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- **TERRANCE ALDRIDGE, Director of Residence Life and Housing**

**SC STATE HOPES TO FIX HOUSING PROBLEM FOR FUTURE**  
University official explains why some students came to school without rooms

By **DANTE MOZIE**  
COLLEGIAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

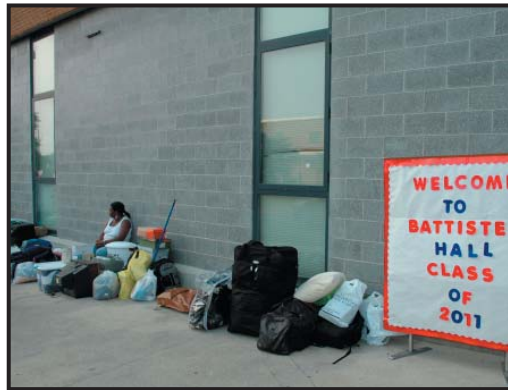
Nearly a month after classes resume at SC State University, questions remain as to how and why students returned to campus finding out that they didn't have housing.

Terrance Alridge, Director of Residence Life and Housing, said that the main reason there was a shortage of rooms was due to upperclassmen not going through the proper procedures of applying for housing. He said that upperclassmen were asked to enter the room lottery selection in March, in which they were to pay their room deposits and were taken through the Office of Housing and Residence Life's process of selecting a room.

The rooms that were not taken by the upperclassmen in the lottery were given to incoming freshmen.

"We had a large freshmen class and those upperclassmen who did not complete the process as prescribed found themselves not being able to get rooms," Alridge said. "A lot of people started calling in late July (asking) 'Can I get a room?' Well, the process was completed three to four months ahead of the phone calls."

Alridge said that it wasn't until around late July that he, University President Dr. Andrew Hugine Jr. and other administrators realized that there would be a problem with housing. They



created alternative plans to place students for housing, such as reopening Earle Hall and placing students in hotels, such as the Traveler's Inn. The decision was made to "get hotels on standby... until it's time to make that decision," Alridge said.

The university activated that plan, reopening Earle Hall for 68 students and moving 50 more to the Traveler's Inn. Alridge added that the university also added extra furniture to rooms at University Village.

There is a possibility that students in hotels will move back on campus. Alridge said that depends on the number of students that will graduate in December, as well as number of students

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**SC State welcomes Zanzibar scholars, partnership with Tanzania**

Earlier this year, at a USAID-sponsored meeting in Washington, D.C., SC State President Andrew Hugine Jr. announced that the University would award Presidential Scholarships to two deserving students from Zanzibar in the United Republic of Tanzania.

After a comprehensive, nationwide examination, two students were selected from the east African nation to receive the scholarships: Daudi Muhamed and Sakina Alawy, both from Zanzibar.

Muhamed, a freshman mathematics major, and Alawy, a freshman biology major, were formally welcomed to SC State University on Tuesday, Sept. 4 in 206 Belcher Hall.

As students in the Honors College, they will be involved in service learning opportunities by providing assistance in the community.

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## COLLEGE NOTES

### Audit finds \$2 million in mismanaged funds by former head of N.C. A&T

By **KAI BEASLEY**  
BLACK COLLEGE WIRE

The new school year at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro began with the revelation that a state audit has uncovered close to \$2 million in mismanaged funds.

The audit documents instances of fraud and mismanaged federal grants and other funds, including \$380,000 in vending receipts that were diverted to a spending account for former chancellor James Renick, who stepped down last year and is now a senior vice president at the American Council on Education in Washington.

"It's really sad," said Arnita Floyd Moody, a recent North Carolina A&T graduate and 2006-07 student government president. "That money should have been used to give the support that our students need."

Chancellor Stanley Battle, who only recently took over as chancellor at A&T, warned against sensationalizing the report.

"It sells papers," said the new chancellor. "A lot of people say there's a cloud over A&T. There's no cloud over this campus. These students didn't do anything wrong; 99 percent of the faculty didn't do anything wrong."

According to University of North Carolina system policy, the vending money was supposed to be set aside for scholarships, student financial aid, reconciliation of campus debt and student activities. Instead, according to the audit,

the money was spent on alumni events, travel by Renick's wife, commissions for artwork, and even a \$150,000 annuity for an unnamed faculty member.

The report also found that a program manager who administered the HBCU Future Engineering Faculty Fellowship Program, a program funded by the U.S. Office of Naval Research, was to blame for "several improper business practices and expenditures" during the 2005-06 fiscal year. The expenditures included stipends in excess of \$66,000 paid to the program manager's husband after he became a participant in the program. The program manager was not named.

The Future Engineering Faculty Fellowship Program is designed to increase and influence the numbers of students working toward their Ph.D.s who might be interested in teaching in engineering programs at historically black colleges.

The report's other findings included the misappropriation of \$87,000 in university funds during May 2004 by the former vice chancellor for information and telecommunications, who also was unnamed in the report, and the mismanagement of federal grant funds.

Vic Hackley, who served as interim chancellor after Renick's departure, uncovered the financial irregularities last year and requested the help of UNC System President Erskine Bowles. It was then that a state audit was conducted.

The report was forwarded to the FBI, federal prosecutors, the state Bureau of Investigation and the Guilford County District Attorney's office. Copies also went to Gov. Mike Easley and the state

attorney general's office.

All of the employees who were involved in the scandal have been removed from their positions, and some face criminal charges.

The report's findings could cause the school to lose power over its own budget if UNC system leaders aren't satisfied with the progress being made under the new administration.

But for some, the problem is bigger than the apparent fiscal improprieties.

"I love A&T, and I love the people. But this really points to the fact that some people didn't focus on the mission to help out African American students," said Moody.

For other students, the report's findings were blown far out of proportion.

"It's not surprising that some of the things were overblown," said Brandon Bellamy, a senior liberal studies major at A&T and a former SGA treasurer.

"The amount of money that was misused was not much compared to the overall budget." For fiscal 2006 the school listed its total revenues at more than \$220.4 million, against operating expenses of \$204.6 million.

Bellamy said that the key to preventing things like this from happening is "better financial oversight."

Battle arrived July 1 from Coppin State University in Baltimore.

"Since I got here, this is all I've been dealing with. I've been dealing with both sides," he said, "I've got to deal with state auditors, and when you make a mistake, the door is wide open, you can't slam the door. It's got to be addressed. It's got to be

cleaned up."

The new chancellor told the A&T Register, the school's campus newspaper, that although there were "major missteps," the responsibility should not fall on the shoulders of the school as a whole. He said that A&T has had a reputation of employing good people and that trend will continue.

Bowles brought in Battle in hopes that he would restore the school's integrity.

"I don't like to talk about what my plans are," Battle told the Register. "I can talk about some things we need to do, but I can't do them by myself. I can tell you that A&T will be student-focused. We are going to set good standards and we're going to be backing it up by supporting students."

Battle stressed that he was pleased with the progress that had been made and that he didn't want the actions of a few to affect the school's reputation.

"You're talking about mistakes that were made, or missteps, but it's a few people. You can't use that as a generalization against the entire university," he said.

For Moody, the concern is the effect that the scandal will have on the school's ability to educate its students.

"It really creates an untrusting environment, and a lot of confusion," she said. "Luckily, the situation was handled so well. The unethical people were removed quickly and now A&T is working on putting systems in place to make sure that things like that don't happen again."

## THE COLLEGIAN CALENDAR

### Fellowship Program

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 23

**Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Student Government Association Full Body Meeting

**When:** Monday, Sept. 24

**Where:** Bulldog Lounge

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

### "War, the Devil and Stravinsky": Igor Stravinsky's 125th Birthday Celebration

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 25

**Where:** Dr. Barbara A. Vaughan Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

### National Education Association Campus Rally

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 27

**Where:** Student Center Plaza

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

# ON THE YARD

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SC State receives \$600,000  
grant from HUD, Page 4

## The Collegian welcomes new, returning students, staff to SC State

The staff of *The Collegian* would like to take the time in our first issue of the new semester to welcome new and returning students, faculty, staff and all others who play a role in the life of South Carolina State University.

We are committed to serving you to the best of our abilities. We see what we do as a partnership with you with our goal being to raise "Bulldog Pride" both within and outside of our institution.

It is with excellence that we intend to serve you.

We wish you all success for the year. Let us set a standard of excellence that all others would wish to emulate and go beyond.

May we also remember that we are a Bulldog family and as strong as our weakest link. Therefore, let teamwork be our standard, for we are nothing without each other.

Again, we look forward to working for you and with you. Welcome and welcome back!

- Abdalla Straker  
Collegian News Editor

2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR | CHARTING A COURSE OF SUCCESS



Freshmen are being introduced to their Student Orientation Leaders at Freshmen Orientation Aug. 17.

## SC State welcomes largest freshmen class in its history

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND MARKETING

South Carolina State University's student population is growing by leaps and bounds.

SC State received a record number of 7,523 freshmen applications for fall 2007. As of Aug. 29, university officials are reporting the largest freshman class – 1,205 – in its history, a 37% increase over last year's entering class of 881.

This record enrollment number of 1,205 is preliminary and is expected to increase once final enrollment figures are available.

Included in the numbers is a very encouraging trend. The number of male students increased significantly, representing about half of the incoming class (49 percent), compared

to a female-to-male ratio of 60 percent-to-40 percent for all students.

The overall enrollment is also up from 4,384 last fall and is projected to exceed 4,500.

Over the past few years, SC State has invested heavily in its infrastructure, particularly in its student housing and enhanced its enrollment management functions to better serve its students.

These efforts, along with the positive exposure from hosting the first nationally televised presidential primary debate

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## SC State lands in top ten list of country's best universities

Rankings place university higher than Ohio State, UNC Chapel Hill, MIT, Harvard

For a second consecutive year, South Carolina State University has been ranked among the Top 10 national universities by *Washington Monthly* magazine.

In the Sept. 2007 issue, currently on newsstands, the magazine ranked SC State as the 10th best university in the nation, placing it in its Top 10 alongside Texas A&M University, UCLA, Cornell University and Stanford University. The magazine ranked SC State as the ninth best university in 2006, and as the nation's top "social mobility" university.

"It's indeed a great honor to be acknowledged on a national level for our commitment to our mission and to our students for a second consecutive year," said SC State President Andrew Hugine Jr.

"A complement to our recent selection as host to a

Presidential Primary Debate, this ranking helps to position the spotlight on what we will continue to do for our students and our state," added Hugine.

The Third Annual *Washington Monthly* College Guide uses three criteria to measure the impact schools have on the country.

The first is Social Mobility: "Does the school do a good job recruiting and graduating students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds?" More than 70 percent of SC State students receive Pell Grants, which go to the neediest students. Also SC State's graduation rate for Pell recipients is 47%, twice the number predicted by statistical models.

The second is Research: "Is the school supporting the scientific and humanistic study that is key to our

national strength, by producing Ph.D.s and winning research grants?" SC State is one of the nation's leaders in granting degrees to African Americans, ranked 29th in all disciplines combined, 10th in mathematics and statistics, 11th in biological and biomedical sciences and 20th in education. SC State is the only South Carolina institution to offer a baccalaureate degree in nuclear engineering and offers the state's only Doctor of Education degree.

And the third is Service: "How effectively does the school foster an ethic of giving back to the country, either through military or civilian service?" SC State's

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that transfer to the university. If enough students graduate, then the school will move students in hotels back on campus. If not, students will continue to live in hotels.

"Typically, those numbers are down a little bit in the Spring for housing," Alridge said, "and if those numbers go down we will ask those students to move back into the Hugine Suites or the University Village at those times, or even other places on campus."

Alridge said that another reason for the problem was the unexpected demand from students to live on campus, particularly the Andrew Hugine Jr. Suites and University Village. He said that before these complexes opened, most of the dorms on campus were just too old, including Bethea Hall, Miller Hall and Bradham Hall, which has an "original edifice of 1898," Alridge said. The conditions of these dorms drove students to stay off campus.

The positive aspect of this issue, according to Alridge, is that the student population at SC State is growing and attracting more people.

"One thing we're proud of is the fact that we have enrollment that is continuing to grow and that students want to come to SC State," Alridge said.

According to a university press release, SC State's number of incoming freshmen jumped 35 percent to over 1,200 freshmen, bringing the total student population to over 4,600. Last year's freshmen class had 881 students.

Alridge said that he and his staff will do everything they possibly can to get the message out about the process of selecting a room for next year. He plans to use every tool possible, from the university website and contacting local media, to popular websites such as Facebook and Myspace.

"You have to go where the students are," Alridge said. "One thing we will do better next year is to communicate to all students to ensure that to get proper housing, you have to go through the proper procedures."

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are making SC State University the institution of choice for an increasing number of students. The University is also ranked, for the second consecutive year, number one in the nation among national universities in Social Mobility by *Washington Monthly* magazine.

"Access and opportunity is great, and SC State University is an institution of opportunity. But what's even greater is that our young people are taking advantage of the opportunities that we make available for them," said Antonio Boyle, assistant vice president for enrollment management.

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ROTC program has commissioned more minority officers than any other college in the nation since the program was established 60 years ago, with more than 2,000 commissioned officers and 13 generals among its graduates. And, earlier this year, SC State was named to the first-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the contributions that its students are making within their local communities and across the country through volunteer service.

*Washington Monthly* is the Washington, D.C.-based magazine and Web site - [www.washingtonmonthly.com](http://www.washingtonmonthly.com) - where Beltway insiders go for high-quality, ahead-of-the-pack journalism. Since 1969, its mission has been to uncover the evolving ways in which power works in Washington and the new ideas that can drive the country forward.

## WORK IN PROGRESS



Workers began demolishing this vacated house, formerly the Math and Science Hub for Hodge Hall, to make way for a new 70,000 square foot addition to Hodge Hall. The project, which will cost \$20.2 million, will result in a four-story building that will house research and teaching laboratories, offices for faculty and a greenhouse.

## Fall Convocation postponed until further notice

Because of the threat of inclement weather, Fall Convocation has been postponed until further notice.

The convocation was to be held Sept. 13 at Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium this year, due to the floor at Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center being redone.

The scheduled speaker was to be Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, pastor of the Metropolitan Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Washington, D.C.

- Dante Mozie  
Editor-in-Chief

## ZANZIBAR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Both plan to return to Zanzibar after earning their respective degrees to provide a much needed service as teachers of math and science.

Dr. Hugine traveled to the meeting - sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) - in Washington, D.C., to sign a collaborative agreement between the United States government, SC State University and the Zanzibar Ministry of Education and Vocational Training to develop, publish and distribute a minimum of 600,000 science textbooks and learning materials to high school students in the African nation.

In 2006, SC State was one of six U.S. universities chosen to partner with an African nation to implement the Textbooks and Learning Materials Program, a part of President George W. Bush's effort to expand access to education in Africa.

President Bush's Africa Education Initiative, a program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is a \$600 million commitment to provide books, scholarships, school uniforms and teacher training so that more African children can attend school. The initiative includes funding to train 920,000 teachers in 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. By the beginning of 2006, more than 300,000 teachers, both new and experienced, had received training.

## SC State receives \$600,000 HUD HBCU grant

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson announced (original date) that 14 Historically Black Colleges and Universities will receive \$8.4 million to help revitalize neighborhoods near their campuses.

SC State University will receive \$600,000, the top amount given to any institution.

HUD's HBCU program funds grantees to carry out projects designed primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents by helping prevent or eliminate slums or blight, or meet urgent community development needs in their localities.

The grants can be used for activities such as acquiring real estate; demolition; homeownership assistance to low- and moderate income persons; special economic development activities; and rehabilitation of residential, commercial or industrial buildings to correct code violations.

Since 1991, HUD has awarded more than \$67 million to HBCUs to stimulate economic and community development activities.

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DEVEN D. ANDERSON

## The Rise of Garnet and Blue Complacency

It was thought to be the beginning of a regular school day at this particular institution of higher learning in a small rural town. The early dawn enriched by the cool crispness of the air was typical of an early March morning in the South. However, to the surprise of a young student photographer and many of his colleagues, all thoughts of a "regular" school day was interrupted by the remains of an effigy hanging from a tree in front of the home that was occupied by the president of this particular college. Prior to the arrival of the student photographer, the students of the college participated in a "ritual lynching" of an effigy that was a representation of the institution's president for his conservatism and unwavering loyalty to the "ALL WHITE" Board of Trustees that governed this historically black institution instead of his constituency – the students.

However, that March morning in 1956 marked the beginning of the evolution of student activism. This new movement was the birth on the campus of then-South Carolina State College. The student photographer was Cecil Williams and Dr. Benner C. Turner was president of the college. Can you imagine this took place four years before the infamous Greensboro sit-ins and yet many students of SC State do not know that loyal sons and daughters were the architects of modern student activism?

Fifty-one years have passed since that early dawn morning and through the annals of time our cherished groves and classic halls have stood witness to the Orangeburg Massacre and, most recently, the first debate of the 2008 Presidential Election Cycle. But with all these historical milestones, what has happened to the rich heritage of student activism? Where does being a student activist or being a progressive thinker fit in an era of rude social behavior that is seen and imitated by those who view the programming that is offered by Black Exploitation Television? And, it baffles me that 21st Century collegians allow social atrocities and injustices like the Jena Six to occur and still yet find the time to learn how to "Crank dat" or learn the other numerous dances that make "us" appear as the modern black faced Sambo?

No longer do we feel that "we are all in this together," but now it's "every man and woman for himself or herself." At the start of this academic year amid the concerns and upheaval concerning housing, it was commonly heard among our seasoned brothers and sisters that "as long as I have somewhere to lay my head then I'm good." But what about those hundreds of students who did not have housing and were victims of the mismanagement caused by this institution's administration? Yet, the first thing that the majority of us as students and administrators use as a recruiting tool is that we are all members of the Bulldog Family, and yet new members of our family are escorted out by the police with unanswered questions and there are those other members of our family that air our dirty laundry on the nightly local news. Just maybe, this all fits in with the "New State of Mind?"

What if Fred Moore, Henry Monteith Turner, Samuel Hammond, Henry Smith, Delano Middleton, Cleveland Sellers and the numerous other students who made up the Orangeburg Freedom Movement decided that risking their education that their parents paid for, and more importantly their lives, for

other people, but mainly for those generations yet to come, was not worth it? What if they all operated under the "every man for his or her self" mentality?

It's amazing how the SC State Chapter of the NAACP struggles to have an active and involved membership but over 50 years ago there was a South Carolina law that made it illegal for faculty members of this institution and similar colleges across this state to be members of this civil rights organization but the faculty members did not let that stop their activism. Dr. Benner Turner discouraged the students of SC State from participating with the NAACP. But yet that did not deter them from their movement of student activism.

In 2007, there are no South Carolina laws or any known discouragement from today's administration joining the SC State Chapter of the NAACP. So, where are the students? Why is every meeting after the first meeting empty? Most assuredly, when "aspirants" attempt to join a fraternity or sorority they use FALSE information, this is evident when asked the question "What on campus activities are you most involved with?" Top answers for that particular question include being a member of the NAACP and/or Student Government Association. Paying your membership dues and SGA Activity Fee does not make an individual an active and involved member. However, what makes an active and involved member is when that individual moves forward the vision of the organization and is actively advancing the organization's agenda.

With the rise of complacency, individuals become comfortable and settle for mediocrity, never challenging the powers that be for the quality service and for excellence that is expected. One sign of being complacent is compliance. During the years of the institution of slavery, the slaves were compliant due to fear of being whipped. What fears do we have that we can't challenge the system, be it local, state, or national? Settling for mediocrity now during undergraduate years may result in the settling of mediocrity, social atrocities and injustices in the real world. We are the next generation, we are the next alumni of this institution, we are the next professionals, we are the next elected officials and, most importantly, we are the future. If I based our future off watching the negative images portrayed by the media or even entertain the discussion on whether someone is black enough to become the next President of the United States of America in the 21st Century, I would say we are doomed. But we must make up in our minds to fight beyond the distractions and traps that have been set for us and pick up the baton in the race of life passed by those student activists of the days of old and simply fight the power! The late civil rights activist Rosa Parks said, "When people made up their minds that they wanted to be free and took action, then there was change." As collegians, in order for us to see change in Bulldog Country, South Carolina, and the United States of America, we must make up our minds that we want change and then take action! If we can be faithful to the meltdowns, parties, and the local clubs then why can't be faithful to the NAACP, Student Government Association and other progressive awareness groups because these are the organizations that allow us to enjoy the freedoms of life and we reap the fruits of these organizations' labor. Wake up....

# SPORTS

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## BULLDOG FOOTBALL | SC STATE 3, SOUTH CAROLINA 38



COURTESY OF GENE BRELAND

### Bulldogs suffer beatdown by Gamecocks in first-ever matchup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, SC -- Steve Spurrier has adjusted to many things since coming to South Carolina. Now, he's learning how to win without his trademark offense.

The 17th-ranked Gamecocks improved to 3-0 for the first time in six seasons. And while Blake Mitchell threw three touchdowns, it wasn't until Spurrier shut down his passing attack that South Carolina got going in a 38-3 victory over South Carolina State on Saturday night.

"I guess we'll just put our running shoes on," Spurrier said.

Mitchell completed 14 of 21 passes for 147 yards. But he also threw three interceptions and had a fumble. His backup, Tommy Beecher, added a first-half interception and fumble, keeping the Bulldogs (1-2) of the Football Championship Subdivision in the game longer than Spurrier hoped.

"I thought we had a chance to score a whole bunch of points, but we didn't," Spurrier said.

Instead, fifth-year senior Mitchell made error after error that cost the Gamecocks.

"I just go out there and try and play. And tonight I didn't go out there and play like I was capable of," said Mitchell, who looked like the most despondent 3-0 quarterback in the country.

Spurrier made his coaching reputation at Florida with his quick-strike, high-scoring attacks. He hasn't had the chance to go long much with South Carolina. He figures he probably won't this year either.

"If we go to LSU or at Arkansas, we'll probably have to win one of those low-scoring, 16-14 games," Spurrier said with regret.

At halftime, Spurrier had little choice but go to the ground. Cory Boyd finished with 132 yards rushing, including a 29-yard TD run. Mike Davis ended with 102 yards. Despite that, Spurrier said he didn't award an offensive game ball because the two runners had earned them earlier in the season.

"The first half was a little shaky," Boyd said. "But the second half we showed we could play big-boy football and got the job done."

The Gamecocks will need to find a complete attack next week when they travel to No. 2 LSU.

"We definitely have to play better than we did tonight," Boyd said.

Not everything was bad in South Carolina's sixth consecutive win -- its defense didn't allow a touchdown for the 10th straight quarter.

"Every team that's undefeated, there are all these things that you've got to do to get better," South Carolina linebacker Jasper Brinkley said.

Spurrier says he'll work with Mitchell on his confidence. Too

often, Mitchell would hold the ball or try and get too precise on throws. Neither tactic worked.

Things picked up in the second half when Spurrier chose to run the ball straight at the Bulldogs.

Davis rushed for 43 yards and finished a 91-yard TD drive with a 9-yard catch from Mitchell.

Two series later, Boyd broke free for his 29-yard scoring run and the Gamecocks were up 31-3.

Spurrier called only six passes halftime. Then again, he didn't have to get creative the way South Carolina's defense played.

"It was kind of like a cat playing with a mouse. He lets you run a little bit and then he stops you," South Carolina State coach Buddy Pough said.

The Gamecocks picked off three passes of their own, lineman Nathan Pepper returning one 19-yards for a touchdown to put them ahead for good, 7-3.

South Carolina State had just 46 yards passing through three quarters.

The Bulldogs are celebrating 100 years of football at the historically black college. It's the first time, however, they've played their larger state rivals about 45 minutes up the road.

The 73,000 at Williams-Brice Stadium was the largest crowd South Carolina State had played in front of and it showed.

The Bulldogs got an early chance to make an impact when Markee Hamlin got Mitchell's first interception to set South Carolina State up on the Gamecocks 12.

But penalties for an illegal snap and illegal procedure pushed them back and they took a 3-0 lead on Aaron Haire's 37-yard field goal.

South Carolina settled down after that shaky start -- and looked ready to give Spurrier a Florida-style blowout.

Pepper went 19 yards to the end zone with Cleveland McCoy's interception to put the Gamecocks ahead 7-3.

Ryan Succop added a 40-yard field goal and Mitchell hit Kenny McKinley with a 12-yard touchdown pass on the Gamecocks next two series to increase the lead to 17-3.

Soon enough, though, South Carolina reverted to the "average stiff" Spurrier spoke of two weeks ago in the opener with Louisiana-Lafayette.

The defense, though, was again above average. It didn't give up a touchdown at Georgia in South Carolina's 16-12 win a week ago and did not yield this time, either.

The closest South Carolina State got after its opening drive came in the third quarter after driving to the Gamecock 12, but Darian Stewart recovered Jonathan Woods' fumble to end the threat.

## LADY BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL

### SC State goes 0-3 in Spikefest

By SC STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

The South Carolina State women's volleyball team went 0-3, this weekend in the 2007 SC State Spikefest. Wofford College was named champions winning all three of its matches.

In the first match of the tournament, the Lady Bulldogs (5-10) fell to Wofford College, 3-0, (24-30, 27-30, 18-30). Senior Monique Walker led all attackers in the match with 13 kills. Walker also had a team high six digs in the loss.

Wofford was led by Shanna Hughes with 10 kills and Sarah Palmer in digs with 18.

SC State lost a hard fought match to Hampton in its second match on Friday, 3-1, (30-24, 33-35, 21-30, 25-30). The Lady Bulldogs had three players to record double-digit kills led by Walker and freshman Jarne Gleaton with 11. Sophomore Linnie Garrett recorded 10 kills in the loss while junior Laura Waters-Brown picked up a team-high 10 digs in the loss.

Hampton was led by Ebonie Vincent and Alyssa Jackson with 21 kills and 13 digs, respectively.

In their final game of the tournament, SC State fell to USC Upstate, 3-1, (23-30, 30-27, 18-30, 24-30). Gleaton and Waters-Brown led the way for the Lady Bulldogs with 10 kills in the match. Walker led all players defensively, recording 20 digs for the first time this season.

USC Upstate was led by Katie Downey with 15 kills. Megan Healey had 16 digs in the victory.

SC State will return to action, next Tuesday when they travel to Conway, S.C., to take on Coastal Carolina. The Lady Bulldogs will return home on Tuesday, Sept. 25, when they host N.C. A&T at 6 pm.

#### 2007 SC State Spikefest All-Tournament Team

- #1-Monique Walker-SC State
- #12 Sarah Palmer-Wofford
- #9-Joanna Suddath-Wofford
- #7-Catelyn Amende-Wofford
- #24-Ese Ighedosa-Hampton
- #15-Jesicah Ambrisco-USC Upstate



## FASHION

# Party Like A Rock Star: Totally, Dude!

By DENNA HARRISON  
COLLEGIAN FASHION EDITOR

As we head back to campus, we see a glimpse from all eras of fashion, especially from guys. Here, we see the male fashion ranging from 1970's punk rock to the 1980's Old School Hip Hop. "Take that thing two sizes down" - Andre 3000

Name: **Isiah Williams**  
Classification: **Freshman**  
Home: **Los Angeles, Calif.**  
Major: **Business Management**



Name: **Breon Phillips**  
Classification: **Freshman**  
Home: **Hampton, S.C.**  
Major: **Business Management**



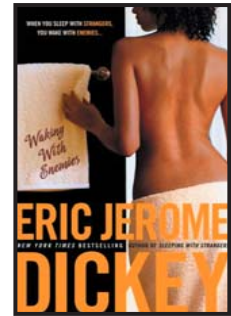
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Classification: **Freshman**  
Home: **Charleston, S.C.**  
Major: **Computer Science**



Name: **Aceson Morrell**  
Classification: **Sophomore**  
From: **New York City, N.Y.**  
Major: **Criminal Justice**



## BOOK REVIEW



### *Waking with Enemies* fulfills need for adventure

By ZAVA MATTHEWS  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

*Waking with Enemies* by Eric Jerome Dickey is the sequel to *Sleeping with Strangers*.

This story begins with the main character, Gideon, who is searching in his past for the truth while Death is knocking at his door. The story picks up when Gideon is staying at a London hotel and someone is knocking at his hotel room door. As soon as he realized that someone in his past wanted him dead and that he is now the hunted instead of the hunter, he realized that he had to protect two women he met on the plane while trying to figure what is happening.

This book is a real page turner. It will have one hanging on every word that is written and glued to the page.

The action in this book will have anticipated every move. This story is one of the most satisfying books that Eric Jerome Dickey has written. Reading this book will satisfy anybody with a adventurous side to them.

I would recommend this book to everyone who wants to do some extra reading on the side. This book had me at first page until the conclusion. The book has the perfect ending for a man who looking for peace.

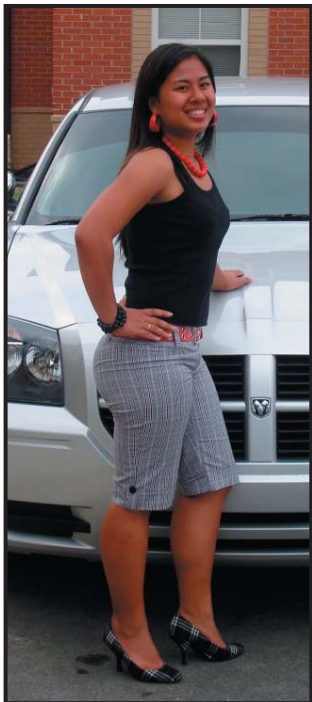
I would also recommend reading *Sleeping with Strangers*, which is another awesome read, to really understand what happened to Gideon.

# LIFE&STYLE

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## BEAUTY OF THE MONTH

Sophie Le



Sophie Le is a sophomore radio-chemistry and physics major. She is a lovely Leo, born Aug. 1, 1988, whose hometown is Charlotte, N.C.

Le is currently in a relationship, and is very active on campus; her many activities include the Health Professions Society, American Nucleus Society, SCAMP, SC State Honda Campus All-Star Team, Chess Club, Honor's Program, HBCU-UP, and she is also the Vice President of the Society of Physics Students.

In addition to her numerous extracurricular activities, Le also enjoys playing the violin, tennis, soccer, writing and fashion.

Most people don't know that she is the reigning AKA Miss Fashionetta for 2007 - 2008 or that she is of Vietnamese descent.

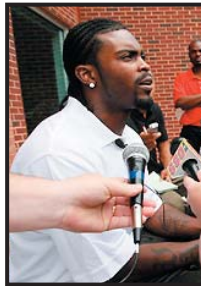
Le describes her potential mate as a guy who "has a sense of humor, is able to hold an intellectual conversation, athletic, can dress and has goals."

- Secret Spencer

## ENTERTAINMENT

### ENTERTAINMENT POLL OF THE MONTH

We polled students at SC State and we asked, "What is the most shocking celebrity news story?" Here's what you said:



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1. Michael Vick gets indicted for dog fighting.
2. Halle Berry expects first child.
3. Beyonce falls on stage in Orlando, Fla.
4. Remy Ma charged with attempted murder.
5. More reality: Flavor of Love 3 / I Love N.Y. sequels
6. 50 Cent and Ciara get busy in music video.
7. R. Kelly goes to trial this month.
8. Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown divorce
9. Eddie Murphy & Scary Spice "baby daddy" drama.
10. Paris Hilton goes to jail.

- Sophia White

Collegian Entertainment Editor

### YEAH RIGHT, TRY AGAIN SOULJA BOY SUPERMAN



"You catch me at yo local party  
Yes I crank it everyday  
Haterz get mad cuz  
I got me some bathin' apes"

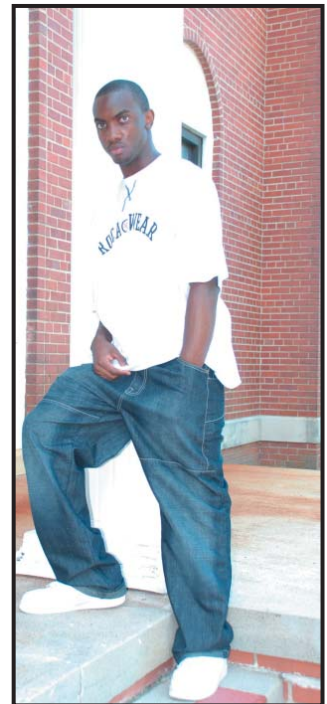
### DARROL WESTON

#### EDITORIAL CARTOON



## EYE CANDY OF THE MONTH

Jeremy Stukes



Jeremy Stukes is a handsome Cancer who comes from Chesapeake, Va. He is a biology major in his sophomore year at South Carolina State University.

Unfortunately for the interested ladies, Stukes is in a relationship right now, but he says that he can see himself being with a woman who "is smart, has a sense of humor, and down to earth."

Although Stukes works hard to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, he also enjoys playing football and taking care of his body. In fact, he loves working out so much that he says, "I love to work out - to stay in shape!"

- Secret Spencer

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#### Beauty of the Month series?

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# MONEY

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Bookstore employee and student Stephanie Vincent helps Ashley Nolen locate her textbook. Students deal with the rising cost of textbooks every year.

## Are books worth their weight in paper?

By DERVEDIA THOMAS

COLLEGIAN MANAGING EDITOR

Many people thought they could have saved some money by using a second hand book from a friend or relative this semester, but to their dismay a newer edition complete with CD-ROM or other supplements are the new requirements.

According to a poll taken at SC State University, students spent an average of \$600 with the highest value being \$900 this semester.

Bundled supplements have been cited as the problem for nationwide price increases in the July 2005 Government Accountability Office report. A new bill, The College Textbook Affordability Act, is currently pending review in the U.S. House of Representatives. If passed, the bill will make the following changes:

- All institutions receiving federal assistance will be required to include the price of course books on the class schedules before students start choosing classes.
- Publishers must make available to the University the details of changes to new editions as well as the revision history.
- Materials such as CD-ROMs that would normally be bundled with the text books must be available separately.

This bill provides information to empower educators to make choices about the necessity of newer editions as well as allowing students to make financial plans before classes begin. The success depends upon students impressing upon faculty possibly through their SGA, to make controlling book prices a priority.

### EDUCATION'S COMPETITORS

As you look around the campus, the impression created of student spending threatens to nullify all complaints. Thick gold chains, brand name shoes and clothing with lavishly outfitted cars dominate the scene.

These powerful images create equally powerful perceptions. According to a recent survey by *The Collegian* about book prices, 87.5 percent of all students surveyed thought that books were too expensive. When asked if \$100 was too much to spend on a text book versus a pair of sneakers, we expected a higher percentage than the 36 percent that thought a sneaker was worth more.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT, STUDENTS, PARENTS BAN TOGETHER

Since the act is not yet been passed, what can be done in the interim? Our bookstore, like others across the nation, assists by providing used books.

Other alternatives include purchasing books online or downloading available free versions (if you can find them). Brown University professors have adopted the approach where possible, of directing students to websites that contain the relevant information for the course, instead of using a textbook.

SGAs, faculty, students and parents have collaborated in universities across the nation to set up rental services for students. There is actually an entire instruction manual online devoted to assisting other interested parties set up their own similar system.

## Small Business Development Center offers seminar for prospective entrepreneurs

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND MARKETING

SC State University's Small Business Development Center will offer a seminar for prospective small entrepreneurs to learn what it really takes to launch a business today, from developing a business plan to acquiring necessary tools to help build business success. The seminar, "12 Steps to Consider When Starting and/or Growing Your Business," will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. in 237 Belcher Hall on SC State's campus. The seminar will be led by Wanda Terry, a business development consultant. To register for the seminar, please contact Pamela Free at (803) 536-8445 or pfree@scsu.edu.

The seminar is designed for individuals in the early stages of starting a business, and business owners, managers, directors and individuals with an established business that may need to revisit the basic steps of operating a small business. The curriculum includes information on business model options, business plans, branding, marketing and advertising tools, funding and business resources (e.g. licensing, permits).

The South Carolina State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) develops, evaluates and disseminates programs that foster economic growth and development throughout an assigned area within the State of South Carolina to individuals and the business community with technical assistance and quality management to create a favorable climate for entrepreneurship. The SBDC is sponsored and funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBDC offers numerous services to small businesses, including free expert consulting services, concentrated training and information resources.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

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## Wake Up! You Need That Sleep! Foundation suggests at least eight to nine hours of sleep

By LYDIA WEST

BLACK COLLEGE WIRE

Between class, work, parties and school activities, many students find it difficult to take the time to re-energize body and brain with the real food for the soul, sleep.

"Sleep is like food to the brain. In order to function properly we have to have it," said a family nurse practitioner.

Failure to get in at least eight hours can result in dizziness, loss of energy and insomnia — all symptoms of sleep deprivation, which is defined as failure to get the necessary amount of sleep. Skipping hours of sleep might seem harmless, but a 2006 poll from the National Sleep Foundation indicated many young adults suffer from sleep deprivation severe enough to interfere with daytime activities.

According to the foundation, not getting enough sleep or having sleep difficulties can limit your ability to learn, listen, concentrate and solve problems. It can also lead to aggressive or inappropriate behavior, such as yelling at friends or being impatient with teachers or family members. It can even contribute to acne and other skin problems.

Sleep deprivation can also cause weight gain: One can eat too much or eat unhealthy foods at night. It can even heighten the effects of alcohol, lead to the use of caffeine and nicotine and precede serious illnesses such as insomnia.

Dr. Clarence Calhoun, a general surgeon and physician at Albany State University Student Health Services, said, "Students are often suffering from sleep deprivation and don't even realize it. Too many nights of forced wakefulness can affect your social life, academics, family, health and eventually lead to deadly consequences."

Vicki Philips, R.N., a family nurse practitioner who is also at Albany State University Student Health Services, said students who do not receive at least eight to nine hours of sleep are harming their immune systems.

"Too many extracurricular activities, along with college life pressures, are causing students to become sleep-deprived," Philips said.

Why don't students sleep enough?

Christy Statham, a 19-year-old business management major, said, "I don't receive eight hours of sleep because I am involved in so much, and still feel the pressure to keep my academics up. There aren't enough hours in the day."

Tia McCloud, 19, an accounting major, said, "I am involved in numerous extracurricular activities,

and have a job. Sometimes it is impossible to get my full eight to nine hours."

Avery Hudson, a 24-year-old psychology major, said, "I don't get enough sleep at night because I don't get home until late. At that time, I have to finish up my schoolwork and watch TV."

Yet some others force themselves to stay awake to party.

"Students in college socialize late at night instead of sleeping," Erica Whales, 18, a sophomore speech and theater major, said.

Chantal Forbes, 18, a sophomore biology major, said, "I'm either studying or partying late at night."

Failure to receive the needed eight hours of sleep can become a habit that affects one's circadian rhythm, the natural rhythm of the body. It serves as a clock that tells the body when to shut down and prepare for sleep and when to feel more alert.

Brandon Hosley, 21, a senior business management major, said she often tries to turn a 24-hour day into a much longer one.

"By the time I feel I have finished all of my tasks, and can go to sleep, I look up and it's a new day," Hosley said. "It is like a continuous cycle that my body has become accustomed to."

Students who have a slower running circadian rhythm may not "wake up" until later in the morning or day, according to Calhoun. They may have difficulty concentrating, and feel a bit groggy or down during part of the day. These "night owls" find it easier to stay up late at night.

If your circadian rhythm is off balance, there are steps to get it back on the right cycle.

The National Sleep Foundation recommends awakening about 15 minutes earlier each day until you reach eight to nine hours of sleep. Avoid naps during this process. While adapting to your new sleep schedule, avoid caffeine, alcohol and other substances that can affect your sleep. Open blinds or shades or turn on bright lights as soon as possible after waking to help reset your internal clock. Avoid bright light in the evening.

"Once your circadian rhythm is on the right track, it is up to the student to go to bed at a reasonable time. Depriving yourself [of] sleep is only going to hurt you in the long run," Calhoun said.

"Sleep is like food to the brain. In order to function properly, we have to have it," Philips said.

"Be very mindful, in college your main focus should be on academics," he added.

"Extracurricular activities are good, but if they start to affect your academics and health, back down on them."

## Living with Diabetes is difficult but not impossible

By DESMOND NUGENT  
BLACK COLLEGE WIRE

For James Wallace, director of assessment and career services at Langston University, diabetes runs in the family.

"Diabetes has not skipped a generation in my family," Wallace said. His father and older brother have diabetes; his brother, seven years younger than Wallace, who is 58, died of the disease at 45.

"My brother's death opened my eyes, and it made me reflect on what it is that I need to do if I want to live. He wasn't doing what he was supposed to do," he said.

Watching what you eat is always beneficial, but for people with diabetes, it's not an option. According to the National Diabetes Clearinghouse, diabetes caused the deaths of approximately 224,092 Americans in 2002, making it the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States that year.

Diabetes results when the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into the energy needed for daily life.

There are mainly two types of diabetes: type 1 and type 2. Living with either can be difficult. To prevent complications, diabetics are advised to monitor their blood-sugar level multiple times a day, visit their doctor frequently, watch their eating habits and exercise.

Researchers have found that an exposure to an "environmental trigger" can cause type 1 diabetes; for example, an unidentified virus stimulates an attack against cells of the pancreas in some geneti-

cally predisposed people.

People who are obese or have a prior history of impaired glucose tolerance, chronic stress, low birth weight or a family history of diabetes are more likely to get type 2 diabetes, which may account for up to 95 percent of all diagnosed diabetes cases.

Symptoms include frequent urination, excessive thirst, unexplained weight loss, extreme hunger, sudden vision changes, tingling or numbness in the hands or feet, feeling very tired much of the time, very dry skin, sores that are slow to heal, more infections than usual, vomiting, nausea and stomach pains.

If not controlled, diabetes can lead to heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, nervous system disease, amputations, dental disease and pregnancy complications.

Despite the hardships people with diabetes might face, diabetics are still able to lead fulfilling, long lives.

Hart Jackson-Abanishie, an administrative specialist at Langston University who is 29, has had diabetes since age 17. She uses an insulin pump to measure her blood-sugar level, which she says lowers her risk of further complications. Jackson-Abanishie says she controls her diabetes mainly through exercise.

"My form of exercising is different from everyone else's. I don't drive around campus; if I need to do anything on campus, I walk," Hart said. She also believes in taking the stairs, and if she needs to talk to someone on the phone, she walks to that office.

For more information about diabetes, visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)



## Gospel artist gives inspirational performance, message to students



Smokie Norful gives a rousing performance at the SGA's gospel concert Aug. 24.

Smokie Norful performs at Student Government Association gospel concert

By JESSICA TEASDELL  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

With any performer there will be applause, but at the Smokie Norful concert on August 24 there were standing ovations.

When the Student Government Association here at South Carolina State University planned this great event over the summer, they decided to do something other than bring the usual rap artist, they came to the conclusion of bringing a gospel artist.

"We are always open to uplifting the student body,"

Student Government Association President Jeremy Rogers said.

The turnout was amazing with nearly all of the seats filled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium.

The ordained minister was very crowd oriented, allowing certain lucky concert goers to come on stage with him and sing a selection.

Norful also shared with the crowd some very intimate details about himself.

Norful is a graduate of The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He also received a Master of Divinity degree, at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

The anointed singer is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

He closed the concert with a prayer, but not before singing his chart topping hit "I Need You Now."

## Words can be very powerful

Words have power.

This is something that I have to continually remind myself about day in and day out. Words spoken cannot be taken back or altered easily. Once spoken they take shape and form, and in fact alter their environment. They affect lives, behaviors and circumstances. They can be used constructively or destructively. They are not to be taken for granted.

The Word tells us in Proverbs 18:21 that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

In this piece of scripture, we realize that words are not just words, but that they have power to effect change and affect their

environments.

I always look to the wisdom of the aged. I always remember my grandmother saying that "If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all."

Why is this? Is it because through wisdom and experience, she had realized that words carry a force that is beyond comprehension which should not be taken for granted?

I recently had a friend who heard me speak negatively about a particular situation so much, remind me that this was not the way to change things. It takes positive words to change a situation for the better. In today's society, people often talk before they fully think about what they are saying. Do not become a member of this group. Realize the power of words and the power of your tongue.

I believe that God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason. So that we would spend twice the amount of time listening and thinking before we spoke.

You have a great weapon between your lips. Yield it with wisdom, respect and love. Someone or some situation requires your positive speaking.

Words have power.



Abdalla Straker  
News Editor

## "Jena Six" Picking Up Student Support

By VANESSA ROZIER  
BLACK COLLEGE WIRE

A year ago, Mychal Bell was known in Jena, La., simply as a 16-year-old sophomore at Jena High School and a winning starter on its football team. Today he stands convicted of aggravated second-degree battery and faces up to 22 years in prison.

Michael David Murphy / www.whileseated.org T-shirt sported by LaTara Hart, cousin of Carwin Jones and Robert Bailey, two of the Jena Six. He is nationally known as one of the young men called the Jena Six.

A rally is scheduled in Jena on Sept. 20 in conjunction with universities and individuals who wish to support the six.

According to accounts of the developments, their case began on Aug. 31, 2006, when a black student in Jena asked permission to sit underneath what was understood to be the "white" tree at school — and he did. The next day, three nooses were found hanging from the tree. Three white students were held responsible and the principal recommended that they be expelled. The school board and superintendent, however, decided that an in-school suspension would suffice.

Outraged, black students organized a protest and, again, sat underneath the "white" tree. Two incidents took place the next November weekend.

On the Friday night, Robert Bailey, one of the six, was punched and kicked at a party attended by mostly white students. Then, Saturday, a confrontation took place between a group of black students and one of the white students involved in Friday's fight.

Once back at school, Justin Barker, a white student, teased Bailey about getting beaten Friday

night and used racial slurs to do so. One student punched Barker in the back of the head and others kicked him while he was down, leaving him unconscious. An ambulance arrived to pick Barker up, but he was never officially hospitalized and, later that night, went to a school function.

Six black students were arrested over the Dec. 4 school fight and their bonds were set. The highest reached \$138,000.

Bell and the other five were charged with attempted second-degree murder and conspiracy in the fight with Justin Barker. On Sept. 4, charges for Carwin Jones and Theo Shaw were reduced to aggravated-second degree battery, the Associated Press reported, citing a media report.

In July, Bell became the first to stand trial. After being represented by a public defender who did not call witnesses in Bell's defense, an all-white jury convicted him of aggravated battery and conspiracy charges after two days of deliberation. On Aug. 24, Bell was denied a reduction in the \$90,000 bail after prosecutors disclosed four previous brushes with the law.

On July 31, as many as 300 supporters rallied in Jena in support of Bell and all of the defendants.

Victoria Kirby, a junior speech communication major at Howard and a member of the Save the Jena Six Planning Committee, said the Jena Six issue cannot be ignored. The group was planning a Sept. 5 rally in support of the accused at Howard's Rankin Memorial Chapel.

"It's crucial for us to be involved," Kirby said of the Howard community. "What we do affects what happens in the black community."

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## IMPACT



## “Read a Book” Video Provokes Strong Reactions

By **ASHLEY K. WASHINGTON**  
BLACK COLLEGE WIRE

“Read a book,” “take a bath” and “buy some land” are among the messages in a viral video phenomenon that has many people on edge since its airing on YouTube and Black Entertainment Television.

Hip-hop artist and poet Bomani “D-Mite” Armah’s “Read a Book” has generated varying opinions about the explicit way the messages are delivered. Some call the video vulgar.

The Washington, D.C., native uses attention-grabbing beats by converging Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5 with catchy lyrics typically associated with crunk music, popularized by artists such as Lil’ Jon and Three Six Mafia.

The Washington City Paper says the video has been viewed more than 650,000 times on YouTube.

Denys Cowan, senior vice president of animation for BET, told the Los Angeles Times that he was “a little surprised” that the video has elicited such a strong reaction. “We were doing it from the point of this being a fun, profound song,” he said. “We didn’t know it would take on this life.”

Although Tennessee State University students say they have mixed feelings about the song and its BET-animated video, Armah said the song’s purpose outweighs any negative response.

“As an artist, it is not my job to make people feel good, it’s only my job to make people feel,” Armah said. “I love that everyone has dramatic feelings about the song, no matter if they love it or hate it.”

Brandie Ricks, a junior health science major from Cincinnati, said that although she can relate to the song’s message, its use of profanity and repeat of the “n-word” numerous times obscures the message for some.

“The concept of the video makes sense because it

is true, but the content of the song is unnecessary,” said Ricks. “He didn’t have to use that video or use those words to get his point across.”

Junior Tiffany Currie, a business marketing major from Detroit, also criticized Armah’s method.

“I disagree with the way he brought the message to the community,” Currie said. “Personally, I would have read it if it was still a poem.”

However, not all students found the song distasteful.

“It’s funny to me (because) I think it’s crazy,” said Kevin Howard, a freshman architectural engineering major from Chattanooga, Tenn. “The kids today like videos with the booty-shaking.”

“The creators of that video simply took that concept and added a twist,” Howard continued. “They took the things we like and added an educational song to it.”

Armah said he feels that the use of profanity in the song isn’t negative because he isn’t using the words to disparage.

“As far as the language, there are no such things as bad words, only bad intentions,” he said. “For example, the word ‘love’ is not positive or negative; it all depends on the context. If you say ‘I love to kill people,’ that would be profanity.”

With all the controversy surrounding his innovation, Armah said he will continue to keep his creative juices flowing. Armah’s new album, “Ear Banger,” is available online and the poet says he has no plans to stop what he’s doing.

“I haven’t gone platinum yet, but I got people listening. At the very least, I wanted people to be aware of someone doing something different with hip-hop music,” Armah said.

## NBC Nightly News profiles HBCUs recruiting of non-black students

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, *NBC Nightly News* featured SC State, senior criminal justice major Aaron Robinson and Antonio Boyle, assistant vice president for enrollment management, in a segment that examined increasing enrollment of white and hispanic students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

If you missed the segment, you can watch it on the MSNBC video site.

Robinson is a member of SC State’s golf team and serves as president of the Beta Delta chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., an historically black fraternity and service organization. He is also the chapter’s first white member.

The Sept. 19 broadcast was SC State’s second appearance on *NBC Nightly News* in six months. The University was previously featured in an April segment preceding the first U.S. Presidential Debate of the 2008 election cycle, for which SC State served as host.

On Sept. 5, President George W. Bush issued a proclamation on honoring America’s HBCUs, designating Sept. 9-15 as National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week 2007.

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Chigozie Onyema is a part of the planning team as well. The group is working to raise money for and awareness of the case. “It would behoove students at a historically black university to show solidarity with any case that calls into question the blindfold that the court is supposed to wear,” he said. Onyema is a senior African American studies major and the president of the Howard chapter of Amnesty International.

“Historically, there has been a separate criminal justice system for black and white citizens,” he said. He then referred to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Letter from a Birmingham Jail, saying that it taught us that “an injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”