Swintons gives touching keynote speech

Records broken and milestones reached at this year’s 134th Convocation

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could become just
another campus
gathering, another excuse
to miss classes. However, this
year’s Fall Convocation seemed
different. Perhaps it was the mes-

Swinton also reminded the stu-
dents not to let a few bad apples
spoil the barrel for everyone else.
“I know we have some students
who will skip classes, not study.
But you’ve got to step up and ask
for help. You’ve got to take it seri-
ously. Group yourself with a seri-
ous group of colleagues. Choose
your friends carefully. Hang with
the bunch who will help you, uplift
you, not pull them down.”

He then called on the students to
report any improper or illegal
behavior, including anyone you see
stealing books. He said the col-
lege’s public safety chief would be
establishing a confidential hotline
for students to call.

Turning to the financial sacrifices
that parents make for students,
including taking out PLUS loans;
he asked how many of their par-
ents had taken out such loans. A
few hands went up. “Your parents
only want the best for you. You
need to understand what they have
done for you the last 18 years or
to bring you up to this point.”

He told the students not to settle,
but to stretch their sights high. “If
you don’t think you can do it, I
guarantee you won’t. You’ve got to
have faith. If you have faith, you
will accomplish.”

Swinton also reminded his stu-
dents that they do not know of any
other institution that allows their
students to get emergency book
vouchers, and he asked who had
gotten some. A few hands went
up. “We are here to assist you in
any way we can,” he said.

“Don’t be afraid to ask for help,”
said Swinton. “Remember the ben-
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Telling faculty and staff that they
have an opportunity to help more
young people than at any other pri-

call be a power for good in society.
But really what life is like in the
speech, to use common vernacu-
lar, was his references to his own
upbringing and how he overcame
some turbulent times in his early
years.

Swinton relayed a story about
when he was down and out, say-
ing that by the time he had reached
high school he was homeless four
times. There were times he was
hungry, he said, and there was even
time when he had to eat out of a
garbage can. “At times we had
nothing to eat,” he began, and as
the audience absorbed this, he
asked. “So what? God put the food
in the garbage can for me to find.
Everyone is going through. Troubles
can’t do anything but make you
stronger.”

Swinton had another story to tell.
This one was about the time he
lived in New York. He told the sto-
ry of a man who bullied his way
around the Harlem community.
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Braun announces presidential intentions at Benedict

By Tanisha Poole
Contribution Writer

Breaking barriers, building bridges, and bringing people together was the three-part theme of recent presidential candidate Carol Moseley-Braun, as she announced her official candidacy for the democratic nomination for president at Benedict last month.

Moseley-Braun, a minority twice over in the presidential race, is the only female of the eight other Democratic presidential candidates and one of two African American candidates.

Moseley-Braun told a crowd of over 200 in the packed press conference in the Swinton Center that she is dedicated to peace, prosperity, and the "well being of this country's exploitation.

Critical of America's foreign policy, she said, "It is the spirit of our people that make this country great!"

Moseley-Braun, a former ambassador to New Zealand and the first and only African American woman to have been a U.S. Senator, when she served on the finance committee, said, "I am practical and not afraid of partnerships. I am committed to making the world better for our children."

Under her leadership Moseley-Braun said that she would create an American renaissance by creating "partnership for peace justice, will take greater fiscal responsibility, bring national, state and local governments together, and create new industries and new wealth."

With her innovative ideas, she vowed she could fit the "mess" created by the current presidential leadership.

Moseley-Braun faces eight other democratic candidates: Wesley Clark of Arkansas, Howard Dean of Vermont, Dick Gephardt of Missouri, John Kerry of Massachusetts, Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, and Al Sharpton of New York. She told the Benedict audience that, "Every one has a chance to contribute to liberty, opportunity, and hope. Together we can rebrand America that we can be proud of. Together failure is impossible." Moseley-Braun also expressed the hope that she will attract and gain more support from African American voters.

Many of the Benedict students who heard her remark, like Rosalind Brown, a sophomore, computer science major, approved of what she said.

"I am excited about Braun running for president, and I am proud that she chose Benedict College to make her announcement," she said. "I am also proud of the fact that she is a black female trying to make a difference in seemingly male dominated world."

On the other hand, Brandon Jackson, a 22-year-old senior, biology major, had concerns about Moseley-Braun's candidacy because all of the other candidates have raised more money than she has and are beating her in the polls. "Braun will have a more difficult time in gaining more support at the polls," said Jackson.

Moseley-Braun said she came to announce her candidacy because "I liked the synergies and symbolism of the school. Benedict has an excellent reputation for being one of the fastest growing black colleges.

Prior to coming to Benedict, Moseley-Braun made a stop at Howard University in Washington, D.C., another historically black college.

After leaving Benedict, she made an appearance in her hometown of Chicago, where she got her start in politics in 25 years ago with her election to the Illinois legislature.

A service learning expo attracts many businesses

By Marco Brooks
Staff Writer

The Swinton Center was brimming with all kinds of opportunities as hundreds of students passed through, looking at materials on tables from various companies, organizations, and agencies.

At the recent Service Learning Expo.

A record number of site representatives took part in this year's Expo. Over 85 sites were represented.

"The Service Learning Expo makes things a lot easier...I mean the sites actually came to the college. We did not have to go out and find them like we did back in the day when I was a freshman," said Patrick Mills, Senior.

"I can always depend upon Benedict whenever the subject of volunteerism is mentioned," said Rolanda Hankins, a donor recruiter for the American Red Cross.

So far, she said, she has been able to recruit over 15 students to take part with American Red Cross as their service to the community.

The Expo is an annual event held to provide students with opportunities about service learning and service learning sites. A large number of students participate each year.

Some of the sites represented were the American Red Cross, Student Life, POISE administrator, who helped de-bug the system.

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They did a building by building, and every computer installing fix-it tools to arrest the virus. They have also installed "service packs four" to de-bug the system.

Will all this stop another bug or virus from happening again? There is no guarantee that someone will not create another virus somewhere and the whole cycle start again.

One precaution, however, MIS staff is not to download everything you see. Paschal advises students not to download from the Internet on the computers unless for an academic assignment or instructed to. It is also advisable to make sure your disk is virus free.
Wake up – Protect yourself against STDs

By Terrell Bryant

Editor's Note: Tiger News reporter Terrell Bryant took a look at the growing number of sexually transmitted diseases among students in the state. He spoke with health care officials from Benedict and other area colleges, as well as state health care and regulatory agencies. The report warns that this health care situation could gravely affect the state’s main population and colleges as well.

STATE’S HIV/AIDS CASES GROWING

Local doctors and specialists say South Carolina is fast on its way to having a sexually transmitted disease (STD) epidemic. In the city of Columbia, for example, which has a population of a little more than 100,000 and the Columbia metro area, which includes Richland, Lexington, Kershaw and Fairfield counties, with over half a million people, there are approximately 4,500 HIV and 3,000 reported AIDS cases.

According to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. Starks are acquiring sexually transmitted diseases faster than ever before. In the year 2000, HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, was once thought of as only affecting gay, white males. Anthony Lewis, a community outreach specialist with the South Carolina AIDS Council and AIDN Council, says, however, that African American females are rapidly succumbing to the disease.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, African Americans make up 12 percent of the United States population. African Americans, according to the CDC, make up only 5 percent of new AIDS cases when boys age 13 to 19 years old, and almost 40 percent of all AIDS cases.

The CDC predicts that by the year 2020, one in four single female African American children will have contracted the HIV virus by the time they reach their sexual maturity.

STD INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS

As the HIV virus and full blown AIDS spreads among individuals in the state, the number of cases is growing. Benedict College has been dealing with the issue ever since it became an epidemic. Although the number of reported cases at Benedict is low — with only a fraction of the student population — this is a relatively small figure, compared with the college's nearly 3,000 students. This is a relatively small figure, compared with the college’s nearly 3,000 students.

The school does not force past sexual history. She feels that students who are sexually active need to be better informed about HIV/AIDS prevention and the importance of testing. One of these is the S.C. African American HIV/AIDS Council (SCAAHC). SCAAHC Project Coordinator Vivian Clark said that it is time for African Americans to stop shying away from even talking about the subject and from getting the information they need about it.

“The loss of a loved one,” she continued. “Not talking about it leads to teenage pregnancies, and STDs.”

Clark said that sexual health and STD prevention need to be talked about in churches, in schools and in homes. “We need to discuss it because it is killing us, and all are affected in some way, whether it be the mother, the father, the brother, the sister or the love of a one.”

Patricia Davis, Benedict’s Health Center director, says that it is the risky behaviors that lead to new infections. “The best way to stay safe is abstinence,” she says. “You can get some STDs such as gonorrhea without sexual penetration.”

Dr. Jacob P. White, MD, an intervention specialist with Between Brothers, a non-profit organization that is part of the SCAAHC, says that risky behaviors that can lead to STDs are an offshoot of the mentality held by some men. For some. Some males don’t call them- selves gay as long as they are not with their female partner. They may not tell their female partner they are gay, which is harmful to themselves and their partners.

Between Brothers targets males who may be engaging in risky behaviors as young as 13 to 24 years old. Their ages don’t matter, he says, especially if they are already hearing about and engaging in sex. Getting all the information to them on how to prevent risky behavior can make a difference, he says.

TESTING SERVICES

Theimeriya Gregory, a disease intervention specialist with S.C. C. E. C. agrees that certain behaviors are riskier than others. This includes having sex without condoms, having multiple sex partners, and sharing needles associated with drug use.

Tamekia Sanford, a mass communications major and sophomore, feels that students who are sexually active should always be up front with their partners about their sexual orientation and past sexual history. She says that everyone believes there are not, but that everyone needs to protect themselves because no one else will do it for them.

As the number of STDs and STIs increase, more colleges, including Benedict, are offering free testing and health services for their students. Testing has become much faster and private, and thanks to new technology. The result from the OrinaQuick test, for example, used to detect the HIV-1 anti-body, can be achieved in 20 minutes. The only place offering this particular test in South Carolina currently is the S.C. African American HIV/AIDS Council office, located on Hampton Street.

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WLTX’s Darci Strickland provides insight on a broadcasting career

Columbia — Darci Strickland, one of WLTX News 19’s prime-time anchors, recently led a discussion on the broadcasting field with some mass communication students in a video production class on campus. Strickland declared that it is a good time for African American females to be in the business. She said the industry is looking for diversity so as to draw a larger viewing audience. For a broadcast student, she said, the future is bright, but be focused, and be aggressive.

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CAMPUS FOCUS

OCTOBER

• 13 Opening of art exhibition of Chandra Cox, Henry Ponder Art Gallery (through Nov. 14th)
• 14 Redding to submit Service Learning forms
• 16-17 Fall Break
• 20-26 Homecoming Week
• 21 All College Assembly, 11 a.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes, HRC Arena
• 24 Alumni Career Day, Swinton Center, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• 30 Poetry Slam, Swinton Center, 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

• 1-30 National Diabetes Awareness Month
• 1 Graduate School Visitations, Swinton Center, 7 p.m.
• 5-8 Education Majors Professional Conference Experience
• 11 Education Career Fair, Education Majors Recruitment Day, Swinton Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
• 15-21 American Education Week
• 16 Karoake Night, Swinton Center, 7 p.m.
• 18 Education Department, All College Assembly. 11 a.m.
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**Reflections**

**The New Angels**

People are dying all around us. Nowadays death has no age limit. At times you may unknowingly take your life for granted. But life is too short for anyone not to take advantage of life and live each day, each hour, and each second as though it were your last.

Death does not discriminate. It has taken such well-known celebrities as Lisa (left eye) Lopez, Aaliyah, Gregory Hines, and even some dear Benedict College students and staff.

Then there are the U.S. soldiers in Iraq, firefighters in New York, family members and friends, whose lives were cut short, to name a few.

Different types of music... rap, hip, & reggae; gospel; silence through the sound system. The sounds saturate the room.

Male and female players come in, dressed in their own unique styles, professional, baggy, outrageous, comfortable, their hair in braids, or loose, long or short, bald, tamed or wild, sizes petite to huge. Some people love it. Others win. Their wins based on chance or luck. Or, it may be they are just good or lousy at the game. Life's a game. So is pool.

**Sagging Pants: Urban flavor or misguided thinking?**

*Editor's Note: The Tiger News introduces a new column called Musings around BC. In this issue, Features and Editorial Writing class student April Woods shares some of her observations around a campus site. If you would like to share your musings, contact Tiger News at TigerNews@Benedict.edu.*

In Benedict College’s game room, located in the David H. Swintion Center across from the mailroom, male and female students play pool and table hockey, and talk to each other about who will win. As they compete against one another, they show off their talents and skills.

Some people sit calmly waiting for others to finish their game so they can play next. Others sit impatiently, anxiously waiting for someone to finish and leave.

One female student relaxes in the pool room, reading an Esquire magazine, while she questions a male student about an article inside the magazine.

Some people sit inside yell out of the window, while others sit outside yelling from below. "What’s UP?" as they acknowledge friends or outsiders. Over the years, it caught the house mentality out onto the streets with them. Over the years, it became dismissing the lecture as ‘hood too. You can’t tell his head, and she’s from the ‘hood too. ‘You don’t even know my mother,’ he says.

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Miss Benedict and attendants exude talent, poise and charm

By Cynthia Hall Assistant Editor

Ms. Benedict and her court are intelligent, intellectu- al, and beautiful women. But besides these qualities, they are also very talented.

Miss Benedict 2003-2004 Zandra Chinae Newton, a 21-year-old senior majoring in Social Work, has performed in musical theater and opera for several years. She has performed in local theater, including the Town Theater, where she played the lead role of Dorothy Pageant in the summertime production of "The Wiz." After her mom lost her battle with cancer in her special time, she said she likes listening to music, talking on the phone, and spending time with her family.

For the talent portion of the Miss Benedict Pageant last year, she sang the song "Home" from "The Wiz" soundtrack. She received a standing- ovation.

Asked how she felt winning Miss Benedict, she said, "When I won, I was so happy. I could not believe it. I was scared but happy all at the same time." She recently represented Benedict in the Miss HBCU Pageant in Atlanta, GA, where she placed in the top ten, competing against 40 other college queens.

Asked how her year has been since she was selected as Miss Benedict, she said, "I knew that my life would change, and I knew it was really going to be to have to point with everything." So far, Miss Benedict has been on point, serving the college in a number of capacities. Besides the Miss HBCU Pageant, she has also served Benedict at college functions and other community events, and attended the Miss South Carolina State and Miss Voorhees coronations.

This month she was officially crowned as Miss Benedict at the Coronation on Oct. 10. She spent many days preparing for the coronation, while keeping up with her academic and college responsibilities.

A native of Columbia, she said her plans for the remainder of the year are to "interact with students on a positive note at all times." She also wants to implement new social activities for students at the mental, physical, and emotional level.

Besides Newton, students had treat watching and hearing from the first and second attendants to Miss Benedict, Stephanie Prophet and Andrea Foster.

Prophet, a native of Augusta, GA, and a senior majoring in mass communication, has also brought a new level of talent to the college. She performed a monologue and sang a spiritual for the Miss Benedict Pageant.

Prophet hopes one day to become a minister and use her talents to help others. Her favorite hobbies are singing, writing, reading, shopping, and spending time with her mom. She has two brothers, one younger and one older.

Second Attendant Andrea Foster also brings some diverse talent to Benedict. She has lived in Vicenza, Italy for the last ten years, but was born in Macon, GA. Foster, a senior majoring in criminal justice, has one older sister.

For her talent, she performed a monologue and played the role of an airline stewardess asking a ques- tion as a reminder of the horrors of slavery.

Not only have the queen and her attendants worked together well, they have also become genuinely close.

When hearing that Newton had placed in the top ten at the Miss HBCU Pageant, Prophet said she felt so good about her winning. "I felt that Chinae did a wonderful job in the pageant," said Prophet. "Her placement set a high standard for her- self and Benedict College."

Foster added, "I am so proud of our Ms. Benedict. She represents herself and Benedict College well. It is my deepest and truest belief that Zandra Chinae Newton was the best. She walked away a true win- ner for the college."

BC students and faculty get involved with community theatre

By Towanda Tisdale Staff Writer

The play’s the thing... in the words of Shakespeare. Certainly a few Benedict students and faculty have found that the play is the thing. Benedict students and faculty have been involved with local theatre productions in the past. One of the newest local theater productions that has been keeping some Benedict faculty and staff on their toes night after night, performance after performance, is the Columbia Workshop Theater’s production of the musical "Ragtime." Adapted from E.L. Doctorow’s 1970 novel, which deals with racism at the turn of the 20th century.

Benedict students Wilbur Glover II, April Kelley, Jenniel Manswell, Ali Omar, and Patrick Scarborough all appeared either on stage or behind the scenes in the production, which ran two weeks over the scheduled run because of the popularity of the show.

Faculty mem- bers involved with the show included Scott Blanks, an assoc- iate professor in the Fine Arts department, directed the musical; Dr. Linda Kershaw, chair of the Fine Arts department, who served as the musical director; and music instructor David Zeeli, who served as the show’s music director.

Workshop Theatre is the first com- munity theater to bring the musical "Ragtime" to Columbia. The show began Sept. 19 and ran at least three performances.

Blanks, who has worked in several critically acclaimed national and community productions including musicals and plays, spoke about how he became the director of the musical. "I was asked to direct it," he said. "I am a member of the board at Workshop Theatre and also a director." Pointing out a poster nearby, Blanks explained that it is not an easy task. One has to love it and not let it become a chore, say many community and professional theatre directors.

For "Ragtime," the production work started this summer, back in May. Blanks explained that first he had to find his team. "I asked Kershaw, and she asked Zeeli." Then he had addition to her task as musical director, she was also the keyboardist.

What better voices to turn to than some of the members of the concert choir, and so she did.

Ezzel also had an interesting part in the musical. He had already per- formed "Ragtime"'s original orchestra score. So, it was too much of a stretch for him to use the syn- thesisizer to imitate the orchestra instruments. "I was picking out dif- ferent instruments (to highlight) though for the first time," he said.

Ezzel will continue to showcase his talents when he plays with the Benedict College Community Orchestra, which will host five con- certs later this year. Their first perfor- mance is scheduled Nov. 3 in the Little Theatre.

For the Benedict students involved with the musical, it has been given them a tremendous learning experience, lots of late nights playing, and hard work. Mass communication major Jen- niel Manswell, a junior, who along with a group of friends have started- ed their own theatrical company adapted from the artist Mecca, discussed how she got involved with the musical. "Dr. Kershaw is my mentor," she said. "I have always had an interest in the- atre. I worked with Kershaw, and she told me they are looking for the audi- tions. I auditioned and got one of the roles." Explaining her concept of "Rag- time," Manswell said that it involves the musical "Ragtime." "It is very controversial because..." she said.

Patrick Scarborough, a senior, music education major, said he, too, learned new things being part of a play. "I have always been on stage, but this is my first musical. Being in Ragtime has taught me about stage presence and characterization. It’s about being comfortable and having fun." Scarborough also discussed some controversies of the message of "Ragtime." "It is very controversial with black and white issues. It has taught me that we still have bigots in South Carolina. I am glad that we decided to do Ragtime because it gives people a chance to see what happens, for younger ones who don’t understand what our forefa- thers went through." Ali Omar, a senior, mass communication major, who served as the show’s lighting technician, said "Ragtime was the seventh or eighth musical he has been involved in. "I’m very impressed with the array of talent on stage," he said.
Music reviews: October brings harvest of new sounds

BY STERLING MCGLOWN
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O ctober launched the release of Fall Music Month. Music industry record labels all over the nation have begun their last push for the year 2003, in an effort to gain props for their companies and to hit the fiscal year.

Artists released this term are the Neptunes featuring Busta Rhymes from the Flipmode Squad. The Neptunes have a new single "Light yo’ ass on fire" featuring Pharrell Williams and Milt Jack- son. They have also released the hit single "Frontin" along with Jay- Z. The Neptunes have a new single "Light yo’ ass on fire" featuring Busta Rhymes from the Flipmode Squad.

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Outkast — Big Boi and Andre’ 2000, better known as Outkast, the ones who brought you hits like "Player’s ball" and "So fresh, so clean" are back with another double CD, which features "The way you move" from Big Boi, and Andre’ 2000 hit "Hey ya", on Arista Records. The CD is a combined effort from the group to promote both Andre and Big Boi’s creative differences.

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Classic

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'paw and claw' step show at the Koger Center featuring sororities and fraternities from both schools, a card challenge tournament, a block party, a golf tournament, several dances, a VIP presidents reception, a pre-game show, an after party hop an R&B concert, and wrapping it up, a gospel explosion. With the game serving as a backdrop, the schools also put on another intensified rivalry — a battle of bloods — with students, faculty, and staff from both schools vying to see which school could donate the most blood to the American Red Cross. Although State won this battle too, it was all for a good cause, as Benedict folk donated over 125 pints of blood to State donors' 150 pints.

Tiger News was able to get some responses to the Classic Week events. Charmaine Johnson, an alumnus of the class of 2001, from Myrtle Beach, was surprised at the numbers for people tailgating: "The numbers for people tailgating seemed to double those who were in the stands," she said.

Columbia officials reported nearly 90,000 person at Saturday's game or just outside the perimeter — 48,000 inside the stadium and another 30,000 to 40,000 outside. The game attendance figures were a little lower than the expected 55,000 to 60,000, but that still rep-

represented an increased over last year’s premier Classic attendance of 46,000.

Johnson, who traveled from Baltimore, Md. where she is a social worker at a health care facility, said she felt good supporting alma mater team, tailgating, and seeing old friends.

A State alumnus, the Rev. Yvonne Sanders of Columbia, spoke about how the Benedict Tigers seemed to have lost their confidence against the more experienced Bulldogs. “Benedict seemed intimidated. Maybe if the team would have prayed, they could have shaken it off and might have won.”

Ne’Toya Thompson, a therapeutic recreation major from Fort Lawn, noted that after the first two touchdowns by State, the Tigers seemed to have lost their spirit.”I think they gave it what they could, but after those touchdowns... they have shown improvement, however,” she also thought traffic flowed better this year. “However, people cruising still made it a little difficult,” she said.

Gov. Sanford, who knows plenty about politics, even had a word or two to say about the game: “It is a celebration that is growing with time,” he commented.

Benedict’s sports information director Derrick Johnson, thought everything went well. “The Classic has the potential to becoming great,” he said, adding that it has gained statewide recognition, and that the promotions committee is working to make the event a national program. “The more people participate in the events, the more money for the schools, which contributes to more scholarships. Now we need to get more people on the inside of the stadium.”

State Farm, a sponsor of the Classic, donated $50,000 each to Benedict and State. A State Farm representative said the game is not only good for the schools, but for the city of Columbia, and the state.

Kenya Bryant, an account executive for Sunrise Enterprises, a minority-owned public relations firm which promoted the event, said it would be great to have a pre-game concert at next year’s Classic. That might attract more people into the stands.
BY JASON L. JAMES
SPORTS WRITER

T he Benedict Tigers fell short for the second year in a row to arch rival South Carolina State. 41 to 7 in front of about 50,000 people at Williams-Brice Stadium during the Palmetto City Classic football game yesterday. It was a tough day for Coach Hendricks and the Tigers. They fought most of the first half, trailing the Bulldogs 7 to 0 with less than two minutes in the half. Coach Wilson, BC’s offensive coordina- tor, repeatedly told the offensive that they were hurting themselves with penalties. Things seemed to be looking up when on a third down Benedict’s Tony Wilson intercepted a pass from S.C. State’s quarterback Reese Bolden and the Tigers would finally score, but Morehouse’s defense was too much.

Despite start up pains, soccer program becomes official

BY ESTEBAN LUGO
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A fter three years of waiting, Benedict’s soccer team is finally getting the chance to play against another college team. The program being that soccer players could not meet other college teams was that in the SAC conference, which Benedict is affilia- ted with, soccer is not one of the conference’s incorporated sports. And there are no plans currently to incorporate the sport. Nevertheless, the players and Head Coach Juan Amud have con- tinued to work hard to improve the team’s skills and coordination. Amud, a former professional player from Colombia, South America, came to Benedict last February, largely through the efforts of Inter- national Program Director Dr. Norma Jackson. He volunteered to practice with the players. Although Amud wasn’t an official coach, Athletic Director Willie Washington offered him the soccer coaching position and gave him the go ahead to set up the required 10 games under the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) regu- lations. NCAA requires a 10-game minimum for a team to be return- ed in the conference and to be allowed to play competitively.

The soccer team’s first game away was against USC Aiken. Now Amud is working on the arrange- ments for the remaining schedule. Amud is trying to get USC Aiken to Benedict for a game. Another option is to alternate games with other colleges in South Carolina, a soccer club competition. Benedict players have competed on the club level for three seasons.

Regarding recruitment, Amud has been doing some and there are at least three new players for this season. He hopes to continue to have three key players while continuing to give the team as international a face as possible. He wants 100% of the best soccer players he can get, most of whom come from different countries.

Freshman goalkeeper Emerson da Silva from South Paulo, Brazil, is poised and to be a formidable chal- lenge to Charles Haynesworth, who has been the starter for the last three years. Only American born player on the team. Martín Dega- zon, a freshman from Saint Lucia Island in the Caribbean, will bring speed and a vivid pace to the team’s game. Colombia, South American naturalized Roberto Delgado should provide his fellow countryman Amud with a very strong, physical game, which is very much valued in the midfield.

The new players have helped to make much improvement to the team, especially in light of Jamaican-born defender, Neltroy Jones, not being on the team. He graduated last May. Amud, 32, a graduate of Central University in Bogotá, Colombia, where he majored in economics, has been playing in the reserves of Atletico Nacional, which follows a tradi- tional style, in the Colombian Pro- fessional League. He has also played as a profes- sional in the Venezuelan League, from which he retired to move to Washington D.C., where he resided until he assumed the Benedict coaching job. Amud hopes to make this team the best it can be and that the players will support him. He is thank- ful that he has support of the play- ers.

Says team member Tremaine Bart- ley, “We’ve been blessed with the arrival of Coach Amud. He will cer- tainly help us develop our game and help us win as many games as we can. The Benedict community, including the team’s first mentor, Dr. Norma Jackson, is definitively helping things go our way.

Cory Martin ran right through the Tiger defense. That helped the Bulldogs score 2 points in the third quarter. The Tigers would finally reach the end zone in the fourth quarter on a Terrance Bunting one yard touchdown.

State ended up adding one more touchdown in the fourth quarter from which they defeated the Tigers.

If a couple calls had gone their way, it may have been a dif- ferent result or game.

The 12 total penal- ties against the Tigers seemed to have made a difference in the game.

BY JASON L. JAMES
SPORTS WRITER

Atlanta, Ga. – The Tigers defeated Morehouse in a defen- sive struggle in a mid-September game that ended 15 to 14. Benedict’s Calvin Drummond passed for 96 yards and made one touchdown. Then Morehouse completed a touchdown pass and led 14-8, but Benedict’s Keith Green returned a Morehouse kick- off 55 yards into Morehouse ter- ritory. That led to a 12-yard touchdown by Green with 7:33 left in the fourth quarter. Morehouse threatened to score, but Morehouse’s John Washington, son of actor Denzel Washington, who had been giving the Tigers trouble all day, was stopped on a 4th and 1 by Larris Carr, Gerod Washington, and Herman McCord. They Fin- ished him off to seal the victory. That left the Tigers 3-1 and 1-1 in the SIAC.

BY JASON L. JAMES
SPORTS WRITER

Savannah, N.C. – After the Tigers struggled in their first home game of the season against defend- ing conference champion Tuske- gee, they rebounded with a 26 to 20 win over CIAA opponent Liv- ingston.

Like in the Tuskegee game, Liv- ingstone struck first on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Joel Ward to Chris Jeter early in the first quar- ter. But the Tigers struck back with a 65-yard touchdown run by Kei- th Green and a 16-yard touchdown pass from Calvin Drummond to Josh Gran. That put the Tigers up for good. Keith Green led the Tigers with 20 carries for 168 yards and two touchdowns. Benedict’s defense limited Livingston to only 24 yards rushing.

Herman McCord and Tracy Stephens led the way, with each tal- lying two sacks.

Tigers undefeated on the road

Sportscalender

October

1 Football - BC vs. Fort Valley (Balden Stadium) 2 p.m.
20 Volleyball - BC vs. Albany State (HRC Arena) 4 p.m.
22 Volleyball - Tri-Match (HRC Arena) 4 p.m.
25 HOMECOMING FOOTBALL - BC vs. Kentucky State (Balden Stadium) 2 p.m.
29 Volleyball - BC vs. Claflin (At Claflin) 6 p.m.
30 Volleyball - BC vs. Albany State (TBA) At Albany State (TBA)

November

1 Football - BC vs. Albany State (At Albany State) 2 p.m.
5 Football - BC vs. Paine (At Paine) 6 p.m.
8 Football - BC vs. Miles (At Miles) 2 p.m.
15 Volleyball - BC vs. Clark-Atlanta (At Clark-Atlanta) 1 p.m.
20 Volleyball - BC vs. Claflin (At Claflin) 6 p.m.
25 Tournament - BC (At Paine) 6 p.m.