Dr. Cooper Engages Institutions in Council of 1890 Universities Summer Meeting

By Tameka Kenan

SC State University President, Dr. George E. Cooper, recently engaged several universities in this year’s Council of 1890 Universities Summer Meeting. Held at the Sea Pines Resort in Hilton Head, S.C. on August 1, 2011-August 3, 2011, various land-grant institutions participated in sessions involving study abroad opportunities for 1890 universities, working with Oak Ridge Associated Laboratories, the possible impact of Pell Grants on 1890 universities’ congressional relations, the Board of Trustees/CEO Relations and working with the NCAA to support the academic success of athletes.

The Council of 1890 Universities consists of presidents and chancellors of APLU- (Association of Public and Land-Grant universities) member historically Black land-grant universities. The council addresses the strengthening, teaching, research and extension programs at these member institutions. Its general purpose is “to represent collectively the interests of 1890 land-grant institutions while seeking to maintain, ensure and increase funding to present a unified approach for presentation of views regarding these institutions and to serve as a forum to share ideas and resources.” (Click here for full story).

SC State University’s Search Begins for Vice President of Finance and Management

By Erica Taylor

SC State University has begun the search for its next vice president of finance and management. The Committee, chosen and appointed by President George E. Cooper, is comprised of seven members representing SC State’s faculty, staff and the corporate community.

The committee members are: Dr. G. Dale Wesson, SC State’s vice president of research and economic development, who is serving as the committee chairperson; Mr. Edwin D. Givers, Esq., SC State’s chief of staff and general counsel, Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon, SC State’s chairperson for the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences; Ms. Renia Edwards, SC State’s athletics academic enhancement coordinator; Mr. John Smalls, SC State’s acting vice president for finance; Mrs. Lessie Price, manager of government operations at URS, Inc. and Mr. James Swan, controller at SCANA Corporation. (Click here for full story).

Colleton County Summer Camp Participants Visit SC State to Learn Swimming Techniques that Save Lives

By Antia Dawkins

During the summer months, many children stay inside on their technical gadgets or become a fan of someone’s facebook page. This summer, 27 students from Colleton County engaged in a more active, more conducive form of learning. They learned swimming techniques through SC State’s Aquatics Program that could possibly save their lives.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau of 2010, drowning for minority populations is notably higher in certain age groups. African-American children between the ages of five and 14 are drowning at an alarming rate of 3.1 times higher than that of Caucasian children in the same age range. With a yearning desire to make a difference in a child’s life this summer, and to eradicate the dim statistics, Corporal Jimmy Wiggins, a school resource officer from the Colleton County Sheriff’s Office, felt that there was a need for the students to engage in a new experience-swimming. (Click here for full story).

Calendar of Events

August
17 Classes Begin
22 Last Day for Drop/Add

September
01 at Central Michigan; Mt. Pleasant, MI
10 at Bethune-Cookman; Daytona Beach, FL
17 at Indiana; Bloomington, IN
24 SC State Univ. vs. Delaware State

October
01 at Norfolk State; Norfolk, VA
08 SC State vs. NC Central (Homecoming)
15 SC State vs. Georgia State
22 SC State vs. Florida A&M
29 at Howard; Washington, DC

ATTENTION!!!

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Matthew Perry’s Career Changed Lives

Courtsey of the Times and Democrat

Many of the larger-than-life figures from the civil rights era in South Carolina have come and gone from this world. The latest, and among the most notable, is Matthew J. Perry Jr., South Carolina’s first African-American federal district judge and a South Carolina State University alumnus.

He is a man who leaves a profound impact on South Carolina.

Perry was born into segregation not far from the federal courthouse in Columbia that now bears his name. He went on to become South Carolina’s pre-eminent civil rights attorney, which led to his appointment as the first African-American federal judge from the Deep South and the first black federal district judge in this state. (Click here for full story).