Miss Homecoming 2007 announced

Jessica Hosey selected as this year’s Homecoming Queen

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND MARKETING

SC State celebrates its 2007 Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 27, in a contest that pits the Bulldogs against the Hornets of Delaware State University.

Reigning over SC State’s Homecoming festivities during its Centennial football season is senior Jessica Hosey, a Charleston, S.C., native and Hanahan High School graduate.

Hosey, an Elementary Education major, beat out eight other candidates for the prestigious honor. It is not the first such honor for the aspiring school principal, who previously was Miss Bradham Hall (2004-05) and Miss Mays Hall II (2005-06) at the University. And, while in high school, she was Miss Hanahan High as a senior.

Hosey is the eldest of two daughters born to Robert and Desiree Hosey of Charleston. Her younger sister, Jasmine, is also a student at SC State and a member of the Junior Class.

A very active student, Hosey is involved with both campus and community organizations. She is a member of the SCSU Pre-

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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.

“T is is an assault on African Americans and therefore it is an assault on everyone 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.

- The Associated Press

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.

“I’m so excited about it because it’s really about to take Spelman, along with the dorm, into a new realm,” said senior Marvina Walker, who is a Lehman Bros. intern.

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

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.

Book Signing: I Don’t Mean to Smash Your Tomatoes Honey!

When: Saturday, Oct. 27
Where: Fine Arts Center atrium
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 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 Rogers, 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 colors rendered mixed reactions. Gifford, who was escorted by her father, John Gifford, was elegant in white. The evening was enhanced by African inspired music and dance, which ushered in the Coronation Ball.

Students prepare for Honda Campus 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 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.

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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 Congress must 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 McCain skipped a GOP debate historically black Morgan State University, Sept. 27, leading some, such as Tavis Smiley, the moderator for that debate, to suggest that he, along with candidates Rudy Guiliani, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt
QUEEN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Gifford opened the entertainment segment with a graceful mix of ballroom and modern dance 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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Romney and former Sen. Fred Thompson, didn't feel that hearing from African-Americans was important.

"Fortunately, there are those in the Republican Party who do understand the importance of reaching out to people of color," Smiley said during the debate.

McCain said that there was a scheduling conflict.

"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 quality 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."

ON THE YARD

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 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.

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: 10:30 p.m. Bulldog Lounge, Student Center
If you paid for the fashion show, this event is free with the same ticket. Dressy attire only.
$5 for SC State students
$10 for non-SC State students
$15 for general admission

SATURDAY

SC STATE HOMECOMING PARADE: 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
BULLDOG FOOTBALL: DELAWARE STATE AT SC STATE: 1:30 p.m. Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium

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Alumni Council, the NAACP and HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America).

An SCSU Presidential Scholar as a freshman (Bronze Medallion), Hosey is presently a student assistant in the Miller F. Whittaker Library Computer Lab at the University, and this past summer, worked with both the campus Upward Bound and Gear-Up programs.

In her community, Hosey has been actively involved in several projects at her home church, Bethel AME Church in Charleston, S.C.

Upon graduating from SC State, Hosey, who enjoys traveling, shopping and reading, plans to enroll in graduate school and pursue a degree in school administration to fulfill her dream of becoming a principal.

The entire SC State family congratulates Jessica Hosey – Miss Homecoming 2007.
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 protestors 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 was so bold as to announce his desire for Israel to be wiped off the map, while it was common knowledge that Iran was developing their nuclear program, would come up with a better response than that. What was even worse was his request for the names and addresses of some homosexuals mentioned by a probing reporter, so that they could be “investigated.”

"Saturday Night Live" joined in the fray by creating a music video with a look-alike of the Iranian leader called "Iran So Far," where the look-alike played the role of the lover of a male singer being courted through the streets of New York.

Human rights activists in support of gay rights are no longer laughing. They agree that there really are no gays in Iran because the Iranian government is killing them as soon as they find them.

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 hangouts, 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’s blog, at www.derv05.wordpress.com
BULLDOG FOOTBALL | SC STATE 49, FLORIDA A&M 14

By DONTA’ LEGETTE
COLLEGIAN SPORTS EDITOR

SC State (3-3, 3-1) faced a struggling Florida A&M team (2-4, 1-3) in front of a crowd of 21,525 fans Oct. 13. After a double overtime loss to the Norfolk State Spartans, the Bulldogs looked to bounce back.

The first couple of offensive series, the Bulldogs offense came out with a sense of urgency, moving the ball down the field with ease, scoring in 46 seconds on one series.

SC State scored 14 points in the first quarter and then 21 points in the second quarter. Florida A&M answered back with a touchdown of their own, but it was too little, too late.

The backfield tandem of running backs Will Ford, Jonathan Woods and quarterback Cleve McCoy combined for a total of 417 rushing yards, and McCoy also went for 14-19 for 178 yards. Oliver Young was also on the receiving end of six passes for 95 yards.

“We had a chance to finally get our offense going, just generally get some confidence,” SC State head coach Buddy Pough said. “You score 63 points in six ball games, there’s not a whole lot going on for you. I’m excited as I can be about our performance today, because it looks like we hit on something. I’m just happy for what happened today.”

The stingy Bulldog defense came out to play as usual, led by defensive front of defensive linemen Xavier Littleberry and Matt Key. Defensive back Markee Hamlin came up big with two interceptions and the defense held Florida A&M to 198 yards of total offense.

Freshman linebacker Julius Wilkerson took advantage of his playing time with a team-high six tackles against Rattlers.

“Mistakes killed us today,” said Florida A&M head coach Rubin Carter, who’s now 0-3 against SC State. “Take nothing away from South Carolina State, but we dug ourselves a big hole early on offense and didn’t recover.”

This week, SC State face the 4-2 Hampton Pirates in Hampton, Va.

After a one point loss to the Spartans, the Pirates look to come out strong after a one-point loss to Norfolk State, giving them their first home loss in four years.

But after the Bulldogs win over the Pirates last year, SC State look to defeat them a second year in a row. SC State’s three-headed monster was not to be denied the end zone on this day, but the surprising player of the game was Evan Capers. Normally used as a powerful bull rushing blocking back, Capers ran and bullied his way to three goal line touchdowns on Saturday.

Altogether, the Bulldogs gained 611 total yards. Florida A&M should’ve just saved gas and money and just let their band show up to the game.

McCoy, Woods, Ford still running free

By CALHOUN CORNWELL
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In a must win game for SC State, the offense delivered in a blow out win. On a day where SC State had to bounce back from a surprising double overtime loss to Norfolk State, quarterback Cleveland McCoy delivered an outstanding game.

This was the perfect game for McCoy to turn around his senior year and grab attention of NFL scouts as a late draft bloomer. On Saturday, McCoy was “the greatest show on turf,” dishing out 126 yards on the ground against Florida A&M’s defense.

He averaged 11.5 yards on the ground every time he ran the football. Not to be lost in the shadow of McCoy, running backs Jonathan Woods and Will Ford were not to be denied. Woods had 126 yards rushing on 17 carries and ran for a TD. Will Ford led runners with 145 yards on the ground on only 13 attempts.

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.)
“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).

Fashion show displays latest fall fashion, raises funds for breast cancer

On Oct. 18, selected SC State students sashayed down the runway modeling the latest fall fashion.

The fashion show was everything from ’80s Punk Rock to Classy Elegance.

The fashion show, a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness and research, was sponsored by the Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

- Denna Harrison
Collegian Fashion Editor

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
Nas confirms album title will be racial epithet

Critics blast artist for using N-word in latest album

By NEKESA MUMBII 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.

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"'(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 off ensive
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 re-
lease. "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.

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In Theatres Everywhere: Top Four Movies Everyone Should See

By SOPHIA WHITE

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 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).

• Slipstream R (Oct. 26) Screenwriter Felix played by Academy Award winner Anthony Hopkins is shocked when the characters of his movie come to real life. (Anthony Hopkins, Stella Arroyave, Christian Slater)

T.I.'s lawyers ask for home confinement

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA (AP) - 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, he poses a flight risk and danger to the community.

Harris was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday on weapons charges, including possession of machine guns.

His indictment followed his arrest last Saturday for allegedly possessing unregistered 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.
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 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.”

The government’s Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion recommends a daily caloric intake ranging from 1,600 calories for sedentary women and older adults to 2,800 calories for teenage boys and active adults. Hardee’s sees its core customers as young men ages 18 to 34, Haley said, though it expects a wider range for breakfast items.

The Country Breakfast Burrito is generally available for $2.69 by itself or $4.09 for a combo that includes hash rounds and coffee.

## Consumer group bashes credit cards for students

By JUSTIN POPE
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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.”

A spokesman for the American Bankers Association, which represents card-issuers, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

About 15 states already restrict or ban credit-card marketing to students on campus, said Matt Hamill, director of advocacy for NACUBO, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, one of several groups that joined in a campaign announcement teleconference. Congress also is considering a measure intended to keep students from taking on too much credit. Some colleges also ban marketing on campus, but Hamill could not say how many.

Organizers said many students need credit cards, but they still want colleges to take a more protective stance.

Brett Thurman, student government president at the University of Illinois-Chicago, said the administration there keeps card companies off campus, but at least one company passes out free coupons for a sandwich shop just off campus. When students arrive, they are given the actual coupon if they sign up with a credit card representative.

“He’ll hook up anyone who comes in the door,” Thurman said. “Even though universities are taking a 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.
Study finds jobs ranked by rates of depression

By KEVIN FREKING
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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.

Overall, 7 percent of full-time workers battled depression in the past year, according to a government report available Oct. 13.

Women were more likely than men to have had a major bout of depression, and younger workers had higher rates of depression than their older colleagues.

Almost 11 percent of personal care workers — which includes child care and helping the elderly and severely disabled with their daily needs — reported depression lasting two weeks or longer.

During such episodes there is loss of interest and pleasure, and at least four other symptoms surface, including problems with sleep, eating, energy, concentration and self-image.

Workers who prepare and serve food — cooks, bartenders, waiters and waitresses — had the second highest rate of depression among full-time employees at 10.3 percent.

In a tie for third were health care workers and social workers at 9.6 percent.

The lowest rate of depression, 4.3 percent, occurred in the job category that covers engineers, architects and surveyors.

Government officials tracked depression within 21 major occupational categories. They combined data from 2004 through 2006 to estimate episodes of depression within the past year. That information came from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which registers lifetime and past-year depression bouts.

Depression leads to $30 billion to $44 billion in lost productivity annually, said the report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The report was available beginning Oct. 13 on the agency’s Web site at http://oas.samhsa.gov.

The various job categories tracked could be quite broad, with employees grouped in the same category seemingly having little in common.

Cancer death rates dropping fast, according to new report

By LAUREN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON - Good news on the cancer front: Death rates are dropping faster than ever, thanks to new progress against colorectal cancer.

A turning point came in 2002, scientists concluded Oct. 15 in the annual "Report to the Nation" on cancer. Between 2002 and 2004, death rates dropped by an average of 2.1 percent a year.

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.

"If we're seeing such 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. Obama discusses Black American issues


Obama discusses racial equality, healthcare and Sen. Clinton

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.

For the majority of the event, the Democratic presidential candidate discussed America's health care system, which Obama called a "disease-carrying system," and, according to Obama, leads the U.S. to spend twice as much per capita on health care than any other nation.

"We wait until people get sick and then we treat them," Obama said.

Obama said that he is interested in improving the quality of life for all people and that he hopes to have universal healthcare for all Americans.

"African-Americans will disproportionately benefit from these efforts," 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.

He said that part of the president's job is to speak out on behalf of justice and wants to persuade families that when they are obeying the law, that is good for all.

"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 said that there are some in the African-American community that are excited about the possibility, but noted that there's also hesitation.

"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."

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 candidates.

This event raised 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. Stevie Wonder performed for the guests.

Based on the party insiders, they said that at the beginning of his speech that his wife told him not to speak too long. Obama's wife, Michelle, said that she that she was excited about Oprah's bash and that Oprah is pretty amazing, she said during 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 influenced by the "Queen of Daytime," because some of the policies of Obama might not suit 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 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.

POETRY CORNER

A Time of Reflection

By MOSES O. BELL
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER
Menu

Gourmet Pizzas

- 12”  16”
- White Pizza
  Mozzarella, Ricotta, Feta, & Parmegiano $9.99  $12.99
- Mediterranean
- Buffalo Chicken
  Hot Spice Sauce, Mozzarella, Chicken $9.99  $12.99
- Hawaiian Pizza
  Ham, Pineapple $9.99  $12.99
- Chicken Parmigiana Pizza
  Sauce, Cheese, Chicken $9.99  $12.99
- Carnivore
  Pepperoni, Sausage, Ham, & Beef $9.99  $12.99
- From the Garden
  Mushrooms, Onions, Peppers, Tomatoes $9.99  $12.99
- Philly Steak Deluxe
  Steak, Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms $10.99  $13.99
- Supreme
  Pepperoni, Sausage, Beef, Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms, Tomatoes $10.99  $13.99
- Cheese Pizza $8.99  $10.99
- Per Additional Topping $1.00  $1.50

Calzones

- Cheese $5.99  Per Additional Toppings $.45

Pinini/Sandwiches

- Footlong - includes chips
- Meatball Parmigiana $6.75
- Chicken Parmigiana $6.75
- Sausage Parmigiana $6.75
- Veal Parmigiana $7.25
- Sausage Peppers & Onions $7.25
- Cheese Steak $7.25
- Steak and Cheese $7.25
- Philly Cheese Steak
  Steak, Cheese, Onions $7.25
- Philly Pepper Steak
  Steak, Cheese, Onions, Peppers $7.50
- Philly Deluxe
  Steak, Cheese, Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms $7.50
- Additional Ingredients Available Upon Request
  Lettuce, Tomato, Jalapeños, Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard

Wings (Hot, Mild, or BBQ)

- 10 - $4.99
- 15 - $6.99
- 20 - $8.99

Drinks

- 22oz - $1.25
- 32oz - $1.50

Coupons

- Coupon 1
  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
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