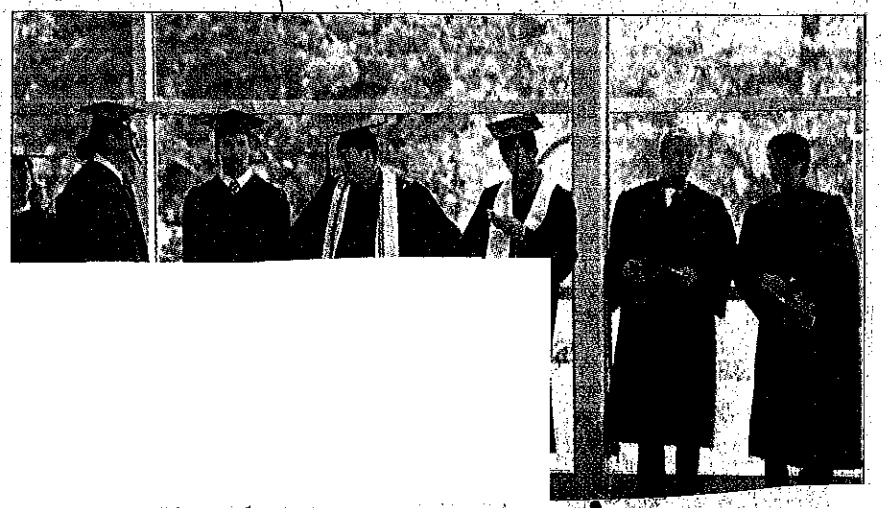
Clemson University among top



For the eighth year in a row, Clemson University has been ranked

25 for eighth consecutive year

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CLEMSON — Clemson University officials not only can boast of having a top-25 football team, but also one of the best 25 national public universities.

U.S. News and World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges" for 2016, released this week, ranked Clemson 21st, tied with the University of Georgia and Purdue University. The guide also ranked Clemson 16th among "most innovative schools," which is a new ranking of schools that have made "the most innovative improvements in curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology or facilities."

President Jim Clements said he is proud Clemson is ranked among the nation's top public universities.

"It is a tribute to the quality of a Clemson education and the outstanding work that our faculty, staff and administrators are doing to make a difference in the lives of our students and the state," Clements said.

The rankings by U.S. News and World Report are divided among national universities, national liberal arts colleges, regional universities and regional colleges, using the Carnegie classification the publication said is the accepted standard in higher education.

National universities offer a full range of undergraduate majors, as well as master's and doctoral programs and emphasize faculty research. According to Clemson's profile, the university has a total undergraduate enrollment of 17,260, set on a

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