SC State defeats Hampton, 28-24

Win gives Bulldogs first victory at Hampton

By DONTA’ LEGETTE
COLLEGIAN SPORTS EDITOR

SC State (4-1, 4-3) went to Hampton, Va., to face Hampton (3-3, 4-3) Oct. 20, with every game, for both teams, important for determining their MEAC championship title birth.

“I just want to play hard this time around and play smarter because we went to Nor-

folk, underestimated them...and we know Hampton is going to be ready,” defensive lineman Markus James said told The Times and Democrat. “We have to come with our ‘A’ game.”

The Bulldogs struck first with a 9-yard

PLEASE SEE HAMPTON ON PAGE 6

The Collegian explains why first issue comes out later than usual

Alright, admit it.
You’re probably sitting in the Café or in the Student Center wondering why this, our first issue, is coming out so late.

Well, the full explanation could probably take up this entire paper, so here’s a quick summary:
We didn’t have anyone to print our newspaper.

That’s right. When the contract for printing The Collegian was sent out by the university back in August to various companies, they accidentally sent the contract to businesses that normally print pamphlets and magazines, such as the program books for the Bulldog football games, and not to the newspapers, which normally print our paper.

Why do we only use newspapers to print The Collegian?
Because we can only use newsprint, the material that this issue is printed on (and material that only newspapers have), to print our paper. The contract was sent out again by the university to the correct businesses, and we had to wait even longer for someone to accept our contract.

This past week, The Times and Democrat, the paper here in Orangeburg, agreed to print The Collegian for this year, and I, along with the rest of the staff, am eternally grateful that they have done so.

Now, with that out of the way, while we were waiting to print, we’ve been making a few changes with the newspaper, some of which we hope you’ve noticed already, such as our new look.

We have more new ideas coming, such as our new sections, like Impact, a section that discusses religious and African-American issues and a new section devoted exclusively to, and for, international students, which will make its debut in November.

As we continue to make more changes for the paper, let us know what you think about the changes and give us any ideas you have to make our paper even better.

Send an e-mail to thecollegian@scsu.edu, or to our new Facebook group (“The Collegian – SCSU’s Newspaper”).

We look forward to serving you…and printing more often.

- Dante Mozie
Editor-in-Chief
NOOSE FOUND ON BLACK PROFESSOR’S OFFICE DOOR

NEW YORK - Investigators on Oct. 10 were looking into whether a noose hanging from the door of a black professor at Columbia University was the work of disgruntled students or even a fellow professor.

A police official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because details of the investigation have not been made public, stressed that investigators were looking into a variety of possibilities. One is that the noose was placed on Madonna Constantine’s door by another professor with whom she was having a dispute at the university’s Teacher’s College, the police official said.

The discovery of the noose, found Oct. 9, has roiled the Ivy League campus, prompting plans for a protest rally and a meeting for upset students and faculty.

“This is an assault on African Americans and therefore it is an assault on every one of us,” university President Lee C. Bollinger said in a statement. “I know I speak on behalf of every member of our communities in condemning this horrible action.”

Columbia has been the site of other campus turmoil, most recently last month when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was invited to speak, prompting protests by groups angry over his statements questioning the existence of the Holocaust.

Last fall, Columbia was in the spotlight when a group of students stormed a stage to silence a speech by Jim Gilchrist, the founder of a group opposed to illegal immigration.

-Spelman receives $10 million for new program

ATLANTA - Making the largest donation in its 157-year history, Lehman Brothers Holding Inc. has announced a $10 million gift to Spelman College to provide opportunities for black women interested in business careers.

The grant, announced Oct. 17 on Spelman’s campus in Atlanta, will be used to develop the Lehman Brothers Center for Global Finance and Economic Development. The center will offer an interdisciplinary curriculum, internships, scholarships, mentoring and a Chinese language program.

“I cannot imagine a better partner than an industry leader like Lehman Brothers to help us prepare our students to successfully enter an arena where they have been historically underrepresented,” Spelman President Beverly Daniel Tatum said in a press release.

Tatum and Lehman Brothers president and chief operating officer Joseph M. Gregory held an open discussion and reception on Spelman’s campus on the day of their announcement. During the event, Joseph said his firm wanted to give back and put Spelman students on an equal-level playing field.

At the same time the new Lehman Center is set to open, fall 2008, Spelman is expected to also open its first “green friendly” residence hall.

“This year, US News & World Report ranked Spelman as the No.1 historically black college and one of the 75 top "Best Liberal Arts Colleges."

- Michelle D. Anderson
Black College Wire

THE COLLEGIAN CALENDAR

Graduate and Professional Schools Day
When: Wednesday, Oct. 24
Where: K.W. Green Student Center
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive presented by the Student Government Association, Pan-Hellenic Council and Brooks Health Center
When: Thursday, Oct. 25
Where: Bulldog Lounge, K.W. Green Student Center
Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Harlem On My Mind: 1900-1939
This art exhibit had been previously presented only in 1969 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.
When: Thursday, Oct. 25
Where: I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Bulldog Soccer: SC State vs. Lees McRae
When: Friday, Oct. 26
Where: Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium
Time: 7 p.m.
Miss SC State’s Coronation a graceful event

By DERVEDIA THOMAS and ANDREA PAYNE
COLLEGIAN MANAGING EDITOR AND INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

The coronation of Portia Gifford, Miss SC State 2007-08, was generally well organized, except for briefly uncomfortable pauses while the band found their music during the entertainment segment. The evening began with the installation of the Student Government Association body, which included President Jeremy Rgers, Vice President Arfraja McLeod, Business Manager Johnerra Alford, Corresponding Secretary Sheila Wright and Recording Secretary Whitney McCrea.

It was then time to put the queens in the spotlight.

Kirsten Hill, Miss SC State 2006-07, took her final walk and finally positioned herself in the queen’s seat on the fairy tale-inspired stage. The queens, and their escorts from visiting schools, graced the court of Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center before the royal lineage was announced and presented, including the oldest living Miss SC State, Gracia Waterman Dawson.

Organizational queens, were resplendent in gowns whose color rendered mixed reactions. Gifford escorted by her father was elegant in white. The evening was enhanced by African inspired music and dance which ushered in the Coronation Ball.

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Students prepare for Honda All-Star Challenge

By ABDALLA STRAKER
COLLEGIAN NEWS EDITOR

Bells of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge are ringing once again.

This question-and-answer competition combines academic material, popular culture and sports in a format emphasizing quick responses. It is a fast-paced competition which requires you to be quick to the buzzer and equally quick with the right answer.

It is divided into two parts. The first part is the on campus competition, which is the known as the “Quiz Bowl.” This year’s Quiz Bowl competition took place on Sept. 29 and saw 13 teams competing for the top spot.

Emerging in first place was the Zeta Phi Beta team consisting of Deidra Mcmcray, a senior Civil Engineering Technology major; Kara Fowler, a senior History Education major; Sahara Walters, a junior Nursing major and Loyd McClary, a senior in Pre-Law.

The next stage is the selection of the Varsity team and their preparation for the National Championship, the Campus All-Star Challenge, which will be next semester. SC State will compete against 63 other Historically Black Colleges and Universities for top honors.

Visit Straker’s website, at www.abdallastraker.com

Sen. McCain visits SC State

By DANTE MOZIE
COLLEGIAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sen. John McCain continued with his presidential campaign tour with a visit to SC State Oct. 3.

The Republican presidential candidate held a question-and-answer session with students, faculty, staff and visitors in the President’s STATE Room at the Andrew Hugine Jr. Suites.

McCain placed much emphasis on the importance of continuing the war in Iraq. He said that it’s going to be a tough struggle and a long war.

“I think we face a great threat, and it’s called radical Islamic extremism,” McCain said. “I think there’s a force of evil out there that wants to destroy everything we stand for and believe in.”

The senator from Arizona said that he would love to see our troops come home immediately, but he added that he doesn’t think that we can because those Islamic extremists would follow us.

“You don’t have to take my word for it. Listen to what (Osama) bin Laden says (and) listen to what (Abu Musab) al-Zarqawi says, McCain said. “The target is not Iraq. The target is Saudi Arabia and it’s also the United States of America and everything we stand for and believe in.”

During the question-and-answer session, students and visitors asked McCain about various issues, including financial aid for college students.

McCain said that we have to increase the availability of student loans, increase Pell grants. He said he doesn’t know by how much he would increase these loans and grants but said that the increase would be “pretty significant.”

McCain said that he was in favor of funding stem cell research, a stark contrast from pro-life supporters and President Bush.

But when talking about expanding Medicare to help those in poverty, McCain said that he would expand the program to help low-income children, but not for 400 percent of the poverty level due to a plan to increase costs by $35 billion, costs that would be paid for by the increase of cigarette taxes.

“What we’re basically doing is we’re laying another unfunded liability on these young people,” McCain said, referring to the students in attendance.

McCain visited SC State to congratulate the Bulldog Battalion ROTC program on its 60th anniversary, but some suggest that the senator appeared at the university to make up for missing a GOP presidential debate at historically black Morgan State University Sept. 27.

McCain said that there was a scheduling conflict.

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Gifford, who looked elegant in white, opened the entertainment segment with a graceful mix of ballroom and modern dance accompanied by her father, before being presented with various gifts, congratulations and well wishes by organizations within SC State.

Making the transition from Gifford’s dance to the entertainment presented by organizational queens and kings were African drummers and dancers, as well as the Champagne Dancers from the Marching 101, who danced to African-inspired music. The drummer was almost appreciated, but the dance could have been kept for an art or dance appreciation event, as it was not very entertaining.

The masked caricature was mainly jumping around and going in circles. The evening ended with a dance by the kings, queens, ladies-in-waiting and the Champagne Dancers to an accepting audience, who later joined in at the Coronation Ball, doing the Electric Slide, and other popular moves.

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“I didn’t mention that I was one of the leaders in seeking recognition for Dr. (Martin Luther) King’s birthday in my home state of Arizona,” McCain said, referring to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. “My record is pretty clear.”

Arizona was one of the last states to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Day, finally doing so in 1993, according to the Arizona State Library. This was seven years after the first national King Holiday was observed in 1986.

Samuel McElrath, a senior Professional English major, said that McCain’s ideas were on point and he was on target with his answers.

“What matters to me is if he has the best interest of black people at hand, and that’s what’s the big issue for me,” McElrath said.

With nine other Republican candidates vying for the party’s nomination, McCain said that his background, experience and knowledge qualify him to, at least, submit himself to the judgment of the people of the U.S.

“Frankly, I’m the oldest candidate, said McCain, 71. “But I’m the most experienced.”

Lil’ Wayne, Bobby Valentino concert highlight SC State’s Homecoming activities

Lil Wayne and Bobby Valentino will be performing at this year’s Homecoming Concert Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. The concert is one of many activities scheduled for this year’s Homecoming, including the dorm step show that took place Oct. 22 at the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center, the Fashion Show Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium and the Greek Step Show Friday at 8 p.m. at SHM.

Saturday’s events include the annual Homecoming Parade, which begins at 9:30 a.m. The Grand Marshals for this year’s parade are John J. Funny, the President and CEO of Grice and Associates, an Atlanta-based engineering firm and a 1987 graduate of SC State, and Gracia Waterman Dawson, the oldest living former Miss SC State (1936-1937) and a 1937 graduate of SC State.

The festivities continue later that day with the Homecoming football game between SC State and Delaware State University at 1:30 p.m. at Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium.

Below are just a few of the events planned for Homecoming. The full list is available on the school’s website, at www.scsu.edu.

The information below is subject to change.

WEDNESDAY

HOMECOMING CONCERT FEATURING LIL’ WAYNE AND BOBBY VALENTINO: 8 p.m. SHM

$5 for SC State students, first 100 students free

$15 in advance

$25 at the door

THURSDAY

FASHION SHOW, FEATURING KELLY JAY (“BEAUTIFUL” FROM VH1’S “FLAVA OF LOVE” SEASON TWO)

- PRESENTED BY APPLE BOTTOMS: 8 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium

$5 for SC State students

$10 for non-SC State students

$15 for general admission

CABARET RED CARPET AFFAIR: 8 p.m. Bulldog Lounge, Student Center

If you paid for the fashion show, this event is free with the same ticket. Dressy attire only.

Indiana University, Auburn among schools attending Graduate and Professional Schools Day

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND MARKETING

The SC State University Career Center will sponsor its annual Graduate and Professional Schools Day on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, in the Kirkland W. Green Student Center. The event is free and open to prospective students seeking advanced degrees.

“The career center staff at SC State is committed to providing comprehensive and beneficial career opportunities in direct response to the needs of our students,” said Joseph B. Thomas Jr., interim career center director.

For additional information, please contact the SC State University Career Center at (803) 536-7031.
Alleged sponsor of terrorism requests to honor Sept. 11 victims and claims that Iran does not have homosexuals.

I remained neutral when authorities denied Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's request to visit the World Trade Center. Ahmadinejad, an alleged sponsor of terror who attacked Jews by claiming that the Holocaust never existed, wanted to lay a wreath in honor of the men and women who perished in Sept. 11 while on his visit to New York City to attend the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 25.

The irony of this request appalled and disgusted many. Presidential candidates made scathing comments in response to his request. The Bush administration was deliberately represented by only a junior note taker when this leader spoke and protesters carrying placards and T-Shirts with “Stop Ahmadinejad’s Evil,” as their tag line, were part of the leader’s unofficial welcome committee.

A less popular view of this issue presents the argument that the United States, out of arrogance, denied Ahmadinejad an opportunity to extend an olive branch and, thus, open possible dialogue with the Iranians.

Whether his motives were genuine or not, a leader from any country represents the people from which he or she came. How do the people of Iran feel after witnessing the embarrassment of their leader?

As a result, has the United States walked into a ploy by the Iranian government to portray the United States as a nation which disrespects Iran, and by extension Muslims, thus gaining more support for terrorist activities?

One of the main reasons that the world is paying such close attention to Iran is because of its Uranium Enrichment program that could potentially produce atomic bombs. With Iran seen by the U.S. as an alleged sponsor of both Hezbollah and Hamas, and hater of Israel, Washington's frenzy over this program is understandable. Ahmadinejad persisted in his defense of the program. He said that the program is for electricity generation and not for the production of weapons.

Among the questions posed to the Iranian leader during his visit was concerning the alleged execution of gays by his government. Ahmadinejad responded by saying, “We don’t have homosexuals like in your country,” prompting laughter from his audience of mainly students at Columbia University.

He added that, “In Iran, we do not have this phenomenon, I do not know who has told you we have it.” Yeah right, Ahmadinejad! I thought that this man who has told you we have it. “Yeah right, Ahmadinejad! I thought that this man who has told you we have it.”

Homosexuality is illegal in Iran and punishable by death. The New York Times recently interviewed a gay Iranian man who said there are many gay men and women in Iran whose secret gay life is possible as long as they don’t become activists and start demanding rights. The report goes on to say that not only do gays exist, but gay hang outs, chat rooms and websites, as well as gay prostitution is the norm. Men have even been arrested and fined for looking too feminine.

In keeping with the irony displayed by their president, Iran allows sex changes. While they consider homosexuality a sin, transsexuals are seen as ill and in need of help which a sex change can provide.

Visit Thomas’ blog, at www.dervi05.wordpress.com.
BULLDOG FOOTBALL  SC STATE 28, HAMPTON 24

Bulldogs beat Pirates for second year
Win brings SC State to 4-1 in conference, 4-3 overall

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touchdown pass from quarterback Cleve McCoy to tight end Spencer Miller with 8:51 left in the first quarter. Unable to find a rhythm in the second quarter, or score in the second quarter, the Pirates decided to wake up and show the home crowd of 14,625 some Homecoming excitement with two scores of their own.

The first score was a 30-yard touchdown pass from Hampton quarterback T.J Mitchell to wide receiver Kevin Teel, capped by a 33 yard field goal by kicker Carlo Turavani, which gave Hampton the 10-7 edge over the Bulldogs going into halftime.

Third quarter started off with a crazy, botched fake field goal attempt by the Pirates' Rafael Bush, who grabbed the ball out of midair and returned the fumble for a 58-yard touchdown, and the Bulldogs took the lead 14-10.

Hampton head coach Joe Taylor said that the botched play was crucial. "It was an aggressive play, but the whole idea isn't to pitch it in the air. It's supposed to be like an option pitch that goes sideways," Taylor said. "Last week (in a loss to Norfolk State) we tried some 4th-and-ones and didn't make it, so the object today was to give the impression we were going to try that again, but it didn't work."

With 2:50 seconds left in the third quarter, Hampton's speedy wide out slash punt returner Jeremy Gilcrest scored off a 72-yard punt return, which gave Hampton the lead again 17-14.

Three minutes into the fourth, the Bulldogs answered back, on play action. McCoy scampered for a 19-yard touchdown run, giving SC State the lead once again, 21-10.

Hampton went three and out on their next drive, but a muff ed punt by returner Oliver Young gave Hampton a second chance on the Bulldogs' 46-yard line. The Pirates started off with two pass interference calls on the Bulldogs and then a 4-yard touchdown run by Kevin Beverly, which gave Hampton the lead 24-21.

The back-and-forth scoring came to an end with 6:53 left on the clock, when McCoy ran play action, tucked the ball and scored the go ahead and winning touchdown of the game.

SC State had 416 yards of total offense, 126 passing and 290 rushing yards Ford, and McCoy combined for 276 yards rushing. The defense allowed 314 yards of total offense from Hampton, 223 passing and only 91 yards rushing.

SC STATE vs. FLORIDA A&M
A recap of the 49-14 victory over the Rattlers on Oct. 13 can be found on the PDF version of this issue online, at www.scsu.edu

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SHERIDAN BROADCASTING NETWORK BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 10 POLL (as of Oct. 22, 2007)

1. Delaware State
2. Tuskegee
3. Alabama A&M
4. Norfolk State
5. Grambling State
6. North Carolina Central
7. Southern
8. Albany State
9. SC State
10. Virginia Union

NEXT GAME:
DELAWARE STATE vs. SC STATE
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007; 1:30 p.m.
Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium
RADIO: WQKI 102.9; WZMJ 93.1 (Columbia, S.C.)
LAST YEAR: Delaware State defeated SC State 10-9 in Dover, Del.

TEAM STAT COMPARISON: SC STATE and HAMPTON

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“Fall” into Fashion...the right way

By DENNA HARRISON
COLLEGIAN FASHION EDITOR

In the middle of October, with the temperature dropping and with Homecoming finally here, it's time to get in style with Fall fashion. Here are some ideas to get you started:

FALL FASHIONS THEN...AND NOW

FEMALES

Hip hugger jeans were stylish among many celebrities, and some SC State students, around three years ago.

High waist jeans are the new trend for the Fall season (Old Navy, regular $34.99).

MALES

Tall tees for males were the fad among males in the music industry around a year ago, but the punk rock trend took over, replacing tall tees with fitted tees.

Sophomore Criminal Justice major Aceson Morrell is wearing an Ed Hardy fitted tee, which is the new trend among males (Ed Hardy, $30).

Model laughs off embarrassing fall into runway hole

NEW YORK - Fashionistas from Naomi Campbell to Carrie Bradshaw have made embarrassing missteps on the catwalk. But model Sarah Welch trumped them all when she fell through a hole during an L.A. Fashion Week show.

A video of Welch's dramatic drop — a sensation on YouTube — shows her walking the runway at last week's presentation of the fashion line Shadang. She stares blankly ahead, not noticing the gaping hole left where a martial arts performer had cracked open the floor with a flip.

"As a runway model, you have to keep your head up, you know," Welch, a former contestant on "The Bachelor" reality series, told KABC-TV. "So I didn't look down for a hole, particularly."

Then came the plunge.

In the video, the crowd is heard howling with apparent shock. Welch, waist-deep in the hole, struggles to lift herself out, and is helped by "Heroes" actor Jimmy Jean-Louis, who modeled at the event. She regains her footing and exits stage left, raising her fist to seemingly signal that she's OK.

The video of the tumble, posted Oct. 18, had more than 1 million views on YouTube by Oct. 22.

Welch, now an Internet celebrity, has a good sense of humor about it.

"It is just a really funny mishap. And I hope they're enjoying watching it just as much as I am," she said.

- The Associated Press
In Theatres Everywhere: Top Four Movies Everyone Should See

**By SOPHIA WHITE**
**ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

Don't know what to see this month? Here are my top four upcoming films:

- **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13, in theaters now) Adapted from Perry's hit stage play of the same title, this film is about the difficulty of maintaining a solid love relationship in modern times (starring Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson, Jill Scott)
- **Saw IV** (Rated R, Oct. 26) Just when audiences thought it was over, Jigsaw Saw continues his haunting trap legacy (starring Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor, Scott Patterson)
- **The Comebacks** (PG-13, in theaters now) From the producers of "Wedding Crashers" comes this comedy, which satires the most popular sports movies (starring David Koechner, Carl Weathers, Matthew Lawrence)
- **Things We Lost in the Fire** (Rated R, in theaters now) Academy Award winners Halle Berry and Benicio Del Toro star in this drama about two people brought together by unusual fate (starring Halle Berry, Benicio Del Toro, David Duchovny).

In Theatres Everywhere: Top Four Movies Everyone Should See

**By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**
**ASSOCIATED PRESS MUSIC WRITER**

NEW YORK - To some, it's a hurtful racial epithet. For Nas, it's an album title.

The rapper told MTV News that he would indeed be naming his new album after the N-word. And he denied earlier reports that the album's title would be spelled "N--a," considered in some circles a less inflammatory epithet. He said the disc is due out Dec. 11. "(People) shouldn't trip off the (album's) title; the songs are crazier than the title," he said in an interview posted on MTV's Web site.

But some have been outraged by the rapper's choice.

"The title using the 'N' word is morally offensive and socially distasteful. Nas has the right to degrade and denigrate in the name of free speech, but there is no honor in it," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said in a news release. "Radio and television stations have no obligation to play it and self-respecting people have no obligation to buy it. I wish he would use his talents to lift up and inspire, not degrade."

There were reports that his label, Def Jam, had scuttled the title idea. But Nas told MTV that he has no opposition from the label, and said his intent in naming the album the N-word was to take the sting out of it.

"We're taking power from the word," he added. "No disrespect to none of them who were part of the civil rights movement, but some ... in the streets don't know who (civil rights activist) Medgar Evers was ... they know who Nas is," the rapper said, referring to the civil rights leader slain in the 1960s.

"And to my older people who don't know who Nas is and who don't know what a street disciple is, stay outta this (expletive) conversation. We'll talk to you when we're ready. Right now, we're on a whole new movement. We're taking power from that word."

A representative for Def Jam did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment from The Associated Press sent after business hours.

The use of the N-word is common in rap, though rapper Chamillionaire recently declared he would no longer use that word or curse in his rhymes.

**T.I.'s lawyers ask for home confinement**

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ATLANTA - T.I.'s lawyers asked a federal judge Oct. 19 to release the rapper on $2.2 million bond and allow him to have monitored home confinement while he awaits trial on weapons charges.

Defense attorney Ed Garland proposed putting a person in T.I.'s home 24 hours a day to monitor activities there.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Baverman said he will reserve his ruling on the singer's bond request until Oct. 26, when T.I.'s lawyers are expected to present a home monitor who must be approved by the court, pretrial services officials and prosecutors.

T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, would also have to submit to electronic monitoring. Only those on a preapproved list of visitors would be able to enter the home. Harris would surrender his passport and his right to drive, and would submit to random searches of the home and random drug screening.

Several record company executives, including some from Atlantic Records and Warner Music Group, were seated in the courtroom. Officials said they were prepared to offer signature bond on Harris' behalf in excess of $1 million.

Prosecutors countered that because of Harris' criminal history and because he was arrested while allegedly trying to buy machine guns and silencers and of being a convicted felon in possession of firearms.

Harris, 27, faces up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine for each count.

**T.I., performing at the BMI Urban Music Awards in Las Vegas, Sept. 7, in this file photo.**

of machine guns.

His indictment followed his arrest last Saturday for allegedly possessing unregisterd machine guns and silencers and of being a convicted felon in possession of firearms.

Harris, 27, faces up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine for each count.
Amid health fears, Hardee’s debuts 920-calorie burrito

By JIM SALTER
AP BUSINESS WRITER

ST. LOUIS - The people who brought you the Monster Thickburger and the 1,100-calorie salad are at it again — this time for breakfast.

Hardee’s on Oct. 15 rolled out its new Country Breakfast Burrito — two egg omelets filled with bacon, sausage, diced ham, cheddar cheese, hash browns and sausage gravy, all wrapped inside a flour tortilla. The burrito contains 920 calories and 60 grams of fat.

Brad Haley, marketing chief for the St. Louis-based fast-food chain, said the burrito offers the sort of big breakfast item normally found in sit-down restaurants with an added advantage.

“It makes this big country breakfast portable,” he said.

In 2003, the chain introduced a line of big sandwiches, including the Monster Thickburger. The 1,420-calorie sandwich is made up of two 1/3-pound slabs of beef, four strips of bacon, three slices of cheese and mayonnaise on a buttered bun.

Even Hardee’s chicken salad — topped with onion rings and crispy chicken — has 1,100 calories and 83 grams of fat.

The chain does offer some low-calorie options, including roast beef and chicken sandwiches.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based advocate for nutrition and health, has called the Hardee’s line of Thickburgers “food porn.”

The group’s senior nutritionist, Jayne Hurley, said the burrito was “another lousy invention by a fast-food company.”

The “country breakfast bomb,” as she called it, represents half a day’s calories and a full day’s worth of saturated fat and salt, to say nothing of cholesterol.

“That’s all before 10 o’clock in the morning,” she said.

Haley makes no apologies.

“We don’t try to hide what these are,” he said. “When consumers go to other fast-food places they feel like they’ve got to buy two of their breakfast sandwiches or burritos to fill up. This is really designed to fill you up.”

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really strong stance in many places to avoid this kind of abuse, the industry is trying to find a way around it.”

Many colleges have affinity agreements with credit card companies that give schools money or a share of transaction revenue in exchange for an official stamp of approval and access to names. Generally, such arrangements are with separate alumni associations, but in some cases they give companies marketing access to students. The Des Moines Register recently detailed one such arrangement between Bank of America and the University of Iowa.

The coalition portrayed credit card debt as a growing problem in an era of rising tuition and expenses for things like textbooks, though some research suggests students may be handling debt more responsibly now than they did in recent years. The latest national survey from Nellie Mae, a student loan company, reported that 76 percent of undergraduates had credit cards in 2004, down 8 percent from 2001.

The average outstanding balance was $2,169, down 7 percent from 2001. More than half carried balances of less than $1,000. However, by their final year, 91 percent of students had cards, and the balance had risen to $2,864.

Consumer group bashes credit cards for students

By JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

With small incomes and big bills, college students make a prime market for credit cards. But critics say the card companies take unfair advantage, luring students with free T-shirts and food - then snaring them with high interest rates.

On Wednesday, a national consumer group backed by several educational organizations launched a campaign to persuade more colleges to crack down on credit-card marketing to students. The coalition wants schools to take steps ranging from prohibiting card company giveaways to blocking their access to student lists.

Organizers also promised to do their own consumer education and counter-marketing, setting up tables near where cards are being hawked and giving away their own trinkets and food, like lollipops with the message "don’t be a sucker."

"College students are vulnerable, they’re already hammered by the high cost of education," said Ed Mierzwinski, consumer program director of the U.S. PIRG Education Fund, which is leading the effort. "Cards seem like a solution but they can become a trap."

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Study finds jobs ranked by rates of depression

By KEVIN FREKING
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON - People who tend to the elderly, change diapers and serve up food and drinks have the highest rates of depression among U.S. workers.


That may not sound like much, but between 1993 and 2001, deaths rates dropped on average 1.1 percent a year.

The big change was a two-pronged gain against colorectal cancer.

While it remains the nation’s No. 2 cancer killer, deaths are dropping faster for colorectal cancer than for any other malignancy — by almost 5 percent a year among men and 4.5 percent among women.

One reason is that colorectal cancer is striking fewer people, the report found. New diagnoses are down roughly 2.5 percent a year for both men and women, thanks to screening tests that can spot precancerous polyps in time to remove them and thus prevent cancer from forming.

Still, only about half the people who need screening — everyone over age 50 — gets checked.

“While we’re seeing such a great impact even at 50 percent screening rates, we think it could be much greater if we could get more of the population tested,” said Dr. Elizabeth Ward of the American Cancer Society, who co-wrote the report with government scientists.

The other gain is the result of new treatments, which are credited with doubling survival times for the most advanced patients.

In 1996, there was just one truly effective drug for colon cancer. Today, there are six more, giving patients a variety of chemotherapy cocktails to try to hold their tumors in check, said Dr. Louis Weiner, medical oncology chief at Philadelphia’s Fox Chase Cancer Center and a colorectal cancer specialist.

“I can tell you the offices of gastrointestinal oncologists around the country, and indeed around the world, are busier than ever because our patients are doing better,” he said.

Among the report’s other findings:

• Cancer mortality is improving faster among men, with drops in death rates of 2.6 percent a year compared with 1.8 percent a year for women.

• Lung cancer explains much of the gender difference.

• Male death rates are dropping about 2 percent a year while female death rates finally are holding steady after years of increases. Smoking rates fell for men before they did for women, so men reaped the benefits sooner.

• Overall, the rate of new cancer diagnoses is inching down about one-half a percent a year.

• New breast cancer diagnoses are dropping about 3.5 percent a year, a previously reported decline due either to women shunning postmenopausal hormone therapy or to fewer getting mammograms.

• The report includes a special focus on cancer among American Indians and Alaskan natives.

Overall, cancer incidence is lower among those populations than among white Americans, except for cancers of the stomach, liver, kidney, gallbladder and cervix.

The annual report is a collaboration of the American Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.
Sen. Barack Obama discussed Black American issues

By DANTE MOZIE
COLLEGIAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Sen. Barack Obama said Sept. 30 at a roundtable discussion with black reporters at the Keenan House that Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton was a "default candidate for people who don't know me well."

But as the all-important South Carolina primary on Jan. 29 edges closer, the senator from Illinois said that in the key states that he's campaigning in, such as Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, they are doing better and improving in the polls.

He said that the activism done by his organization, such as walks and door-to-door events organized by his campaign, will make the difference.

"I believe that we've got the best political organization that's ever been put together for a Democratic primary in South Carolina," Obama said.

The most important thing that we can do to repair racial issues is to make sure that all people have equal opportunities," Obama said.

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"I think that part of the president's job is to connect claims of racial justice to a broader agenda of being true to our ideals as Americans," Obama said.

But when asked about the public's perception of a black man as president, Obama said that there are some in the African-American community that are excited about Oprah's bash and that Oprah was Oprah and she is pretty amazing reported with an interview with Jet Magazine.

Most of Oprah's fans are undecided as to whom are they going to vote for, but don't be surprised if they don't vote for Obama, according to CNN.

Some people do not have to be influence the by "Queen of Daytime," because some of the policies of Obama might not suit with her fans.

But can a mega-star like Oprah swing voters to elect Obama in 2008? Maybe Oprah can pull off the unthinkable.

Can Oprah be a key player for Sen. Obama's campaign?

By ZAVA MATTHEWS
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 8, Oprah Winfrey, a known supported of Sen. Barack Obama, held a star-studded affair for the Democratic senator at her California estate.

This affair was invitation-only, with about 1,500 stars in attendance. The tickets for the event were $2,300 each, which is the maximum donation for campaign candidate.

This event raises about $3 million for Obama's campaign.

Some of the stars that attended the affair were Sidney Poitier, Forest Whitaker, Chris Rock, Dennis Hayes and Cindy Crawford. Steve Wonder performed for the guests.

Based on the party insiders, they said that at the beginning at of his speech that his wife told him not to speak to long. Obama's wife Michelle said that she that she was exciting about Oprah's bash and that Oprah was Oprah and she is pretty amazing reported with an interview with Jet Magazine.

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Among the topics that he touched upon in the 45-minute discussion included providing more funding for schools in rural areas, cutting dependence on foreign oil, getting troops out of Iraq and racial equality.

Obama said that, as far as racial equality is concerned, he is a big believer in deeds, not just words.

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"They're worried that white folks will never vote for a black man," Obama said. "They don't know my track record as a civil rights champion in Illinois. We need everybody to know what I stand for."

Obama discusses racial equality, health care and Sen. Clinton

By DANTE MOZIE


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POETRY CORNER

A Time of Reflection

By MOSES O. BELL
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

On this day, I take time out to reflect.
Upon my African heritage and lost tribal dialect
The color of my skin
Reminds me each day of the blood line within.
I long to be reunited with my untamed self.
But then, I accept my reality and thank GOD for good health.
Yet, the fact still remains that knowledge of self
Is power and this I must attain.
So I embrace my history because your
Future is lost if your past is a mystery.
Because of this, I take time out to reflect.
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Gourmet Pizzas

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Coupons

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Any Large Pizza, 10 Wings, & 2 Drinks
$14.99 + tax
Limit One Coupon Per Customer - Limited Time Offer

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Any 2 Subs & 2 Drinks
$12.99 + tax
Limit One Coupon Per Customer - Limited Time Offer