Dear SCSU Foundation Stakeholders:

As a new addition to the South Carolina State University family, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our alumni and friends for helping me to make my transition to SC State University a smooth one. Thanks also for your tremendous support of our institution, despite these turbulent economic times. The most significant aspect of our mission is to prepare SC State University students to meet the demands of a dynamic, global society. Your contributions will enable us to ensure that this mission is accomplished.

During my tenure here at SC State University, it is my goal to establish and maintain synergy among the University and our stakeholders, alumni and the community. This combined effort among all parties is especially important when state appropriations are being cut by a substantial amount. Although we will continue to engage state and federal legislators, it is ultimately our responsibility as alumni and supporters of SC State University to continue educating students. It is our responsibility to continue our part in creating−engaging, educators, nurses, politicians and others who will create milestones not only for SC State University, but for our nation.

Therefore, I ask that you continue your unselfish giving in order to sustain the quality of our educational programs. I ask that you provide unrestricted funds to support the SCSU Foundation as it provides programmatic support to the University.

I would like to thank those who have supported our endeavors thus far. The 2010 Scholarship Gala and Tribute, for example, was a tremendous success. Due to your assistance, we were able to raise more than $190,000 and to provide needed scholarships to high achieving students through the SCSU Foundation. In addition to the Scholarship Gala, contributions this quarter from corporations such as Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, Progress Energy and Construction Dynamics, prove that these companies believe in the mission of our University, and truly understand the significance that their dollars will make to the overall success of this institution.

I hope that you will continue as strong supporters and patrons of SC State University. Let’s show that we are an important part to the viability of the state of South Carolina. In the coming months, you will be inundated with mail and electronic correspondence about the great things happening at our University. We want you to understand that your dollars are supporting scholarships, a better quality of campus life, the enhancement of University programs, safety and security as we strive to develop SC State University into a flagship institution.

To arrange for your donation, please visit the SC State University website at www.scsu.edu, or call (803) 536-7190.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anthony L. Holloman
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David Stinson (outer right), president of Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC, and former MOX Scholars (currently employed with Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC) present check to President George E. Cooper (outer left) for the Summer Nuclear Science Institute.

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President's Message

Over the last several months, you have been ap-
proached by the vice-president of Progress Energy’s South Carolina An-
nuity, Dr. George E. Cooper.

Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC (MOX Services) in Aiken, S.C.,
recently presented a $100,000 check to SC State University’s Nuclear Engineering Program (NEP) in Aiken, S.C., in support of the Summer Nuclear Science Institute. This institute is designed to ex-
plicate high school students and guidance counselors to nuclear science and engineering. We also received a $25,000 gift from Progress Energy to support nu-
clear engineering majors. In addition, Construction Dynamics, Inc., provided a gift of $25,000 to support need based student scholarships.

Construction projects across the campus are pro-
gressing well. Hodge Hall Annex is about 90 percent completed with handover expected in April 2010. New space will be provided for faculty and academic offices, classrooms and laboratories for chemistry and biology. The first phase of the James E. Clyburn University Research and Confer-
cence Center is in the final stage of major construction. Once completed, it will provide continued support for our Transportation Research Center and opportunities for students interested in our Master of Science degree program in transportation. We anticipate that a final contract would be in place early April. We are about to launch our men’s and women’s basketball teams for the season finale at the MEAC–Swansea Tournament in Winston-Sa,
lem, North Carolina, with both teams earning a spot in the MEAC Championship game.

While we are all impacted by the downturn in the economy, alumni and stakeholders of SC State Uni-
versity have continued to provide increased support to the University. Overall giving from alumni, cor-
porations and stakeholders is up about 72 percent. Alumni giving is up 110 percent and corpo-
ration, foundations and small business contribu-
tions are up 62 percent over this time last year.

Although currently accredited by the Southern As-
sociation of Colleges and Schools, the University is working hard to prepare for reaffirmation of accred-
tion. The SACS on-site visit occurred on our campus on March 29-31. The University will be notified of SACS actions in December 2010 as it relates to re-
affirmation of accreditation approved of our Qual-
ity Enhancement Plan and request for substantive change.

We are in the business of preparing our students for the complex global challenges that will continue to emerge. We take considerable pride in our Uni-
versity's purpose and mission. As we look toward the future, we will continue to make decisions that will positively impact the University and the stu-
dents who choose SC State University. I would like to thank alumni, friends, students, faculty, staff and stakeholders for your continued commitment and support of our institution.

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Dr. George E. Cooper
President, SC State University

CONSTRUCTION DYNAMICS, INC., DONATES $25,000 TO SC STATE UNIVERSITY

by Tamela Kenure

Nathaniel Spells, St. president and CEO of Construction Dyna-
mics, Inc. (CDI), recently presented SC State University’s President, Dr. George E. Cooper, with a $25,000 check. This gift will be used for need based student scholarships at the institution.

Ongoing during the onset of the University’s 2010 Scholarship Gala and Tribute, this generous contribution is significant for students who have achieved excellence and who were deemed as “shining stars” during their academic endeavors. The Summer Nuclear Science Institute, which is hosted annually on the campus of SC State University, has attracted more than 60 ap-
licants each year. The Institute’s initial funding was provided through grants from the Nuclear Regula-
tory Commission and the Department of Education. This year, af-
ter depletion of grant funding MOX Services adopted an important role in providing funds for the 2010 Summer Nuclear Science Institute.

“SC State University is appreciative of all of the support provided by MOX Services,” stated Dr. Kenneth D. Lewis, dean of the College of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. “The Universi-
ity’s partnership with the consortium initially began with a commitment for the prod-
cution of the MOX Scholars Program in 2008. This program gives outstanding SC State University students in engineering, science and computer science the opportunity to receive full tuition scholarship support for up to two years, summer employment at the MOX facil-
ity and permanent job placement upon graduation from the Uni-
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“Progress Energy is a strong supporter of education,” said Birmingham-Byrd. “Nuclear power is an important part of our nation’s energy future, and we are proud to partner with SC State to encourage the next generation of nuclear engineers.”

This encouragement will be in the form of scholarships to students who demon-
come an integral part of our nation’s search for efficient and sustained energy sources. With the gift from Progress Energy and according to President Cooper, this gift will allow SC State to continue preparing stu-
dents for the nuclear industry.

“We are excited about receiving this $25,000 contribution from Mr. Spells and CDI,” says Cooper. “It is businesses such as CDI that understand our mission and the needs of our students who make a difference, especially in these tough economic times. In this volatile economy, the University needs support from reliable stakeholders such as CDI who will ensure that students receive the necessary funding to continue their education.”

CDI, a full-service comprehensive general contracting and construc-
tion management firm based in Columbia, SC, has continuously pro-
vided philanthropic support. “I firmly believe that if the underserved communities are to achieve their full potential, it is because of the great equal-
izers in this nation is a quality education. Toward that end, CDI was pleased to continue our support to the Scholarship Gala,” said Spells.

On Wednesday, April 14, SC State University will host its 2010 Scholarship Gala, a formal event that will feature a variety of_
WHERE LEADERS ARE BORN
SC State University Students Selected for the Minority Leadership Program
by Yatnka Korom

Shemariah Farmer never anticipated attending South Carolina State University. After growing up in Augusta, Ga., she applied to a number of colleges and universities from all over the U.S., the Minority Leadership Program. As their advisor, Jenkins said she has always spoken to both students on the significance of furthering their education in this major. “During academic advising, we’ve talked about things they needed to do to be successful in this field,” said Jenkins. “They have always indicated that they wanted to attend graduate school. I’ve never heard them complain, and all of our students have a heavy workload.”

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SC State University's I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium Honors Dr. Leo Twiggs

by Ellen Zohich and Ingrid Oronte

The I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium (The Stanback) honors Dr. Leo Twiggs, The Stanback's first director, with its current exhibition, “Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection,” to pay tribute to his contributions to The Stanback. A photo-graph of Twiggs is displayed in the museum lobby with those of Isreal P. Stanback, a prominent businessman and philanthropist from Columbia, S.C. who served as the first Afri-can-American chairman of The University’s Board of Trustees, and Dr. Clemmie E. Webber, the visionary for the creation of the planetarium.

As a “Twentieth Century Master,” Twiggs’ work is included in this exhibition which showcases works by paper by internationally renowned artists, including Jacob Lawrence, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Rembrandt Bearden, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali, James Rosenquist, Alexander Calder, Elizabeth Catlett, Jim Dine, Jasper Johns, Joan Miro, Willem De Kooning, George Segal, Helen Frankenthaler, Louise Nevelson, Robert Rauschenberg, Camille Billops, John Biggers, Mildred Thompson and many others, as well as selected work by William Johnson, Hale Woodruff and Freddie Styles from The Stanback’s collection.

While at SC State University, Twiggs developed The Stan-back Museum and established the University’s Art Department. In 1988, Elmya magazine featured the museum in an article entitled “South Carolina State University’s Hidden Treasure.” Twiggs designed the official Seal of the University, the logo for the 1996 Centennial Celebration. He was also the director of the museum and chair of the Art Department until he retired in 1998.

 Twiggs was the first visual artist to receive the Verner Award (Governor’s Trophy) for outstanding contributions to the arts in South Carolina, and received the National Art Education Association Southeastern Regional Award in 1981. In 1994, he was selected to appear in the WIS-TV Bell South Calendar.

Twiggs was also inducted into the SC Black Hall of Fame in 1998 and the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2003.

Born in St Stephen, S.C., Twiggs received his BA, Summa Cum Laude, from Lincoln University, and his MA and PhD from the Arts Institute of Chicago. He earned his MA at New York University where he studied with the famed African-American artist and muralist, John Outterbridge, whose work is included in this exhibition. Twiggs was the first African-American to receive a doctorate in art education from the University of Georgia.

As a teacher at Lincoln High School in Sumter, S.C., Twiggs’ students won over 125 regional and national awards. One student became the first senior high school student from SC to win a National Scholastic Art Award. Twiggs was also selected as a juror for the national competition in New York.

Jeffries Named Head Coach Emeritus at SC State University

by Bill Fassnider

Former South Carolina State University football coach Willie Jeffries, who attained legendary status at his alma mater before retiring nine years ago, has been named head football coach emeritus at the University where he won more than 200 games.

A recommendation from SC State University athletics director Charlene Johnson and President George Cooper to elevate Jeffries to “emeritus” status was approved by the University’s Board of Trustees at its February 26, 2010 meeting.

Not only will Jeffries wear a new title, the former Bulldog coach will also serve as a liaison between the University, its alumni and other constituents, and also help market the University.

“Coach Jeffries is well known by so many, not just for his achievements in athletics, but also for his humanitarian contributions to the community, this state and society,” said Johnson. “He has used football and his great personal skills to bring about better community relations in Orangeburg County, the state and beyond, and I think it’s very fitting that the University be able to honor this upon him.

Jeffries expressed his pleasure at being recognized in such a way by his alma mater, and said he accepted the position with the understanding that he would do his part to elevate athletics and market the University.

“It’s a great honor,” Jeffries said. “I accept this honor and role with great humility, not just for myself but for all the young men I’ve coached. I’m ready and willing to do all I can to increase the visibility of the University, our football program and our other sports.

During a 19-year coaching career at SC State University, which included two tenures- 1973-1978 and 1990-2006-coaching more football games than any other coach in school history, He compiled an enviable record of 128-77-4 during his two stints as Head Coach at head coach.

The University’s native and 1968 alumnus also owns more MEAC victories than any other coach in the long history of the league. During his remarkable 29-year collegiate head-coaching career – which included five-year stints at both Wichita State and Howard – he compiled a 179-132-6 record, a winning percentage of over sixty percent.

In addition to his sparkling won-loss record at the University, the SC State alumni guided his teams to six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championships, two national titles and eight post-season appearances. He has also reaped a number of coaching and civic honors.

Jeffries has coached hundreds of young men – including numerous who have gone on to distinguish themselves in professional sports and other professions as well. He mentored many and served as a father figure for others.

Jeffries’ name has been synonymous with SC State University football over the years. He is a true “favorite son.” It all started in 1958 when he graduated as a student at the then-SC State College. The relation was a fit from the start and continues to endure today.

Also at the I.P. Stanback Museum & Planetarium

The exhibition, “Remembering the Rosenwald Schools” features images, documents and artifacts from former Rosenwald students, teachers and schools in S.C. A featured part of this exhibition is a lecture on the Rosenwald school in S.C. by Retired Bishop Frederick C. James, Dr. O’Neal Smalls, Dr. Barbara Jenkins and Ulysses S. Jarvis, taking place on April 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.