“QUIET, YET POWERFUL THINKING”
SC State Students Operate Robot Using Brain Signals

By Ashley Elliott

Full concentration is usually required when studying for an exam, completing a homework assignment or for carrying out any important task, but three SC State University students recently experienced quite the opposite.

On June 7, 2010, senior biology majors, Ronda Munnerlyn, Rosie McCormick and alumnus Chadester Cain, embarked on a significant research experiment which would prove to test their level of quietude. Having to be completely relaxed, yet alert, the students were able to control the movement of a robot while only using their brain signals.

The method used is the recording of alpha rhythms in the human brain, similar to that attained during periods of meditation and enhanced relaxation. (Click here for full story).

SC State University’s Lowman Hall Recognized

By Tameka Kenan

The 2010 American Institute of Architects South Carolina (AIASC) Design Awards jury has granted Watson Tate Savory Architects a Citation Award for Lowman Hall Rehabilitation. The awards process is competitive and receiving an award is a prestigious honor. Typically, fewer than ten projects win from a field of several hundred submitted statewide.

John Smalls, senior vice president of finance, facilities and management information systems at SC State, is excited about the University garnering such accolades. “This award has great significance because during the restoration of Lowman Hall, painstaking details were given to ensure its historical integrity,” says Smalls. “This award also exemplifies our intense interest in preserving the history and culture of this historic campus.” (Click here for full story).

SC State Student’s Hometown Dialect Leads to Meaningful Opportunity

By Tameka Kenan

When you hear Jessica Richardson speak, it is not reminiscent of the Gullah language spoken by many of the residents in her hometown of Huger, S.C. (Gullah is defined as a creole language spoken by the Gullah people, also called “geechees” within the community). Richardson, a graduate student in the Speech Pathology and Audiology Program at SC State University, has achieved neutrality when it comes to her speech. In fact, she speaks with such intelligence and poise that it landed her a full scholarship and stipend for Louisiana State University’s (LSU) Communication Sciences and Disorders doctoral program that she will begin in the fall.

Although Richardson has made such a huge accomplishment, she can still revert back to her Gullah dialect, citing phrases like, “uh he’p dem” or “I helped them.” Richardson has embraced her dialect, but living in a varied culture, she understands the significance of learning what most have deemed the typical language, as well as the repercussions of embracing her dialect. (Click here for full story).

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