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THE ELECTION ISSUE

WITH A NEW YEAR LOOMING,
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ARE
IN FULL SWING. BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS:
WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?

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List of candidates

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General Engineering,
Freshman

Kaylee Alvarez
Architecture, Sophomore

Riley Baker
Biological Sciences,
Freshman

Cody Beasenburg
Production Studies
in Performing Arts,
Sophomore

Madison Bolick*
Construction Science and
Management, Sophomore

Hunter Bond
General Engineering,
Sophomore

Turner Bonham
Pre-Business, Sophomore

Kiyana Brice
General Engineering,
Freshman

Banner Brock
Economics, Sophomore

Diamond Brown
Political Science,
Sophomore

Dimetrick Brown
Biological Sciences,
Sophomore

Kathleen Browne
Computer Science,
Freshman

Ryan Carlet
General Engineering,
Freshman

Brendan Cody
General Engineering,
Freshman

Arianna Conti
Microbiology, Sophomore

Jack Council
Financial Management,
Sophomore

Jacob Crotts*
Animal and Veterinary
Sciences, Junior

George Davis
Pre-Business, Freshman

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Sociology, Junior

Matt Dimond
Microbiology, Freshman

Emily Eggers
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Freshman

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Freshman

Zachary Faria
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Sophomore

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Systems, Senior

Tate Fowler
World Cinema, Freshman

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Special Education, Junior

Thomas Gilbert
Communication, Senior

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Sophomore

Emily Anne Godbold
Women's Leadership,
Sophomore

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General Engineering,
Freshman

Mason Hammond
Economics, Junior

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Sophomore

Samantha Hayes
General Engineering,
Freshman

Matthew Innocenti
Pre-Business, Sophomore

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Kendall Jones
Political Science,
Sophomore

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Anna Kilguss
Anthropology, Freshman

David Kindervater
General Engineering,
Freshman

Andrew Kwasny
General Engineering,
Freshman

Jacob Livingston*
Bioengineering, Junior

Melanie Magwood
Criminal Justice,
Freshman

for CUSG senate

Aparna Mahendranath
General Engineering,
Freshman

Carly Malcolm
Language and
International Health,
Sophomore

Samah Malik
Biochemistry, Freshman

Thomas Marshall*
English, Sophomore

Kathleen Martin
Agricultural Education,
Sophomore

Lili Martinez Ramirez
General Engineering,
Freshman

Abby McCarter
Political Science,
Freshman

Aidan McHugh
Pre-Business, Freshman

Kirean McKee
Criminal Justice,
Freshman

Justin McMahan
Biological Sciences,
Freshman

Bailey Meehan
Materials Science and
Engineering, Sophomore

Gabrielle Moore
PRTM, Sophomore

Andrew O'Steen
Industrial Engineering,
Sophomore

Mar Paricio Sunyer
Political Science,
Sophomore

Blake Parker
Chemistry, Freshman

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Economics, Sophomore

Steven Patrick
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Junior

Sloane Perkins
Political Science,
Sophomore

Matt Phillips
Political Science,
Sophomore

Brooke Redmond
Animal and Veterinary
Sciences, Juniors

Jade Richard*
Biological Sciences,
Sophomore

Jessica Ruday*
Mathematical Sciences,
Junior

James Sauro
Biological Sciences,
Sophomore

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Economics, Sophomore

Jay Sridharan*
Management, Junior

Aubrey Steele
AAH Undeclared,
Freshman

Peter Sterckx
Mechanical Engineering,
Sophomore

Danielle Strangie
Economics, Junior

Katelyn Sutherland
Accounting, Junior

Caleb Todd
Environmental and Natural
Resources, Freshman

Katerina Villanueva
Psychology, Freshman

Katie Violette
Management, Junior

Emma Walker
Language and
International Health,
Freshman

Deon Wallace Jr.
General Engineering,
Freshman

Ben Walsh
General Engineering,
Freshman

Julia Marie Weaver
Biological Sciences,
Freshman

Morgan Weaver
Nursing, Freshman

Sierra Weiss
Financial Management,
Sophomore

Baylee Westbury
Microbiology, Sophomore

Harrison Wetherell
Political Science,
Freshman

Murphy Wildeman
Financial Management,
Sophomore

*Candidates running for senate executive positions. Senate will vote on these positions during its Feb. 19 meeting. Follow @thetigercu on Twitter for the results.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

JOIN CUSG
AFTER
PRIMARY
ELECTIONS
FOR...

**DEBATE
NIGHT**

**Tuesday,
March 6
6 P.M.**

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Campaign
Season Dates:*

Feb. 28
CUSG Presidential
Primary

March 2
Primary results
announced

March 6
CUSG Presidential
Debate

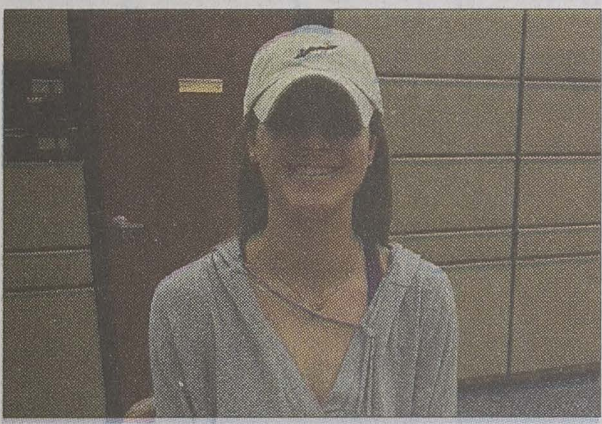
March 7
CUSG General Election

March 9
General Election
results announced
Carillon Gardens
4 p.m.

**Nominate the Best
of Clemson!**

3 entries will be randomly
selected for a
\$20 VISA gift card
<http://bit.ly/BestOfClemson>

**TIGER TALKS: How can CUSG improve transparency?
How can they better involve the student body in their decisions?**

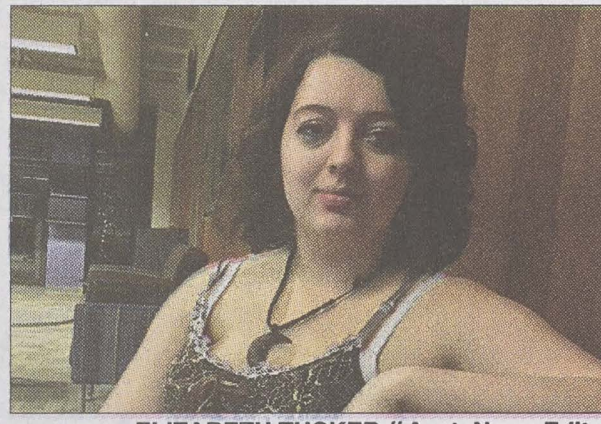


Jen Faulkner
Business, Freshman

"I think they can give summaries of what they talk about in meetings just to know what they're actually talking about so us as a student body knows exactly what's going on."

"Maybe take some polls on bigger issues to see what the students are actually thinking."

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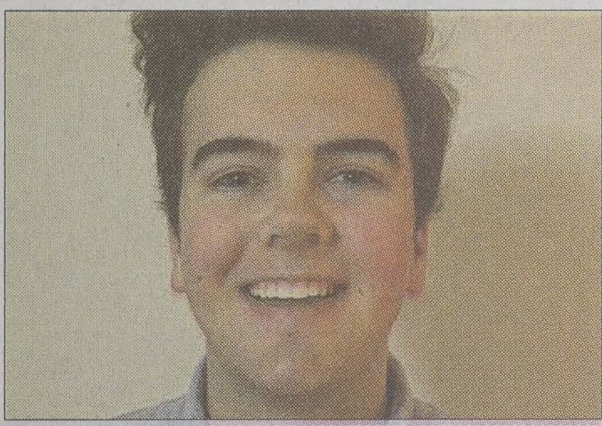


Rachael Jackson
Architecture, Junior

"Send out more emails about what they're doing I guess. Maybe some posters around campus."

"Again more emails because me personally I never know what's going on with that."

ELIZABETH TUCKER // Asst. News Editor



Jack West
Economics major, Sophomore

"I'd prefer not to answer this."

"I think that they just need to consider the student body in every single decision not what is going to better their own agenda, but what is actually going to help the students."

Courtesy of my.Clemson



Harry Tsang
Computer Science

"Make it clear that they're trying to do something ... If they did something good I wouldn't know; if they did something bad I wouldn't know. Or if I had a say in something I wouldn't be heard. Maybe just like sending emails and stuff. Be like, "Hey we're doing this, we're voting for this, come and discuss it if you care about this topic."

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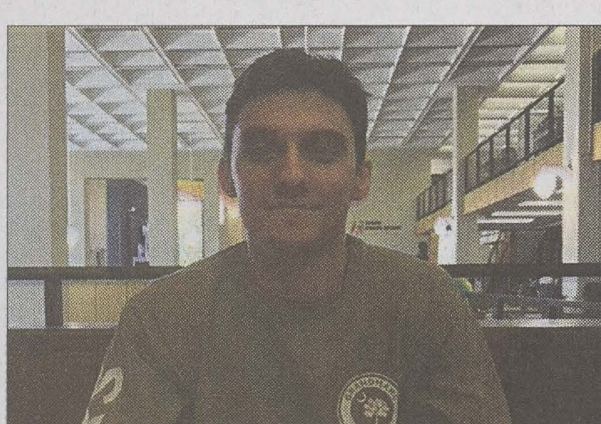


Megan Strickler
Marketing, Sophomore

"I think social media is a big way to get information across and just like being really present on social media would be good."

"Maybe just like getting the word out and like tabling on Library Bridge and talking to students."

ELIZABETH TUCKER // Asst. News Editor



Adrian Funk
Psychology, Freshman

"Might be able to set up class votes or polls around campus and maybe combine all of them and if you don't directly make your decision based off of that, have that be an influencer maybe."

ELIZABETH TUCKER // Asst. News Editor



Robert Kirtley
Industrial Engineering,
Sophomore

"They probably could have done better by maybe sending out some mass emails about some regular updates about what's going on like decision making on a week to week basis or maybe month to month. I think newsletters and pamphlets are kind of irrelevant nowadays ... so I think that emails would probably be the best for that."

ELIZABETH TUCKER // Asst. News Editor



A'Sha Boyd
Finance, Junior

"I think that they can improve on transparency by being more clear about certain processes or regulations that they have in place right now or be more clear about their outcomes or the purpose of some of the things that they're doing."

ELIZABETH TUCKER // Asst. News Editor

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A LOOK AT CUSG CAMPAIGN PLATFORMS

MIKEY AND SHREYA

CAREY AND CONNOR

MASON AND LOGAN

STUDENT TICKETING

Support keeping student tickets free and equal

Will work with Athletics to create a more effective incentive system to ensure those getting tickets are actually attending games

Support idea that some lower deck seats should be sold as season tickets to students

Support idea that students should be able to transfer tickets to friends when they are not able to attend a game

Will advocate for creation of more effective ticket transfer and return system

Will advocate for creation of a ticketing grievances committee to hear issues regarding ticketing

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Will advocate for Orange, Purple and other commuter route running times to be extended.

Will lobby for transit schedules of all routes to be displayed more prominently in the my.Clemson app.

Support adding more BikeShare stations around campus

Improve my.Clemson app to better track availability of parking spots for commuters and integrate better bus-tracking capabilities

Will work with parking services to repaint parking spaces for color blind students and employees

Will advocate for improvement of Tiger Transit at peak hours

Will advocate for campus buildings and transportation to be ADA accessible

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Expand CAPS drop-in hours

Will advocate for Redfern to host weekend hours

Will advocate for a fully equipped Women's Health Clinic

Will petition the administration for a permanent Sexual Assault Advocate position

Would like to restore existing blue emergency lights

Install additional street lights

Will ensure that current negotiations with ridesharing services like Uber/Lyft will be continued

Will work with city officials to place street lights along Old Clemson Rd. and other locations

Will advocate the hiring of additional Redfern and CAPS staff

Support the implementation of online appointment request system and walk-in wait time clock at Redfern

Will request that healthcare staff at on-campus facilities be trained to address sexual assault cases

Will advocate for regularly scheduled self-defense classes on campus

CUSG ACCOUNTABILITY

Increase the visibility of CUSG initiatives and projects by using social media and the CUSG website

Will have open forum days before student senate meetings and table on Library Bridge

Goal is to make CUSG financially independent from the Student Activity Fee, freeing up more money for student organizations, ideas, and events

Will host "Carey & Connor Office Hours" for students to stop by and voice their concerns with various campus issues

Will establish a VP Council consisting of significant student leaders from various campus organizations to coordinate large campus-wide efforts

Will work to continually update the CUSG website

Want to make sure CUSG continues and expands upon its efforts to be transparent, approachable, and inclusive of the whole student body

Would like to encourage collaboration across the branches of CUSG

Will hold office hours every week to make ourselves more accessible to students

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Will maintain the LGBTQIA+ Director position in the executive branch

Will continue to fight for an LGBTQIA+ space allocation on campus

Will expand programs that bring underrepresented youth to campus

Will work with Staff Senate to increase staff quality of life

Will emphasize Council On Diversity Affairs (CODA) role in CUSG

Want to offer a 1-hour Clemson-specific history course and integrate some of the Clemson's past into the CU 1000

Will push for a timeline near the dining hall or new bookstore at Douthitt Hills to serve as a visual representation of Clemson's history

Will advocate for creation of an Organization Forum composed of representatives from all 500+ student organizations

Will work to facilitate conversation that highlights the unique experiences of underrepresented groups on campus

ACADEMICS AND SERVICES

Support campus-wide, high-speed Wi-Fi access, including outdoor areas

Support the university forging a path toward a Build-Your-Own major program

Support growing student entrepreneurial potential through pipelines of undergraduate research such as through the expansion of the Creative Inquiry Program

Will look to place printers in every academic building and residence halls across campus

Improvements we are looking to implement include using the App to swipe into buildings like the dining hall and after-hour classrooms, reserve rooms in the library and other places across campus

Will advocate for the development of more major-specific study areas

Will advocate for the promotion and improvement of TigerTies

Will advocate for the addition of more printers and plotters around campus

Will advocate for the pairing of different colleges to plan at least one event together

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TIGER TALKS: What issues are important to you that you'd like to see CUSG address?



Anna Shurman
 Biology, Sophomore

"Parking is definitely an issue. I know it's always an issue. I got a parking ticket this year and I didn't even know I was going to get one. I thought I could park there."



Abhishek Rao
 Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Student

"I think the library should be open longer on Fridays and Saturdays."



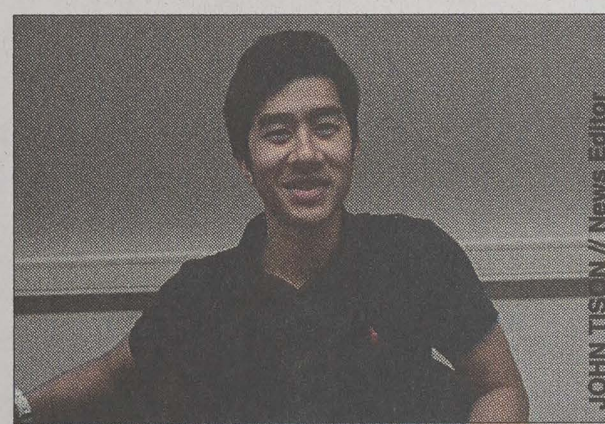
Hayden Riewe
 Computer Science, Junior

"This semester, two of my four classes are taught by grad students. I feel like if I'm paying all this money for this class, I should be taught by someone with a degree."



Drew Paszek
 Mathematical Sciences, Junior

"It's hard to work around construction, but I feel like there's a way to make it more student friendly. If they could limit it during the school year and doing a lot of it over the summer."



Christian Long
 Management, Junior

"Possible problems that can be solved by students. [Things] that can be solved by simple funding. Use their funding to just solve problems. Nothing in particular."



Tatem Fischer
 Criminal Justice, Freshman

"The library only has so many study rooms and you have to book them really far in advance. It would be cool to have a space with a ton of study rooms you can rent out. There's just not enough areas to reserve."



Sumana Peddada
 Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Student

"More Barnes events. Some are too bland and not that interesting."



Leshonda Boyd
 Chemistry, Junior

"One thing that got on my nerves was how student ticketing works. Some people didn't get to go to the games they wanted to. And the ticket system would give a certain class a certain position on the field and all the upperclassman — nope. If they could fix that, that would be nice since I could enjoy it in my senior year."

Q&A with CUSG presidential campaign managers



Nathan Olivier

Campaign Manager for
Mason and Logan

Junior Finance major
from Orange, CA

1. How do you know Mason and Logan? Why did you become their campaign manager?

I've known Mason since freshman year when we met in Welcome Week. I initially met Logan a couple of summers ago when I was an Orientation Ambassador. I became their campaign manager because I was passionate about their ideas and visions for Clemson. They are two awesome candidates that I wanted to support throughout the whole campaign process. I believed I could help them reach as much of the student body as possible and make a positive impact on the undergraduate student experience.

2. What's been your favorite campaign moment so far?

My favorite moment so far was the banner drop. The campaign team from each ticket went to Library Bridge at midnight to commence the start of active campaigning by revealing their banner. It was a great time being with our team and just enjoying the moment!

3. What has the student response been?

The student response has been awesome. We've seen a lot of positive reactions and comments across campus, but have also received some constructive criticism which has been so helpful. We love hearing all sorts of responses to our campaign and platform because it helps us gauge where we are at and highlights what we need to focus on.

4. How many people do you have helping out and what jobs have they taken on?

We have about fifteen core team members that have helped us out with writing the platform, creative content, campus outreach, social media and much more. We've also been fortunate to have many more friends and volunteers who have helped us out with various events and campaigning efforts along the way.

5. Who are you trying to reach this year?

We are truly trying to reach all of the undergraduate students at Clemson. Our platform and efforts are aimed at helping and working with all of the student body without excluding any groups or demographics on campus.



Jacob McMeekin

Campaign Manager for
Carey and Connor

Senior Political Science and
Economics major from Chapin, SC

1. How do you know Carey and Connor? Why did you become their campaign manager?

While I no longer remember exactly how I met Carey and Connor, I have had the opportunity to get to know them well this year while serving on Cabinet with them. I became their campaign manager because of the respect I developed for them while serving in this role with them and understanding their leadership capabilities, vision for Clemson and friendship.

2. What's been your favorite campaign moment so far?

My favorite moment so far has to be the Interest Meeting. The Interest Meeting was the culmination of weeks of hard work by our entire team, and I was beyond proud of Carey and Connor as they publicly shared their platform for the first time.

3. What has the student response been?

The student response has been incredible, whether on Library Bridge or on social media. Friends and strangers have been extremely receptive to our message thus far and very supportive.

4. How many people do you have helping out and what jobs have they taken on?

We could not have begun to accomplish [sic] near of what we have so far without our team. Including Hannah and myself, we have a team of 15 students, assuming a variety of roles which ensures the campaign keeps running on a day to day basis. Serving just as an important role though are our supporters – providing feedback, sharing on social media and even tabling on Library Bridge at times.

5. Who are you trying to reach this year?

If elected, Carey and Connor will have the opportunity to represent the entire Clemson student population. Carey and Connor's platform focuses on ensuring we reach all of these students, having as a wide and significant impact as possible. With the growing campus, their goal is to ensure we maintain the traditions that make Clemson so special while propelling Clemson forward.



Hannah Maiberger

Campaign Manager for
Carey and Connor

Senior Health Science major
from Clemson, SC

1. How do you know Carey and Connor? Why did you become their campaign manager?

I've known Carey since her freshman year, but got to know her well when we joined Clemson University Guide Association together. I had the pleasure of getting to know Connor this year after meeting through mutual friends. I was honored to become their campaign manager because I truly believe in these two individuals and have the utmost respect for them both. I feel passionately about their ability to serve the Clemson student body.

2. What's been your favorite campaign moment so far?

My favorite moment of the campaign was meeting with our campaign staffers for the first time. We have such outstanding leaders giving their time and efforts to the campaign and it's very encouraging to me to see such passion from the future of Clemson.

3. What has the student response been?

The student response to Carey and Connor's candidacy has been incredible to see. Receiving such an outpouring of support from both friends and strangers is very encouraging to me because I have believed in these two since the day I met them.

4. How many people do you have helping out and what jobs have they taken on?

We are very lucky to have an incredible campaign team. We have 15 people total with various jobs from social media to events. Jacob and I are very appreciative of our team and how they have put in time and effort to make this campaign successful.

5. Who are you trying to reach this year?

Carey and Connor are passionate about aiming to reach Clemson's entire undergraduate student population. While this is a difficult task to complete, the goal of their platform is to advocate for changes to move Clemson forward, while still maintaining the traditions that make Clemson unlike any other school.



Patrick Gorospe

Campaign Manager for
Mikey and Shreya

Senior Industrial Engineering major
from Rock Hill, SC

1. How do you know Mikey and Shreya? Why did you become their campaign manager?

While I met Mikey about two years ago through a similar academic program that we're both in, I didn't really get to know him until this past fall, where we both served on the leadership committee for Undergraduate Student Senate. I met Shreya upon a visit to my high school during my freshman year at Clemson. I became Mikey & Shreya's Campaign Manager first and foremost because I love them. They are both genuine leaders, whose whose minds are full of tangible ideas that they will use to bring about positive change on campus.

2. What's been your favorite campaign moment so far?

One of my favorite campaign moments so far was the night that Mikey, Shreya, Nikki Wyman and I spent hours making buttons together for the campaign. Usually, campaigns simply order buttons online, but in a move to save money, we rented out the Makerspace button maker and stamped out 1000 home-made, love-filled buttons.

3. What has the student response been?

Student response has been overwhelmingly positive. We've had dozens of people sign up to volunteer, table on Library bridge, buy t-shirts, put on buttons, distribute stickers, hand out platform-cards and promote our message on social media.

4. How many people do you have helping out and what jobs have they taken on?

First, we have our Core 15 campaign staffers, which fall into two classifications—logistics and PR. I will highlight two very important people—Thomas Marshall and AJ Miller. Thomas leads up our PR operation. AJ heads up our logistics team. Both Thomas and AJ have done outstanding jobs, and I'm so grateful to have them on the team. Beyond our Top 15, we have dozens of supporters on our email list and campaign GroupMe.

5. Who are you trying to reach this year?

We are trying to reach all students, with a particular focus on students who care about Wellness, Inclusion and Equity and Innovation and Creativity on campus.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Responses have been edited for length. Full responses are available online at www.thetigernews.com. Photos provided by each campaign manager. Lauren Singleton, a campaign manager for Mason and Logan, did not respond.

Top five things you need to know this week

Researchers make new discoveries in climate change research

A recent research study by a Clemson economics professor found that a higher minimum wage and earned income tax credits (EITCs) reduces the rate of recidivism for recently released convicts.

Michael Makowsky, assistant professor in the John E. Walker Department of Economics, along with Amanda Agan, an assistant professor of economics at Rutgers University, examined records from nearly 6 million offenders, accounting for more than 200 federal and state minimum wage increases and earned income tax credits in 21 states between 2000 and 2014.

The research observed this decrease in recidivism mainly in property or drug-related crimes. Violent crime was largely unaffected.

To learn more, go to <http://bit.ly/2nYjNlr>.

CU student makes groundbreaking discovery in cancer research

Clemson University student Leland Dunwoodie, a senior biochemistry major, has uncovered genes associated with an aggressive form of brain cancer.

"I definitely didn't come to Clemson thinking about brain cancer research," Dunwoodie said in a press released issued by Clemson. "I was working on a project with grapes and other plants. I told Dr. (Alex) Feltus that I wanted to do some human stuff, and he said, 'That's cool – pick an organ.'"

Dunwoodie ended up choosing to conduct research on the brain. He organized 2,000-plus datasets, each showing approximately 75,000 genes, into a gene expression matrix, a table that quantifies the expression level of each gene across every sample.

Dunwoodie and Will Poehlman, a graduate student in the Systems Genetics Lab, created a separate gene expression matrix, encompassing 210,000 genes from 204 datasets from the NCBI database — including normal brain samples, glioblastoma brain samples and brain samples from patients with Parkinson's disease — for comparison.

To learn more, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y725aexh>.

Club and Intramural sports await Snow Center additions

Over the last two years, students have been waitlisted for both intramural and club sports at Clemson.

This is related to the wear and tear found on the department's primary grass fields, deeming them unplayable. These issues, in part due to weather, often lead to overcrowding on the useable fields.

Soon, new spaces devoted to Campus Recreation's inventory will be found in the form of the LoConte Family Field at the Snow Complex, in addition to the most recently added grass field adjacent to the Lightsey Bridge Apartments.

The field, gifted by the family of a former alum, also has the opportunity to be expanded upon. The family has issued a challenge, stating that any donations made by the Clemson community will be matched for up to \$1 million.

To learn more, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yctzrzy>.

Clemson opens new automotive research facility in Greenville

Clemson University officials and students, automotive researchers and manufacturers gathered in Greenville on Feb. 15 for the unveiling of the Clemson Vehicle Assembly Center.

Located in the Greenville Technical College Center for Manufacturing Innovation and part of CU-ICAR, the center will provide space for researchers to come up with innovative manufacturing solutions. The Vehicle Assembly Center will tackle some of the industry's most compelling challenges, such as the manufacturing skills gap and effective integration of automation with humans.

A large portion of the research will be done by faculty and students in Clemson's College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences. Greenville Technical College students will be enrolled in manufacturing training programs.

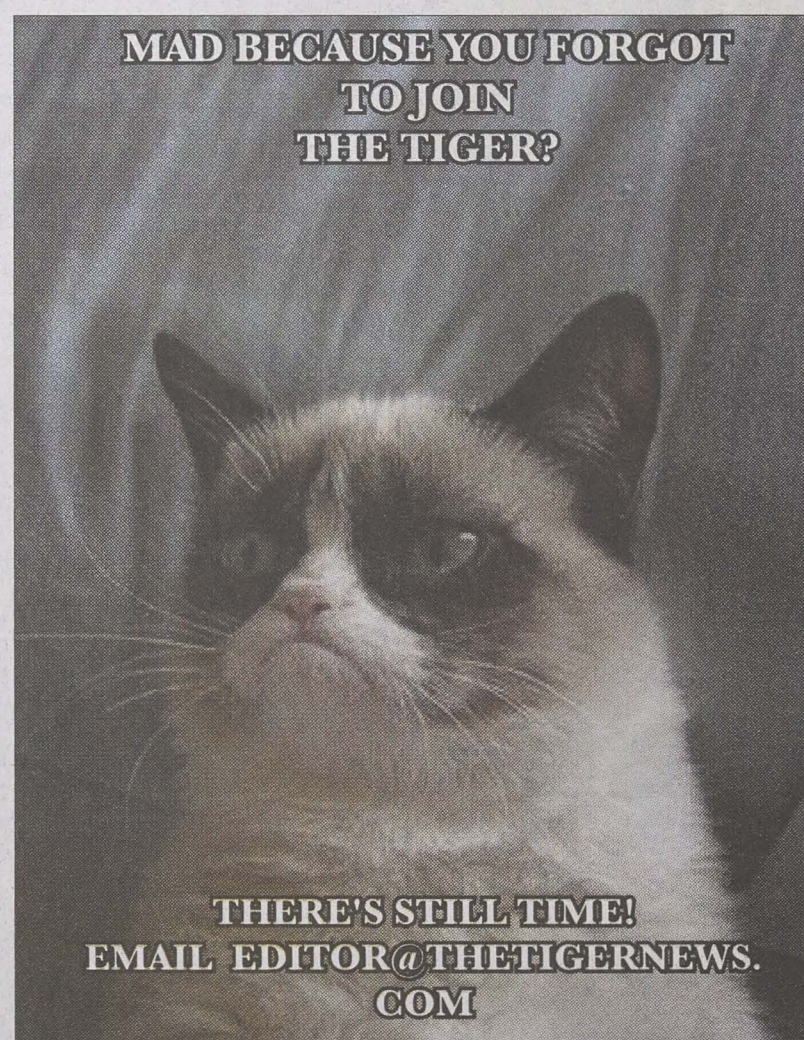
To learn more, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yctqkq3d>.

Clemson trustees approve facility renovation construction plans

During the most recent quarterly meeting for the board of the trustees, the trustees approved an approximately \$8 million budget for renovations and construction plans across campus.

Among those approvals include a \$5 million approval for a childcare facility, \$1 million towards the expansion and renovation of Daniel Hall, \$2.2 million towards maintenance in the Advanced Materials Science Lab and \$175,000 for a non-denominational, on-campus chapel.

The planned completion time for these approvals will be between 2020 and 2021.



'I don't hate men'

Understanding the actual vs. perceived definition of feminism

Monica Garvin
Contributor

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "feminist"? Be honest.

For me, just a couple of years ago I immediately pictured man-hating, butch girls who just wanted to be controversial and offensive. They wanted to turn femininity into something that was greater than masculinity. I never thought I would consider myself a feminist. No way. I hate controversy and didn't agree that women were superior to men any more than I thought men were superior to women. The only time feminism was really spoken of to me was through the media, about the extreme feminist groups which instantly ingrained in me a stereotype of what a feminist was. To put it visually, someone like Big Boo from "Orange is the New Black" was basically what I believed a true feminist to be.

To me, being a feminist was defined by what the media portrayed. A group of radical, angry women who believed that their gender entitled them to be

better than men. Being a feminist was bad, wrong and intimidating. It was scary to ask questions about it because I didn't want to offend someone. Personally, I did not know much else about the feminist movement at this time. What I did know, however, is that it was not something I cared to be associated with.

Then one day someone introduced me to the Merriam-Webster's dictionary definition of feminism, and it read, "the belief that women and men should have equal rights and opportunities." That seemed at first too simple. Too broad.

All of a sudden, being a feminist didn't mean you wanted to burn all your bras and hate men. When it comes to the extensive topic of gender equality, most people would agree that they are supportive of this. Maybe a lot of people would even go as far as to say that they support the feminist movement, but they themselves would not label themselves a feminist. Which is fair. It's honestly not my goal in life to one day be known as a replica of Big Boo, but it goes to show how the misunderstood meaning

of feminism has created a divide for a movement that is fighting for unity.

I believe that education and clarification of what beliefs fall under "feminism" are vital in creating equality and positive change in society.

In fact, when we look throughout history, it was the feminist movement that brought upon numerous productive advancements in society. The early wave of the feminist movement is what initially fought for women's suffrage. It was groups of feminists who quietly propelled the civil rights movement, and who first fought against racial discrimination and sexual assault. They made it possible for women to work outside of the house if they so desired. They broke barriers for women who wanted to follow career paths that society said they weren't allowed to be a part of. Feminists were the people who fought to speak up about rape culture, remove stigmas from victims and give survivors a means to label their sexual assault. Overall, they fought to give the oppressed a voice. They challenged societal norms to

empower people and create a better society. Regardless of political preferences or opinions, it is fair to say that historically, the feminist movement has impacted society in some of the most incredible ways.

When we are able to cut through the clutter, the stigmas and the extreme perceptions of feminism that make the media, feminism is a box breaker. It allows women the freedom of living the lives they want to and providing them the opportunities that their male counterparts have always had. It's not about women being better but about women being equal.

It's also a call for women to unify. Working women, mothers and everything in between. It's a call for women to stop criticizing one another and start supporting one another in their individual callings, dreams, seasons, passions, capabilities, gifts and talents, and treating these things equally despite what they are.

I now believe being a feminist isn't about neutralizing genders, but celebrating them. It's about celebrating our strengths

rather than criticizing weaknesses. It's about unity rather than division. Being a feminist doesn't always have to look like Big Boo from "Orange is the New Black." It can look like Emma Watson, Ashton Kutcher, John Legend or Beyoncé. Because identifying as a feminist does not mean you are a woman questioning her sexual orientation who no longer shaves her legs. Being a feminist is identifying as someone who believes in equal treatment towards both men and women.

True equality is stronger and more powerful than "greater than" ever will be. So that's what being a feminist stands for. It is so important that we do not let the heaviness of a stigma keep us from backing a cause, a cause that throughout history has empowered oppressed women globally.

It is so important to educate ourselves and our friends about the true meaning and vision of feminism. Men and women, pushing for a better world. Now that is a definition I can get behind.

Can the gender wage gap fix all our problems?

Taylor King
Contributor

I am a young woman financially struggling through college. Money would not completely solve my issue, but a few extra dollars sure would make life a lot easier — now, and in the future. I believe in fairness and empowerment of women, and I do not think unjust differences in salaries between men and women is fair or empowering. We push for equality everywhere, so why not in our incomes? The gender wage gap is real, and it is a problem — for all of us.

Specifically, college students are at much of a disadvantage. Income equality is likely to be discussed in certain college courses, but some majors may never address the subject. Lack of understanding regarding the gender pay gap, however, doesn't mean you won't feel the repercussions of salary discrepancies. It's important to understand what influences your salary, particularly for those of us about to graduate saddled with debt.

And as a college student, you know the debts I am speaking of. They are the beginnings of adulthood for many. They are an era of financial obligation. They are the horrible words so many college students dread

shortly after graduation — student loans. Completely inevitable for most, yet so few are prepared to tackle them in the real world. But when it comes to the wage gap, higher incomes lead to less debt.

While the United States may never invest in being a country of debt-free college, we can train our students to expect and do more in the workforce. The gap is closing, but a more drastic change can be made. As students, we need to be armed with the knowledge that income inequality exists and there are sexist factors at play. We must go into our entry level jobs with the proper skills and determination to ask for and receive higher salaries.

Though progress has been made, and millennial females are undeniably closing the gap, The Washington Post shows women are still paid 20 percent less than their male counterparts. This includes women with equivalent education, experience and dedication. Only in a few female-dominated fields, such as nursing, are women higher paid than men. All races, backgrounds and regions considered, gender bias continues to fuel much of the salary gap.

No longer can this issue not be deemed a problem because women are choosing not to work in higher paying fields or to

hold jobs as stay-at-home moms; instead, women are in fact increasingly choosing same-level careers. With women earning more than 50 percent of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, the gap should be closing more rapidly. Working women should be seeing more consistent salaries in all fields.

The National Partnership for Women and Families reports that in the United States, full-time employed women are losing more than \$840 billion each year. This decrease affects businesses, the economy and everyone else who is a part of it. Low incomes result in fewer funds to support families, which in turn puts more pressure on others in the household to provide. So, how do we make a change that's good for all?

We should use education to inform all parties of how to avoid or navigate the work force and its bias. Students and others settling for nothing less than fairness could result in companies being forced to reveal and change their pay policies. In return, individuals are fairly compensated, families are happier, profitability increases and the economy grows.

Information and change of policy are the answers. This is not a female issue; this is a human issue. If women rise, then we all rise.

Tiger Rants

Go see Black Panther!

80 degrees please come back.

The fountains have no set pattern in the pond.

Bipolar weather.

I already started the countdown to spring break.

Baseball game traffic is annoying.

Staff members that don't do what they're supposed to.

People who skip production night to go to the basketball game.

When you've got four tests and two projects in one week.

When the post office tells you that you have mail but they're closed.

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Football had to fall, so basketball could rise.

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Clemson baseball relying on bullpen early in the season

Ryan Miller, Spencer Strider shine in first relief appearances

Allison Daniel
Sports Editor

Clemson baseball won its first two games of the season against William and Mary thanks in large part to their bullpen.

On Friday, starter Jacob Hennessy, making his first career start, went 4.2 innings, giving up six hits and three runs. He did strike out six batters, but the Tigers found themselves in an early hole and Hennessy struggled in his third time through the William and Mary lineup.

Ryan Miller was the first out of the pen for Clemson, and he pitched three solid innings. He gave up only two hits and one run while striking out two. After Miller exited the game, Ryne Huggins, Carson Spiers and Ryley Gilliam combined to pitch the next 2.1 innings and shut out the Tribe to allow Clemson's comeback win in the tenth.

Saturday saw a similar situation when starter Brooks Crawford, one of the Tigers' more experienced pitchers, was pulled after only four innings. While he was taken out of the game partially because of a high pitch count, he was also struggling against the William and Mary bats. In the four innings he pitched, he gave up five hits and two runs, including a solo homer to Hunter Smith.

Freshman Spencer Strider came on in relief of Crawford and pitched incredibly well for three innings. Going into the eighth inning, Strider had only given up two hits and one run while striking out seven. Things got unhinged in the eighth inning as Strider, possibly a bit gassed after a long outing, hit two batters and walked another to load the bases with no outs.

On Strider's performance Head Coach Monte Lee said, "We try to focus on bringing guys in on a clean

inning. It was his first time out there and his pitch count going into that inning was in the fifties I believe. We could have taken him out then."

Mat Clark and Spiers came on and combined to end the inning, but William and Mary scored three runs in the process. Spiers was able to shut down the Tribe in the ninth inning and stop any potential comeback, allowing the Tigers to claim a series win.

After game two, Lee said, "The pitching staff is doing a nice job [limiting free passes]."

That is characteristic of Lee's coaching style over the last two years at Clemson. Last season, Clemson pitching led the nation in strikeout-to-walk ratio. Through the first two games this season, pitchers have struck out 29 batters and only walked one.

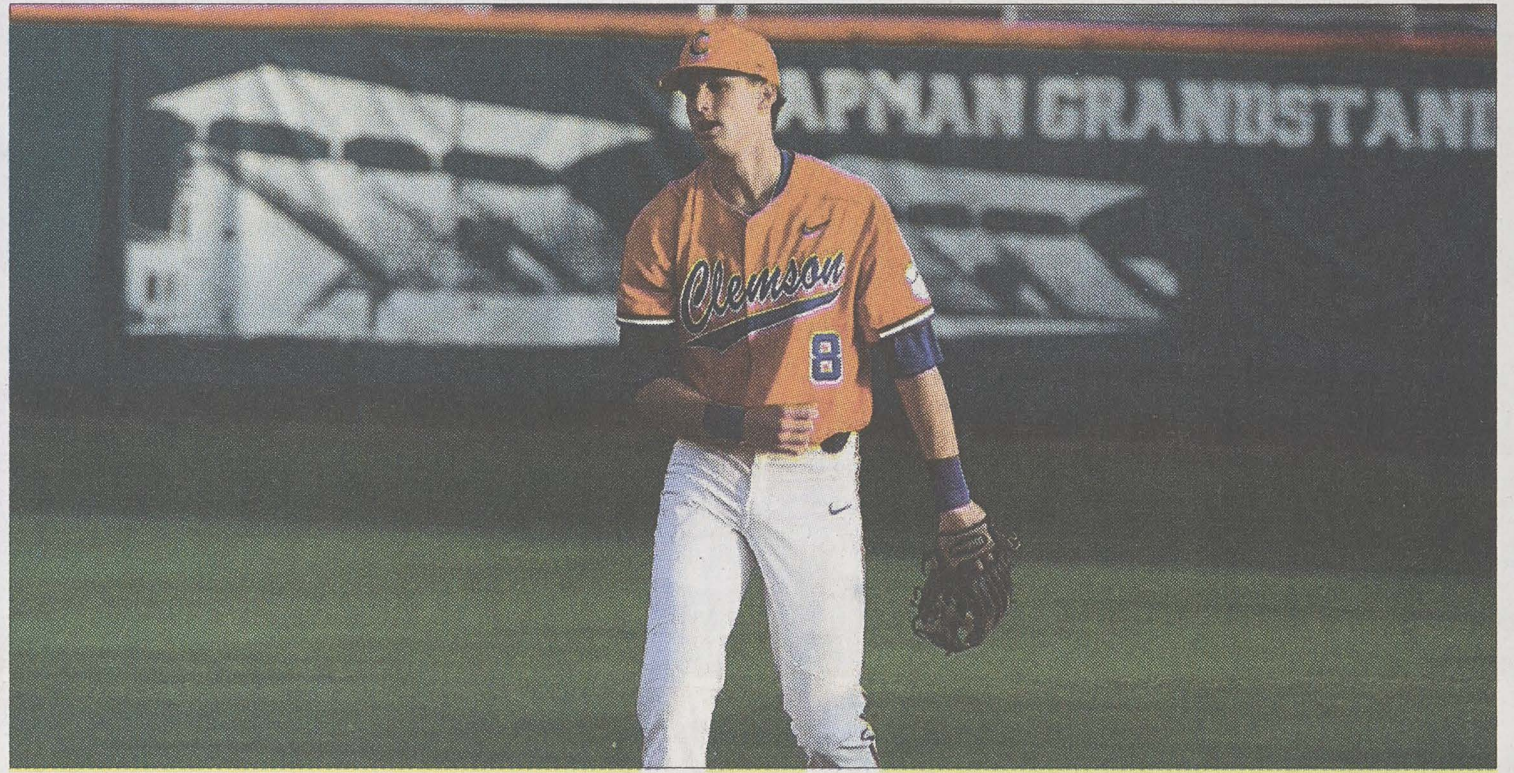
Lee is confident that his bullpen is good enough to win close games this season. "The one thing that has really stood out to me is how well our bullpen has thrown the baseball and how well we've played defensively ... we almost feel we get better as the game goes on," Lee said.

Players also echoed Lee's thoughts. "We feel as if we are the best bullpen in the country ... we got guys who can piggyback off starters and guys who can come in and get one or two punchouts," Spiers said after game two against William and Mary.

The Tigers are deep in the pen, but they need to find answers for the starting roles. While Miller and Strider did well after subpar starts, Clemson cannot rely on relief pitchers throughout the entire season and expect to be a contender for Omaha. As the season wears on and the Tigers are forced to play more games against quality competition, the bullpen may not be enough to pull them through.

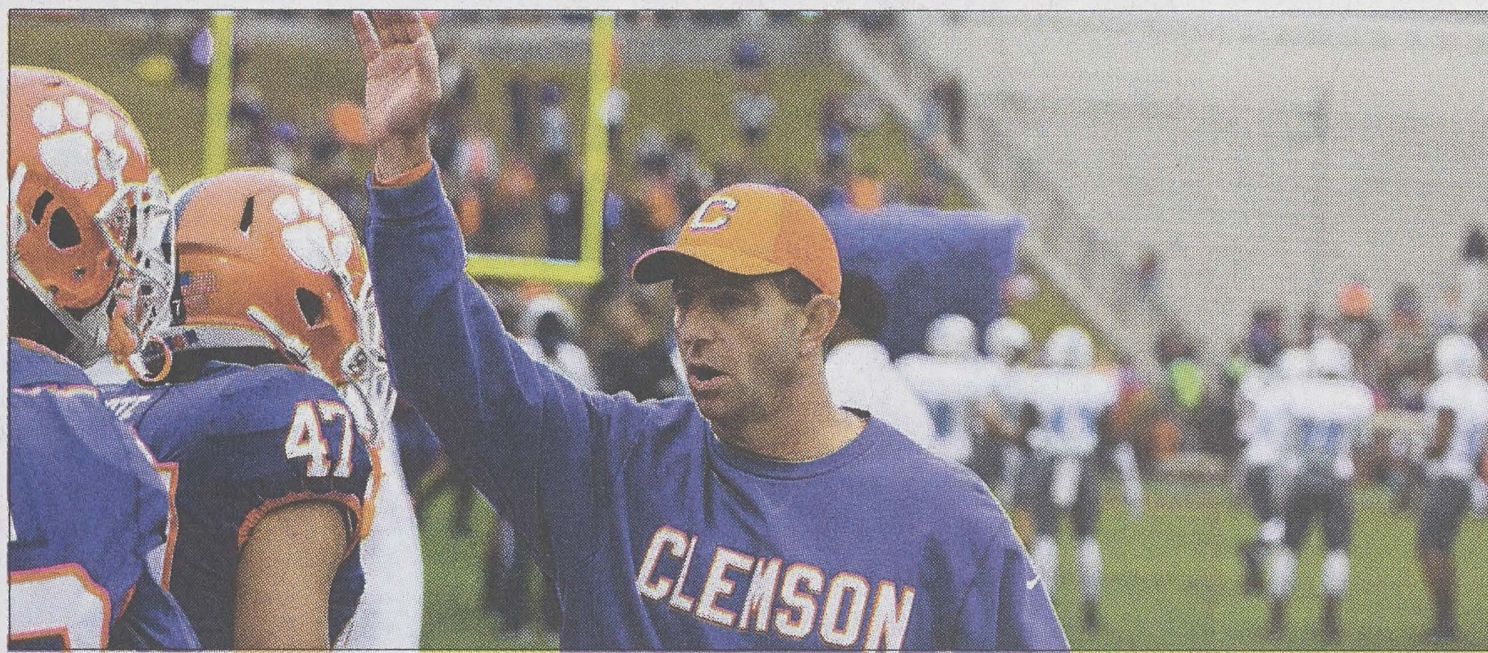


Senior relief pitcher Ryan Miller (35) jogs out onto the field during the Tigers' first game this season against William and Mary.



Sophomore shortstop Logan Davidson (8) went 2-for-4 with two singles and committed zero errors against the Tribe on Opening Day.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY A SUCCESS FOR TIGER FOOTBALL



Head coach Dabo Swinney and his coaches recruited players from all over to form Clemson's best ever recruiting class.

Ryan Donahue
Senior Sports Writer

Going into the 2018 National Signing Day, the Clemson football recruiting class was already stacked with some of the most talented players in the nation. Had the Tigers finished the offseason by just bringing in the likes of Trevor Lawrence, Xavier Thomas and Jackson Carman, they would have called the offseason a great success; however, Dabo Swinney and the Clemson coaching staff had a few more surprises in store. On Feb. 7, Clemson brought two more four-star players, Mario Goodrich and Justyn Ross, into the mix.

Goodrich is a 6' 2" 180 pound athlete out of Lee's Summit, Missouri who chose Clemson over Nebraska and LSU, amongst others. In high school, Goodrich played wide receiver, cornerback and special teams, and he will likely see playing time in all three positions at Clemson.

After the Tigers found out they would be losing Ray-Ray McCloud to the 2018 NFL Draft, there were questions about whether or not the Tigers could replace his athleticism and multi-faceted skill-set. Goodrich seems

to be a perfect fit for the Tigers as he will look to immediately fill the niche created by McCloud this past season.

One of the biggest surprises of the day was Justyn Ross' commitment to play for the Tigers in 2018. Ross, who is a 6' 4", 200 pound wide receiver out of Phenix City, Alabama, was all but guaranteed to join Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide next season. Ross is the highest rated player in the state of Alabama, and according to 247sports, 81 percent of experts projected Ross to attend Alabama.

Ross will join Goodrich and five-star wide-out Derion Kendrick in what shapes up to be another stacked receiver class for the Tigers. The combination of Ross, Goodrich and Kendrick, in addition to current receivers Tee Higgins and Hunter Renfrow, will certainly allow Clemson to continue to live up to the "Wide Receiver-U" standard.

With the addition of Goodrich and Ross, Clemson's recruiting class rose from ninth in the nation to sixth while also passing Miami to claim the top recruiting class in the ACC.

Dabo Swinney touched on the talent of this year's class in a recent press conference when he stated, "This is the most complete class that I've signed since I've been the head coach as far as the young men walking in this building. This is a special group. On paper, this is an incredible class and very complete."

Part of Dabo Swinney's message since he has arrived at Clemson has been a focus on sustained success. Clemson has been the second winningest team in college football over the past three seasons, and they are turning their success on the field into success in the offseason. This cycle of on-field success translating into top recruiting classes is reason for excitement for Tiger fans as it is the sign of a dynasty in the making.

While many top colleges focus solely on ability and athleticism, Swinney and his staff focus on, "recruiting championship-caliber people that just happen to be championship-caliber players." With these types of players in locker room, the future for Clemson football is brighter than ever.

THE SPORTS NOTEBOOK: WEEK OF FEB. 19-25

Brandon Stockdale
Contributor

Welcome to the Sports Notebook! Each week, The Tiger will give you a look at what's going on in Clemson Athletics with a summary of what happened during the previous week and what's ahead for the new week. NOTE: Any of the prior weekend's results in any sport will not be reflected in this article.

Men's basketball:

What has happened: Clemson's four-game winning streak was snapped this past Wednesday with an overtime loss on the road against Florida State. Shelton Mitchell suffered a concussion in the loss, and his status moving forward has still not been determined. The Tigers hosted Duke this past Sunday in Littlejohn Coliseum. Clemson was ranked No. 11 in the AP poll as of last week. If the Tigers can wrap up ACC play in good shape, they can secure a double-bye in the upcoming ACC Tournament beginning on March 6.

Coming up: Clemson will hit the road to Blacksburg, Va. to face Virginia Tech on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. before heading back home to host the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Baseball:

What has happened: Third-year head coach Monte Lee and the No. 12 ranked Tiger baseball team opened the 2018 season with a three-game series against William and Mary at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. See today's story from sports editor Allison Daniel for more in-depth details on how the weekend went.

Coming up: Clemson will host their first midweek game on Tuesday as their neighbors from Greenville, the Furman Paladins, will visit for a 4 p.m. pitch. Clemson will host a

3-game weekend series against Dallas Baptist, beginning Friday at 4 p.m. at Doug Kingsmore Stadium.

Golf:

What has happened: Clemson's fall season ended on Oct. 22 at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate tournament, where they finished No. 6. The Tigers were led by Doc Redman in the tournament. Clemson defeated Texas A&M and defending national champion Oklahoma.

Coming up: The Tigers will continue to play in the Puerto Rico Classic on Monday and Tuesday. The next match for Clemson after that won't be until March 11, when the Bandon Dunes Championship begins.

Track and field:

What has happened: The Tiger Paw Invitational was hosted on Feb. 10 and combined 17 top-25 teams in the country. Both the men's and women's teams had their best performances of the season in the 4x400m relays with Cordell Lamb, Deonte Tolbert, John Lewis and Jeffery Green on the men's side, and Olivia James, Kendra Clarke, Kamryn McIntosh and Fellan Ferguson on the women's side.

Coming up: Clemson will host the ACC Indoor Championships beginning on Thursday and wrapping up on Saturday.

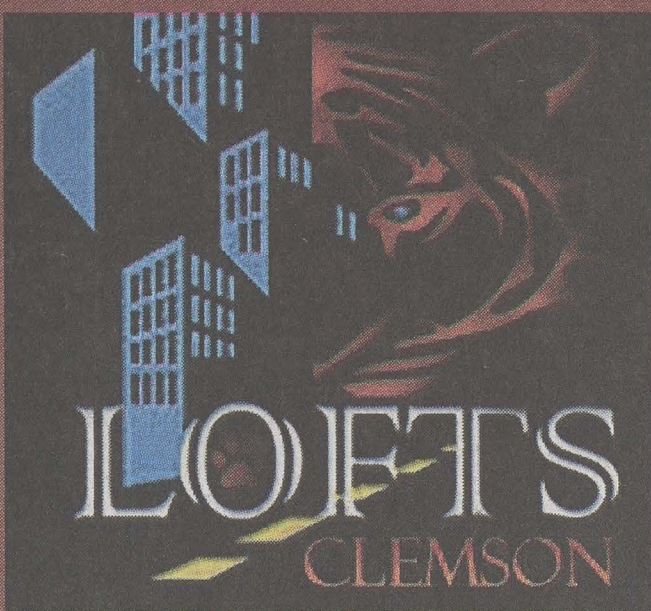
Women's basketball:

What has happened: Audra Smith and the Lady Tigers are currently struggling as they have dropped eight consecutive games and have not won a game since a double OT win in Littlejohn Coliseum over Boston College on Jan. 18.

Coming up: The Tigers will look to get back on track this week against Wake Forest on Wednesday before the ACC Tournament begins on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

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Well-balanced Tigers poised for NCAA Tournament run

Tigers step up after Grantham's season-ending injury

Cole Little
Senior Staff Writer

This season, for perhaps the first time in the Brad Brownell era of Clemson men's basketball, the Clemson Tigers lack a certified star, and that has proven to be a positive for a Tigers squad eager to earn its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2011. After years of relying heavily on the offensive production of All-ACC-caliber forwards, such as Trevor Booker, K.J. McDaniels and Jaron Blossomgame, the Tigers boast a more well-rounded roster as part of what could very well be the most promising Clemson team of the last 25 years. And balance is the pivotal reason why.

"You've got to have multiple playmakers," Brownell recently said to the media when discussing his team's versatility. "You've got to have multiple guys. That's one of the big differences between my team this year and some years past. I think that, this year, we have multiple guys that can make a big play."

With five players averaging double figures in the scoring column and five players averaging over four and a half rebounds per game, the Tigers have a complete team that features a multitude of complementing pieces. Even after the recent season-ending injury suffered by forward Donte Grantham, arguably the most complete player on the team, freshman Aamir Simms has stepped up valiantly to fill the void.

Last season, with frequent lineup changes and games commonly resting upon how well Blossomgame played, the Tigers suffered mightily from inconsistency. This year, however, win or lose, the Tigers have brought the same well-balanced edge game in and game out.

Settling into his newfound role as a regular starter this season,

hotshot guard Marcquise Reed has proven to be the X-factor for the Tigers' burgeoning offense, leading all Clemson scorers with 15.7 points per game. Perfectly complementing Reed in the backcourt has been point guard Shelton Mitchell, who has thrived since becoming the certified floor general for Clemson.

Splitting duties with fellow combo guard Avry Holmes in the starting backcourt last year, Mitchell never seemed to settle into a groove, with injury woes not helping matters either. This season, though, with Mitchell serving as the only true point guard amongst the starters, he has played remarkably well, averaging nearly four assists per game.

Jack of all trades wing player Gabe DeVoe has worked especially well with Mitchell this year. After struggling to find his shooting touch last season, DeVoe has been far more reliable from the field in the 2017-2018 slate, tallying an average of 13.4 points per contest. One of the top rebounding guards in the nation, DeVoe has changed the entire scope of games this season with his intense rebounding and defensive approaches, often creating scoring opportunities for Clemson in pivotal situations.

Down low, junior power forward Elijah Thomas has been the lynchpin for Clemson this season, fully coming into his own as one of the ACC's most complete big men. Averaging more than seven and a half boards this year, Thomas has been a force to be reckoned with on the glass.

Despite being somewhat undersized for someone who consistently plays under the basket, with Thomas standing at 6' 9", Elijah has established himself as perhaps the most NBA-ready player on Clemson's roster, with his shot-blocking ability and superb shooting touch around

the basket making him Clemson's most reliable player.

Fitting the theme of Brownell's tenure in Clemson, the Tigers also boast several adept defenders coming off the bench. From veteran forwards Mark Donnal and David Skara to promising freshmen Malik William and the aforementioned Simms, the Tigers boast plenty of size and defensive tenacity on a roster that features the most depth and balance that Brownell has ever had the luxury of working with at Clemson.

Bringing a tremendous level of excitement to Littlejohn Coliseum this year, the high-flying Tigers have played a much more upbeat, frenetic brand of basketball than in recent years, frequently totaling high scoring marks and using offensive intensity, as opposed to the defensive prowess of years past, to win competitive conference matchups.

"We want to create an environment with our fan base that this is a difficult place to play," Brownell said to reporters recently. "And I think it is, especially when we sell the place out and get it like it needs to be. I think this is a great home court."

Looking to finish the regular season strong and provide the Littlejohn faithful with even more excitement, the Tigers are definitely NCAA Tournament-bound. Furthermore, based on their recent play, the Tigers should be shooting for the stars as it relates to postseason play, with a Final Four run certainly serving as a realistic possibility for Clemson.

Deep, versatile, energetic and, most importantly, balanced, Clemson is one of the most dangerous teams in the ACC, if not the nation. And, with the heart of the college basketball season nearing, the Tigers are poised for greatness, so long as they remain balanced.


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TIGERS OF THE VALLEY:

SELENA VALDIZON

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Selena Valdizon, class of 2018, has heard many stories.

Having transferred to Clemson's nursing program two years ago, Valdizon has made the most of her time, meeting and connecting with people everywhere she goes. She rarely finds a moment to sit still. Valdizon drives to Greenville and Anderson for her clinical practice as part of her final year in nursing, while also taking a full load of classes and working a part time job at a nearby retirement home.

Despite all of the work she has on her plate, Valdizon somehow finds the time to stay involved

on campus and currently serves as president of Latinos Unidos @ Clemson University (LUCU), an organization built to bring awareness to issues faced by the Hispanic and Latinx community.

"I get my energy from people," Valdizon said.

Being so active has allowed Valdizon to meet a great variety of people. Determined for herself to succeed, Valdizon loves to motivate and encourage others.

"Some people just need a push. They don't realize how much potential they have, and you just have to tell them 'you are smart,'" Valdizon said.

"They don't realize that people fail. That's normal. You are going to fail, if

you don't fail you are not human. I think that's what they are scared of: to fail. And they don't realize that people fail all the time."

Valdizon highlighted one particular situation when a friend's mother came and thanked her for the effect her words and actions had on her son in regards to his potential to attend college.

"It wasn't until that moment that I realized how saying those few words and spending a little bit of time pushing them, just how that can impact them," Valdizon said.

Mentoring is only part of what Valdizon does, with equal attention paid to advocating for others through her role as president of LUCU. Having met so

many people struggling with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) issue, she chose this as one of the group's main issues.

DACA, an immigration status for undocumented immigrants brought into the U.S. as children created in 2012 by President Obama, is a status that is being hotly debated in the U.S. Congress. Alongside four other Hispanic/Latinx organizations, Valdizon worked to set up an event called Letters to Congress which promoted citizens to reach out to their congressmen in response to the revocation of this status.

"DACA affects anyone who migrated here at an early age," Valdizon said, warning that these immigration

issues affect more than just Latino students.

"I just promised myself I wanted to do something about it. [Be]cause I didn't think it was fair, for a population who has been here their whole life, this is all you've known, [and] something you consider your home doesn't accept you. So I thought that was wrong," Valdizon said.

In the fall of 2017, Valdizon sponsored a resolution in the Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate that expressed support for the DREAM Act, a bill which would grant a more permanent status to DACA recipients. The resolution was passed unanimously and was later also passed by the Graduate Student

Government (GSG).

"I think it is important for someone like myself and others too who were born in the U.S. to advocate for the population that has no voice," Valdizon said.

Even though she will be graduating soon, Valdizon wants to continue to work with immigrants and focus on changing immigration policy on a larger scale, as well as start exploring the world as a traveling nurse.

"I just want to see other places," Valdizon said.

"The hotter areas," Valdizon said when asked about which places she would like to see first.

A Clemson student whose life revolves around stories, Selena has lead a life with plenty to tell.

THING OF THE WEEK: MUSIC

By: Joseph Messier, Timeout Editor



MANIA

Courtesy of Pexels

Fall Out Boy's most recent album, released on Jan. 19, 2018, "MANIA" is a solid follow-up to their 2015 album "American Beauty/American Psycho." The album was originally scheduled to drop September 2017, but was postponed due to the bands' feeling that the album felt rushed.

"MANIA" consists of 10 songs, for a total run-time of about 36 minutes. The songs are noticeably EDM-influenced, having a strong percussive sound. The band described the album as "hard drive wipe" for their sound. "AB/AP" was the start of the band's drift from their classic "emo" sound, but "MANIA" dances even further away from what they are known for. However, hints of their roots can be found in the subject matter of some of the songs, especially "Wilson (Expensive Mistakes)."

Fall Out Boy are well-known for their elaborate music videos, and those produced for "MANIA" are no exception. They tend to have a loose narrative that runs throughout the music videos, so all the music videos can be watched in order to create a story. The "MANIA" videos are less organized, but they prominently feature two llamas throughout in various humorous situations.

"MANIA" is currently available for purchase on iTunes and the Google Play Store.

Top songs from the album:

"Young and Menace"

"Champion"

"Sunshine Riptide"

"Church"

Trivia question of the week:

Though there were no students just yet, this man was the first president for Clemson University from 1890 to 1893.

Answer: H. Aubrey Strode

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FIFTY SHADES OF AGONY

A MOVIE REVIEW

Jon Walsh
Contributor

It's Valentine's, and that means there's no better movie to avoid this year than "Fifty Shades Freed." More like "Fifty Shades of Sh**." This movie is what you see when your girlfriend chooses what movie to see on Valentine's Day, and there is not another "Sex in the City" film to bore everyone to death.

The movie was not nearly as excruciating as I expected it to be, however. Maybe it was because I brought a date to this film, or I could have been having a psychotic flashback to "Valley of the Dolls" or "Grease II." It could have also been because of the production of the "film" was semi-competent (highly improbable).

Having said that, this movie is incoherent, lazy and genuinely disturbing, both for the critic and the casual movie-goer. If you decide to watch this film, remember: it is in no way representative of reality — it's someone's twisted fantasy of how life and love could/should be. The sad reality of this film is that someone (probably a movie executive who funded it) actually believed it was a good idea.

This film begins

with Ana Steele and Christian Grey immediately after they start the most dysfunctional and disliked marriage in all of cinema (save for Anakin and Padme). Grey is immediately degrading towards his new wife, obsessed with controlling her and making sure that she doesn't disobey him. What a great way to start off a marriage! Soon after, Ana discovers that she has a stalker, which is where the main source of action and drama is supposed to come from.

This movie does for feminism what "Birth of a Nation" did for equal rights. Christian Grey is a controlling misogynist who constantly berates and abuses his wife. He is an insufferable character who is not deserving of his wife Ana. As Ana was constantly abused in this movie, whether by her husband or by her stalker (who lacks any motivation for stalking her), I ended up cheering for her to divorce Christian, which, SPOILER, did not happen.

The single enjoyable moment was early in the "film," where Ana confronts the architect of the house that she and Christian are constructing and gives the architect a piece of her mind. This scene was genuinely amusing



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and was quite laughable for its over-acting.

Of the many issues that arise in this movie, the most glaring is a problem that has been plaguing this franchise since the first film: Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson can't act and share absolutely no chemistry at all. Their dialogue in this movie is second in terrible quality only to "The Room": no one actually talks like the characters in this movie. Their inability to act, coupled with the deplorable dialogue, was responsible for an immense amount of unintended laughter.

In one scene, Christian Grey, who throughout the film has indicated that he does not drink, comes back to his apartment drunk in what may be the worst-acted scene in human history, or at least since Halle Berry tried being Catwoman. He pretends to be drunk in the way that a 10 year-old, who know what drunkenness is, would. I'm sure that a 10 year-old would be much more emotionally invested in any role in comparison to Dornan.

This film is also comparable to "The Room" in that many characters and subplots are introduced with absolutely no transition and have no resolution, though it is not nearly as comical or obvious.

That factor truly made this movie miserable, because a movie like "The Room" or "Trolls 2" is so bad that it's good. Other than the scene with Ana and the architect, the funniest part of the movie was when around six elderly people walked into the theater and then promptly walked out after the first sex scene. I think they may have been in the wrong theater.

This movie moves the plot through sex, effectively making it porn, with higher production value and an inferior script. This is where another problem arises. Dornan and Johnson's acting is only good enough for them to star in porn, which would be preferable compared to this film.

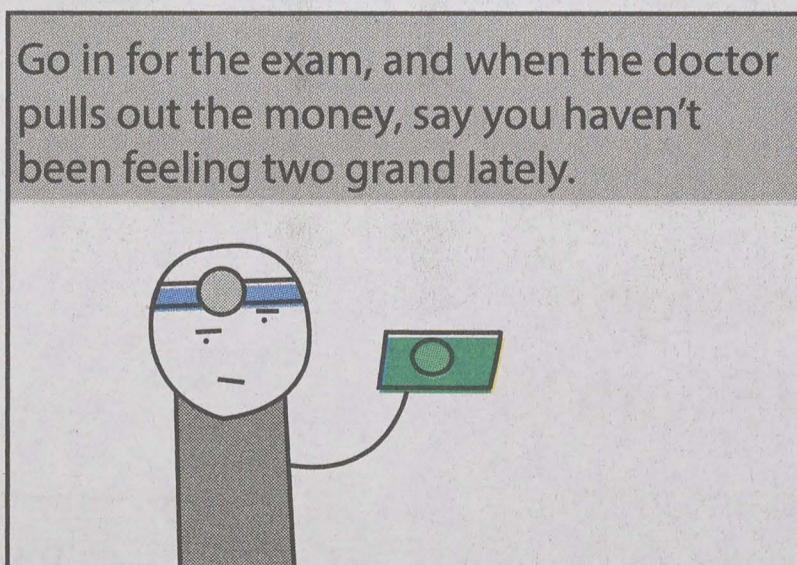
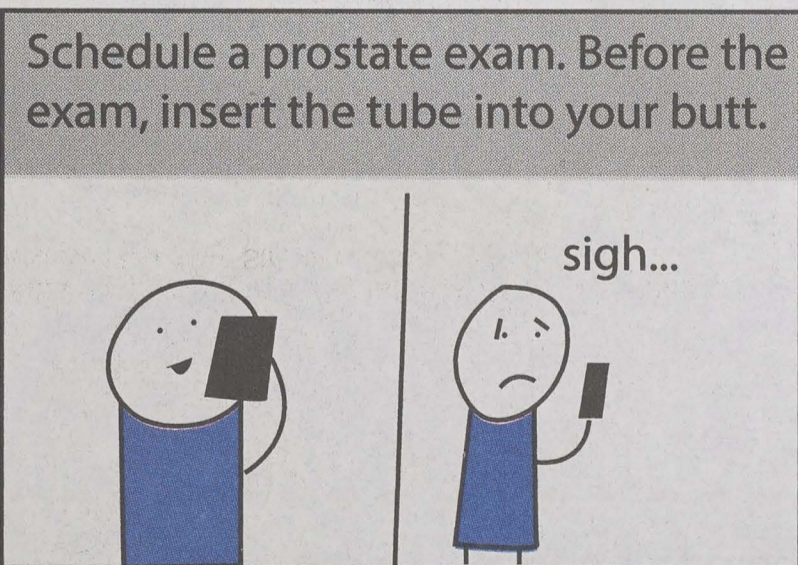
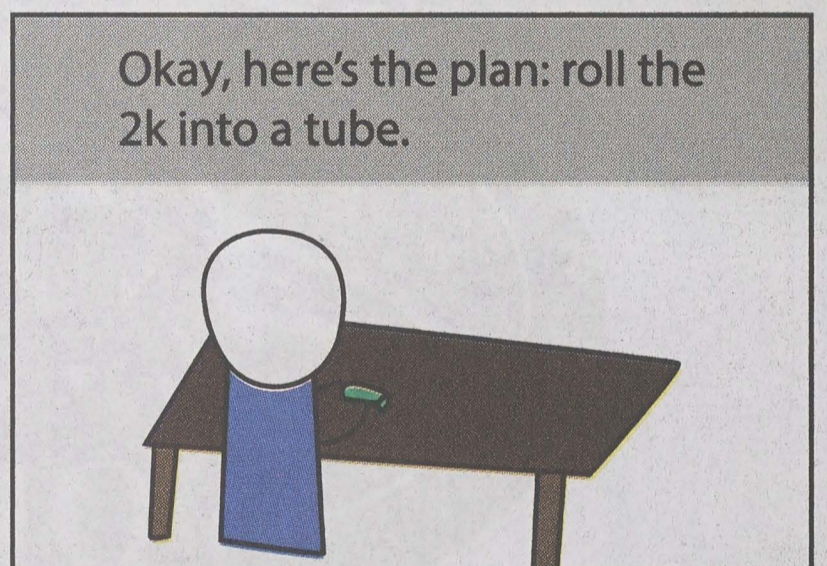
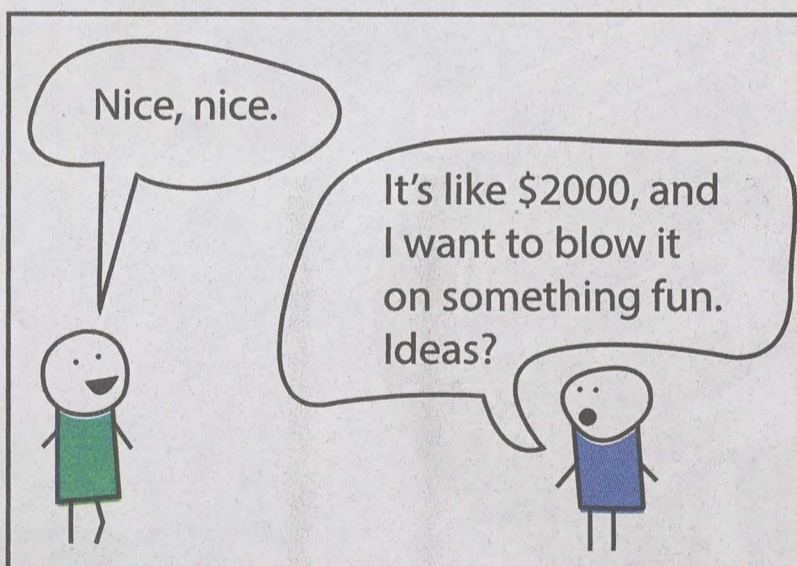
The only positive comment I can make about this movie, other than when Ana tells off the architect, is that it is the last (please, God be the last!) film in this trilogy of barf. With the possible exception of "Pirates of the Caribbean 5" and "The Legend of Hercules," this may be the worst movie I have ever seen. I can say with full confidence that "Fifty Shades Freed" is a horrible movie that should be avoided at all costs.

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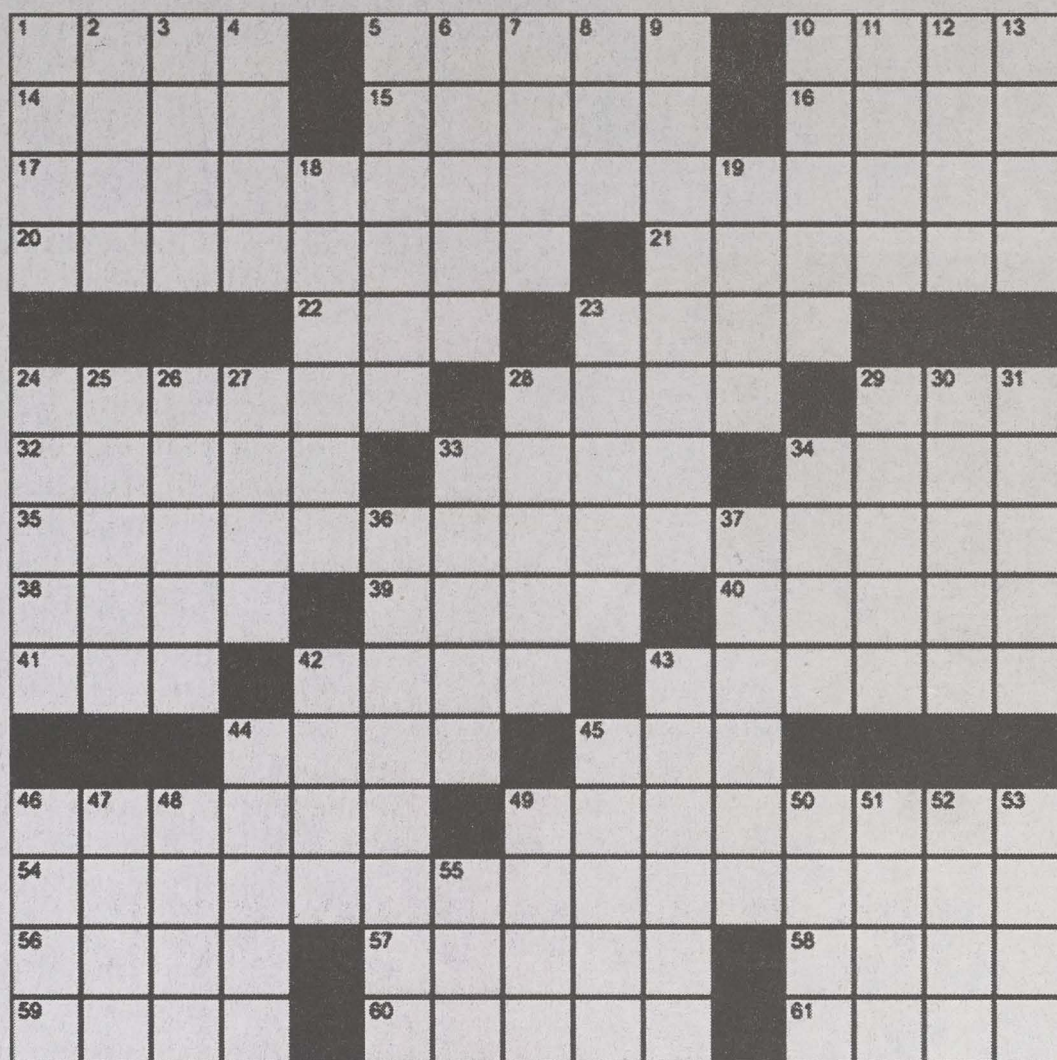
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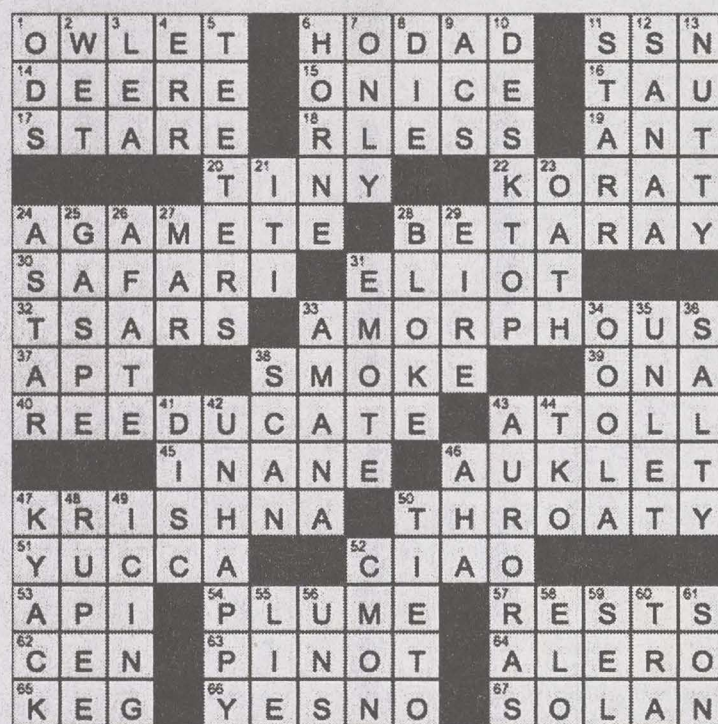
Across

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 5. Vows;
 10. Dairy product;
 14. Suffix with buck;
 15. Go swiftly;
 16. Dies ___;
 17. In spite of;
 20. Greek hero of the Trojan War;
 21. Stops;
 22. Conducted;
 23. Some TV's;
 24. Angora fleece;
 28. Drop of water expelled by the eye;
 29. Pay ___ view;
 32. Continental identity of a Chinese person;
 33. Haggis ingredient;
 34. Caesar's wings;
 35. Direct;
 38. Gets the picture;
 39. Falsehoods;
 40. Cranky;
 41. 10th letter of the Hebrew alphabet;
 42. Silver screen;
 43. Taoism founder;
 44. Shade trees;
 45. DC bigwig;
 46. Summon for active duty;
 49. Upper part of the intestines;
 54. Make a trade?;
 56. King of the Huns;
 57. Varnish resin;
 58. Wading bird;
 59. Penn name;
 60. Celtic priest;
 61. Exxon, formerly;
- #### Down
1. Turner of "Peyton Place";
 2. Camaro model;
 3. Sweater eater;
 4. ___ lay me...;
 5. Stableman;
 6. Felt sore;
 7. Chuck;
 8. Like Phoenix in summer;
 9. Rapidfire;
 10. King with a golden touch;
 11. Part of the eye;
 12. Narrow path for walkers, cars or ships;
 13. Frat party purchases;
 18. "Fighting" Big Ten team;
 19. Approach;
 23. Sailing hazards;
 24. Large and dense;
 25. Bony prefix;
 26. Took on;
 27. Small batteries;
 28. Private student;
 29. Pigtail;
 30. Merits;
 31. Color anew;
 33. Lower legs;
 34. Horton Hears ___;
 36. Saw fleetingly;
 37. "Hotel ___";
 42. Hint;
 43. Soviet leader Brezhnev;
 44. Pixyish;
 45. Finnish name of Finland;
 46. Tax experts: Abbr.;



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Last issue's crossword answers



AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Stop being scared and take the risk.



PISCES
Feb. 20 – March 20

It's okay to feel lonely, but don't go back to someone because of that.



ARIES
March 21 – April 20

Keep on smiling and the world will brighten because of it.



TAURUS
April 21 – May 20

Sometimes a simple phone call can do the trick.



GEMINI
May 21 – June 21

The happiness you bring to your friends never goes unnoticed.



CANCER
June 22 – July 22

These new experiences are scary but will change your life for the better.



LEO
July 23 – Aug. 23

Push yourself to be better.



VIRGO
Aug. 24 – Sept. 22

It is okay to be wrong sometimes. Accept it and learn from it.



LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 23

Moving on is hard but time and a little courage heals all wounds.



SCORPIO
Oct. 24 – Nov. 21

They are never truly gone from your life when they stay in your heart.



SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Changing how you look will never bring the changes that changing your outlook on life will do.



CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

They do not hate you, they just know you can be better.

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