“Building a Legacy: SC State University Honors Eighth President Through Dedication of New Science and Research Complex

By Ashley Elliott

Looking upon the new three-story modernized science complex that bears his name, the eighth president of SC State University, Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr., proudly says, “this building is phenomenal and exceeds my greatest expectations. It’s a fantastic place of discovery and learning.”

Serving as an annex to the original Hodge Hall, which was constructed in 1928 and named after former trustee, E.D. Hodge of Clarendon, S.C., the Leroy Davis Sr. Science and Research Complex now stands fully constructed and serves as a testament to the years of hard work and dedication in which Davis was passionately involved during his presidency from 1996 to 2002. (Click here for full story).

Noble Leader Receives Prestigious Nursing Award

By Tameka Kenan

It only takes a few moments engaged in conversation with Dr. Rafida Idris to realize she has an infatuation with her occupation. A professor of nutritional sciences in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at SC State University, Idris’ love for nursing goes as far back as her childhood in Bangladesh. “My parents were teachers but my maternal grandfather was a doctor,” says Idris. “In our country we had a shortage of nurses, and even in childhood when I visited people in the hospital, it would make me sad watching patients who were hurting and asking for help, but there was only one nurse for maybe 25 people.”

Although there are more nurses here in the United States, Idris believes that nursing is a noble profession to pursue. “It deals with caring for people,” notes Idris. (Click here for full story).

Live-Learn-Explore for the 2011 Summer School and Summer Activities Program at SC State

By Dr. Barbara Adams

Live-Learn-Explore is the theme for the 2011 Summer School and Summer Activities Program at SC State. The summer course offerings and activities schedule is packed with courses, fun activities and programs that will enable you to live, learn and explore.

The summer school program at the University includes multiple sessions and a variety of courses for traditional and non-traditional students. Summer school is designed to provide students the opportunity to complete their course of study for early graduation, to improve their grade point average, to reduce their course load during the regular semester, or to get their course of study back on track. Students may earn up to 18 semester credit hours. (Click here for full story).

Calendar of Events

April
21 Administrative Professionals Recognition Day
28 Dedication and Naming Ceremony of The Leroy Davis, Sr. Hall (Science and Research Complex)

May
5 Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
6 Commencement Convocation
6-8 Alumni Reunion Weekend

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The New Miss SC State University
D.A.N.C.E.S Her Way to the Top

By Tameka Kenan

A’Deana Jones entered the stage of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium with the regal nature of any renowned queen. Her stately appearance was even more solidified during the evening wear portion of the Miss SC State University pageant competition when she walked in front of thousands wearing an all-white gown. And if that wasn’t enough, she mystified the audience with an eloquent routine that combined lyrical pointe dance, along with an uncanny platform that simply included the letters-D.A.N.C.E.

Jones, a junior English education major from Spartanburg, S.C., used this talent and poise to obtain the crown and be named the 2011 to 2012 Miss SC State University. “I was shocked. I was surprised. I was crying. I felt great,” says Jones. A dancer since the age of three, Jones is happy to finally send her message to the masses. The letters, D.A.N.C.E simply mean developing and nurturing the community through excellence. (Click here for full story).