PRESERVING THE PAST:
SAVING THE TIGER FOR ALL THE CLEMSON FAMILY

Since 1907, events and news written in the style and voice of students have been captured and recorded in The Tiger, the oldest continuously published student newspaper in South Carolina. That's something to brag about. A vital resource for students, faculty, alumni and historians, this unique part of Clemson history is in jeopardy unless we quickly digitize this important newspaper.

What’s at Risk?
Currently, the Special Collections Library is the only place you can find copies of The Tiger dating from 1907 to the present. Older issues are preserved using microfilm and bound paper copies. Researchers must be physically on campus to perform their work because there is no online access.

Treasured bound paper copies are housed in the Libraries’ Special Collections. Over time, these issues have become extremely fragile and brittle and cannot withstand continued handling. Because of their fragility, photocopying or scanning is not permitted except for the most recent volumes. Since research may only be conducted within the Libraries, researchers outside the University have no access to this important historic record.

Digitization is the Solution
While a text only version of The Tiger is accessible dating back to 2002, digitizing the paper is crucial for the preservation of and full access to its content. Funding is needed to preserve not only past and present issues of The Tiger, but to design a highly searchable online database. Techniques such as optical character scanning and the creation of metadata allow for the searching of images within each issue. The Tiger would also become part of state and national efforts to provide broad public access to hundreds of newspapers.
Funding of this project will allow *The Tiger* to join many other college and university student newspapers already available online. We cannot lose this important slice of Clemson history now or it will be lost forever.

**Help Preserve our Past and Future**

The technology we need is at our fingertips and just waiting to be used. Help ensure that future generations have the benefit of knowing Clemson’s past and present. Digitizing back issues of *The Tiger* and making them accessible through the Clemson University Libraries website is expensive, but priceless when you consider the value of preserving Clemson’s history. Help us turn a page for *The Tiger*. 