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SC State is continuing to improve its facilities and make major strides in completing several major facilities projects. Construction on Lowman Hall is coming along well, and occupancy is scheduled for fall of this year. The Hoke Hall renovation is also progressing well, and completion is currently on schedule for fall 2010. Thanks to a grant from Orangeburg County government and the University’s Polk Foundation, the Woodson Memorial Chapel has been completed and is open for use. Students, faculty, and staff enrolled in summer programs are using the chapel. Air conditioning chillers have been installed to replace temporary units in our classroom buildings, administrative offices, library, and dormitories. Roof repairs were made to the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, Fine Arts Center, and Hodge Hall Science Building.

The University has enjoyed many successes as posed by our students, faculty, and our athletic teams. They have exceeded their respective goals. The Men’s and Women’s Tennis Teams are the 2009 MEAC Conference Champions. The Cheerleaders also won the title of the 2009 MEAC Conference Champions. The Bulldog football team became the 2008 MEAC Champions. Despite the economic challenges faced by our state and nation, this year has been very rewarding and productive. I want to thank the University and all its constituents for consistently offering their support and guidance. With your continued support and guidance, we will continue to excel during the 2009-2010 academic year and beyond.

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In 2006, during his sophomore year at SC State, Hamilton completed a summer internship with URS Corporation, one of the largest engineering design firms worldwide, and a leading U.S. federal government contractor. During his internship, he assisted with the largest bridge project in the U.S. at the time, the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge that connects Alexandria, VA and Maryland. The bridge is one of a handful of drawbridges in the U.S. Interstate Highway System.

This summer, Hamilton will put McMillan’s advice to use as he pursues his passion in the field of engineering. He will serve as an engineering highway inspector with Atlantic South Consultants, a full service civil engineering design company in Charleston, S.C., organized as a minority owned business to provide engineering services to the private and public sector.

SC State’s Oliver C. Dawson stadium was filled with laughter and tears of joy as nearly 500 graduates gathered on Friday evening, May 8 to receive their respective degrees. An estimated 7,500 family members and friends were in attendance, cheering from the stands as “How Stella Got Her Groove Back” and “Waiting to Exhale” played. “It seems very appropriate to have the author of the novel “Waiting to Exhale” with us tonight,” said Cooper. “We are all in a recession in this country, so economically we are all waiting to exhale. All of the graduates here tonight are anxious to receive their degrees, so they are waiting to exhale,” continued Cooper. The audience clapped in appreciation when he said, “The parents, now free from paying tuition, are also waiting to exhale.”

McMillan congratulated the graduates and told them they are to now seek joy, not fame and fortune. “Success should not be based on how much money you have,” said McMillan. “You’re really about to join a long list of African-Americans, including Barack Obama, who are making us proud. You have finished something you started. It’s a big deal.”

The exuberant author stressed the importance of patience when seeking careers. As a journalist graduate of the University of California Berkeley, McMillan admitted that she was more favorable to creative writing rather than the journalistic approach. “I never knew my writing would lead to whatever I’ve enjoyed,” said McMillan.

“Many of you will have uncertainty when seeking the career you would like to pursue,” said McMillan. “You are restlessly and relentlessly waiting to live the life of your dreams. Many college graduates don’t know what they want to do. Even those who do will usually end up changing their minds. Don’t apologize for your uncertainty. Keep plugging away at whatever it is that you enjoy and be the best at what you love.”

Civil Engineer, Theodore Hamilton Jr. of Green Pond, S.C. said he was inspired by McMillan’s message. “I felt that through her message, Terry McMillan was trying to take us to the next level in our lives. She gave us helpful advice that we can carry with us as we enter into our careers,” said Hamilton.

The weekend began with a welcome reception where alumni reconnected with themselves and reminisced about their days at SC State. The event was a happy and momentous occasion, as many of them had not seen each other since they graduated from the University.

SC State will continue to build upon its legacy of excellence, carry with us as we enter into our careers, the motto, “Treat others as you would like to be treated.” McMillan continued, “Try not to be nice, cheat or hurt others, because it will only hurt you instead.”

McMillan closed with her final advice, “Make God proud and find the good in everything!”

Reunion Classes Gather During Alumni Weekend 2009

More than 450 alumni and guests, some who traveled as far as California, gathered during Alumni Weekend 2009 to celebrate their days at SC State. The event was a happy and momentous occasion, as many of them had not seen each other since they graduated from the University.

Alumni Weekend 2009 was a great success, as alumni enjoyed private gatherings of their own, to include the Golden class of 1959, who held a private reception lunch at the J.P. Stanbuck Museum and Planetarium. During the 2009 Commencement Convocation, the class of 1959 received their membership medallions. At the end of the day, the Golden class held an afterglow social at the Bulldog Lounge.

On Saturday afternoon, the Golden class held a business and memorial luncheon in the State Room, while other classes held their luncheon in the JW Washington Dining Hall. Later that evening, during the Alumni Honors Awards presentation, the Golden class was honored.

The reunion classes also presented their gifts to President George E. Cooper and the University. The total amount of gifts received was $412,678.

In addition to the above events, the events listed above, the University also experienced the following:

• The Nuclear Engineering Program received its initial accreditation and the Visual and Performing Arts, Business, Nursing, and Family and Consumer Sciences, received their full accreditation.

• Renowned best-selling author Terry McMillan delivered the Spring Commencement Address to the largest graduation class at SC State University.

• The Cecil Williams’ Photography Collection was formally dedicated to the Miller E. Whittaker Library. The collection allows students to experience the significant visual history and photos collected by civil and environmental engineers throughout the state.

• The University held a successful grand opening of the James Brown Collection at the J.P. Stanbuck Museum and Planetarium.

• SC State University hosted the 1800 Cooperative Extension Lafayette County, which brought volunteer agricultural and family members.

SC State will continue to build upon its legacy of excellence. We must continue to be student centered, excellent in academics, efficient and effective in fund raising, diverse, and accountable in managing resources. With your continued support and guidance, we will continue to excel during the 2009-2010 academic year and beyond.
SC State University Hires Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell, Vice President for Academic Affairs

SC State University announces that Dr. Joyce A. Blackwell has been hired to serve as the University’s vice president for Academic Affairs. She will officially begin on July 1, 2009.

“We are excited to have Dr. Blackwell join the University’s administration as Vice President for Academic Affairs,” said Dr. George E. Cooper. “Her academic experiences and background will be an asset and we look forward to her tenure here at SC State,” he continued.

As the vice president for Academic Affairs, Dr. Blackwell will be the chief academic officer for the University and will be responsible for all academic affairs related to undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs. She will provide leadership and vision in enhancing the excellence of existing, nationally-recognized academic programs and in guiding the development of new degree offerings.

She received a bachelor’s degree in history and education from North Carolina Central University; a master’s degree in history and education from North Carolina Central University; and a terminal degree in women’s history and African American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Blackwell has published several articles and is the author of the pioneer study, “The Story of Black Women in the South,” (1994-1975).

Prior to coming to SC State, Dr. Blackwell served as the vice president for academic affairs at Saint Augustine’s College in Raleigh, N.C. Her responsibilities were organized into the following categories: faculty governance and office management; curriculum and program development; faculty matters, student matters, communication with external publics; financial and facilities management; data management; and, institutional support.

Dr. Blackwell’s major accomplishments at Saint Augustine’s College include the following:

• Establishing a satellite campus for adult learners at Rockingham Community College.

Dr. Blackwell provided dual enrollment opportunities to students while earning their high school diploma.

• Establishing a Center for Academic Excellence.

• Creating the Journal of Interdisciplinary Research, which provided opportunities for research articles.

• Creating committees to focus on and improve faculty and student retention.

• Providing oversight for the ad hoc committee charged with redesigning the first and second year curriculum in an effort to retain students.

• Establishing a partnership between Saint Augustine’s College and the University of the Western Cape and the University of Zululand in South Africa.

Dr. Blackwell’s academic experiences also include serving as interim associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University; dean for the Division of Social Sciences at Saint Mary’s College; and chairperson for the Department of History, Government and Public Policy also at Saint Augustine’s College.

A tenured professor of history, Dr. Blackwell was founder and director of the Women’s Studies Program at Meredith College.

“I too am excited about joining an Institution with such a long and storied history,” said Dr. Blackwell. “I look forward to working with SC State’s faculty, staff, and students as we continue to build on the University’s solid academic foundation,” she continued.

Husband and Wife Graduates Fulfill Lifelong Educational Dream

Wendell, the production coordinator for the Tyra Banks Show, says, “It was happy,” says Myers. “I was very thankful because a lot of people can’t say they were even that close.”

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2. Fans entering campus from Gate 1 (Buckley/Russell Streets), Gate 4 (Buckley/Goff Streets) on Gate 5 (Chestnut Street/Highway 21 Bypass) will be required to have valid reserved parking passes purchased in advance in addition to a game ticket for each person in the vehicle. When available, game-day parking will be $10 per car (only through Gate 4), and each person in the vehicle will be required to have a game ticket.

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