SC State’s LaMar Coleman Voted President-Elect of the SC Housing Officers Association

By Antia Dawkins

LaMar Coleman, director of Residence Life and Housing, was recently elected as president-elect of the South Carolina Housing Officers Association (SCHOA) during their fall conference and business meeting. The position carries a two-year commitment wherein Coleman will serve as president-elect during the 2011-2012 academic term. He will later assume presidency during the 2012-2013 academic year. (Click here for full story).

Two SC State University Seniors Determined to be Voice for Change

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Today, approximately 580,000 Black males are serving sentences in state or federal prisons, while fewer than 40,000 Black males earn bachelor degrees each year. Additionally, African-American males make up six percent of the U.S. population and 40 percent of the incarcerated. If these trends continue, one out of every three African-American boys born today can expect to go to jail in their lifetime, according to www.boprogressive.com.

These were the alarming rates that were pressed upon two senior political science majors, Roanna Lalmansingh and Krystal Roberts, during the recent Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference (SDPC) in Dallas, Texas. Their journey to the conference began with a discussion in their black politics class with peers and instructor, Dr. William Legette. (Click here for full story).

Join the “PAC” and Become an Ambassador for SC State University

By Tameka Kenan-Norman

For Sherri and Paul Robinson Jr., being involved in their kids’ academic career has always been a necessity. Both actively participated in the Parent-Teacher Association and in every other aspect of their child’s schooling, paving the way for two children who are still succeeding. Paul Robinson III and Sadia Robinson are both students at South Carolina State University. That’s why it’s not unusual to spot Sherri walking on the university campus ready to offer support in any way possible.

“T’m on the campus right now,” noted Sherri during a phone interview as she spoke candidly about the Robinsons’ latest venture. The two recently joined 440 other parents in SC State University’s latest initiative, the Parents Advisory Committee, referred to as PAC.

According to Lowan Pitt, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Students, the purpose of PAC is to get parents more involved and to provide a venue for parents to address any college concerns. “PAC will allow administrators to have interaction with parents and find out what their opinion is of SC State as the college of choice for higher education,” said Pitt. “We can use them as a report card.”

Robinson, an Orangeburg, S.C. native who is one among the 13 co-chairs for the organization, is ready to share her opinion. “We really needed this, more communication between the parent and the university,” stated Robinson. “Sometimes your children don’t give you all the information that you may need. It’s just like PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) but on the college level. We are just trying to have a voice in our child’s education.” (Click here for full story).

ETV Radio Features SC State University’s Brass Quintet

By Tameka Kenan-Norman

“This is my baby,” says Dr. Steven J. Reid of SC State University’s brass quintet. That’s why the music professor of six years at the University was so excited to receive an invitation from ETV Radio to participate in the festivities for the grand opening of the company’s new state-of-the-art facilities. “I am immensely proud of these music majors,” says Reid. “These students have shown diligence and dedication in their preparation.”

ETV Radio hosted the grand opening of their new facilities at the ETV Telecommunications Center, 1041 George Rogers Boulevard in Columbia, S.C., on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 pm. The public was invited to tour the studios and to view actual recording sessions, such as the recording of SC State University’s brass quintet.

According to Reid, the SC State performance took place for one hour. The quintet, comprised of two trumpets (Desmond Kelly and Justin Watts), one French horn (Darius Davis), a trombone (Gerard Lancaster) and a tuba (Hussein Davies), performed music from various genres.

“We performed a wide variety of classical music from the Renaissance through the 20th century. We also included jazz music and excerpts from ‘Westside Story’. As a result, we gave them music arranged specifically for brass quintet,” says Reid.