

GAMECOCK SPORTS

Former Bombers manager Stephenson returns to Capital City for second shot

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The Capital City Bombers will take the field this season with new but familiar leadership. The New York Mets have named John Stephenson, who managed the Bombers in 1997, as the Columbia team's manager for 2000. His staff includes pitching coach Doug Simons, coach Donovan Mitchell, and trainer Brian Chicklo.

Stephenson played as a catcher in the Major Leagues for the Mets, Cubs, Giants, and Angels over a period from 1963-1973 (451 games, .216 lifetime average). His baseball memories include catching Nolan Ryan's first three Major League strikeouts.

His coaching career includes 11 years at his alma mater, William Carey (Miss.), and six years at Southeast Louisiana, for a total college record of 557-316.

Stephenson now enters his sixth season as a manager in the Mets organization. Local fans will remember Stephenson for taking the 1997 Bombers squad into the South Atlantic League Playoffs.

Doug Simons will keep watch on the 2000 pitching staff after two seasons in that capacity with the Pittsfield Mets in the New York-Penn League. The left-handed pitcher spent his playing days with a few different organizations, but had perhaps his best season in 1991.

That year, Simons spent the whole

season with the New York Mets, compiling a 2-3 record with a 5.19 ERA and one save over 61 innings in his 42 appearances (including one start).

Donovan Mitchell joins the coaching staff as no stranger to the South Atlantic League. Mitchell played second base for the Asheville Tourists in 1993, when they were an Astros affiliate.

Mitchell (.291 avg.) made the SAL All-Star Team that season. Last year, after seven seasons in the Astros organization, Mitchell tried his hand at coaching for the first time with the Gulf Coast League Mets.

Brian Chicklo (pronounced chick-o-lo) begins his second year as a trainer in the Mets organization. Chicklo spent last season with the Pittsfield Mets.

TUESDAY'S HEADLINES

NFL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY
MIAMI AT JACKSONVILLE, 12:35 P.M.
WASHINGTON AT TAMPA BAY, 4:15 P.M.

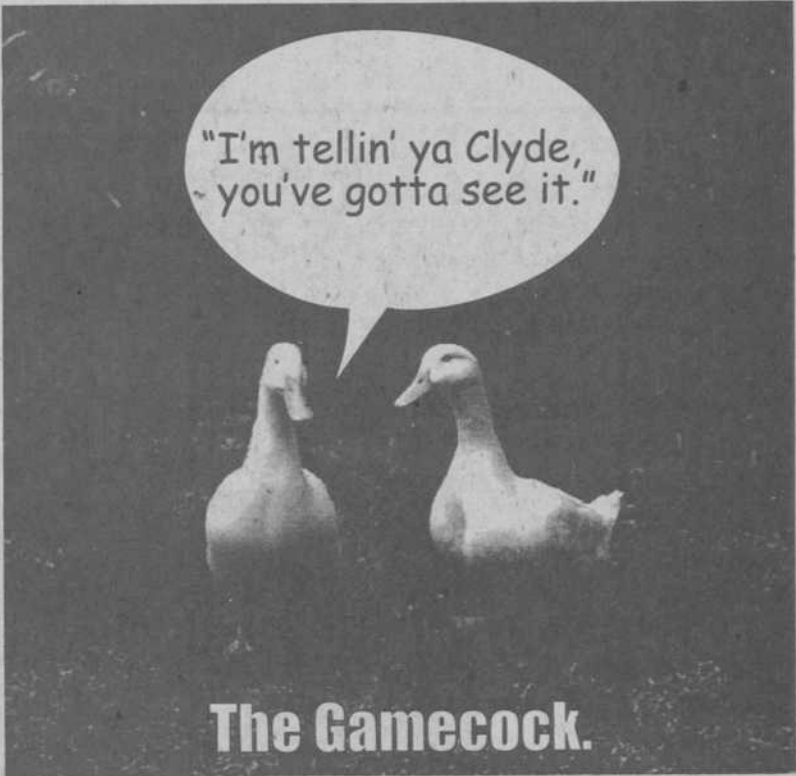
SUNDAY
MINNESOTA AT ST. LOUIS, 12:35 P.M.
TENNESSEE AT INDIANAPOLIS, 4:05 P.M.

• BOSTON'S CARLTON FISK, TONY PEREZ MAKE UP 2000 CLASS OF BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

• CHAN GAILEY FIRED AS COACH OF DALLAS COWBOYS AFTER LOSING TO MINNESOTA IN FIRST ROUND OF NFL PLAYOFFS

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