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SC State Remembers Orangeburg Massacre 39 Years Later

By Dante Mozie
Managing Editor

The entire SC State University community paused to remember the memories and the horror of the Orangeburg Massacre on the evening of February 8. The crowd of students, faculty, alumni, and the members of the families of three students killed on that night. Henry Smith, Samuel Hammond, and Delano Middleton, gathered together inside the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium to honor the lives and efforts of those that were injured and those that made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of justice.

The first of its kind on an American college campus, the Orangeburg Massacre involved more than 200 students and protesters on what was then South Carolina State College. Protesting the All-Star Bowling Lane and its segregation policies, the protests turned into a tragedy, as South Carolina Highway Patrol officials eventually fired into the group of students, killing three men; Smith, Hammond, and Middleton, and wounding twenty-seven. Among those involved in the events that took place on the campus that night was Dr. Emma McCain, a sophomore at the time, McCain described her emotions following the attacks on the students by law enforcement:

“I remember feeling so surprised and stunned that members of the legal community who were supposed to be protecting us were attacking me in this manner; a skinny, young African-American woman,” McCain said. “And I always thought that clubbies were just a piece of wood, but I felt steel against my head that night, and it was a very frightening experience for a young sophomore.”

Promise versus Promiscuity

By Lou Ann Wilkes
Staff Writer

A recent poll conducted at SC State University determined that the number one reason for having sex was to satisfy overwhelming sexual urges. It is a fact that during adolescence, sexual hormones become active, and at these periods, first and continuing sexual encounters occur. Other reasons given for sexual activities included curiosity, assumption that individuals met the right person, hope of making relationships better and pressure from partners.

Sex and promiscuity among teens and young adults are quickly replacing virginity and chastity, making them virtues of the past. Research conducted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has shown that only 20% of college students are not yet sexually active. Of the 80% who are, approximately 25% have had six or more sex partners in their lifetime.

In many colleges, like SC State University, students lead libertine lifestyles simply because they can. Here, they are considered adults and can get away with a lot more on campus than they could, if fully supervised at home. However there are some students who have chosen to abstain. The poll also showed that 82% of the students are indeed sexually active. Of the remaining 18%, some are still virgins and the others have ceased being sexually active for quite some time now.
TOP 10 PICK UP LINES

By Moses O’Bell

1. Parties/went clubbing
2. Went to the beach
3. Went shopping
4. Vacation/travel
5. Went to the movies
6. Spent time with friends
7. Chatted on Facebook
8. Watched T.V.
9. Played video games
10. Slept

Spring is in the air! And you know what that means? That’s right, you guessed it, you finally get to have a break from all those tests, projects, papers, and those annoying homework assignments. Here are the top 10 things students did over spring break:

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You know, we’d make some good-looking babies.

I’d have 5 cents.

By Ebone` Edwards

First Date

By Staff Writer

The Round Up

Why Wait

By Bryan Rice

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What Women Should Know about HPV and Cervical Health

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How to Get on Your Professor’s Good Side

By Melanie Cantey
Staff Writer

The Democratic Presidential Candidate’s Debate will be held on campus, at the Martin Center for Music and the Performing Arts, Thursday, April 26th at 7 p.m. The purpose of this event is to allow the Democratic candidates to present their platform of the issues of the voters in the state of South Carolina, who will then select the best candidate who will run for the 2008 Presidential Election. Also, this debate will allow the public to express any questions or concerns that they may have regarding the Democratic candidates and the issues that would affect the state of South Carolina.

Overfl ow

South Carolina State University’s Poet Laureate, Abdalla Straker, publishes his second book of poetry titled Overflow. The project is something that he has been working on for some time now and he said he’s pleased with the finished product. “This time I will go places, touch lives and do all the same way,” he said. English professor, Mr. Allen Fleming who wrote the introduction for the book said Overflow, his second book of poems, is a continuation of publishing journeys through various forms, he said. “When you hear “Let’s Talk About Sex,” and “On The Shoulders of Giants,” to “Pieces,” “Family,” “Independence Day,” and “For Women Only,” you cannot help but feel as if you are back in 2007.”

Overfl ow promises to leave you inspired from beginning to end. It will, without a doubt, not leave you the same after reading. Available at the S.C.S.U. Bookstore and Waldenbooks at the Prince of Orange Mall.

Bulldogfest 2007

“Beware of the Dawgs”
April 9th -15th

Bulldogfest is coming and it will be better than ever! Be on the lookout for NASCAR, VIBE Magazine, and The Bulldogfest Concert.

What Women Should Know about HPV and Cervical Health

Each year 13,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the United States. In most cases, cervical cancer can be prevented through early detection and removal of abnormal cells that occur in the years prior to cancer development. We now have medical evidence that prevention can begin with the test that finds these cell changes are caused by human papillomavirus, commonly known as HPV.

What is HPV?

HPV is a virus that is very common. In fact, most men and women are infected with HPV at some time in their lives. There are approximately 100 types of HPV. Some HPV types only infect the genital area and may cause warts, some cause mild changes in your cervix that do not turn into cancer, and some cause changes that may become cervical cancer if present for many years. The type of HPV that is found in the genital warts are usually passed on during sexual contact (genitally transmitted). HPV types that cause warts on the hands or the feet do not cause cervical cell changes or genital HPV types generally spread outside the genital area.

Can infections be treated?

There is currently no treatment available for the virus itself. However, good treatments exist to treat the problems HPV can cause, such as cervical cell changes or genital warts. Your healthcare provider will discuss these treatment options with you, if you need them.

If I tested positive for HPV, how did I get it?

HPV is usually acquired by direct skin-to-skin contact during intimate sexual contact with someone who is infected. Most men and women are not aware that they have the virus. Condoms do not offer complete protection from HPV. Increasing numbers of partners mean the risk of getting HPV, but the virus is so common that having only a single lifetime partner does not assure protection. It is usually impossible to determine when, from whom, HPV was caught. HPV may be detected shortly after infection, or may not be detected until many years later. For all these reasons, it is not difficult, nor fair to blame your partner.

If I have HPV or a cell abnormality, is there anything I can do?

There are no treatments that cure HPV. However, cell changes that do not become cancer can usually be stopped from becoming cancer and recognized early, so treatment can help prevent cervical cancer. The most important thing is to make sure you come for your regular check-ups. If you have a cell abnormality, don’t smoke. Smoking has been shown to increase the chance that cell abnormalities will develop. If I have HPV or a cell abnormality, is there anything I can do?

Signs to Know Your Man’s In Love

By C Jerome Smith
Contributing Writer

How do you know if your man is really deep in it? When he brings roses to your doorstep? When he gets jealous the minute you look at another man? Or when he’s in your face every second?

Actually – none of the above. If you’d like to be sure you’re not fooling yourself when you imagine the two of you together in the future – look to the little things he does, not the big shiny romantic gestures. Here are the most obvious signs that he’s serious about the relationship:

• He calls for no reason.
• His friends know all about you.
• He takes an interest in your interests.
• He wants to cuddle and chat.
• When he talks about the future, you’re in it.
• He doesn’t mind compromising sometimes.
• He starts pulling away from his boys to spend more time with you.
• He takes you to meet the ENTIRE family, not just his “cousins.”
• He no longer has a desire to mess with any other women.
• He doesn’t mind his friends saying his “whooped.”
• He loves spending time with you.
• He can’t stop thinking about you.
• He’s forgotten about his ex.
• He gives you a nickname.
• He says I love you. (And means it)
• He makes you laugh and cry.

If you call a guy a really loves a girl when he can’t eat or sleep, he keeps calling the girl just to say he loves her and sends flowers because that shows that they have confidence and trust.

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Empress of the Blues

Remembering Bessie Smith, first hit. Other songs of Bessie include "St. Louis Blues, After You've Gone, I Ain't No Young Woman's Blues," and I'm a good woman and I can get plenty men"

Got Nessi Williams-I Love You

A recording artist, Smith made her first sides in 1922, but the tapes were lost. A year later, she recorded Down Hearted Blues for Columbia Records, and it became her first hit. Other songs of Bessie include St. Louis Blues, After You've Gone, I Ain't No Young Woman's Blues. In Young Woman's Blues she bellowed out the lyrics:

"I ain't no high yella, I'm a deep killer brown."

Though Smith raised many eyebrows in her time and after, it is evident that no blues singer can escape her influence. Often called the "Empress of the Blues," she gave the music its raw, regal poignancy and marketability. Her exciting growls and strong voice helped her to establish a place in the wild 1920's Blues world amongst tough, strong women. Smith lived a violent, promiscuous, hard-drinking street life. Smith standing nearly six feet and weighing almost two hundred pounds, expressed great pride in her culture, and happily participated in its earthy pleasures, regularly indulging her taste for alcohol and sex to extremes. Her striking physical size and voice helped her to establish a place in the world of women's music. According to Richard Hadlock in Jazz Masters of the Twenties, Smith could project a song more powerfully to large audiences than any other blues singer in the days before microphones and audio amplification.

Before the November election, a woman can be heard on the phone, "I'm a good woman and I can get plenty men."

Secure your card and pin number:

"Dreamgirls"

- Exceptional Music/Soundtrack
- Great Cast

...but where was the movie?

A "must-read" recommended by a student of the "Dreamgirls"-inspired movie is Tom Wolfe's I Am Charlotte Simmons. It's an R-rated behind the scene look at how wild today's university students have become. A concerned Brizan advocates abstinence as part of sex education. "Kids should have safe sex or none at all," she said. She also added that uncommitted or premature sexual encounters can not only lead to ill health but other problems that can impede an individual's progress to adulthood.

Top Ten Love Songs of All Time

1. KC & JoJo- All My Life
2. Luther Vandross-Here & Now
3. Jeezie Powell- You
4. Lenny Williams-I Love You
5. SWF- Weak
6. 112- Capital
7. Jodeci- Forever My Lady
8. Shai- If I Ever Fall In Love
9. Whitney Houston- I Will Always Love You
10. Boyz II Men- End of the Road

Based on a recent poll conducted at SC State University

In the world of business, checks are quickly being replaced by debit and credit cards. For many they are just more convenient and hassle free. There are however, a number of safety tips that one should take into consideration when using debit cards. They are as follows:

When approaching the ATM:

- Be alert and look around the area.
- Leave immediately if you see or sense anything suspicious.
- Always have your card in hand ready to use.

While at the ATM:

- Allow a comfortable distance between you and the person using the ATM.
- Do not walk up to the ATM before the current user has left.
- Use your body to shade the ATM's keyboard from prying eyes.
- Don't count to stop money or expose it for others to see.

When leaving the ATM:

- Remain alert and watch for strangers who may approach or follow you.
- If someone follows you, go to the nearest populated place such as a store or restaurant.

Report the Theft or Loss of your card Immediately

- File all money into your pocket or purse immediately.
- Reissue your card immediately if lost or stolen.

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Fashion & Beauty

Question and Answer

Q: What’s up with waist belts? How do you wear them?
- Sharika Gardner, Psychology Major

A: Who knew that belts would become such a trendy item? The belt used to be a simple accessory used to hold up your pants on your hips. Now there are so many trendy ways to wear belts.

Not only can the waist belt add to your outfit, it can also accentuate your figure. Wearing the waist belt can accentuate your figure by making your waistline look smaller. The waist belt is a great way to add the extra spice to an outfit but at the same time accentuate any figure or body type.

- Denna Harison, Fashion & Beauty Editor

Bachelor/Bachelorette of the Year

My personality and sense of humor make me who I am. I am very down-to-earth and very easy to get along with. I complement my good looks and my intellectual side.

Ms. Alethea Bryant
- Senior
- Libra
- Art Education
- Reevesville, SC

“My personality and sense of humor make me who I am. My best characteristic is my light-hearted attitude complimented by my best feature…my smile.”

Ms. Alethea Bryant
Editor of the Month

Denna Harison
Fashion & Beauty Editor

“The job of Fashion & Beauty Editor is to create, develop and present original fashion ideas for The Collegian. This job is so cool because, as a person who has always had a love for fashion and beauty, the fashion editor position is a great way to express my interest and ideas to others who also love fashion.”

Hometown: Aiken, SC

Best thing about SC State University? Homecoming

Hair product: Miracle Grow

Most overplayed song: Promise by Ciara

Must have accessory: My purse

Best sitcom (current): I Hate Chris

Would not survive in college without: My faith and friends

Wedding Colors: Ivory and Soft Pink

Fashion Icon: Kelis

Phrase you don’t want to hear from your professor: “You are going to have to repeat this class!”

A Sneak Peak into Spring Fashion

By: Denna Harrison, Fashion Editor

When spring arrives, not only do we see longer days and blooming flowers, but we also see the campus swarmed with bright colors and colorful prints. Spring is the time of year to express your style to the fullest without dressing according to the cold temperatures. It’s really the time of year to express you through fashion. So, here is a sneak peak into Spring Fashion….

Model:
- Name: Erin Corbett
- Classification: Junior
- Major: Marketing
- Hometown: Columbia, SC

Fashion & Beauty

Photography by Christopher Handy

*Bachelor/Bachelorette of the Year selection based on vote by the staff of The Collegian*
SC State University’s First Couple: Jason Lee & Sherita Sweeney

By Sophia White
Editor

Editor’s Note:

With the recent news that the FBI is now reopening the case of the Orangeburg Massacre to finally reach a decision as to who is responsible for the tragedy, leaders say that, although it has been nearly forty years since the Orangeburg Massacre, the public must not forget what happened, and should continue to strive for the same ideals and dreams that Smith, Hammond, and Middleton, and hundreds of others fought for that night.

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Question of the Month
What was your reaction to the Clemson “black party?”

Compiled by Darrah Weston

I was very appalled by the recent racially focused party that took place at Clemson University. Everyone seems to hold Clemson to such high standards but as the past events show they have very low morals. Unfortunately as these events are, they show us just how much whites disdain our black heritage. I feel that as young, black, blessed college students, it is our responsibility to speak out and speak against the “black party” at Clemson.

I was not surprised when I heard about the Clemson “black party.” I have always felt that these major universities never really show the support for the black student. Unless we (black students) are dribbling a basketball or throwing the ball, then they do not support us. This is truly how the campuses of some of the finest colleges in America.

I say yes. “Ignorance is bliss, so from the footage that I saw about the MLK party, I could see that bliss was very present. Personally, I was offended by the black parties because of the way they depicted the black community, but mostly, how they degraded a powerful and influential community in the black community. It probably was considered a joke to them to “demonstrate” African American culture in such a way, but this was one punch line that I just didn’t get.”

Donald Ford
Freshman, Speech Pathology

Staff Spotlight of the Month

Name: Howsett Daries
Position: Student Life Director

Tell us about yourself.
I am a native of Georgetown, SC. I graduated from SCSU with a B.S. and M.A. I am a wife and mother, grandmother, daughter, and child of God. I enjoy working with students and worshiping God. I am also an only child and mother of two.

Do you have any hobbies or interests?
I love working with the Girl Scouts with Career Development Projects. I enjoy reading novels and watching “Lifetime” movies and Court TV. I love working with young people as well as with the elderly community. I love being active in community; but mostly, how they degraded a powerful and influential black community in the black community.

Give us five items that you would bring with you if you were on a deserted island and you are allowed to bring five items.
1) My bible
2) Forward Day by Day-Daily Readings
3) Food
4) Water
5) Clothing

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Kashfi McCollin
Senior, Computer Science

SC State one of Eight Teams to Make the Field by SC State Sports Information

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) announced March 16 its seedings for the 2007 MEAC Bowling Championship, to be held on March 23-25 at the AMF Military Lanes in Norfolk, Va. Defending MEAC Champion Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) earned the first seed for the second straight year. The Lady Hawks will vie for their second consecutive title and third overall. UMES posted a 31-6 record in conference play and earned their highest ranking in the school history this year with a fifth place position in the National Tenpins Coaches Association (NTCA) poll. The Lady Hawks are currently ranked in the latest NTCA poll.

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Sports

Bulldogs in the Pro Football Hall of Fame

Over the years, hundreds of standout athletes have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Of those, three of those legends played football here at SC State.

Marion Motley
(Cleveland Browns) – inducted in 2000 (one of the first African-American players in Cleveland Browns and pro football history)

David “Deacon” Jones
(Los Angeles Rams) – inducted in 1981 in recognition of one of the greatest defenders ever.

Harry Carson
(New York Giants) – inducted in 2006 (member of the 1986 Super Bowl XXI)

March Madness

Which school will win the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament?

1) picked: Florida
2) picked: North Carolina
3) picked: #1 Arizona
4) picked: Ohio State
5) picked: Duke

Based on a poll of 500 students from SC State University

Athlete Spotlight: Nicole Thurman

By Quentin Stewart
Sports Writer

Interests: Basketball and Shoe Shopping

Motto:
“You always miss 100% of the opportunities that you don’t take.”
I’m glad it all worked out in the end.

I can’t believe you guys picked Peter & Lois as the best animated couple over The Incredibles. Come on, can anyone deny a couple who has super human powers...a wife who is super flexible and a husband who has super strength! I love them! And who can forget the most romantic part in the movie when Mr. Incredible tells Mrs. Incredible that he doesn’t want her to help him fight the bad guys because he’s not strong enough to lose her. Now, Page II

Now the couples on the back of this paper just make me sick. Sick in a good way, though. Just to give you some dabs on some classified information. The Collegian’s staff had had the hardest time choosing our cutest couples. We narrowed it down to seven finalists who are on the Cutest Couples page, but then the hard part; choosing just one. The decision was so difficult that for the first time ever I pulled myself out of the vote, and watched the staff choose our cutest couple. Page 6

The students who responded to the Question of the Month raised very valid points, however, I was concerned that none of the students addressed the issue of why the students portrayed in this manner. Yes, yes, yes I know that what the Clemson students did was unacceptable but the sad part is…here’s a little secret….they believe that all black people are thugs and hood rats who drink 40’s and put great emphasis on grills, name brand clothes and fitted hats. Why? Probably because the majority of the rappers exploiting the distribution of poison and the importance of the longest chain or the most expensive car. As a whole, this generation needs to wake up and recognize the beneficial effects of going to school or learning an effective trade. People have fought and died for these opportunities, so why aren’t we taking advantage of them?

The Black Student Today
By Gina Littrell
Contributing Writer

In a time where tragedy is among us and passion is lacking we need to ask ourselves one question, would our ancestors be turning in their graves right now? The days of the Civil Rights Movement and Brown v. Board of Education are light years away compared to the ignorance taking place in our neighborhoods. Not enough minorities are taking advantage of higher education and high school curriculums which has led us to be insufficient in competing in this global economy. So where do we blame the place?

Could it possibly start at home? Teenage mothers aren’t fit to nurture a child on a productive path.

Or could it be the environment? Young impressionable minds see the “so-called” benefits in getting into the drug game and can’t see past the immediate benefits.

Or could it be the role models in the music industry? While some are talking about black consciousness, they are clearly outnumbered by the rappers exploiting the distribution of poison and the importance of having the longest chain or the most expensive car. As a whole, this generation needs to wake up and recognize the benefits of going to school or learning an effective trade. People have fought and died for these opportunities, so why aren’t we taking advantage of them?

Brain Teaser:
A group of ten people are being photographed. The photographer places them into ten different positions. He continues to shuffle them until he has taken pictures of the two people in all possible groupings. How many pictures will they take?