“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 Romone “D-Mix” 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 used 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 6 Mafia. The Washington City Paper says the video has been viewed more than 670,000 times on YouTube.

Donny Coyne, senior vice president of administration 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 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 reactions.

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

Armah, a junior health science major from Cincinnati, said that although he can relate to the song’s messages, 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 Rickie Jimerson.

Student Tiffanie Chesser, a business marketing major from Detroit, also criticized Armah’s method.

“I disagree with the way he brought the message to the community,” she 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, I thought it was the kids today like videos and added a twist,” said Kevin Howard, a freshman architectural engineering major from Chattanooga, Tenn. “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 ... 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.
The new school year at North Caro-
olina A&T State University in Greensboro began with the revelation that a state audit has uncovered close to $2 million in wrongdoings.

The audit documents instances of fiscal mismanagement of federal and state funds, and other findings, including $180,000 in vendor receipts that were diverted to a spending account for former chancellor James Renick, who stopped down last year and is now a senior vice president at the American Council on Education in Washington.

“It really makes me want to put my hands on my face,” said the new chancellor. “It really creates an untrusting environment, and a lot of confusion. 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.”

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.

According to the audit, $500,000 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.

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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 in excess of $60,000 paid to the program manager’s husband after he became a participant in the program.

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Battle arrived July 1 from Corpus Christi University in Baltimore. "I got here, got in, got all my housing dealt with. I’ve been dealing with both sides, you know," he said. "I’ve got to deal with state problems, and when you make a mistake, the door is wide open, you can slam the door. It’s got to be addressed. It’s got to be cleaned up."

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Today, A&T is a vibrant university with a 22,000-student population and a $4 billion endowment. It is one of the top 50 recipients of federal research funding and one of the top 100 recipients of federal research funding.

There is a great deal at stake if the school is not able to move forward in the next few years. A&T has a long history of institutional excellence and has been a leader in higher education for more than a century.

Igor Stravinsky’s 125th Birthday

When: Thursday, Sept. 27

Where: Student Center Plaza

Time: 5:00 p.m.

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COLLEGEL notes

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

By LYNNWEST
BLACK COLLEGE WEEKLY

Between class, work, part-time and college activi-
ties, many students find it difficult to take the time to re-energize body and brain with the restful food for the soul that is sleep.

Sleep is like food to the brain. In order to function, it needs consistent meals just as we do. That is why we see a family meal practitioner.

Failure to get as little as eight hours to sleep results in dizziness, loss of energy and insomnia — all symptoms of sleep deprivation, which is defined as failure to get the necessary amount of sleep.

Sleeping less than eight hours a night cuts the risk of heart disease in half, says Harvard prevention specialist Dr. Neil Wenger, who has spent 10 years studying that link. Not getting enough sleep may also cause weight gain, drive up blood pressure and increase a risk of diabetes and obesity.

Hart Jackson-Abanishe, an administrative specialist at Langston University who is 29, has had diabetes since age 17. She was diagnosed during a routine blood test.

Stem Cell Research

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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.

Alridge added that another reason for the problem was the unexpected demand from students to live on campus, particularly from the students in the housing lottery, which was expanded mostly on campus, the dorms on campus vary in age, including the Flag Hall, Mill Hill Hall and Hubbard Hall, which has an "original edifice of 1898," Alridge said. The conditions of these dorms drive students to stay off campus.

One 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 we're staying competitive," Alridge said. According to enrollment projections, SC State's number of incoming freshmen jumped 10 percent to over 1,200 freshmen, bringing the total student population to over 16,000. Last year's freshmen class had 1,120 students.

Alridge said that the student body will do everything they possibly can to get the message out about the process of selecting a room for next year: "It's time to see every room 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 is tour year in and year out maintenance to all students to ensure that they're getting proper housing, we're going to do the proper procedures."
DEVON D. ANDERSON

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 stretched as 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 were inter- rupted by the remains of an effigy hanging from a tree in front of the home that was occupied by the president of this particu- lar 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 administrative president for his conservatism and unwavering loyalty to the “ALL WHITE” Board of Trustees that governed this historically black institu- tion instead of his constituency — the students. However, that March morning in 1956 marked the begin- ning of the evolution of student activism. This new movement was the birth on the campus of then-South Carolina State University. The student photographer was Cecil Williams and Dr. Bentor C. Turner was president of the college. Can you imagine this took place four years before the infamous Greens-boro 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 this rich heritage of student activists? Where does a college student or a college student activist become a progressive thinker in an era of race social behavior that is seen and imitated by those who view the programming that is offered by Black Exploitation films. One can no longer consider the programming that is offered by Black Exploitation Television and Black Entertainment Television as the one who is not a member of the Bulldog Family. Because they spread the smear and the news, we have been categorized as the “New State of Mind?”

What if Fred Moore, Henry Monteith Turner, Samuel Hamm-ond, Henry Smith, Delus Middlebrook, Cleveland Sutfin and the other members of student activists 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 modern student activist is viewed by the his governing body of the NAACP. So, where are the students? Why is every meeting after the first meeting empty? Most assuredly, 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 for our rights.

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Bulldogs suffer beatdown by Gamecocks in first-ever matchup

COLUMBIA, S.C. — USC has surprised Mitchell to admit 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 chose to run the ball against at the Bulldogs. Dorsey had 43 yards and finished a 45-yard TD drive with a 9-yard冲球 from Mitchell.

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

Spurrier offered no press conference following the loss.

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

The Gamecocks 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.

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 on South Carolina State’s first drive.

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

SPORTS

LADY BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL

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By SC State Sports Information

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FASHION

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WAKING WITH ENEMIES

FULFILLS NEED FOR ADVENTURE

By DENNA HARRISON

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Our take on refund checks, as drawn by "'s Editorial Cartoonist Darrol

"Waking with Enemies" by Eric Jerome Dickey is the sequel to "Fighting with Strangers". This story begins with the main character, Gideon, who is searching in his past for the truth while Death knocks 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 had tried to kill him, Gideon 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 you hanging on every word that is written and glued to the page. The action in this book will have you anticipating 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 taste for them. I would recommend this book to everyone who wants to do some extra reading on the side. This book had me on the edge of my seat until the conclusion. The book has the perfect ending for a man who looking for peace. I would also recommend reading "Waking with Enemies" to really understand what happened to Gideon. I also would recommend reading "Fighting with Strangers", which is another awesome read, to really understand what happened to Gideon.
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Jeremy Stokes 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 intrepid la- dies, Stokes is in a relationship right now, but he says that he can see himself holding hands with a woman who “is smart, has a sense of humor, and down to earth.”

Although Stokes works hard to maintain a 3.4 grade point average, he also enjoys playing football and taking care of his body. In fact, he loves work-ing so much that he says, “I love to work out - to stay in shape!”

DEVID D. ANDERSON

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 the college participants 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 begin-ning of the evolution of student activism. This new movement was the birth on the campus of then-South Carolina State College. The photograph student was Cecil Williams and South Carolina State University

You catch me at yo local party
Yes I crank it everyday
Haters get mad cuz
I get some bathroom apes

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.

In addition to her numerous extracurricular activities, she also enjoys playing the violin, tennis, soccer, writ- ing and fashion. Most people don’t know that she is the nursing AICA Miss Folsom for 2006–2007 or that she is of Vietnamese descent.

She describes his potential mate as a guy who “has a sense of humor, is able to hold an intelligent conversa-tion, athletic, can dress and has goals.”

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that transfer to the university. If enough students 

enroll, the dorms will overflow, and some students will be forced to stay in off-campus housing. This situation is not sustainable for the university or the students.

Alridge said that another reason for the shortage of dormitory space was the high demand for on-campus housing. The demand for dormitory space was so high that the university had to implement a lottery system to ensure that all students could be housed.

Alridge also said that the university was working with local businesses to provide more off-campus housing options for students. The university had partnered with several local apartment complexes to provide additional housing options for students.

Alridge said that the university was also exploring the possibility of building new dormitories to address the housing shortage. He said that the university was working with local officials to obtain the necessary permits and funding for the construction of new dormitories.

Alridge said that the university was committed to ensuring that all students had access to safe and affordable housing. He said that the university was working hard to address the housing shortage and that he was optimistic about finding a solution.

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SC State University's Small Business Development Center will offer a seminar for prospective entrepreneurs to learn what it takes to launch a business today. The seminar, "12 Steps to Consider When Starting or Growing Your Business," will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. at 237 Belcher Hall on SC State's campus. The seminar will be led by Wendy Terry, a business development consultant. To register for the seminar, please contact Pamela Free at (803) 777-4653 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 planning, marketing, networking and advertising tools, funding and business resources (e.g., incubating centers).

A. The Small Business Development Center was established to provide assistance to small businesses in the area. The center offers a variety of services to small businesses, including free expert consulting services, concentrated training and information resources.

B. The center also offers small business owners the opportunity to network with other small business owners and to learn from experienced business owners.

C. The center 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.

D. The center is located in Belcher Hall on SC State's campus.

E. The center is open to the public, and there is no cost to attend the seminar.

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

The convocation was to be held Sept. 13 at Dillon's C. Vanston Ballroom Stadium; however, due to the rain at Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center being indoors.

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

- Dante Mozie

SC State receives $600,000 HUD HBCU grant

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros announced (original date) that the university will receive a $600,000 grant to develop new educational programs and services to help low- and moderate-income residents in the community.

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

By DESMOND NUGENT
BLACK COLLEGE WIRE

Between class, work, parties and social 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, the brain needs nutrients, just as the body does,” said LaToya West, 20, a psychology major.

Failure to get at least eight hours of sleep results in diminished, loss of energy and insomnia—all symptoms of sleep deprivation, which is defined as failure to get the necessary amount of sleep.

Sleep-deprived 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 may account for up to 55 percent of all new dia-betes cases.

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 hours of sleep.”

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, mental and health.”

The National Sleep Foundation recommends sleeping about 7 to 8 hours a night for adults, 8 to 9 hours for older adults, 9 to 10 hours for children and 11 to 12 hours for teenagers.

Once 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.

“If you are used to staying up late, you may need to have it. Be sure to have it. You need all the nutrients your brain needs in order to function properly.”

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Living with Diabetes is difficult but not impossible

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For James Wallace, director of assessment and career services at Langston University, diabetes runs in the family. Wallace’s father and older brother have diabetes. His brother, seven years younger than Wallace, is 30, and his diabetes at age 45.

“My brother died of complications, opened my eyes, and made me reflect on what it is that I need to do if I want to live. I wasn’t doing what was supposed to do,” he said.

Wallace 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 226,000 Americans in 2004, making it the sixth leading cause of death in the United States that year.

Diabetes is an ongoing battle in which the body does not produce or produce enough insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar,ust energy and fuel muscles. Without the energy needed for daily life.

There are mainly two types of diabetes: type 1 and type 2. A few disorders or conditions can either be too difficult to prevent. complications and about 75 percent of the American people have some form of diabetes.

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

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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 by the former head of the university’s budget. The audit documents instances of fraud and mismanaged federal grants and other funds, including $380,000 in vending receipts that were diverted to a personal account run by the former chancellor. The cash was found to have been used to cover the chancellor’s travel expenses and to purchase items for personal use.

"It really creates an untrusting environment, and a lot of confusion," said Moody. "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."

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 that substantial."

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

“Read a Book,” “take a bath” and “buy some fundamentals” 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 Roman “D-Mitro” Armah’s “Read a Book” has generated varying opinions about the explicit way the messages are delivered. Some call the hip-hop vulgar.

The Washington, D.C., native uses attention grabbing beats by corrupting Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5 with catchy lyrics that 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 675,000 times on YouTube.

Denny 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 view 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 my job to make people feel better,” Armah said. “I love that everyone has dramatic feelings about the song, but no matter if they love it or hate it.”

Brandale Bolden, a junior health science major from Cincinnati, said that although he can relate to the song’s message, it uses of profanity and repeat of the “a-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 Bolden. “He didn’t have to use that video or use those words to get his point across.”

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

“I disagree with the way he brought the message to the community,” Curry 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. He took the things we like and added an educational song to it.”

Armah said he feels that the use of profanity in the song... Armah said he will continue to keep his creative juices flowing. Armah’s new album, “Ear Banger,” is available...