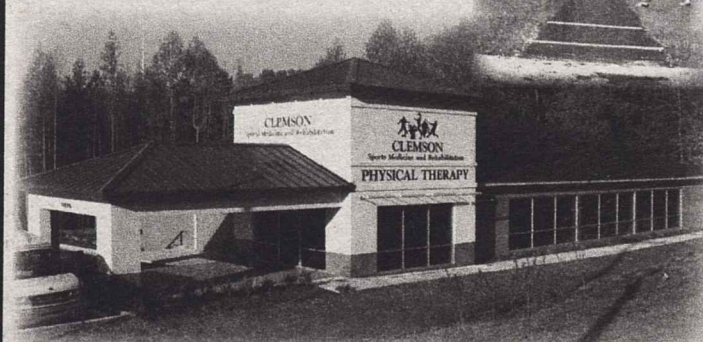
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# Campaign conduct questioned

In light of the recent CUSG elections, some candidates' tactics are explained.

**JUSTIN REID**  
STAFF WRITER

There is a divide among students when it comes to student elections. Many see the campaign tents on the library bridge and become upset over being bribed. They say, "I don't take bribes," or "I thought we left high school." There are others who see the activities on the bridge and become enveloped in the ongoing political tides.

Many students that only see the gimmicks do not cross the library bridge simply to try to avoid being harassed. From that point of view, the campaigning process is upsetting.

However, a more in-depth view of the campaign process reveals more than just candy and stickers; campaigning for Clemson University Student Government (CUSG) follows a three-week cycle.

The first two weeks are used for debates and speeches. During these weeks the candidates go to many organizations. Abby Daniel and Trey Robinson both claim to have spoken to 30 to 40 organizations, including participation in Undergraduate Student Senate and Strom Thurman debates.

The third week is the Active Campaigning stage, also known as Library Bridge week. "All the candidates are encouraged to try to attract students to participate in student government," said Laura McMaster, Undergraduate CUSG advisor.

Abby Daniel commented on the gimmicks used on the Library Bridge, saying that by using gimmicks or speeches the candidates are just trying to generate more interest in student government. On the bridge she, like many of the candidates, uses the gimmicks to first attract attention and then lead to communication.

Trey Robinson believes the final 'Library Bridge' period should be shorter, saying, "You can see a greater number of students going under the bridge to avoid the campaigning...." In the past, CUSG sent out many e-mails and messages, virtually everything that was request-



Some students are upset because candidates use candy, stickers, etc. to "bribe" for votes.

ed. "The large amount of e-mails that were sent out caused many students to ignore them altogether," said McMaster. Now the e-mails are sent by different groups, so students can look at what is most important to them.

There are about 350 active members of CUSG filling positions, such as senators or cabinet members. All play a big role in decisions made by administrators affecting students. Members of CUSG can talk to the Board of Trustees, and many organizations consult student government before making changes.

CUSG has continued to improve participation. Currently Clemson University has one of the best voter percentages in the country, more than 50 percent. The current candidates are very adamant about finding new ways to interest students.

They claim that there are more things

CUSG can do to improve student involvement. Some plans involve creating ways to sign up for information that is most important to students, thus stripping away the e-mails that students do not want to read.

Members of CUSG try many different ways of communicating with students. One of the easiest ways is through surveys, which students all have gotten.

The number of responses to these surveys vary based on the subject, but on average range from 500 to 600.

There are few restrictions on participating in CUSG. Even running for president, a student does not need to be in a certain major, they only need to be a student with a GPR of 2.3, 60 semester hours completed, holding no other offices (Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws, Student Government Elections, III).

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The competition to be in the Top 20 public universities is part of a list of 10-year goals created in 2001, and part of achieving this is working toward having the best faculty. Different decisions would have been made at the time had there been an economic crisis.

The second point made was that despite these changes in compensation, Clemson University still spends less than schools like University of North Carolina and Georgia Tech.

In response to questions about the hiring of James C. Barker and Erin Swann, Barker said he was not involved in either hire. "My responsibility is to ensure that State and University policies and procedures are followed in each and every hiring decision, and these were no exceptions."

He also said that he recently asked the University's counsel to ensure the process in hiring his son, James C. Barker was "by the book," and it was.

"I have notified the Chairman of the Board of Trustees that in the unlikely event of a grievance, I will recuse myself from the process and ask the Board of Trustees to step in."

Current University policy does not allow employees to directly supervise a family member. However, because Clemson is a small community, a policy against hiring spouses would "hinder our ability to recruit outstanding faculty."

Faculty Senate's Dr. Wayne Sarasua, chair of the finance committee, said that his committee will again do a review of salaries. The committee will present the final report at Tuesday's Senate meeting.

However, Sarasua said their investigation is unrelated to Bednar's report and the committee will not address this. The process of evaluating salaries began last year and will most likely continue to be an annual review.

Barker acknowledged the finance committee's evaluation of salaries and trusts them to "use sound statistical analysis."



Applications are available for senior staff positions at The Tiger Newspaper.

Those interested in newspaper, editing, advertising, graphics, layout and more should contact Emily Callahan at [managing@thetigermews.com](mailto:managing@thetigermews.com) for an application. Senior staff Election Day is Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m. on the third floor of Hendrix.

Those interested in these positions should fill out and turn in an application before arriving.

**International Coffee and Tea Hour will be offered in Hendrix.**

Enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea from a foreign country while meeting new people.

All refreshments will be complimentary, so drop in anytime you like between 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This event, sponsored by the Gantt Intercultural Center will take place on Wednesday, March 11.

**Learn how to grow an herb garden from experienced gardeners.**

Those interested in learning how to grow the perfect herb garden should attend this class, taught by Nancy McCannon.

Participants will learn the art of

growing perfectly fresh herbs such as thyme, parsley, basil and many more.

The class will be offered at the Nature Learning Center in the Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, March 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost will be \$15 per person.

**Martin Luther and the Reformation movie event will take place March 9.**

The Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod student group will be showing "Martin Luther and the Reformation," a movie that came out in theaters in 2003.

The film will tell the story of Martin Luther and his involvement and impact on the Reformation.


Free pizza and drinks will be provided. The movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. in 211 Brackett Hall.

**Swing and shag lessons will be offered in the aerobics room at Fike.**

A swing and shag lesson will be taught on Wednesday, March 11 from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Learn the fun art of dance with The Ballroom, Swing, and Shag Club of Clemson.

The price of admission is \$1 per person.



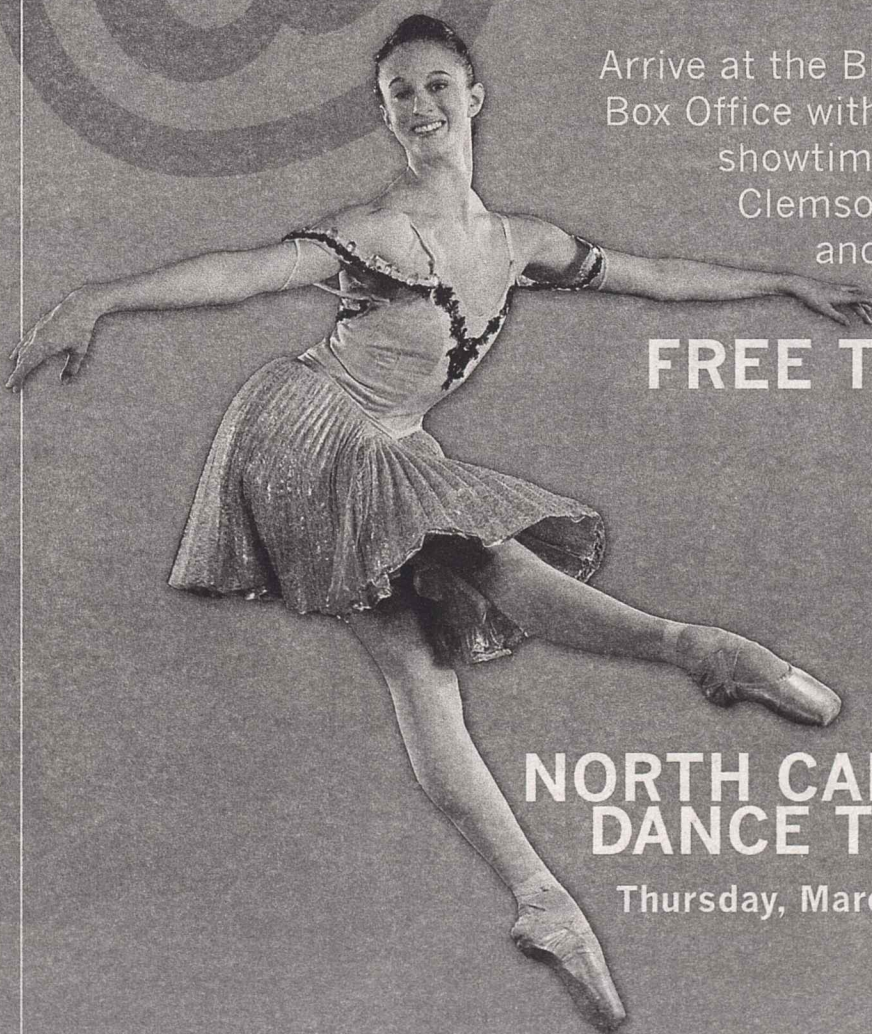
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# Second Life brings innovative technology to campus

CCIT hosts interactive panel to discuss benefits of virtual education.

**KATE RIPLEY**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With new technological improvements popping up left and right, it is no surprise that someone invented their own virtual reality. However, this enterprise, known as Second Life, has grown to include millions of users worldwide and advanced learning and communication to a level that has not been reached before.

Clemson University's own Suzanne Medders with (Clemson Computing and Information Technology) CCIT has worked to bring the new technology to campus by hosting and teaching an informational presentation that was to be Monday March 2, however will be postponed until further notice. Various speakers from around the world will also give their insight to this huge technological innovation when the new date is set.

For those non-computer whizzes, Second Life is a virtual reality that allows its users to build, learn about and interact with whatever and whomever they like on their computer. Each user creates an avatar or 3-D digital persona that represents them in a virtual world. Just like in real life, people can purchase land, however, some is sectioned off for private organizations or learning facilities. This type of land is called an island.

At first, Second Life can seem like the Sims

game on steroids, but as A.J. Kelton, director of Emerging Instructional Technology for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Montclair State University, said, "[Students] should view Second Life not as game but as an environment which we can all do things that we couldn't do in a non-virtual world."

Many universities have taken advantage of this program and use it as a learning tool not only for students, but faculty and staff, as well.

Often, university faculty from various places around the world meet in virtual conferences to discuss topics ranging from current issues in the educational arena to new information in their field of study. Normally, meetings and conferences of this kind require vast amounts of traveling, time and money. With Second Life, conferences can be held while participants from all around the world sit comfortably in their offices, saving money and time.

"With the current budget cuts that Clemson University is facing, Second Life offers a very cost effective way for faculty to meet to collaborate with colleagues from different universities across the world," Medders said.

Many professors who have become proficient in Second Life have been able to hold class on their prospective islands in places where no conventional classroom has been before. Classes could be located underwater, on a pirate ship in the air or any other

place imaginable.

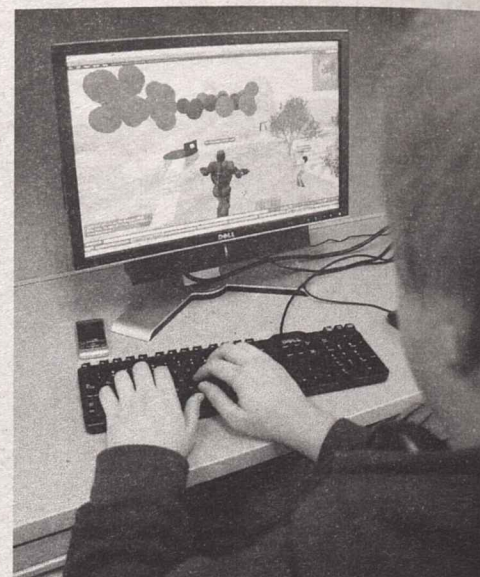
Karen Fritch, an instructional technologist for St. Petersburg College in Florida, redesigned the island for ANGEL Learning, an online program similar to Blackboard at Clemson. In her reconstruction of the island, Fritch updated and replaced many features to make it more education-friendly and available for students and faculty.

"We now have a formalized process for educators to request free space for offices and teaching. Educators from any institution can meet, build, and/or teach there for free," Fritch said. "They can join a group (ANGEL Learning Users Group) that I am hoping will become more active as more people use the Isle."

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Some islands can provide a tour of a human cell, another placing students into the eye of a hurricane. Clemson in particular recently acquired a historical program on their island on which students can experience the horrors of a torture facility used for medical testing on African Americans from the 1920s to the 1960s. None of these could happen in a conventional classroom, thus the basis of its appeal to large audiences.

Josh Hagwood, a sophomore student at Clemson



Ben Sterrett utilizes Second Life software.

has been involved with Second Life through working with Medders to improve Clemson's island and its developments.

"Initially, I wasn't too impressed," Hagwood said. "I thought we were playing a game, but eventually while working with Ms. Medders, I realized that it's not a game but a learning tool."

To learn more about Second Life, contact Suzanne Medders at [smedder@clemson.edu](mailto:smedder@clemson.edu).

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handled when it came up."

FCA has met in Tillman Auditorium for many years and has been grateful for such a large building, as it is the biggest FCA meeting in the state of South Carolina. FCA itself has been around since 1954, originally specifically for athletes and coaches; however, FCA now reaches all aspects of college groups.

Lovelace also expressed his disappointment in how the topic was addressed to the public, however he gives much credit to DiSabatino for looking into the matter so thoroughly.

"I received an e-mail from Gail DiSabatino that informed me that FCA would be allowed to meet in Tillman, shortly after the article was published," said Lovelace. "I felt terrible that she had to hear of these concerns in a negative light through The Tiger, but was impressed that she took the time to look into the matter despite the way it was handled."





# No strings attached

South Carolina is seceding from the Union again, and we're all led by Gov. Mark Sanford!

Not really, but if Sanford had his way, S.C. would probably try.

So there's this big stimulus bill that Washington is constructing that's designed to stimulate the national economy from the recession we're currently facing; you've probably heard of it. And one of the objectives of this stimulus bill is to help out states that are struggling economically with unemployment and facing deficits in Medicaid and education — states like South Carolina, which has the third-highest unemployment rates in that nation.

And with unemployment numbers so high that they bankrupted our state's unemployment funds last December, Sanford had to take out \$146 million in loans in the 11th hour — right before the money would have run out to pay for all the jobless claims.

However, thankfully for our nation and state, President Obama and Congress are addressing the problems by drawing up this stimulus package to help our state through these tough times, so that our friends and family members who have lost their jobs can pay bills, heat their homes and feed their families.

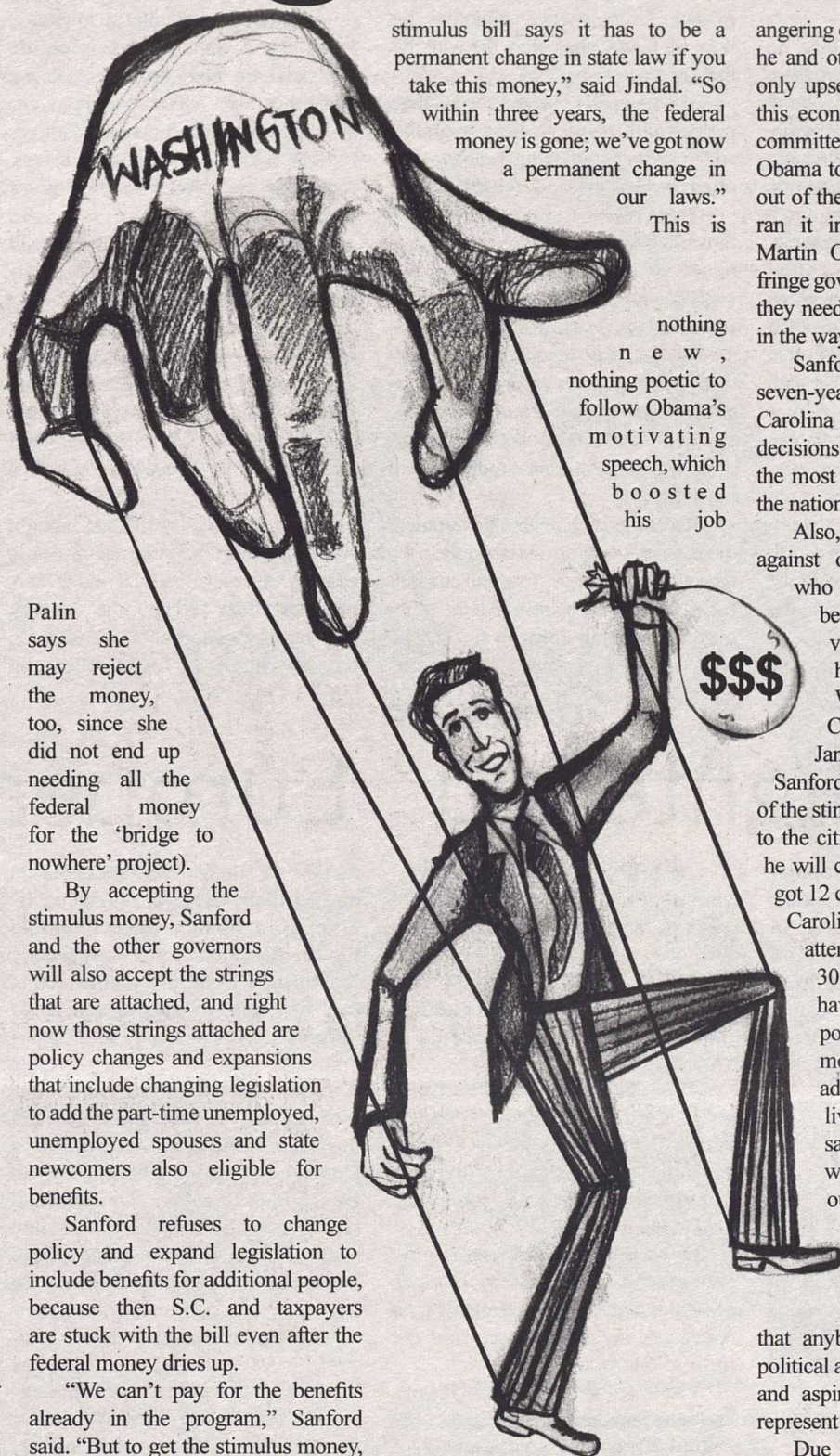
Oh wait, but what does Sanford do? He tries to turn down the money! And not only does he oppose the federal money that should help our state through the highest unemployment numbers in 25 years, but Sanford traveled to Washington to actively lobby against the stimulus bill, while calling out three Republican senators who voted for the stimulus as sabotaging "the future of our civilization." Beautiful.

Sanford did agree to add \$25 per week to unemployment checks, but he still says he will not accept all of the stimulus package money and the strings attached by the federal government, even if this will hurt S.C. residents who need the money most.

Absolutely beautiful, because here's the best part of this stimulus bill that Sanford rejects: South Carolina is paying for it regardless of whether or not we take the money. We'll pay for it through taxes; our kids will pay for it and perhaps even our grandchildren. And even if we don't take that money, someone else will. Another state whose governor doesn't oppose the stimulus bill will take that money, and those citizens will receive unemployment benefits, scholarships for higher education and better roads and bridges.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm says she will be happy to take whatever money Sanford and other "fringe" governors reject. Also with open hands and wallets lined up behind her are Republican Govs. Charlie Crist of Florida and Arnold Schwarzenegger of California.

In Sanford's defense, he may be the ring leader ever since the Republican Governors Association chose him as their new chairman, but there are other governors who are following him...even to the edge of a cliff. The Republican governors of Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas have also protested the stimulus bill, saying that changing and expanding policy could require them to raise taxes eventually. (Yes, Alaska Gov. Sarah



stimulus bill says it has to be a permanent change in state law if you take this money," said Jindal. "So within three years, the federal money is gone; we've got now a permanent change in our laws." This is

nothing new, nothing poetic to follow Obama's motivating speech, which boosted his job

Palin says she may reject the money, too, since she did not end up needing all the federal money for the 'bridge to nowhere' project).

By accepting the stimulus money, Sanford and the other governors will also accept the strings that are attached, and right now those strings attached are policy changes and expansions that include changing legislation to add the part-time unemployed, unemployed spouses and state newcomers also eligible for benefits.

Sanford refuses to change policy and expand legislation to include benefits for additional people, because then S.C. and taxpayers are stuck with the bill even after the federal money dries up.

"We can't pay for the benefits already in the program," Sanford said. "But to get the stimulus money, we've got to increase the program's size and scale."

While this may be true, legislators could change state policy to fit federal stipulations and then adapt these laws as needed. There is never a set prescription for the economy or government; neither laissez-faire economies nor regulated markets are effective 100 percent of the time. Therefore, governors could think positive that the stimulus bill will work, so that our economy will recover, jobs will be created and unemployment numbers will go back down. Much of the problem with the economy now is that consumer confidence is down, which means no one is buying and thus no one is selling, translating into businesses firing employees, and then even less people have money to buy. At least people who receive an unemployment check can buy groceries and necessities without paying for their bills on credit, which again increases debt.

Another very vocal Republican governor against the bill is Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who claims the stimulus package requires changing too many policies without the necessary funds for the future of the programs. He is also the Republican party's current standout for the next presidential election despite his embarrassing speech/flop following Obama's speech last Tuesday about the stimulus plan. "The federal

approval ratings back into the 60s. That's the beauty of states receiving money from the federal government; you don't get something for nothing (well, unless you're an irresponsible major bank). When S.C. accepts categorical grants that come from the federal government, they also accept the stipulations that go along with them, i.e. changing our DUI laws.

Therefore accepting this stimulus money shouldn't be any different. Of course, S.C. citizens are very proud of Sanford sticking to his guns and political ideology by completely raising hell against Congress and a President who are trying to help the recession and unemployed, starving citizens across America. Yet, the strings that the federal government attaches to the stimulus bill aren't too much; they are things that should already be included in our state policy. Adding benefits for the part-time unemployed isn't too unnecessary, because one cannot survive by working a part-time job on minimum wage.

Sanford's rejection of this money will continue starving our state and its citizens. Cutting the budget more and more isn't helping us now, and it won't help us in the future by slashing university budgets for higher education. Not only is he hurting the citizens of S.C., but Sanford is also

angering other governors who believe he and other "fringe" politicians are only upsetting national unity during this economic crisis. "All of us are committed to working with President Obama to pull our nation's economy out of the ditch that George W. Bush ran it into," said Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. "If some of the fringe governors don't want to do that, they need to step aside and not stand in the way of the nation's interests."

Sanford has also held an infamous seven-year battle with the South Carolina legislature over fatty budget decisions despite S.C. having one of the most conservative legislatures in the nation.

Also, he has waged battles against other S.C. representatives, who like him want to do what's best for S.C. citizens but have very different ideas from him about how to do so. In Washington, D.C., South Carolina Congressman James Clyburn also feels that Sanford's decision to reject some of the stimulus package is detrimental to the citizens of S.C., and he hopes he will change his mind. "If you've got 12 counties as we have in South Carolina, that's eligible for special attention, because you've had 30 years where populations have been living below the poverty level. You turn that money down. That has an adverse impact on the people living in those communities," said Clyburn. "We all have to work together. Get beyond our individual political philosophies and let's see what's in the best interest of the people we represent. I do think that anybody who puts his or her political aspirations above the dreams and aspirations of the people they represent ought not be in office."

Due to the current budget crisis along with the prediction that unemployment is only going to become worse before improving, Sanford will most likely have to accept the stimulus money and all of the strings attached to it. Regardless of his political ideology and belief in fiscal responsibility and small budgets, S.C. and its citizens need this money to survive until jobs return. Sure, this stimulus package is a short-term fix, but we have faith in our national economy to strengthen and return to the days of the good, old '90s or '50s, or even the '20s (minus the following depression).

If Sanford takes the stimulus money, he will accept all the strings that are attached, and he will be held to the same stipulations that every other governor and state accepts. And like them, S.C. will survive and return to the strong state it was prior to the economic repression. While it's very admirable for Sanford to stand up for his ideology and conservative beliefs, going against the unity of our nation will not fix the economic crisis we're in now. So put down your guns, and take the money. If you don't, Michigan will.

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*Should SC Gov. Mark Sanford accept federal funding from the stimulus package?*



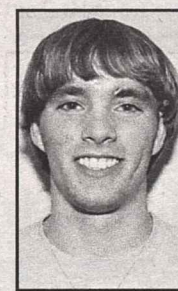
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"He's an idiot, but it doesn't matter. The legislature set up a plan so they can do with it what they're supposed to."

"I agree with what he's doing; everybody needs to cut back on spending."



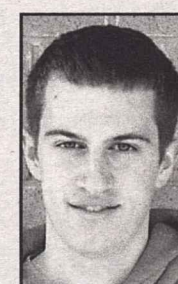
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"I don't think that a stimulus package is the correct way to fix the economy, but not accepting the stimulus money puts South Carolina at a disadvantage."

"I think it'll make it especially tough for out-of-state students; it's kind of annoying he did that."



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freshman



**Meagan Linton**  
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senior

"I don't think Mark Sanford has ever looked out for the interests of his state. Not taking the money only tells the people of S.C. that our governor doesn't care about us."

"I believe that you only accept such help from the federal government when you cannot find any other alternative to solve a state's problems."



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## COMMENTARY

## Close, but no cigar

REID GEYER

Columnist



Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN), the top Republican on the Foreign Relations committee, recently published a report from his staff titled "Changing Cuba Policy — In The United States National Interest."

The report was intended to serve as the first step in what many believe will be a gradual reduction in the trade embargo we currently have with Cuba. If successful, this would be a major policy change from what we've seen over the past 50 years.

The embargo was originally instated by President Kennedy as a countermeasure to the seizure and nationalization of many American-owned businesses in Cuba. The embargo began slowly before eventually evolving into a total ban on trading and travel to the country. The embargo lapsed for a brief period during the Carter administration before Reagan reinstated it, and it has stuck ever since. It's come

up for reevaluation many times, though every time it has been reaffirmed.

But 2009 finds us in a pretty lonely place as far as the embargo is concerned. Since then, most others in the international community have softened their stance towards Cuba, including the UN and the EU.

Our current position is this: no U.S. tourism dollars may be spent there and no trading except for agricultural and medical products (with heavy restrictions on what is allowed.) Students, researchers and journalists are all free to travel to Cuba if doing work there, but that requires a special permit, which can be pretty restrictive. Medical equipment sold must be monitored to ensure that it's used for the right purposes, a stipulation so vague that most companies don't even bother with the hassle.

And while food products can be sold, Cuban buyers are not even allowed to travel to the United States to inspect what they're buying. In short: some things can get through to Cuba, but it's rarely worth the pain. With the election of President Obama came the campaign promise of reviewing our current policy, and Secretary of State

Clinton has expressed interest in doing the same. Sen. Lugar's report is one of the first steps in getting that ball rolling. The report began by outlining what they see as the four biggest flaws with our current policy towards Cuba.

The first is the belief expressed by many in Latin American countries that how we treat Cuba colors the way that they, in turn, see us.

The second is that we need Cuba's partnership to help with illegal migration and the drug trafficking problem that often travels up through the Caribbean.

Third, Cuba has used the United States as a scapegoat for its current state of poverty instead of admitting its own involvement, a position that will only encourage anti-American sentiments.

Finally, the report believes that Cuba's best hope of transitioning from communism to democracy doesn't lie in a quick turn around, but in a gradual process that the current conditions will not allow for.

Recent developments in government there, from Raul Castro's takeover to the recent restructuring of administration, have led many to believe that the times may be changing down there. They go on to make suggestions of what the

United States should be doing to begin to correct these problems.

A series of small steps towards reestablishing trust will begin to get the United States and Cuba communicating again without compromising our principles. Discussions on stopping drug trafficking and illegal migration would be a start, as this is clearly beneficial for both countries. Obama could then keep his campaign promise and allow Cuban-American families to return to Cuba to visit relatives, something they have been angling for in recent elections.

That would be a sign of goodwill and could begin to work to loosen the anti-American views that many hold in Cuba. From there, the United States would evaluate things on a step-by-step basis, making sure that issues of human rights and fair elections were addressed before anything major occurs. And there's reason to believe that these steps will be effective.

The rise of the Internet has brought with it a rise in the information that is coming out of Cuba, and many new bloggers from within the country are starting to appear. Generation Y, recently named a "Top 25 Blog" by

Time Magazine, has been writing about the views of many Cubans who after 50 years of revolution are really seeing that everything is not as cheery as Cuba would like them to believe. They're realizing that conditions are worse than they've been told, as state-controlled low wages are buying them less in the markets than even a few years ago.

But the government continues to feed the lies that everything is okay and that Cuba is becoming more prosperous. Allowing Cuban-Americans back in the country to let these citizens know that this is not the case would have a dramatic effect on any possibly democratic movement.

The United States also has some selfish interest in this: many economists believe we lose billions a year in lost trade revenue because of the embargo. While it may be a while before those cigars are crossing the Gulf again, the United States is slowly inching towards welcoming Cuba back, and this is something that will clearly benefit both countries.

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## COMMENTARY

## The "Enlightened" European

MICHAEL SCHNIBBEN

Guest Columnist



It never ceases to amaze me when politically left-leaning individuals praise Europeans

for being "progressive," "sophisticated" or any number of other meaningless platitudes; clearly, in this matter, such people have no idea what they are talking about.

Many expressing such sentiments, especially here at Clemson, have never even been to Europe;

of the few who have, the overwhelming majority of those do not speak a language besides English with any meaningful degree of fluency. As such, the myth of the Enlightened European has endured unquestioned in large segments of American society.

This phantom is used by liberals to shame "backward," "superstitious" Americans into accepting any number of left-wing dogmas, from gay marriage to socialized medicine.

However, the European is only enlightened in the minds of such people since he/she represents the America they wish to see, not the Europe that actually exists.

The truth is that in many ways Europe is decades behind the United States, especially when it comes to the subject of race.

At this point, many of you are gasping. No doubt you are asking yourselves how I could possibly insinuate that Europeans are racist when they flocked so enthusiastically to the banner of Barack Obama.

Clearly, you think, the election of such a gifted, intelligent man would have been taken for granted in any European nation; there, you would be wrong.

The simple fact of that matter is that Europeans supported Obama precisely because he personifies the multicultural world they wish to see everyone, especially Americans, embrace, but are unwilling to embrace themselves.

As such, by acclaiming Obama, a man of mixed race, Europeans are able to ignore their own shabby record of race relations and once again assert their moral superiority over "ignorant" Americans.

The shockingly overt racism one encounters in Europe is the reflection of the fact that, unlike the United States, Europeans were never confronted with the issue of race. While blacks and whites have lived side by side in the New World since the beginning, non-white immigration to the Old World is a relatively recent phenomenon most are still unsure as to how to approach.

The unwillingness of European peoples to confront the issue of

racism in their own societies is due to their rather exclusive definition of nationhood which, unlike the demarcation of "American," is confined to ethnic identity; this can be seen in the structure of various European languages, especially German.

Whereas we are all Americans by virtue of our having been born here, one does not become a Deutsche simply by being born in Deutschland; rather Deutschland (Land of the Germans) is called such because it is the place where Deutsche (Germans) happen to live.

Though this almost tribal conception of national identity has been suppressed in other languages, German place-names of other European countries still reflect this original mentality; witness: Frankreich (Empire of the Franks), Russland (Land of the Russians) and Dänemark (Territory of the Danes).

As this trend illustrates, citizenship is determined by one's membership within the proverbial tribe, not simply by living in its territory. For this reason, European societies have been generally unaccepting of outsiders.

Though assimilation is possible for those who can look like the rest of the tribe, those who do not will always remain on the outside.

Thus, the tribal mentality of European thought simply does not allow them to accept any non-white as their political or social equal.

Because the European tribes cannot accept those who do not look like them as equals, they are therefore judged to be inferior; this is the classical definition of racism.

Throughout Europe, entire immigrant groups are the subject of vicious slander campaigns meant to reinforce the collective identity of the tribe and their exclusive ownership of territory.

I recall driving through Vienna in high school and being confronted with a large billboard over the Autobahn that read, "Wien darf nicht Istanbul werden" (Vienna must not be allowed to become Istanbul).

In another instance, I was watching television in a Swiss hotel and saw a campaign ad for one of the mainstream parties; it featured a group of white sheep peacefully grazing in an idyllic Alpine meadow.

This tranquility was disturbed when a black sheep timidly crossed a dotted line into the domain of the white sheep.

He was quickly expelled by a swift kick from one of its inhabitants.

These two instances are but a drop in the proverbial bucket; what is surprising is not that some Europeans express these views, but that their public flaunting sparks such little outrage from these supposedly "enlightened" people.

What must sadly be concluded from the non-reactions to such overt racism, along with the recent surge in the popularity of anti-immigrant parties (on both ends of the spectrum), is that a huge portion of Europeans must themselves be racists, even though they lack the courage to openly admit it.

Throughout this piece, I have repeatedly condemned Europeans for their unwillingness to confront racism in their own societies.

This does not mean, however, that I believe racism does not exist in the United States.

It certainly does exist, but when it enters the public sphere it is rightfully denounced.

If you don't believe me, think of how the American public would react to a billboard in Los Angeles that read "Not another Mexico City," or a television ad with white cows expelling brown cows from their grazing fields.

Whatever our faults as a people, and there are many, Americans are decades, perhaps centuries, ahead of Europeans when it comes to the issue of race; this lies in the fact that we do not consider ourselves members of a tribe, but people united in a common dream.

In this respect, those who might otherwise admire Europeans should keep their affections at home.

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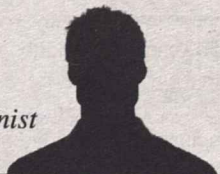


COMMENTARY

# The South lost

NICK ROTH

Guest Columnist



The rebel flag, the “stars and bars.” You may have seen the red flag with the diagonal blue stripes, the symbol of Southern pride. It reminds us of those who fought for states’ rights and of our ancestors who died for the South.

It reminds us of such Southern heroes as Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson, men who fought so valiantly and courageously. The flag is a constant reminder of our tenacity, our uniqueness and our heritage as Southerners.

That was difficult to write with a straight face. The Confederate flag is the most offensive commonly accepted public symbol in America today, maybe ever.

We wear it on t-shirts; we put it on bumper stickers, coffee cups, ties, license plates. We even fly it near the American flag. The worst part about it is we do it with pride. I honestly believe that we don’t know

what we are doing when we do these things. The impact of the symbol has faded. We have forgotten, either by chance or choice, what that symbol really represents. However, just because we have forgotten does not mean that it is right.

We have this antiquated notion that the rebel flag represents our heritage and our Southern pride. The fact is that it doesn’t.

The rebel flag represents a shameful time in the South’s past. It is not a time to be proud of. It is a time in which we actually fought to keep black people enslaved — fought to keep black people enslaved!

Southerners were so greedy and oppressive that they died so that they could keep slaves. Thank God they lost.

The rebel flag should have died at Appomattox, but for some reason, be it stubbornness or bitterness, the flag lived on. It lived on into the era of the Civil Rights movement and the Jim Crow laws. In this time it was used by such groups as the Ku Klux Klan in support of segregation and the continued oppression of

black Americans. In many instances, under the banner of the old Confederacy, blacks were lynched, beaten, murdered and treated like animals. The flag became a weapon of racists to broadcast their allegiances and strike fear into the peoples they hoped to oppress.

Even with the advent of civil rights, made possible by heroes like Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall and the Little Rock Nine, the symbol lived on, disguised in a veil of Southern heritage.

When you fly the rebel flag, when you wear the rebel flag, when you support the rebel flag, you are treating it with the same reverence that those who committed such awful crimes against humanity did.

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No matter what justifications are offered up in defense of the rebel flag, they remain a distortion of the truth and show ignorance towards history. Howard Zinn said, “there is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing

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A flag is a symbol of identity. I hate to think that our identity as Southerners lies within the message of the rebel flag. I’m not going to tell you not to wear it, not to fly it, not to respect it.

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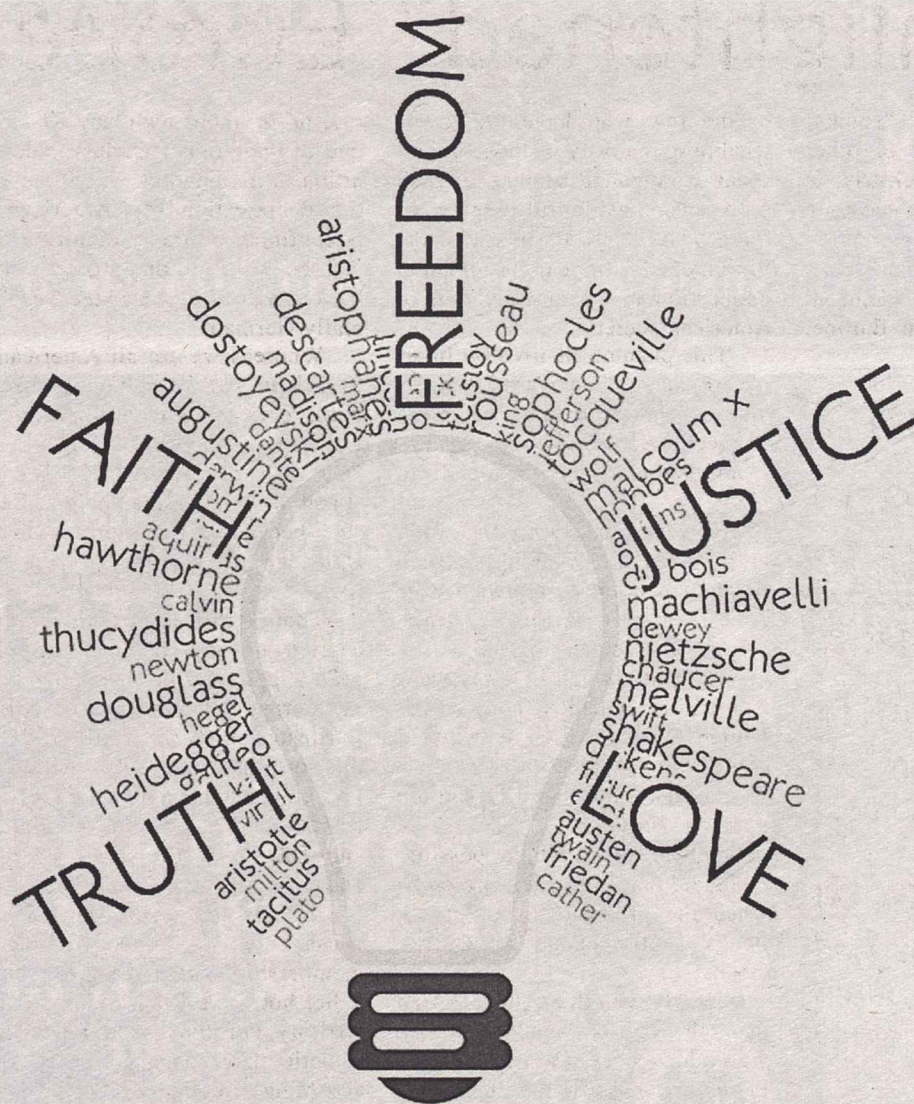
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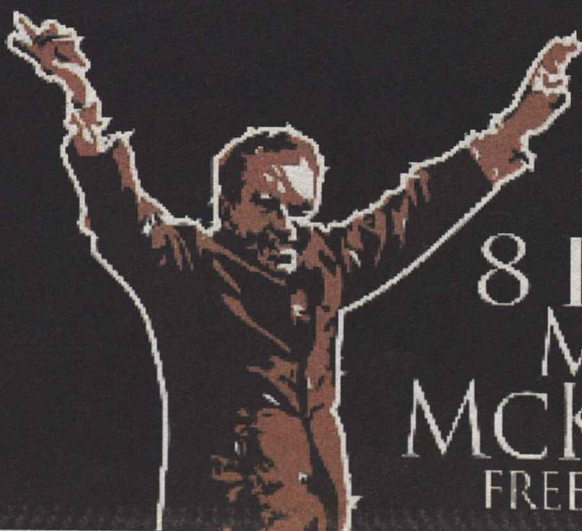
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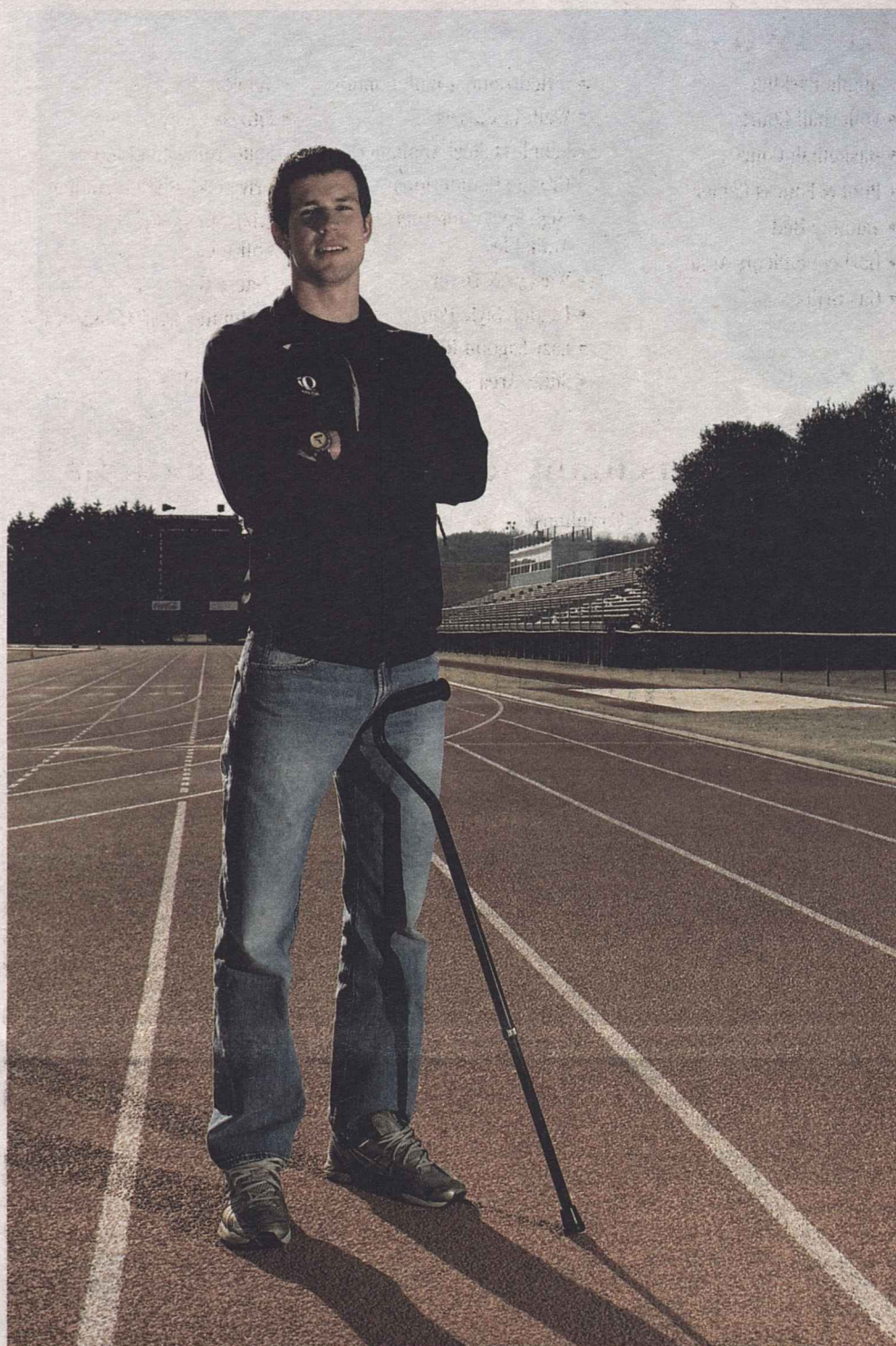
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## Ultimate Stallion is ultimate goal

Kevin Dejonckheere's battle with cancer inspires others to run.



Kevin Dejonckheere reminisces at his old stomping ground.

**RYAN LAUNIUS**  
STAFF WRITER

From early on in his life, Kevin Dejonckheere was a runner. Whether it was club soccer in middle school or the track and cross-country teams he joined in high school, Kevin's legs were always in motion. With his skinny frame and 6'2" body, he was capable of long, smooth strides that could wear down the opposition over lengthy runs.

Kevin's shelves at home are littered with awards from his Dorman High School days. After helping his cross-country team win state in 2001, he was chosen as an All-Region and All-County runner for cross-country in his final two years while making the All-State team in track as both a junior and a senior. He even managed to place second in South Carolina for the 3,200 meter run in 2005.

So when Kevin found himself buying a bike in November of his freshman year at Clemson University, his friends could not help but wonder why he would be replacing his finely tuned legs with two wheels. The purchase, however, was not out of sheer interest for the sport.

In his prime, Kevin had been running 70-80 miles per week. Because of this, doctors and coaches all considered Kevin's recurring senior year knee pains to be a result of high mileage and nothing else. But even when he reduced his weekly mileage once reaching college, Kevin's knee showed no signs of healing. Over time he started to find the jarring pain of running to be too much and was forced to switch to cycling to fuel his competitive nature.

Kevin's new hobby was turning out to be a fulfilling one, until a hard cut while playing soccer the following month resulted in a partially broken femur. It took one month and multiple visits to the hospital for doctors to figure out exactly what was happening to Kevin's formerly resilient leg, but once it was discovered the diagnosis was as devastating as it was life threatening.

On Jan. 3, 2007, Kevin was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, which is more commonly known as cancer of the bone. It was concluded that Kevin's bone had broken so easily because of a five-inch tumor that had been slowly hollowing out his femur for over two years. Not only was he quickly thrust into the world of daily visits to the doctor, but Kevin also had to take a medical withdrawal from Clemson University and be away from his friends throughout the majority of his battle with cancer.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/Photo editor

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## Tiger baseball battles Tar Heels



**BRANDON BOATWRIGHT**

assistant sports editor

The Clemson baseball team will make a trip to Chapel Hill this weekend to take on the Tar Heels in their first three-game conference series of the season.

The Tigers (5-2) are coming off a fairly disappointing week of baseball. Last Saturday Leggett and his squad squared off against in-state rival South Carolina on a dreary day in Clemson and lost 3-1. Three days later the Tigers battled the Furman Paladins to a 14-inning loss by a score of 4-2.

By Wednesday, however, the qualms about a lack of offense were eased when the Bulldogs of UNC Asheville rolled into town. The Tigers unloaded on the Bulldogs and plated a gaudy 17 runs to Asheville's two. Junior first baseman Ben Paulsen led the Tigers with three hits, three RBIs and scored a run.

The Tigers will need that offense when they make the trek to Chapel Hill. North Carolina (8-1) has amassed 71 runs so far this year and is allowing a mere 3.1 runs per game including a pair of shutouts. Their only loss thus far comes at the hands of the Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina.

Pitching has always been a strong suit for the Tar Heels. The 2009 season will be no different. The pitching trio of Adam Warren, Matt Harvey and Alex White combines for six of the Tar Heels' eight wins. White has the highest ERA among the three with an admirable 3.18 in 11.1 innings pitched. Harvey, a sophomore from Connecticut, has 18 strikeouts compared to two walks in just nine innings of work. Warren, the lone senior in the rotation, has held opponents to a .150 batting average in two starts.

Pitching aside, the Tar Heels excel in scoring runs. Junior catcher Mark Fleury has dominated opposing pitching this season. He's batting .444 with three round-trippers, 17 RBIs and is slugging at a .926 clip. In their most recent game against Garner Webb on Wednesday, Fleury went two-for-two with a double that drove in a run and a grand slam.

Kyle Seager, Dustin Ackley and Ben Bunting are all batting more than .400 for the Tar Heels as well. Seager, a junior infielder from Kannapolis, N.C., is coming off a 2008 campaign in which he belted nine homeruns and drove in 75.

To counter North Carolina's offensive firepower, the Tigers bring freshman Chris Dwyer and senior Trey Delk to the table. Dwyer, a freshman from Swampscott, Mass., has been sensational in his first two career starts as a Tiger. In 11.2 innings pitched thus far in the season, Dwyer has fanned 12, walked one, and is yet to allow a single earned run. The freshman has held opposing batters to a .057 batting average, giving up a meager two hits against 37 batters faced.

Delk has been dependable on the mound this year. The Elgin, S.C., na-

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## Men win two; Ani is at No. 1 again

Clemson women fall at No. 20 Kentucky, as men easily win a double header.

### STAFF REPORT

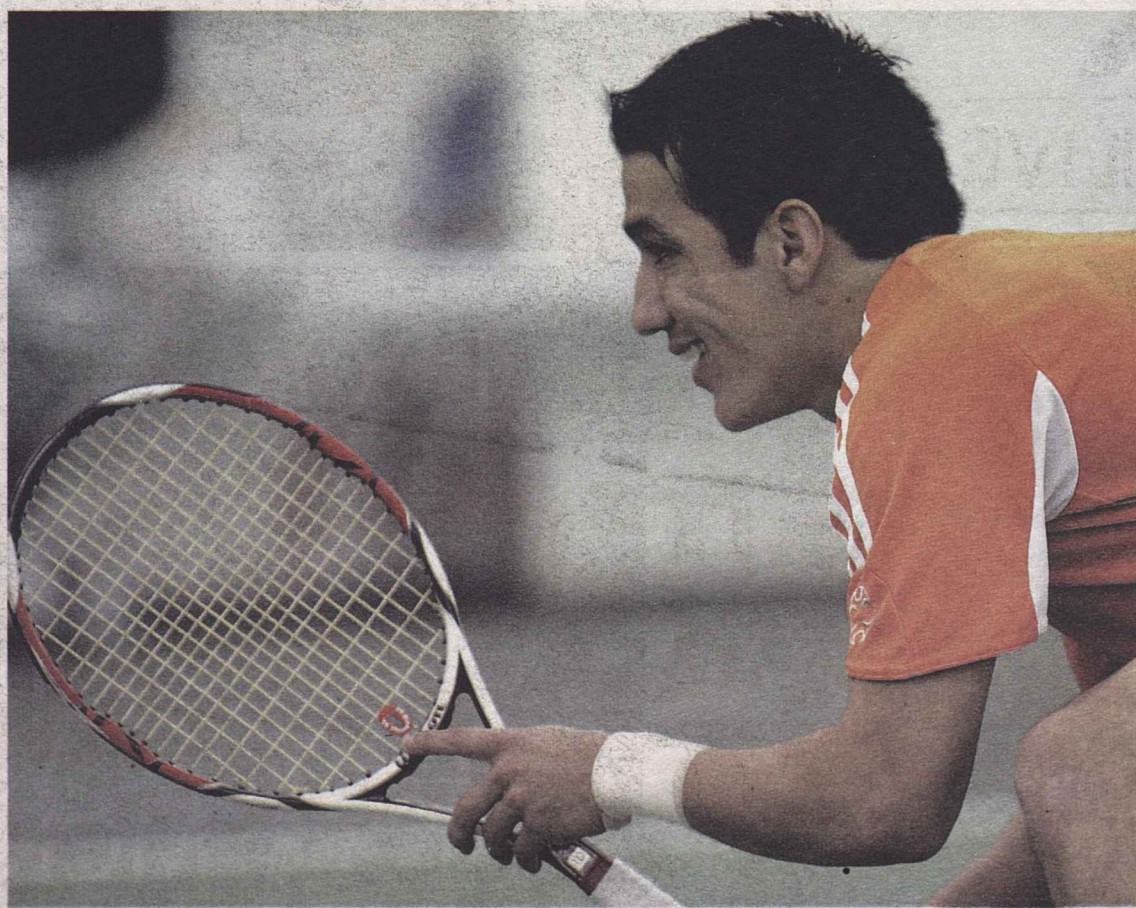
This week, the Clemson women's tennis team earned a unique distinction.

Clemson became the only school in the country to have two singles players ranked in the nation's top 10. In the most recent rankings, junior Ani Mijacika earned the No. 1 ranking in the country, up one spot from last week. Her teammate freshman Josipa Bek received the No. 4 ranking. Both women are natives of Croatia.

Despite the honors, the women's team fell on the road to No. 20 Kentucky, 4-3. The loss comes after their upset of No. 4 Georgia Tech at home last week. This Sunday at noon, the Lady Tigers look to continue their remarkable season against No. 6 Miami.

The men faced little resistance this week against Navy and Dartmouth in a double header. Both teams fell to the Tigers 7-0, boosting Clemson's record to 6-4 on the year. Clemson is now entering their ACC schedule.

Their next match is tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Florida State.



Junior Carlos Alvarez eagerly awaits further play at Clemson's Indoor Tennis Facility.

BRIAN SCHNEIDER/Photo editor



# Tiger Schedule

week of 3/6-3/12

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sunday 3/8  
Wake Forest  
6 p.m.  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Thursday 3/12  
ACC Tournament  
TBA  
Atlanta, Ga.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday-Sunday 3/6-8  
ACC Tournament  
TBA  
Greensboro, N.C.

## MEN'S TENNIS

Saturday 3/7  
Florida State  
1 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

Wednesday 3/11  
College of Charleston  
2:30 p.m.  
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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Sunday 3/8  
Miami  
Noon  
Clemson, S.C.

## TRACK

Friday 3/6  
Arkansas Last Chance  
All Day  
Fayetteville, Ark.

Friday-Saturday 3/6-7  
Alex Wilson Invitational  
All Day  
South Bend, Ind.

Saturday 3/7  
Virginia Tech Qualifier  
All Day  
Blacksburg, Va.

## SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday 3/12  
NCAA Zone Diving  
Championships  
All Day  
Knoxville, Tenn.

## BASEBALL

Friday-Sunday 3/6-8  
UNC  
3 p.m. (Friday)  
2 p.m. (Saturday)  
1 p.m. (Sunday)  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Tuesday 3/10  
Michigan State  
4 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

Wednesday 3/11  
Michigan State  
7 p.m.  
Clemson, S.C.

# Tigers crush Cavaliers in second half of Senior Night in Littlejohn

After a tight opening half, Clemson breaks its two-game losing streak.



Senior K.C. Rivers, Coach Oliver Purnell, sophomore Demontez Stitt, and senior Raymond Sykes stand together celebrating the seniors' last night at Littlejohn.

## BRETT MILLS

STAFF WRITER

On a team full of underclassmen, Toney Douglas doesn't have much help from his teammates in terms of veteran leadership and experience, but that has yet to slow down the dynamic senior guard. Douglas torched Clemson yet again for 23 points as Florida State withstood a late rally by the 12th-ranked Tigers to win 73-66 Saturday at the Donald L. Tucker Center.

With the win, the Seminoles (22-7, 9-5) inch ever closer to securing their first NCAA tournament bid in 11 years.

It was another tale of two halves for Clemson against Florida State as the Tigers stumbled their way through arguably their worst half of basketball all season in the first 20 minutes.

With 12 turnovers, very little off-the-ball movement on offense, a Swiss cheese press defense that conceded far too many easy buckets and a horrendous field goal percentage, they looked ready to fold faster than Superman on laundry day in the face of the aggressive Seminoles and their raucous home crowd.

To their credit, however, Clemson persevered and fought back in the second half, going on a 27-12 run to cut the Florida State lead to three with just 3:29 remaining. But all visions of revenge for Clemson (who blew a 19-point second half lead in their 65-61 home loss against the Seminoles three weeks ago) ended there, as Douglas once again put his team on his back and nailed six straight free throws in the final 2:48 to quell the Tiger rally and ice the game.

"We got back in it, but it's like being on a high wire," said Oliver Purnell, lamenting the 23 turnovers that ultimately sunk his team.

K.C. Rivers put up a solid performance in the loss, leading the team with 17 points. Trevor Booker was held to eight points by Ryan Reid and FSU's stifling defense (and did not score at all in the first 18 minutes) but managed to pull down 13 rebounds.

Sophomore Derwin Kitchen and freshman Chris Singleton each contributed 10 points for Florida State, who swept Clemson for the first time since the utterly forgettable 2000-2001 season.

On top of that, this defeat deals a critical blow to Clemson's hopes of securing a first-round bye in the ACC tournament.

With six conference losses, the Tigers could ill-afford another defeat in their final two games (Virginia, at Wake Forest) if they want to finish in the top four. One more loss, and they had better brush up on their best Lloyd Christmas impersonation when asked about their first-round bye hopes: so you're telling me there's a chance?

Oliver Purnell knew Tuesday was going to be a tough night for him.

Before the game against Virginia, he sat teary-eyed on the bench, a box of tissues at his side as he readied himself for the outpouring of emotions in the final home game for seniors Rivers and Raymond Sykes.

Little did he know that his restraint would be tested in another way, far earlier than he expected. He probably had to bite his tongue several times in the first 20 minutes as his team stumbled out of the gates, turning the ball over 10 times and clinging to a 32-31 lead at the break over a lackluster Cavaliers team.

"Senior Nights sometimes are hard on you," said Purnell in his post-game press conference. "I know they're hard on me emotionally, and I think for the kids as well. Sometimes you just never know the way your team is going to come out. Certainly they're emotional, but sometimes your emotions can slow you down. And obviously a lot of times your emotions can show in intensity. I didn't think we really had that early on."

Thankfully for Purnell and Clemson, the second half could not have gone much better, as Sykes and fellow forwards Booker and Jerai Grant transformed the final 20 minutes into their own personal slam-dunk competition and powered the 18th-ranked Tigers (23-6) to a 75-57 victory Tuesday night at Littlejohn Coliseum.

"When we got the ball down low and the opportunity is there, we're going to try and dunk it," said a grinning Booker after the game.

Booker had plenty to smile about for his performance as well as his team's, as he recorded his 11th double-double of the season with 13 points and 15 rebounds. The team upped its conference record to 9-6, guaranteeing back-to-back winning league seasons for just the second time in school history.

The Clemson defense also clamped down in the second half, holding Virginia to 6-of-21 shooting (28.6 percent), including a 13-minute span in which the Cavs managed just two field goals.

Freshman sensation Sylven Landesberg, who torched the Tigers for 23 points in their last meeting (a 85-81 overtime loss for Clemson) and came in averaging 17.4 points per game, went 0-6 from the field and totaled three points on the evening, his second-lowest output of the season.

The constant pressure frustrated the Cavs, who drew three technical fouls: one in the first half on head coach Dave Leitao and two in the second half on Calvin Baker and John Brandenburg.

"I think they lost their cool a little bit," said Terrence Oglesby, who calmly sank all six free throws off of those technicals on his way to a team-high 18 points. "We frustrated them with our pressure, I think."

One player who did not have the offensive performance many expected was Rivers. In his final game at Littlejohn Coliseum, the sturdy senior mustered a

mere two points on 1-of-7 shooting (his lowest scoring output since his sophomore year) and turned the ball over three times.

But Rivers didn't mind at all. In fact, he was just doing what he does best — better than any other player in Clemson history — helping lead his team to victory.

"It's not all about scoring," said Rivers, who ended his Clemson career with more wins (91) than any other player in school history. "Did you not think I was out there the whole time? I mean, Landesberg didn't score. The majority of the time, I was on Landesberg."

Purnell shared the same mindset. When asked after the game whether his star senior's poor shooting night took away from the celebration, he quickly responded with a firm no.

"I'm elated that he went out as a winner," he said. "I think that's the thing he'll remember for the rest of his life, and that's the thing that he will hang his hat on the rest of his life. He played in more wins than any player in Clemson history. There's been a lot of basketball played here for a lot of years. So that, to me, is more significant than him getting 20."

And that is something all Clemson fans would agree on.



Senior K.C. Rivers comes down the court on Tuesday.



# Clemson at Wake Forest

**BECCA CARTER**  
STAFF WRITER

After recent heartbreaking losses to ACC rivals Virginia Tech and Florida State, the 19th ranked Clemson Tigers (23-6, 9-6) will attempt to seal their regular season with a victory at 10th-ranked Wake Forest on Sunday. The 6 p.m. tipoff gives Clemson a chance for redemption as Wake Forest captured the first showdown at Littlejohn, 78-68, earlier in the season.

Head Coach Oliver Purnell and his Tigers are seeking a 10-6 finish in the ACC, eyeing a coveted fourth seed and a first round bye in the ACC Tournament in Atlanta, beginning March 12. Upsetting the Demon Deacons (23-5, 10-5) on Sunday proposes a great entrance into tournament competition.

With North Carolina (11-3) easily securing the top seed in the ACC Tournament and Duke (10-4) looking to clinch the second seed, the third through eighth seeds are up for grabs. Clemson will battle other close contenders, Wake Forest, Florida State, Boston College and Virginia Tech, for the highest slot.

Last weekend against Florida State, Clemson recorded a shocking 23 turnovers, as the most turnovers in the program for 107 games. This alarmingly high number was a wake-up call for the Tigers. There is no room for slip-ups this late in the season.

Clemson fell captive to Virginia earlier this season but snapped their two-game losing streak on Tuesday night against the Cavaliers. The Tigers reduced their turnovers from 23 to 16 to top Virginia. So far this season, when Clemson has less than 14 turnovers in a game, their record is 7-1, but when they commit over 15, their record sinks to 2-5 in ACC play. Limiting turnovers is vital for the Tigers to stay alive in the post-season.

In order to triumph at Wake Forest, Clemson's full court defensive press needs to force ample turnovers. Not many teams in the NCAA master full court pressure like the Tigers, which is obvious as Clemson leads the ACC with 9.5 steals per game. If Clemson can utilize this weapon effectively against powerhouse Wake Forest, the results should end favorably for Clemson.

**BRIAN SCHNEIDER**  
PHOTO EDITOR

Another weapon Purnell will unleash versus Wake Forest is variety, as he has exploited all season. Purnell casts an array of his players in the ball game blending the multitude of abilities and experiences. A well-rounded team captures the essence of the Tigers.

Junior Trevor Booker leads the team in scoring, averaging 15.2 points per game and rebounding with 9.5 boards per game. For a big man, he shows no fear of shooting behind the 3 point arch.

Captain K.C. Rivers expresses similar versatility and skill on the court, as he is the winningest player in Clemson basketball history and ACC play, capturing 91 career wins and 35 in the ACC. Rivers leads his team by both example and words, especially the four freshmen emerging as key contributors.

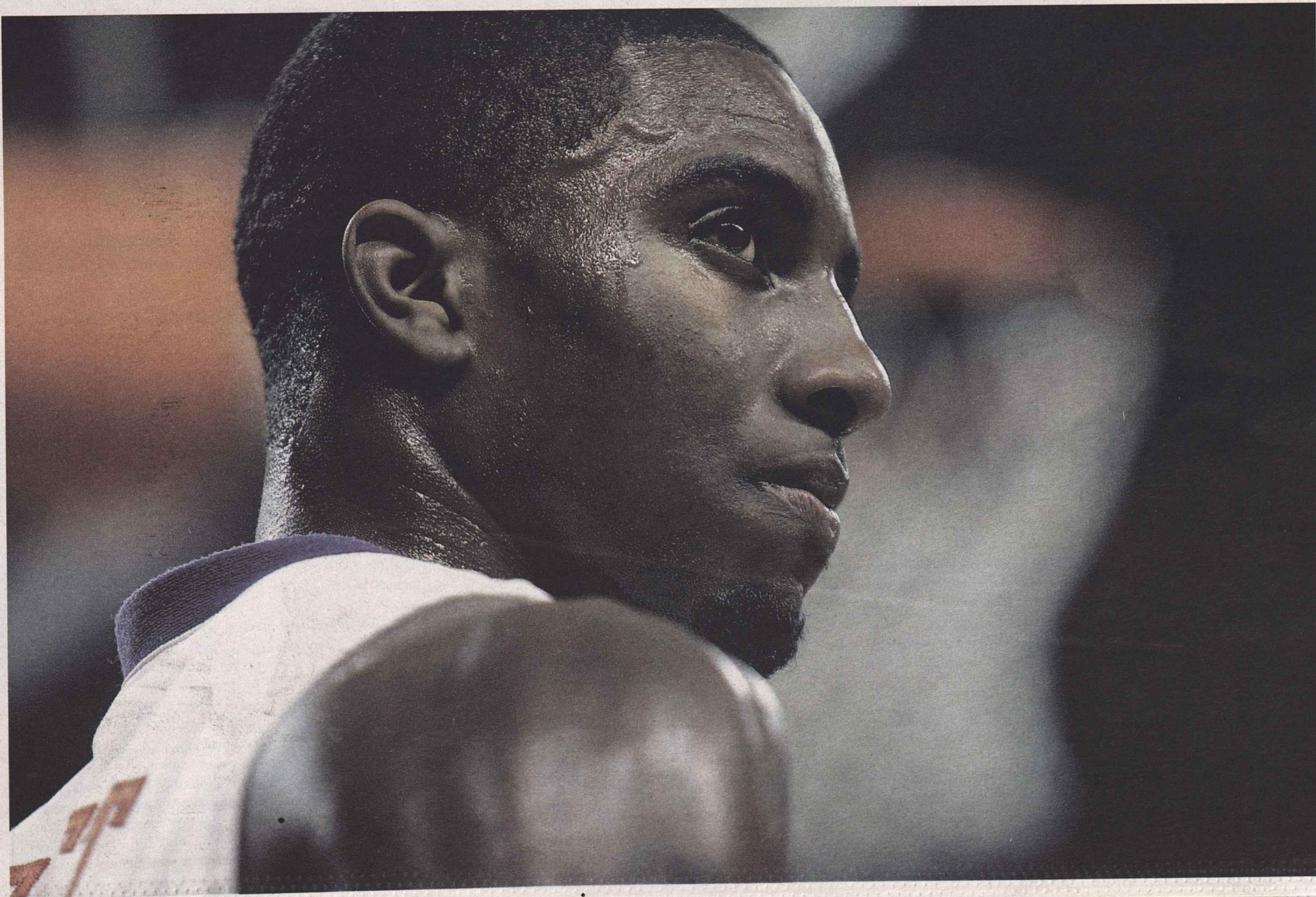
But Wake Forest's Jeff Teague's 19.7 average points per game will make it difficult for Rivers and the Tigers to maintain this tenure. Posing as another threat for Clemson is forward James Johnson, who picked up 19 points in the previous Clemson-Wake meeting in January.

The invisible wall compiled of Demon Deacon defense restricted Clemson from a home win at Littlejohn Coliseum. Clemson played sloppily, unable to sink decisive shots.

"Clemson plays hard for 40 minutes. They tip balls and go after everything," said Wake Forest Head Coach Dino Gaudio regarding their matchup in January. "To win, our plan was to make layups and dunks, not quick threes or tough twos. We knew they would make runs, but our plan was to play through it."

Gaudio's plan worked the first time around, but Clemson's relentless pressure and excellent versatility could easily hold off Wake Forest on Sunday.

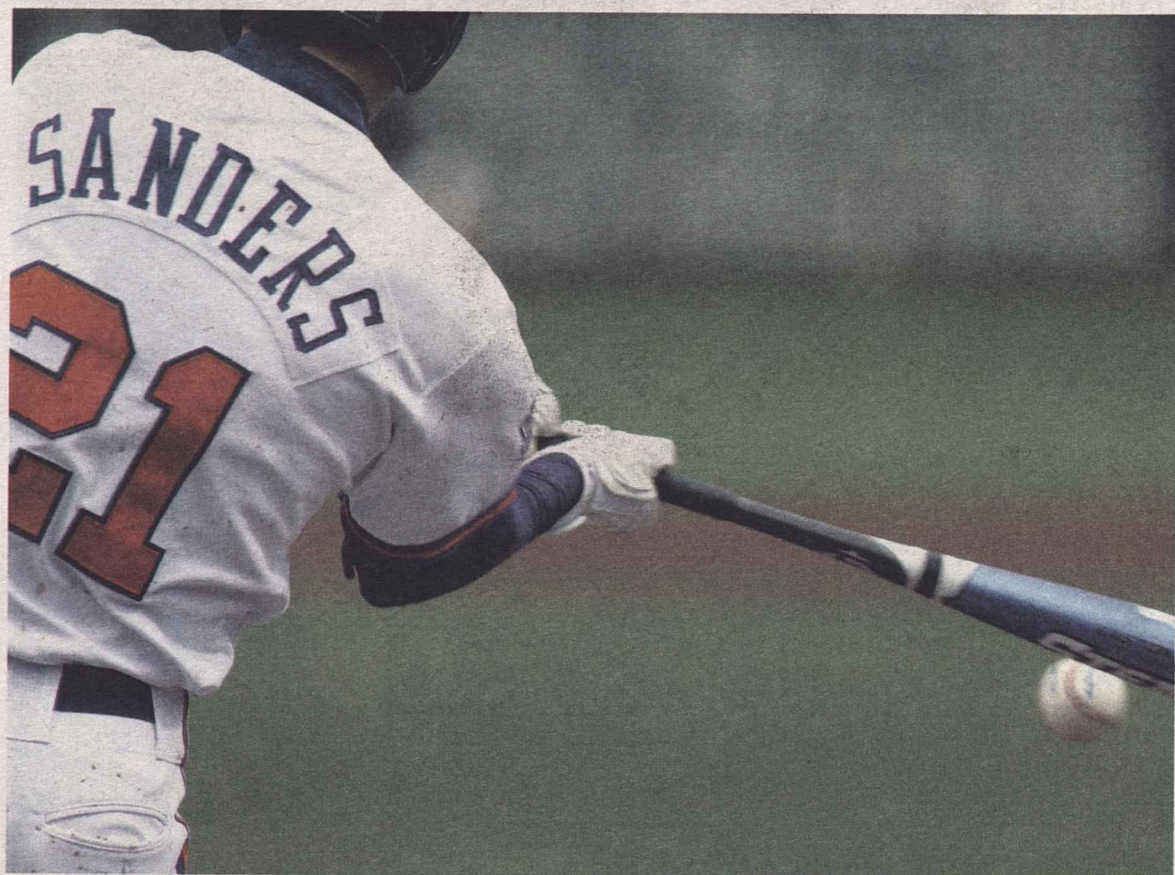
After the first loss to Wake Forest, the Tigers got mad. Now they're about to get even.





# Tigers lose tight contest to Cocks

Clemson falls to USC on a rainy day at Doug Kingsmore.



Clemson's senior infielder Matt Sanders connects on a pitch.

ERIAN SCHNEIDER/PHOTO EDITOR

## RYAN LAUNIUS

STAFF WRITER

On a cold and rainy Saturday at Doug Kingsmore Stadium, the 19th ranked Tigers and unranked Gamecocks managed to face off despite a steady mist, which seemed to perch over the stadium for the duration of the game. After a two-hour rain delay, the Gamecocks started the game hot with a run in the top of the first.

After getting South Carolina's lead-off batter Jackie Bradley to pop out to the shortstop, starting pitcher Trey Delk gave up a triple to Whit Merrifield. The run was then driven in by a double to left field from first baseman Jeffery Jones to put the Cocks up 1-0.

It was evident early that Clemson was having trouble getting comfortable at the plate against South Carolina's pitching. Starting pitcher Sam Dyson retired the first 13 Tiger batters in order before Wilson Boyd hit a right field double. The next two batters were retired on strikes as the Tigers failed to capitalize on the runner in scoring position.

Same Dyson's lone mistake happened in the sixth inning when senior third baseman Matt Sanders hit a towering solo shot to left field. It was Sanders' second long ball on the season, which currently leads the team and already ties his 2008 mark.

After a pitching change with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, relief pitcher Nolan Belcher walked three consecutive batters to load up the bases. Catcher John Nester then hit into a double play, ending Clemson's bid to take the lead.

The 1-1 pitching duel was bro-

ken up with one out in the top of the ninth when left fielder DeAngelo Mack homered to left center field off of Graham Stoneburner. Mack now leads the Gamecocks on the season with three home runs despite only having four hits thus far.

After the home run broke up the tie, the floodgates opened as Carolina reeled off three straight singles, scoring another run to go up 3-1. Kyle Parker walked in the ninth and tried to spark the Tiger offense as he advanced to second on a passed ball and third on a ground out, but the two run Gamecock lead proved to be too much on Saturday. South Carolina went on to win its fifth consecutive baseball game over Clemson. The win was accredited to Alex Farotto, who worked the final 2.2 innings of relief for South Carolina. After working a perfect eighth inning, Graham Stoneburner's two runs in the ninth gave him credit for the first Tiger loss of the season.

The Gamecocks did not get their chance to win their sixth consecutive game against the Tigers, a feat that was last performed in 1985. Instead, the icy weather and precipitation in Columbia prevented the Tigers from playing their first game at Carolina Stadium, which opened its gates for the first time the past weekend. Baseball fans were told that their tickets could be used for the Kentucky at South Carolina women's basketball game, but most opted to go home as the stands looked very empty on television.

Sunday's game will be rescheduled for a later date, but as of now it has not been announced when the game will be played.

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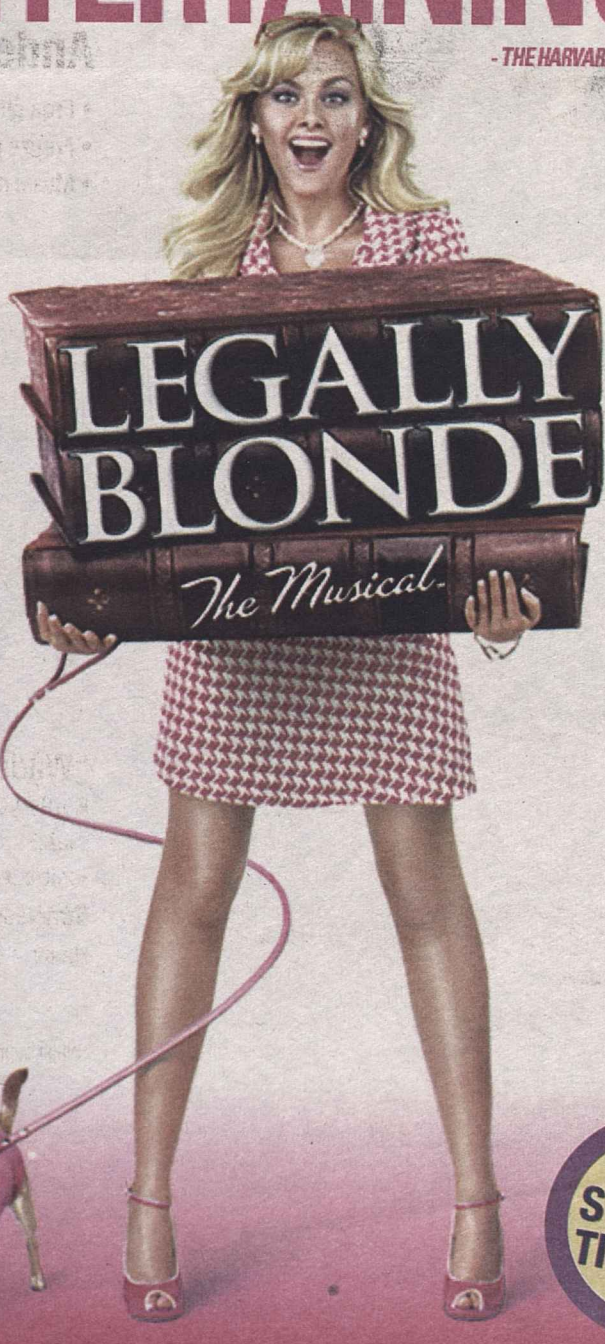


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## TIGER GOLF



## ALEX URBAN

STAFF WRITER

Every Clemson golfer shot par or better in the last two rounds this weekend at the Puerto Rico Classic at the Rio Mar Country Club course; this is the first time they have accomplished that feat since April 2003, when the eventual National Champion Tigers did it at the Augusta State Invitational.

The strong play during the weekend propelled Clemson to a second place finish at the tournament, which fielded six of the top 15 teams in the nation.

Georgia won the tournament with a staggering 38-under par 826, followed by Clemson with a 26-under par 838.

The total was the eighth-lowest score for a Clemson golf team ever in relation to par.

Clemson was followed in the tournament by second ranked Oklahoma State who finished 10 strokes back; Texas and Georgia Tech rounded out the top five. Fourth ranked Alabama had a difficult tournament

and lost to the Tigers by 27 strokes.

Ben Martin led Clemson during the strong weekend, shooting 69 on Saturday and 66 on Saturday.

The 66 was the lowest score for a Clemson individual this year, and his 206 was the lowest total score for a Clemson golfer in five years.

He played the par five holes at eight under par during the tournament, and his brilliant Sunday round included seven birdies and one bogey.

Martin was not alone, as two other Clemson Tigers finished in the top 10 in Puerto Rico.

David May's eight-under 208 was good enough to earn him sixth place, and star Kyle Stanley's seven-under 209 put him in ninth place.

Stanley carded 16 birdies over the three days and tied for best in the field; he has four top 10 finishes on the year.

Sam Saunders and Phillip Mollica both finished in 30th place, each finishing at two-over par (218).

The Tigers continue their season over spring break at the Las Vegas Intercollegiate tournament.



# Track concludes indoor campaign

Women take third overall in ACCs.

**TYRONE GAYLE**  
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, the men's and women's teams of Clemson track and field competed at the ACC Indoor championships in Blacksburg, Va. producing scintillating and sensational individual performances and solid overall team efforts. While the men have been the dominant overall program of the two over the last couple decades, the women's squad was the story of the indoor championships. The women placed third overall as a team, a remarkable improvement from their eighth place showing last year as they were led in large part by their field event squad. "I'm excited for our girls," said Lawrence Johnson, Clemson's director of track and field. "They did an outstanding job and competed well. I'm excited for both teams. We can really grow from this experience."

They were led by arguably the most talented jumper in the conference, sophomore April Sinkler, who continued her breakout season with gold medal performances in the long jump (21 feet 4 inches), high jump (5 feet 11.5 inches) and a respectable fourth place finish in the triple jump. Sinkler became the first female from Clemson track and field to win multiple events at the ACC Championships since Gisele Oliveira won the long jump and triple jump at the 2005 outdoor meet. She established school records in winning both events and became the first Clemson women's athlete in history to win the high jump at the ACC Championships.

Behind Sinkler in the high jump was junior Anastasia Wilson who captured her first All-ACC honors with a third place finish. Liane Weber claimed her second pentathlon ACC Championship in remarkable fashion, posting a school record of 4,218 points, only six points shy of the ACC record.

Another outstanding effort came from Portugal native Patricia Momona who earned the "team player" award over the weekend as she competed in the pentathlon, long jump, triple jump, high jump, 60-meter hurdles and 4x400-meter relay.

Not only did she just simply compete in these events, she performed phenomenally in all of them, placing second, fifth, third, 15th and eighth in those events, respectively. Momona has qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in four different events and will have her choice of which ones to compete in next weekend.

Freshman thrower Nikola Lomnicka earned an All-ACC honor at her first-ever league meet. The freshman from Slovakia finished third place in the 20-pound weight throw. She hit a personal best mark of 61 feet 10.25 inches, third-best in school history. Lomnicka is the first women's athlete from Clemson to be named All-ACC in the weight throw since Della Clark in 2007.

Another field event performer who ascended in the school rankings was Caroline Kennedy who broke the Clemson women's indoor record in the pole vault, as she cleared 12 feet 9.5 inches.

She finished in sixth place and was a scorer at the league indoor meet for the third consecutive year. Teammate Amy Morrison scored in the event as well as she finished eighth. The sprinters were well represent-

ed in the final standing by the Lady Tigers in the form of Kristine Scott and Michaylin Golladay. Scott had an excellent weekend as she sprinted to a seventh place finish in the 60-meter dash and a fifth place finish in the 200-meter dash in addition to running a leg on the 4x400-meter relay team that placed fifth.

Golladay ran a blazing split on the eighth place distance medley relay Friday evening and came back to provisionally qualify for NCAA's in the 60-meter hurdles, running 8.38 seconds, a time that placed her fifth overall in the final.

The men, usually accustomed to finishing in the top three at the league meet, suffered a few setbacks but were able to rally for a fifth place overall finish in the standings, thanks to the strong overall showings from their sprint squad. Perennial barn-burner Jacoby Ford did not disappoint, blazing a time of 6.51 in the 60-meter dash, which earned him his second ACC championship in the event and put him atop the list of competitors in the nation in his event. He is the first multiple winner of the 60-meter dash for the men's team since Shawn Crawford won the event in back-to-back years (1999, 2000).

Ford led a Clemson contingency in the event as half the eight-man final consisted of Clemson sprinters. Trenton Guy Jr., Justin Murdock and C.J. Spiller finished fourth, fifth and seventh, respectively behind Ford. Unfortunately, Ford's performance came with a price as he tweaked his hamstring at the end of the race, preventing him from competing in the 200-meter final in which he was the fastest seed entered in the final.

Senior Travis Swaggard picked up the slack however, earning his first-ever individual All-ACC honors finishing third in the 400-meter and 200-meter dashes.

The Lorton, Va. product posted a personal best time of 47.76 seconds in the 400-meter and 21.48 seconds in the 200-meter. The distance medley relay team that consisted of Jasen Turnbull, Miller Moss, Chris Slate and Chad Holt crossed the line in sixth place.

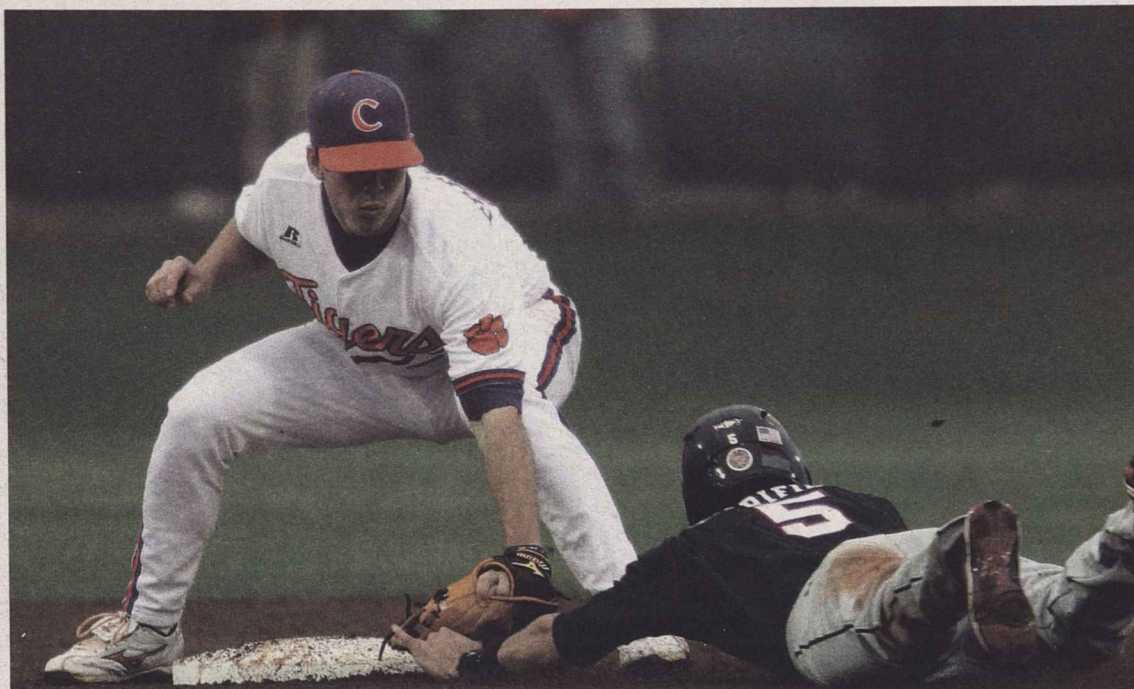
Redshirt Sophomore Alex Padgett had a productive conference championship weekend as well, picking up team six team points overall by finishing eighth in the shotput and fourth in the weight throw.

Padgett's mark of 59 feet 7.5 inches in the weight throw was not only a personal best, but good enough to move him up to the No. 5 spot on the all-time Clemson list. Stephen White threw his way to seventh place in the event in his first conference meet outing. George Fields and Chris Spear both recorded top-six finishes in the field events for the Tigers.

Spear was fifth in the pole vault with a clearance of 16 feet 8.75 inches, while Fields, a senior out of Columbia, S.C., had a mark of 24 feet 3.5 inches in the long jump.

Multi-purpose athlete Miller Moss duplicated his fifth-place finish from 2008 in the heptathlon, in addition to running legs on both relays.

The teams return to action this weekend for the final tune-up before the NCAA Championships. Clemson athletes could be participating at last chance qualifying meets at Arkansas, Virginia Tech or Notre Dame.



Tiger shortstop Mike Freeman lays the tag on a Carolina player diving into second.

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ive is 1-0 on the season with a 1.93 ERA in just over nine innings of work.

Another freshman, Kevin Hardy, could see action against the Tar Heels. Hardy has impressed so far this season in his two appearances and in six innings, he has struck out three and allowed just one run.

Junior college transfer Tomas Cruz has been a pleasant surprise out of the bullpen. Freshman Scott Weismann has

been a workhorse out of the pen as well. No Tiger pitcher has yet to record a save on the season.

Offensively, the Tigers have been somewhat anemic (aside from the 17-2 shellacking of UNC Asheville on Wednesday). Before Wednesday, Clemson had totaled 29 runs and averaged 4.8 runs per game. This number is respectable, but it won't be enough to counter the dynamic pitching of North Carolina.

Junior first baseman Ben Paulsen

leads the Tigers offensively. Paulsen has one homerun and seven RBIs thus far and has provided a spark for Clemson in the clutch. Sophomore dual-sport athlete Kyle Parker has struggled coming off an All-ACC performance in 2008. The Jacksonville native is batting a dismal .105 with just two hits in 19 at-bats.

The Tigers will have to find their groove at the plate against the Tar Heels; otherwise the Tigers may suffer another three-game sweep as they did in 2008.

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People often say that in our most trying times we find out who the people closest to us really are. Kevin was very fortunate in that he had friends and family who expressed compassion and understanding that even the closest of individuals would envy.

Dan Wagner and Thomas Moore had been friends with Kevin since their high school days on the cross-country team. They wanted to raise money to help their good friend offset the expenses of cancer treatment, and decided to do so with the one thing Kevin loved most: running. And just like that, the Kevin is an Ultimate Stallion 5K Benefit Run was born.

Clemson was extremely generous throughout the entire process and allowed the benefit to be held at the outdoor track facility in March of 2007. A 5K cross-country course was created utilizing the areas around the facility. Swift Robinson headlined the event, which hosted more than 450 registered runners. Before it was all over, Kevin's friends managed to raise more than \$10,000 to go towards his medical bills. Deciding that he and his family could take on the financial burden better than less fortunate cancer patients, Kevin selflessly donated every last penny to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Over the following year Kevin went through 18 rounds of chemotherapy and a major limb salvage surgery, which cut out seven inches of his femur as well as a quadriceps muscle. With two plates, eight screws, four pins and an 18-inch titanium rod which goes from his hip to his knee, Kevin's leg now sports almost as much hardware as his trophy shelf at home.

In March of 2008, a second 5K-benefit run was held. More than 200 runners registered to compete, but only about 100 started and finished the race due to inclement weather. Joe McCready played a show, and more than \$3,000

was raised and donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

As of today, Kevin has made a recovery and is cancer-free. He has yet to be able to run per his doctor's orders, but he is very active in the running club and manages to bike a few miles every day. With a proper recovery, Kevin will likely be able to run again in the future. While his miraculous recovery from this life-threatening disease was not a direct result of the 5K-benefit run, the money raised from it has helped fund multiple other recoveries across the country.

The third annual 5K run will be held on March 29 and will benefit a local charity. This year all of the proceeds will go to the BI-LO Charities Children's Cancer Center in Greenville, which is where Kevin received the majority of his treatment.

This year's race will once again have a Joe McCready concert as well as a costume contest. In the past, costumes have ranged from casual to innovative. Memorable costumes include Jason from "Friday the 13th" and a Chinese dragon that shot out fire as the race started and took four runners to hold up. Entering the benefit run is \$20 if you pre-register and \$30 at the race. Pre-race registration can be completed at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) using the search words "ultimate stallion" as well as at the Ultimate Stallion Benefit 5K registration table located on the library bridge. The admission will gain you entry into the race as well as a really cool t-shirt. If you want more information on the 5K, check on the "Ultimate Stallion Benefit 5k" Facebook group.

With the money going towards a local charity this year, we as Clemson students should not allow the number of runners to continue to dwindle as it did in 2008.

So if you are not already committed to something else on March 29, come catch the concert while you get a t-shirt, some exercise and the satisfaction of knowing that your money has gone towards a truly noble cause.

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## Elle Woods takes on Greenville

Sugary goodness of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" coming to the Peace Center.

**CORRINA MILLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Elle Woods, the new Princess of Broadway, takes us from the sorority house to the halls of justice with perkiness, outrageous amounts of comedy and sugary, pink candy-coated spunkiness in the new Broadway tour of "Legally Blonde: The Musical." Elle, played by Becky Gulsvig, is an underestimated peppy Malibu Barbie blonde who doesn't take no for an answer. After being dumped by her boyfriend, Elle pulls herself together, hits the books and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law. This hilarious, high-energy, empty-calories and expensive-looking hymn to the glories of girlishness, is based on the 2001 MGM film of the same title starring Reese Witherspoon.

"Legally Blonde: The Musical" boasts a dean's list of top-of-their-class Broadway talent including Tony Award-winning director/choreographer Jerry Mitchell ("Hairspray"); composer and lyricist Laurence O'Keefe ("Batboy") and Nell Benjamin ("Sarah, Plain and Tall"); book writer Heather Hach ("Freaky Friday"); and scenic designer David Rockwell ("Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"). The star of the Broadway tour, Becky Gulsvig, has also been Amber Von Tussie in "Hairspray," Wendy in "Peter Pan," and has been in other shows such as "Grease," "Forum" and "Lawyers, Lovers, and Lunatics."

The production makes entertaining use of a Greek chorus of sorority sisters who comment

Supremes-style on Elle's plight. It's easy to dismiss: "Legally Blonde: The Musical" as lethally bland if you've never seen it and the pink pop and pizzazz scare you. However, the show is so relentlessly perky that sorority sisters aren't the only ones likely to turn out for the national tour starting just as the Broadway run ends.

The numerous amounts of rave reviews and sold out theatres promise a highly enjoyable performance by an all-star cast fully capable of captivating and holding your attention for two hours. David Richardson of WOR Radio called it "The best new musical around. If you want to have a feel-good time in the theatre, you will do no better."

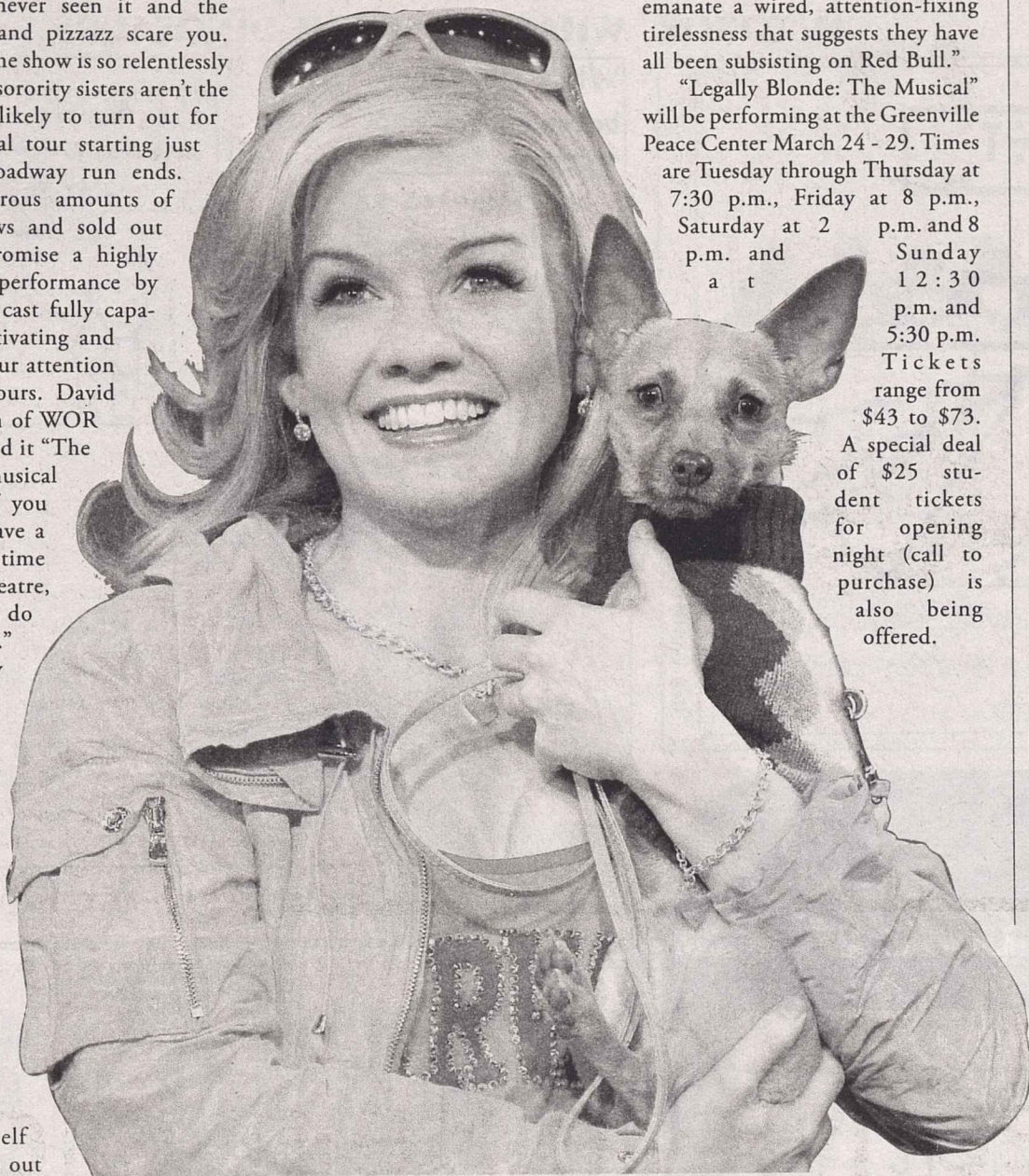
"Legally Blonde" is completely infused on every level with the sparkly message that it's OK to be a princess. Elle proves that being true to yourself never goes out

of style and finds her true heart of gold beneath her goldenness. As theNew York

Times puts it, "Legally Blonde" never threatens to put you to sleep. On the contrary, its cast members emanate a wired, attention-fixing tirelessness that suggests they have all been subsisting on Red Bull."

"Legally Blonde: The Musical" will be performing at the Greenville Peace Center March 24 - 29. Times are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$43 to \$73.

A special deal of \$25 student tickets for opening night (call to purchase) is also being offered.



## Celtic band comes to Clemson

**CORRINA MILLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Leahy (pronounced LAY-he) is an eight-member brother/sister family band that is one of Canada's most sought after exports. This Canadian powerhouse mixes neo-Celtic with traditional Celtic, a little bluegrass and ventures into the realms of jazz, country and pop. They boast mandolins, fiddles, dancing, guitar, keyboard and drums. Almost all the members play at least three different instruments on top of being skilled at singing and dancing. The band's three acclaimed CDs, "Leahy," "Lakefield" and "In All Things," have world-wide sales of more than half a million copies.

Their life story is that of a large family raised without a television on a farm in the small town of Lakefield, Ontario, Canada. The pride of Lakefield, the brothers and sisters — Agnes, Angus, Donnell, Doug, Erin, Frank, Maria and Siobhann — have been playing together their entire lives. Raised on land their Irish ancestors settled in 1825, the family works outside by day and plays, dances and sings at night. In fact, their life story was so compelling that it became the subject of an Oscar winning documentary, "The Leahys: Music Most of All."

Leahy boasts one of the world's best fiddlers, Donnell Leahy. Anne Herman of the Daily News called him "a man possessed when he picked up the fiddle, roaring through melodies that seemed to set the stage on fire." The man is demonically brilliant when it comes to playing the fiddle.

This family of instrumentalists, singers and dancers brings a rare level of originality and musicianship to the stage. Leahy writes, arranges and produces much of the music they play. He is also a master of revamping old classics and uniquely blending past and present musical styles and genres. "The eclectic nature of Leahy makes the band one of Canada's best known exports," said Lillian Harder, director of the Brooks Center.

The fiery powerhouse that is Leahy has won numerous awards for their talents — Junos for Best New Group, Best Country Group, and Best Instrumental Album, the most played folk/roots song in Canada in 2004 and the Socan Award for Folk/Jazz Instrumentalist the following year. Their self-titled album rose to No. 4 on the Billboard world music charts and found its way onto the soundtrack of the award-winning movie "The Hanging Garden." On stage, Leahy brought 175 audiences to their feet when they opened for pop-star Shania Twain on her inaugural world tour.

Two years ago, they performed at the Greenville Peace Center Concert Hall and walked away with two standing ovations and a new following of enthusiastic and dedicated fans. This time, they are back in the area just in time to kick off the St. Patrick's Day festivities! Leahy will be performing at the Brooks Center of the Performing Arts on March 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

**ALLYSON KINARD**  
STAFF WRITER



I think that we have gotten far enough in the CBS season that I can do a respectable review of "Eleventh Hour," one of the channel's newer television shows. Considering the addition of what is intended to be a new regular to the cast this week, I think this is probably a good place to start. First, a little background: "Eleventh Hour" is based on the British television series of the same name from 2006 starring Patrick Stewart.

It cost quite a bit of money and consisted of four 90-minute episodes. According to writer Stephen Gallagher, the show is "science based," not science fiction, meaning, however unlikely, this stuff could actually happen. Just for the record, I wouldn't be terribly concerned, but I guess anything is possible.

Though I'm unclear as to what exactly transpired, the situation

ended with Jerry Bruckheimer, up-and-coming producer of everything, picking up the show and remaking it into yet another CBS crime drama. The American adaptation stars Rufus Sewell as Dr. Jacob Hood, a brilliant biophysicist serving as an advisor to the FBI and Marley Shelton as his FBI bodyguard, Rachel Young.

The team is sent around the country to investigate scientifically interesting crimes, the first of which is a creepy episode about a father attempting to resurrect his dead son by cloning. Many of the earlier episodes are based on the original 90-minute British episodes.

From human cloning to a PCP-dosed water reservoir, "Eleventh Hour" manages to maintain a level of scientific weirdness that is hard not to watch. Sewell and Shelton have admirable on-screen chemistry, and the newest addition to the team, Agent Felix Lee (Omar Benson Miller), will probably offer some much-needed comic relief.

On a channel that has displayed some seriously wild ways to die, the scientific response unit has



come into contact with some of the strangest and most dangerous yet. To cite examples, in one episode, Agent Young apparently becomes infected with a deadly smallpox virus; in another, Hood comes into contact with a significant dose of PCP, which causes him to attack his remarkably feminine bodyguard (really, the scenario of little Marley Shelton protecting Rufus Sewell, most famous for his role in "A Knight's Tale," is amusing in its own right), and then pass out, requiring a hospital visit.

So, between the cloning, biohazardous waste, stolen stem cells and all

other manner of seemingly impossible events, Hood and Young are kept ridiculously busy. The show is intriguing and usually rather disturbing. It is filmed in a way that recalls "The Andromeda Strain" rather than "CSI."

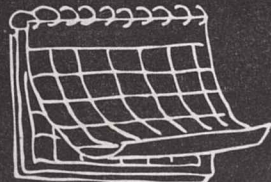
I suppose what makes "Eleventh Hour" such a disturbing show is the fact that the killer could be anything from the local water to pre-packaged food.

Then, of course, there is the charming world of black market body parts, illegal cloning operations and the sadly unsurprising lengths that people will go to for beauty (one episode focused on an underground market selling stem cells, which were then injected into one's face).

In spite of the inevitable creepiness (or perhaps because of it), the show is fresh and original.

On a channel that desperately needs diversity among its programs, "Eleventh Hour" seems to be a step in the right direction.

**3.9**



Leahy. This brother and sister Celtic act from Canada will be performing through song, dance and vocals. Brooks Center. 8-10 p.m. \$20 adults/ \$10 students.

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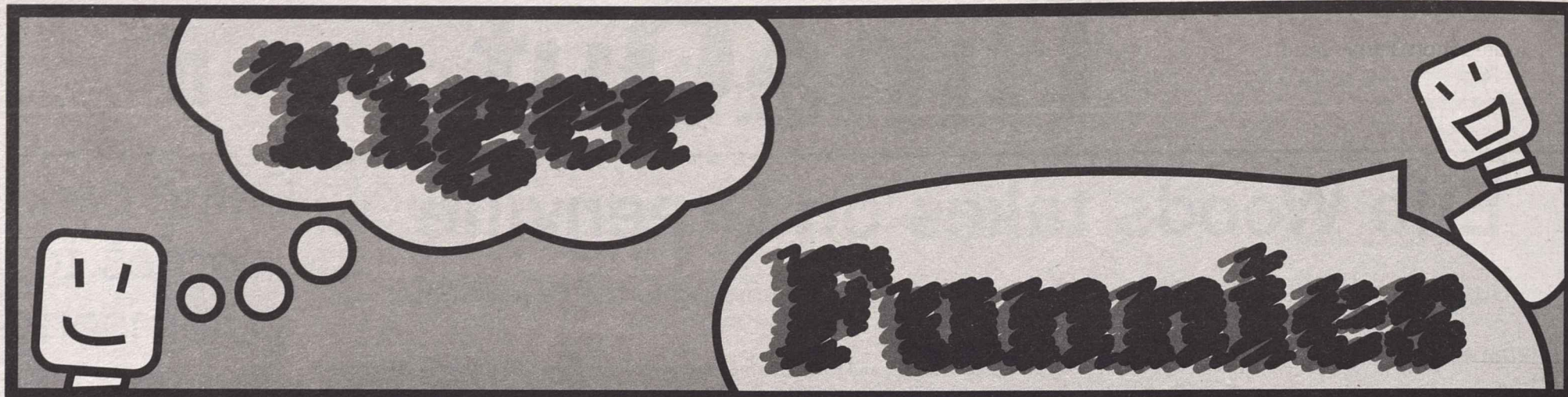
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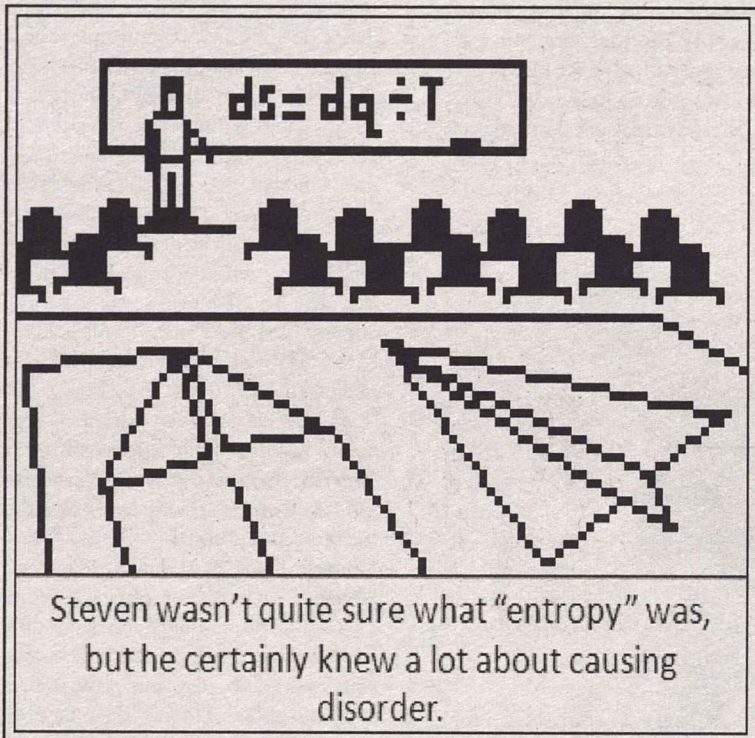
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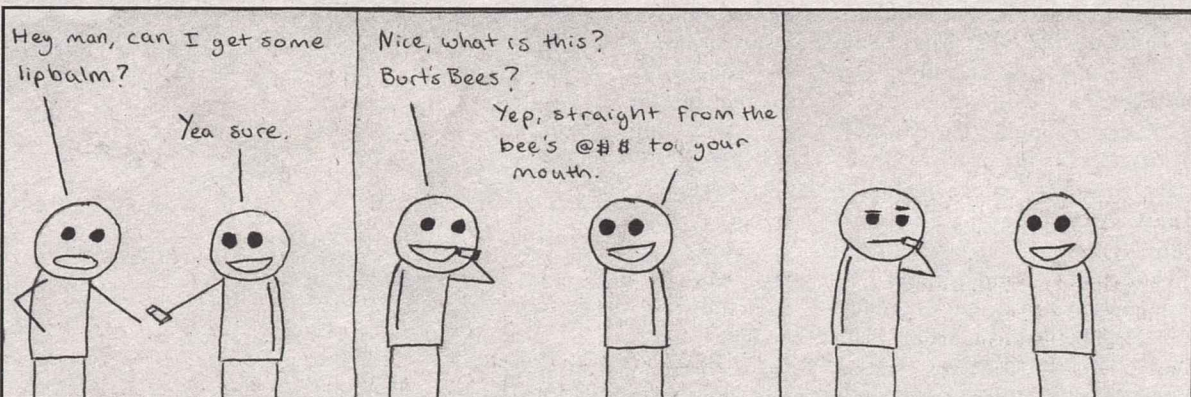
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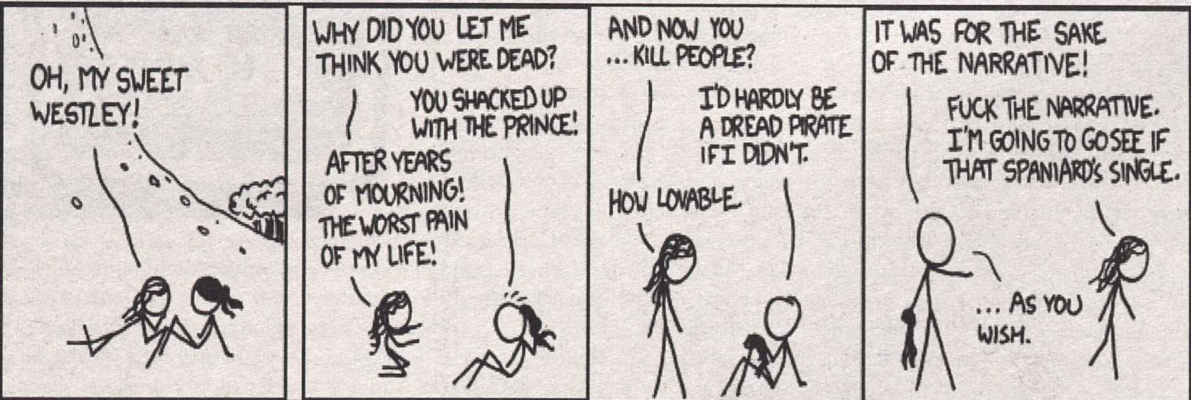
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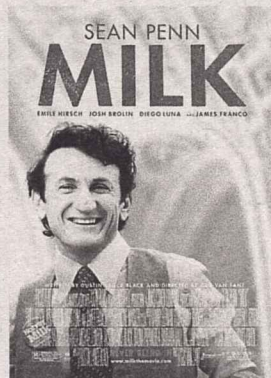
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**"Watchmen"** | The critically acclaimed gothic novel comes to the big screen with much anticipation. Directed by Zach Snyder (director of "300"), the film is set in an alternate universe in the mid '80s where a nuclear war is on the horizon between the United States and Russia, and caped crusaders are being picked off one by one.  
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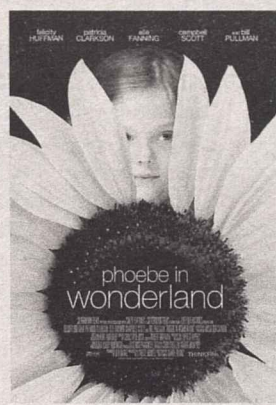
**"Milk"** | Winner of multiple academy awards, including Best Male Actor Sean Penn, "Milk" tells the story of San Francisco gay activist and the first openly gay politician to be elected to a major position, Harvey Milk. The movie is directed by Gus Van Sant and also stars James Franco, Josh Brolin and Emile Hirsch.  
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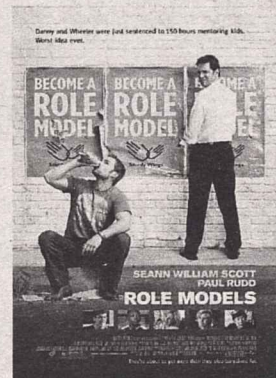
**"All I Ever Wanted"** | This is Kelly Clarkson's fourth album. The first single of the album, "My Life Would Suck Without You," has already made it to the top of the charts. Clarkson fans will be satisfied as her sound remains relatively the same. Make sure to check out the ridiculously re-touched photo of her on the cover.  
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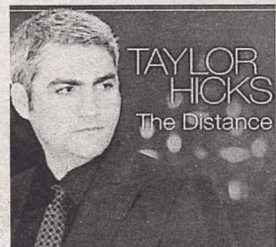
**"Phoebe in Wonderland"** | Dakota Fanning's little sister Ella follows in her big sister's steps as adorable child star in this whimsical tale about a young girl who can't seem to follow the rules. She finds a path to self discovery along with the help of her drama teacher, Patricia Clarkson, and her mother, Felicity Huffman.  
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**"Role Models"** | Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott star in this hilarious comedy about two 30-something guys who find themselves out of work and in trouble with law, and are forced to mentor two misfit kids for community service. Rent it if only for the ridiculous Kiss-clad Middle Earth-like battle scene at the end.  
March 10



**"The Distance"** | Clarkson isn't the only former "Idol" champ releasing an album this week; Hicks is releasing his second album since winning the beloved show this week as well. Try downloading "What is Right is Right" for a taste of what is on "The Distance."  
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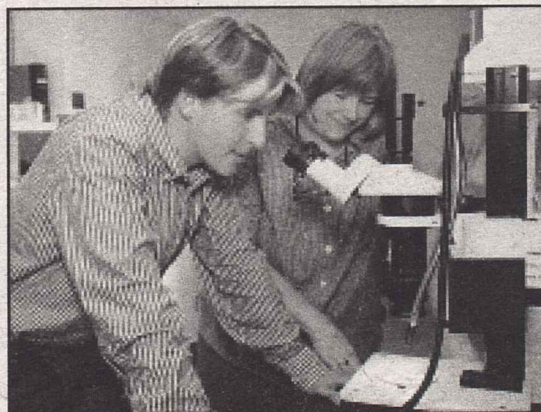
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# ON THE PROWL

by HONEY RIDER

I once read that men are statistically more attracted to women with smoky eye makeup. This made me wonder what other "Rules of Attraction" there are? What things automatically make us find the opposite sex more attractive, that draw us to them and them to us like ants to delicious strawberry jam?

To figure out how we pick mates, scientists have measured every shape and angle of the human face, studied the symmetry of dancers, crafted formulas from the measurements of Playboy models, and had both men and women rank attractiveness based on smelling armpit sweat.

Body shape plays an important part in attraction to the opposite sex. Studies have shown that men are most attracted to women with a waist-to-hip (WTH) ratio of 0.7 — indicating a waist significantly narrower than the hips. A group of researchers at the University of Texas at Austin decided to compare that number to the average ratio of winners of the Miss America pageant and Playboy models and found that

the two numbers were identical. The specific 0.7 ratio suggests a woman's fitness and ability to bear children. The attractiveness of women with a waist-to-hip ratio of 0.7 also holds true over a range of weights. (I took the liberty of calculating my WTH ratio and was pleasantly surprised to find myself right at .7. Yeah for me!)

A near-universal sexually attractive feature of a man is a v-shaped torso: a relatively narrow waist offset with broad shoulders. While some cultures prefer their males huskier and others leaner, the rule of a v-shaped torso generally holds true. Consistently, men with a waist-to-shoulder ratio of 0.75 or lower are viewed as considerably more attractive than men with more even waists and shoulders. These rules of WTH ratio also follow Da Vinci's Golden Ratio Rule.

A females' sexual attraction towards a male can also be partly determined by the height of the man. Recent research has found that women are statistically more likely to be attracted to men of average height

when looking for long-term commitment, while the opposite is true when a short-term relationship is intended. Cosmopolitan Magazine published an article stating that women are most attracted to men who are 1.1 times their own height.

Women seem more receptive to an erect posture than men, though both prefer it as an element of beauty; this fact appears correlated to the preference for males who demonstrate confidence, physical strength and a powerful bearing. Symmetry also plays a part in beauty. A symmetrical face is thought to indicate physical health. Actress Halle Berry is viewed as one of the most beautiful people because she has one of the most symmetrical faces. And take a look at the booming nip-n-tuck business — which is very much about improving a person's symmetry.

Red; from the red ochre used in



adds color — literally and figuratively — to the age-old question of what attracts men to women. The research provides the first empirical support for society's enduring love affair with red. This study found that the color red can subconsciously make a man feel more attracted toward

a woman. Under all of the conditions, the women shown framed by or wearing red were rated significantly more attractive and sexually desirable by men than the exact same women shown with

other colors. The red effect extends only to males and only to perceptions of attractiveness. Red did not increase attractiveness ratings for females rating other females, and red did not change how men rated the women in the photographs in terms of likability, intelligence or kindness. It looks like the little black dress has some competition from the little red dress.

Then there's the mythology of scent pheromones, which actually isn't mythology at all. In 1985, researchers at the University of Colorado found vomeronasal organs (VNOs, organs that receive pheromone molecules) in human nostrils. Coincidentally, VNOs connect directly to a part of the brain responsible for basic drives and emotions.

Shortly thereafter, the VNO was correlated to brain activity, causing a sudden surge in pheromone research. "Pheromone" became a biological buzzword for the nineties. Many sex shops and Web sites sell pheromone perfume; sweet smelling oils designed to attract the opposite sex. LuvEssentials.com sells one called "Seduction in a Bottle." The tag line reads: "When it comes to adding some more romance into your love life, here is your chance to help level the playing field or better yet, tilt it unfairly in YOUR favor!"

Optimized pheromones from LuvEssentials.com are lab-certified pheromone formulations that have the optimum concentration of biologically active pheromones to help you become more desirable to the opposite sex." Falling in Love, a new pheromone perfume that runs about \$60 for one tenth of an ounce, might be worth the extra cost to attract that future special someone. Also, if you're a fan of aromatherapy, some experts claim that cinnamon is an aphrodisiac, and women, according to a recent study, are attracted to a black licorice scent.

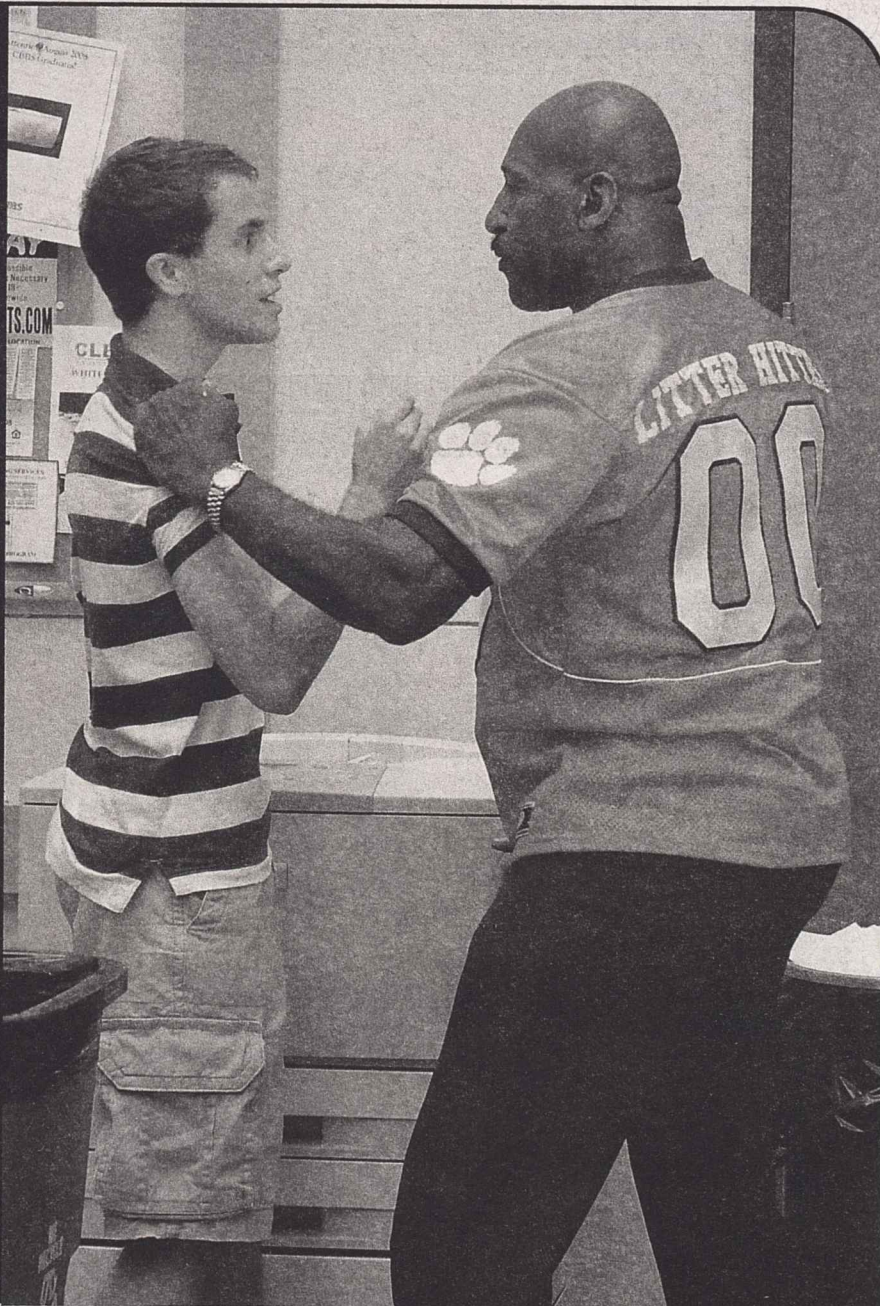
A few other random tidbits on attraction: In a 2005 study, Eric Bressler of McMaster University found that a woman is attracted to a man who makes her laugh, while a man likes a woman who laughs at his jokes.

The attractiveness ratings for women increased by about 50 percent when they walked with hip sway, and attractiveness ratings for perceived men more than doubled when they walked with a swagger in their shoulders.

Despite all their differences, men and women place high value on one trait: fidelity.

Cornell University's Stephen Emlen and colleagues asked nearly 1,000 people age 18 to 24 to rank several attributes, including physical attractiveness, health, social status, ambition and faithfulness, on a desirability scale. People who rated themselves favorably as long-term partners were more particular about the attributes of potential mates. After fidelity, the most important attributes were physical appearance, family commitment, and wealth and status.

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## Avocado Pork Chops

by Kelly Croughwell

- 2 boneless pork chops (2/3 lb. pkg.)
- 1 ripe avocado (Haas brand is recommended)
- 1/4 cup Italian mix shredded cheese (plus more for sprinkling)
- 1/4 cup sour cream

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup Ranch salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dip Mix

Serves: 2

- Place pork in a large zip-top bag. Pour ranch dressing over pork and marinate in refrigerator 6-8 hours.
- Remove pork from fridge and pat dry with paper towels.
- Lay pork flat between two pieces of plastic wrap and lightly pound with the soft side of a meat mallet or the side of a heavy can until they are 1/4 inch thick.
- Cut avocado in half. Remove seed. Scoop out avocado from the peel, put in a mixing bowl and mash with a fork. Mix in the cheese, sour cream and 1 tablespoon dip mix.
- Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- Spread 1/4 cup of the avocado mixture onto one side of each pork chop.
- Roll the pork up and over to completely enclose the stuffing.
- Sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon dip mix on top of each roll-up.
- Coat skillet with olive oil and bring to medium heat. Sear pork on each side for three minutes.
- Place pork (seam side down) in a baking dish that has been coated with a non-stick spray (Pam). Sprinkle the tops with some shredded cheese and a generous dollop of the avocado mixture.
- Bake for 35 minutes, or until pork chops are no longer pink in center or until thermometer reads 160°F.

# The Top 5

CHEESIEST FAMILY BANDS OF ALL TIME

BY CAITLIN ROLLER

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**The Jackson Five** – Tito, Jackie, Jermaine, Randy, Marlon and, of course, Michael come in at five on the list because despite their cheesy hits like “ABC” and “Dancing Machine,” they are Motown legends and family band gods.

**The Partridge Family** – Though not technically a real family, the ‘70s television show, “The Partridge Family,” was about a musically inclined family who goes on tour and hits it big with ginger Danny Bonaduce playing the drums and David Cassidy taking lead vocals while making all of the pre-teens faint. The Partridge Family, along with ABC, marketed cheesily and made bank off it.

**The Jonas Brothers** – Still reveling in all the pre-pubescent glory, the Jonas Brothers are reaching heights most fro-tastic Evangelical Christian boys never dreamed of. Their family-friendly image, gimmicky 3-D movie extravaganza and cringe worthy lyrics like “I never thought that I’d catch this love bug again” have sealed the J Bros spot in corny band history.

**Hanson** – Speaking of effeminate brother bands, pop trio Hanson paved the way for the likes of the Jonas Brothers with their hit single, and arguably one of the cheesiest pop tunes of all time, “Mmmmbop.” Though they have faded from the spotlight in the last decade or so, if you were a pre-teen in the ‘90s you will never forget the flowing blonde locks of Issac, Taylor and Zac Hanson.

**Donnie and Marie Osmond** – Marie was a little bit country and Donnie was a little bit rock and roll, but they were both a whole lot cornier than most of the musical acts of the 1970s; even ABBA wasn’t as bad. Though the Osmond boys were the first to strike with their band The Osmonds, the addition of Marie gave the teen sensations their gag-factor.

### Solutions from D2

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# The Rich Outdoors

Hey there, Clemson! My name is Rich Wills, and I'm from Richmond, Va. This new column is going to focus on local hikes, bikes and other inexpensive outdoor activities to get students off Facebook and outside into the beautiful spring weather headed our way. I am by no means an expert, but I have traveled around Europe in a semester abroad, hiked 426 miles on the Appalachian Trail, love the outdoors and am an Eagle Scout. I also love telling stories and hope that these outdoor adventure ideas will inspire people with weekend activities as they read The Tiger on Fridays.

To begin with, a 35-minute drive down Highway 123 toward Seneca, then a right on Highway 28, and then a left into Yellow Branch Picnic area is the trailhead to Yellow Branch Falls, a very simple hike I went on sophomore year. My dog Elwood and I set out walking in the peaceful midday sun after checking the trail map, indicating the trail was 1.5 miles to the falls. For a good portion of the hike, a creek calmly ran adjacent to the trail serving as a peaceful and fun guide to follow. Some wooden footbridges and strategically placed stones helped me cross the water and kept the trail interesting for most of the way. All that being said, wear a pair of shoes you do not mind getting dirty and wet; it will pay off upon reaching the falls, where, about a half hour into my hike, a cool, meditating breeze hit me as I heard the falls rushing ahead.

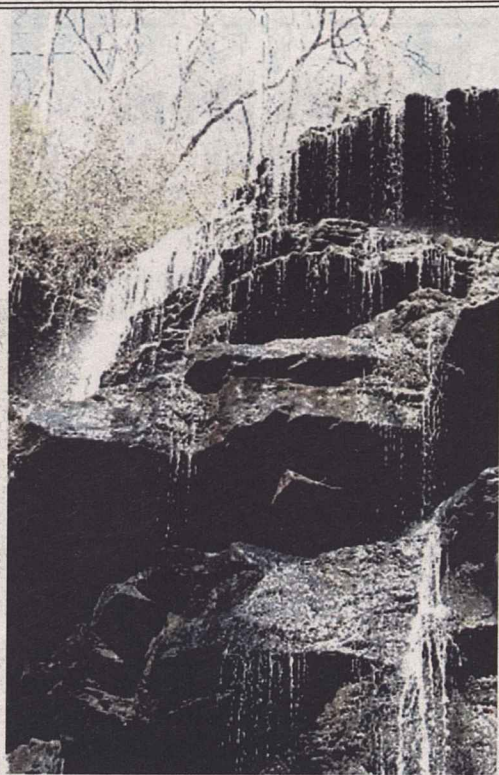
I giddily followed the trail downhill and ended up underneath the falls to gaze upon their simple grandeur. When I left Clemson, it was in the 60s, but at the base of the cascades I was reaching for my blue

fleece jacket stored in my backpack while Elwood was confused by some strange white air in front of his mouth.

It was like elementary school summers all over again; I was just rock-hopping left and right, Elwood trying to catch up to me all the while and figure out where it was that I was actually going. I climbed under one of the cascades, spread my arms wide and pulled a "Shawshank Redemption" impersonation as I stared up into the descending spray.

The refreshing scenery and temperature seem doubly satisfying after the hike, and as I ate my Oreos on a rock in my wet shoes, a reflective smile invaded my cheeks. When we finally departed the serene escape, Elwood spied a trail leading to the top of the waterfall — which is worth checking out — and I spied rocks in the creek below the waterfall, which are really fun to mess around on too (please mess around carefully; they are slippery rocks after all...).

After hiking, across the Highway 28 is Stumphouse Tunnel and Issaqueena Falls. If you are bringing a date or are just not ready to go home, make sure to check these out before you leave. Issaqueena Falls is an enormous waterfall in comparison to Yellow Branch Falls and is definitely worth seeing. After the falls, challenge your friend to walk into the Stumphouse Tunnel, an unfinished railroad tunnel in the mountain where Clemson Bleu Cheese was originally made in the 1940s. Walking down to the tunnel's end is a chilling and thrilling experience, as you can see the end but cannot see your feet; all the while the dripping water around you intensifies the foreign experience.



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I want this column to be an interactive experience for the rest of the semester for readers, so if you know of a great hidden secret around Clemson that is fun to do, please send the idea to me at [rwills@clemson.edu](mailto:rwills@clemson.edu), and I will see about including it as one of my next adventures. Thanks for reading and I hope you go out and enjoy the Rich Outdoors!

with Rich Wills

## Horoscopes



divined by  
Jorje Torrecita

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Venus is crossing Neptune at the next new moon, which bodes well for all Aquarius looking for love. Try anyone you meet this weekend on for size, with preference for Libra, Sagittarius and Aries. Avoid Scorpio except for one-night stands.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You really need to quit putting off everything. Not paying your rent on time, not turning in your midterm on time and not even answering your phone on time are not conducive to a productive, happy life. Try planning ahead for once; your life may get suddenly less stressful!

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Congratulations: You are a stoner's best friend, but no one else wants you. And the stoner only wants you because you can be had very late at night. Truth hurts.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your decision-making skills are not at their zenith this week, so stay away from deciding on internships, summer plans and joining the army for the moment. Also, avoid drunk girls downtown this weekend. Remember, your decision making skills are NOT good!

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Start thinking now about creative course substitutions for next semester. But trying to decide between 20 and 13 hours should be a pretty easy choice.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You spend more time in the library than anyone else you know — so why is your GPR among the lowest of all the people you know? Here's an idea: You are dumb. Hardworking, but idiotic. Get used to it.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Waking up at four in the morning is not usually a good thing. Usually it means you can't sleep and are going to have a miserable day as a result. And the first part still holds for you: You won't be able to sleep. But after already-implied early morning events have occurred everything will go your way.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Virgo the virgin will have sexy-time this weekend. It's about time, I say! Lord knows it's taken you long enough to own up to the fact that you have these teeny-weensy things called DESIRES. Now go forth, my son, and sin a whole ton.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Avoid the McAdams computer lab this week. You'll save yourself a world of trouble. Also, don't eat Mexican food. No reason, just don't do it!

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This week Scorpio's chances are best with any of the other fire signs: Aries and Sagittarius but also with Virgo, Capricorn and, unusually, Taurus.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is your last try. There are no more left. And for God's sake, don't screw it up. Also, stay away from Virgo at all costs. Bad news bears!

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Capricorn the goat is not usually a cross dresser. Note I did not say "never!" I predict you will get in touch with your inner alternate gender this weekend and relive those long-ago days of trying on mom's pantyhose and high heels. Make sure to close your blinds.

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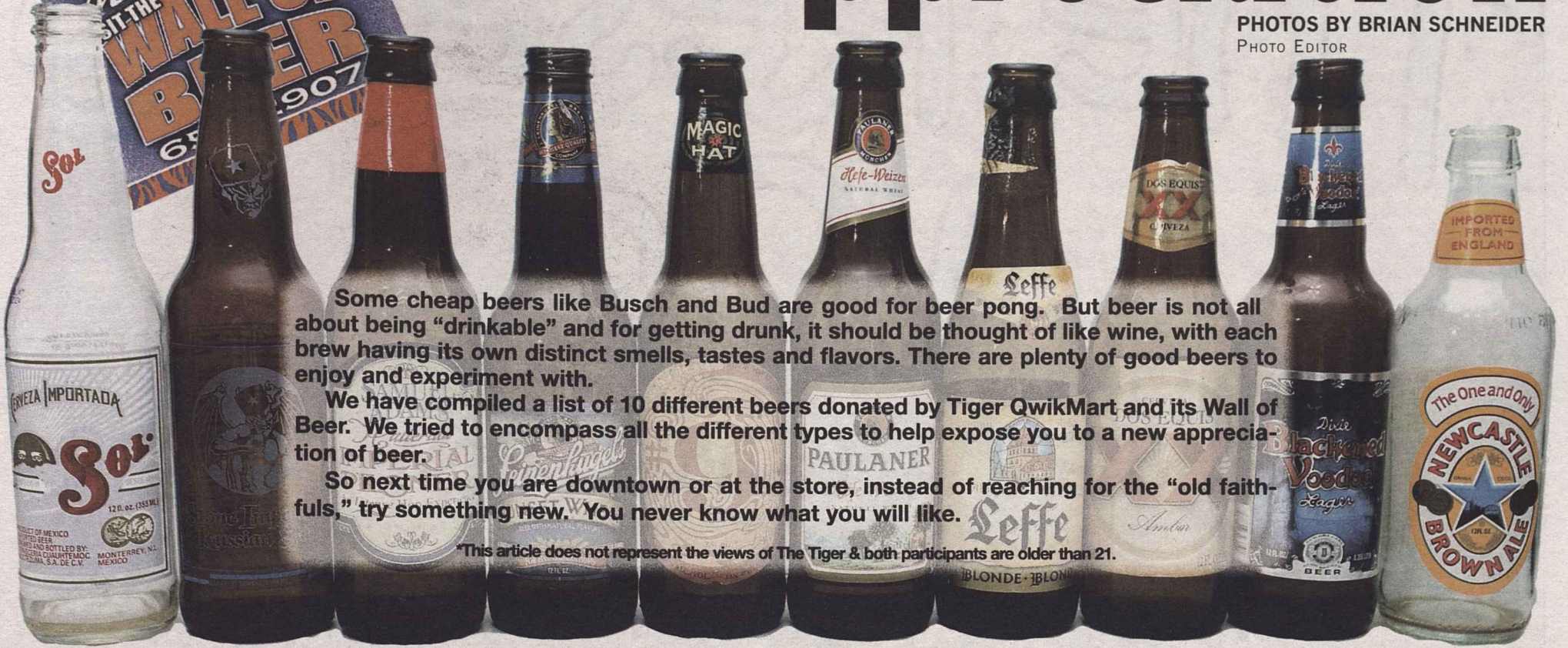
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# Beer Appreciation

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Some cheap beers like Busch and Bud are good for beer pong. But beer is not all about being "drinkable" and for getting drunk, it should be thought of like wine, with each brew having its own distinct smells, tastes and flavors. There are plenty of good beers to enjoy and experiment with.

We have compiled a list of 10 different beers donated by Tiger QwikMart and its Wall of Beer. We tried to encompass all the different types to help expose you to a new appreciation of beer.

So next time you are downtown or at the store, instead of reaching for the "old faithfuls," try something new. You never know what you will like.

This article does not represent the views of The Tiger & both participants are older than 21.



## Dos Equis Amber

**Brewer:** Cervecería Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma, S.A. de C.V. in Monterrey, Mexico

**Description:** First brewed in 1897 in Mexico to celebrate the "XX" or 20th century. This is a full-bodied beer with an amber color and some carbonation, which makes it smooth and not too strong.

**ABV:** 4.7 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** C+

**Al Keholik** – The choice to complement your burrito. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – In a 32-oz. frosted mug at the local Mexican restaurants.



## Sam Adams Hallertau Imperial Pilsner

**Brewer:** Boston Beer Company (Sam Adams) in Boston, Mass.

**Description:** This beer is a cloudy golden, caramel color and has a strong fruit aroma. Strong and bitter, must be ready for the strong hops sensation from drinking this beer.

**ABV:** 8.1 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** A-

**Al Keholik** – Unless you are a 300-lb German man named Lars you will not want to purchase this beer. Could not finish, thumbs down.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – The first sip was good, the second sip got stronger, and I couldn't get past the extreme hops flavor. Couldn't finish, thumbs down.



## Leffe Blonde

**Brewer:** Abbaye de Leffe in Belgium

**Description:** First brewed by monks, this is a full-bodied beer with a cloudy golden, caramel color and a white foamy head. A fruity aroma and slight fruit aftertaste make this beer very refreshing. The foil top is like unwrapping a gift of great beer.

**ABV:** 6.6 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** B

**Al Keholik** – Great with chicken or relaxing on a summer afternoon. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – I'm picturing myself sipping one of these on Lake Keowee. Thumbs up.



## Leinenkugel's Sunset Wheat

**Brewer:** Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

**Description:** Brewed in the Great White North of Wisconsin, this beer pours a cloudy, golden orange color with a good, white head. Strong aroma and taste of citrus fruits, which almost masks the "beer" taste.

**ABV:** 4.9 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** B

**Al Keholik** – This is a great beer to sip and enjoy with an orange slice on a summer afternoon, one of my favorites. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – Choose this over Blue Moon next time you are in the mood. Thumbs up.



## Dixie Blackened Voodoo

**Brewer:** Dixie Brewing Co. in New Orleans, La.

**Description:** The Dixie Brewing Co. was almost destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. This brew is one of their comeback offerings. The beer is dark with a reddish tint and smells of coffee and caramel. It is smooth for a dark beer.

**ABV:** 5.0 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** B-

**Al Keholik** – Did not like it. The coffee smell threw me off. Thumbs down.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – I enjoyed it, but not my favorite. Very filling, though, and would be good with a steak. Thumbs neutral.



## Newcastle Brown Ale

**Brewer:** Newcastle Federation Breweries Ltd. in Dunston, England

**Description:** This beer owes its name to Robert, son of William the Conqueror's son and builder 1080. This beer's royal heritage continues on today with a dark brown color and little white head. It has a strong taste, but is still smooth.

**ABV:** 4.7 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** B-

**Al Keholik** – Good with a hearty dinner. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – Bring out my ribeye steak and baked potato, this is one of my personal favorites. Thumbs up.



## Stone Imperial Russian Stout

**Brewer:** Stone Brewing Company in Escondido, Calif.

**Description:** According to the bottle, "Pours like Siberian crude and taste even heavier" is a very accurate statement for this beer. This beer pours like oil with little head, and it had the strongest smell of coffee and strongest aftertaste.

**ABV:** 10.8 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** A-  
**Al Keholik** – Did not like this at all and couldn't finish it. I wish I could burn the brewery down, but not before this beer solves our energy crisis. Thumbs down.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – I did not like this at all either, it tastes like I just went out for a coffee. Thumbs down.



## Paulaner Hefe-Weizen

**Brewer:** Paulaner in Munich, Germany

**Description:** Paulaner has been brewed slowly and all-naturally for the last 360 years. This beer has a very cloudy, golden color and a white head. It has a strong fruit aroma and taste, but is light and refreshing.

**ABV:** 5.5 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** B+

**Al Keholik** – An easy to drink and high-quality beer to relax with. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – This is a good, all-around beer to enjoy. You can find it around here by the 5L mini-keg which is also a solid choice. Thumbs up.



## Sol

**Brewer:** Cervecería Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma, S.A. de C.V. in Monterrey, Mexico

**Description:** First brewed in 1889 in Mexico City. Very light, but this was tasted after the Russian Stout. It has a golden pale color with very little head.

**ABV:** 4.5 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** D+

**Al Keholik** – I thought it was weaker than a Corona. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – I think a lime would add to the taste, good to relax with on a summer day. Thumbs up.



## Magic Hat #9

**Brewer:** Magic Hat Brewing Company in South Burlington, Vt.

**Description:** The beer has a dark golden color with a little head. It has a strong aroma of fruit and a slightly bitter, but smooth, fruity aftertaste.

**ABV:** 4.6 percent

**BeerAdvocate:** B

**Al Keholik** – I think this is a good, all-around beer that can be had with dinner or enjoying a night with friends. Thumbs up.

**Hugh G. Boozer** – This seems to be taking downtown by storm and is on tap several places. Good beer to enjoy on a night out. Thumbs up.



