SC State Plans Memorial Service to Pay Tribute to Loyal Son

By Dr. William Hine

SC State University will celebrate the life and legacy of federal judge and SC State alumnus, Matthew J. Perry. Perry died on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at the age of 89. Perry entered SC State as a freshman in 1939 but had his education interrupted by military service in World War II. He earned a bachelor’s degree in 1948 and a law degree at the Orangeburg school in 1951. For 15 years, Perry served as chief legal counsel for the SC State Conference of the NAACP. In dozens of cases in the 1950s and 1960s, he defended thousands of people who were arrested in civil rights marches and protests.

In 1976, Perry was appointed to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals. President Jimmy Carter appointed Perry to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in 1979. He sat on the federal bench until 1995 and then served in senior status until his death. The federal court house dedicated in 2005 was named in his honor. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Hallie Bacote. (Click here for full story).

Community Tribute Luncheon Honors Stellar SC State Alumni

By Tameka Kenan-Norman

From music performance to education, government and religion, SC State University alumni from various disciplines were honored during the recent MOJA Arts Festival Community Tribute Luncheon held at the Magnolia Plantation. According to Elease Amos-Goodwin, MOJA Arts Festival liaison to the Office of Cultural Affairs, the annual tribute luncheon has become a fixture in the state and honors individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty.

“The purpose of the luncheon is to pay tribute to those who give of their time and energy to the community in a volunteer fashion,” says Amos-Goodwin. “You may be a doctor, but if you are a doctor who will take care of children who don’t have insurance, then you go above and beyond.”

This year’s honorees included the following SC State alumni: Erica Prioleau-Taylor, ’00, honored as a rising star; Charlton Singleton, ’94, recognized as an artist; Michael A. Allen, ’82, known for his commitment in government and Rev. Dr. William Swinton Jr., ’79, praised for his work in religion. (Click here for full story).

Radio Voice of SC State University to Host Annual Membership Drive

By Carl A’IVE

SC State University’s radio station, WSSB 90.3 FM, will host their annual membership drive. This event will take place Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 through Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Nance Hall, room B-114, located on the campus of SC State University.

During WSSB’s membership drive, station listeners, SC State University constituents, businesses and local churches will have the opportunity to show their support of the station and to become members of the WSSB family by calling (803) 536-8585 on the designated dates and times, or by making an online pledge when visiting www.wssb903fm.org. The membership drive goal is 300 new station memberships. (Click here for full story).

SC State’s Marching “101” Band Chosen for 10th Annual Honda Battle of the Bands

By Antia Dawkins

The nation’s marching band fans have spoken and have chosen SC State’s Marching “101” Band as one of the top eight marching bands at a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) for the 2012 Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase. Now marking 10 years of celebrating the heritage, showmanship and scholarship of HBCU bands, the Honda Battle of the Bands will bring “The Homecoming” to the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga. for the Invitational Showcase that will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at 3 p.m. (Click here for full story).

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