In honor of President David Swinton’s 10th Anniversary Celebration and Women’s History Month, Benedict’s First Lady Patricia Lewis Swinton received her own ceremony of appreciation from the college in March. As Lady Swinton walked in the chapel with her entourage of family and friends, her husband, President Swinton, greeted her warmly.

About 350 family, friends, and Benedict staff and students were present at the assembly program to help celebrate Women’s History Month and to honor Mrs. Swinton. The assembly came in shortly after 11 a.m. with an invocation from June Boulknight, administrative assistant for Education Support Services. Assistant Professor of Social Work Brenda Clark gave the occasion. This was followed by a dance tribute to Mrs. Swinton from Donna Edwards-Todd, director of the Harold Odon Dance Theatre Co., called “Talk” that was done to words and music by indiana.

Tara Roberts, director of the Student Financial Services Department, read a Congressional resolution designating the month of March as Women’s History Month. This was followed by special tributes to Mrs. Swinton from the organization Sister Act; from faculty member Vivian Counts, director of the South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (SCAMP); from Jennefer Fertel, president of the Gamma Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., of which Mrs. Swinton is a member; and from Dr. Ronald High, who performed a piano rendition of the work. “To God be the Glory,” in honor of Mrs. Swinton. The audience gave him a standing ovation, and Mrs. Swinton expressed her appreciation for the rendition calling it a very beautiful and lovely piece.

Mrs. Swinton has been a teacher for 27 years. She is now teaching at A.C. Flora high school in Columbia, where she has taught since 1994. She teaches human anatomy physiology and biology. “I am a working first lady,” she said. After all of the tributes were done, Mrs. Swinton told the audience that she was honored and “truly touched.” She went on to recount the many blessings that she and...
Tips for students

By JAHNNI TOOLE STAFF WRITER

Is your financial future going in the right path? How do you know what makes the right financial decision? Just remember: a better financial counselor at a local financial investment firm can help you on how to make intelligent choices concerning their financial plans. He said too many times college student don’t have a financial advisor. A better financial counselor can educate his clients on understanding specific choices they make that influence their finances. His objective, he said, is to teach his clients how to make sound financial choices when it comes to money. “When it comes to finances, people have been mis-educated or tied to old habits,” he said. “In order to change this, we need to financially re-construct those habits.”

Williams shared some tips to keep in mind on how to become better equipped to handle financial situations. “First, make sure every college student don’t have a game plan or a time frame for what they want to do financially. Therefore, he said, students need to do the following:

• Look at what you have and make good sense of it.
• Write down your goals.
• Delay big immediate purchases.
• Live on campus or at home so you can build a firm financial base.
• Create an emergency fund at a different location than your checking account, and make sure you don’t have checkbook or credit card access.
• Set aside at least three six months of expensive saving and keep saving.
• Make investments; do research on investments; for the best ones, ask around if you have to.
• Try to stay away from getting credit cards. This are the quickest way to get in debt.
• If you have credit cards and bills, pay them off before you start your financial savings.

• Concentrate on your debt one by one. Then you can go forth with making financial plans.

Williams said these are only a few but there are many if you need more help, talk to a financial counselor at a college or a local financial investment firm. Just remember: a better financial future can be yours if you save wisely and planning today.

More funding urged for need-based scholarships

By QUINDONA MOORE STAFF WRITER

Democratic State Sen. Daryl Jackson issued a call for more federal and state funding of historically black colleges and universities, such as Benedict, when he spoke here recently during a Legislative breakfast. He pointed out that Benedict held by Benedict to thank those legislators who have given their support to the college.

Jackson was among several legislatures who attended the thank-you luncheon. He joins Sen. Kay Patterson and State Represen
tatives Leon Howard, Todd Rutherford, and John Scott, and some other key officials, discussed the dis
tribution of federal funding for higher education and state funding for the state’s colleges is done in an equitable manner.

Dwayne E. Lillingham, assistant director of Benedict’s Office of Governmental Affairs Grants and Contracts, helped plan the luncheon session, which attracted a number of faculty, staff, and students. Discussing the level of govern-

mental funding for Benedict, Jackson said, “We are under-funded. We deserve a lot more.”

The federal and state governments provide the funds for Hope and Life scholarships, which go to students who have a score of a 1,000 or better on the SAT. Jackson noted, however, that need based merit pro-
grammes such as the Palmetto scholar-
ship, are not as fully funded.

State Sen. Patterson doesn’t think that market will be able to fill the gap in an equitable manner. “The kids who are in need get the least amount of money,” he said.

State Rep. Scott commented that South Carolina spent ten years bringing in Palmetto scholarships. The lottery dollars fund the Life and Palmetto scholarships, he said, instead of programs such as “No Child Left Behind,” which would provide resources to parents to pay for after school programs for children in need and for training specialists, who could assist them in educating their children.

In any case, he continued, the dollars spent on lottery tickets are granted to students who don’t have a financial advisor. The legislators said the state has earmarked some $30 million over 10 years from lottery funds to endow three chairs – or to set up professorships – at the state’s three research universities: the University of South Carolina, Clemson, and the Medical University of South Carolina and to fund educational initiatives. Out of that $30 million, however, only $3.5 million dollars has been given to HBCUs.

“They want us to settle for nothing,” Jackson said. “We must continue to educate the public on what (state and federal governments) are doing.”

There are some legislators, on the other hand, he said, who are trying to provide direct funding to keep college costs down. “We have to push for state and federal based scholarships must be increased,” he said.

President David Swinton, Benedict’s chapter of the Delta Mu Delta honorary business students says the political climate is not good for increased funding for historically black colleges and universities. However, President Swinton said that nothing could dampen the spirits of the proud inductees.

Benedict’s chapter of the Delta Mu Delta honorary business students includes students from nine South Carolina historically black colleges and universities. It was inducted into the national organization at the April 19 ceremony.

More than 20 students were inducted into the national honorary business students at Benedict College on April 19. The Widows of the late Dr. D. L. Williams, and those of students inducted at the ceremony, were in attendance to see the inductees into the national organization.

The King family, friends, of the inductees, and faculty and administration of the school were in attendance.

“I thank you all for this,” said Dr. D. L. Williams. “I am very thankful.”

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President Swinton have had since coming to Benedict and the deep affection that the college family has given her and her family. “I appreciate the love that was given to David and I when we came here 10 years ago,” she said. “It's very much appreciated. There was a lot of support from David. He is the hardest working and most dedicated president I know to the Honors Program. Before returning to her seat, she said, “Benedict, you are always in my prayers. I truly appreciate this. I am very thankful.”

Following her remarks, the keynote speaker for the occasion, Dr. Judy L. Carter introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Dr. Lucille C. New, professor of accounting at the University of South Carolina, and CEO of the Cave Institute, a medical think-tank in California, and a former president of the National Medical Association. She is also a member of Benedict’s Board of Trustees.

Dr. Perez spoke on the pressing health needs of African Americans, especially women, and noted the disparities between the kinds of health care given to many blacks as opposed to the health care that whites receive. Perez said some-
**INTERNSHIPS: Practical way for students to prepare for future career opportunities**

**By India McKinnon and Steve Warren**

Today’s traditional form of education, which involves instruction and learning in a classroom, is being taught in a different way. A classroom is defined as a room in a school where the students are under the instruction of a teacher. However, in this modern world, the traditional form of education is being surpassed by the internship form of education. An internship is a paid or unpaid work experience in an organization or company that gives students the opportunity to gain practical experience and learn about a particular field. Internships can be a very effective way to gain experience and knowledge in a particular field, and they can also provide students with valuable networking opportunities.

Students can get internships through various means, such as networking with professors, alumni, or friends who have previously had internships. Students can also search for internships through online databases and job boards, such as LinkedIn or Glassdoor. Many companies also have specific internship programs that students can apply for. Internships are a great starting point for students who are looking to enter a particular field, and they can also provide students with a chance to learn about the professional world and gain valuable skills.

Internships can also help students to decide on a career path. After completing an internship, students can get a better sense of their interests and abilities, and they can also gain a better understanding of the work culture and expectations of the field. Internships can also provide students with valuable experience that can help them to stand out to potential employers. In summary, internships are a valuable tool for students who are looking to gain experience and knowledge in a particular field and to prepare for their future careers.
The Battle of the Sexes: BC students offer reasons for the ‘gender divide’

By George Moses III & Towanda Tisdale

Whether you agree that men are from Mars and women are from Venus, the bottom line is that men and women are different. It is because of this fact, men and women sometimes have trouble with each other to make their age or color. In most normal households, men and women are taught from childhood to be the ‘roles’ that men and women are supposed to play in society. For example: the men are the guardians and protectors of the home, while the women are the caregivers of the children. However, there have been some deviations from this script throughout history. In recent years, especially here in the United States, traditional male and female roles have been adjusted due to certain events and influences in history (i.e. the women’s suffrage movement, more women playing sports, gay rights, etc.).

Towanda’s take

Many people may wonder why it is normal for people to ‘expect’ so, to speak, certain things from men. The reasons vary tremendously, according to the different sets of people that I have spoken with. Some women, as well as men, have been taught to think in such ways. It goes back to the old Biblical days of women being submissive to men. Women were not allowed to feel any type of emotions. They were used to being completely powerless. Location is also important. Growing up in the South is not the same as growing up in the North. Different kinds of values are instilled in you. As a southern woman, I was given a list of what not to do. And if I ever questioned the reasons, I was always told that it was not very lady like.

Very few southern women still believe that women should ‘stay at home moms’. The old view of thinking that women should be about housework is changing. The old man cave thinking that women should be about housework is changing. The old man cave thinking that women should be there to provide, and not be trying to get something. He doesn’t have to be under his control, he has to be trying to get something. Another student, Valencia Goodwin, comments on how she feels that being able to provide for self is the best solution to all problems.

Tyrone Oliver, a senior and a child and family studies major, discussed her views on the whole battle of the sexes issue. “I am a working woman, and I prefer to deal with a man who is at least making some progress. He doesn’t have to be under his control, he has to be trying to get something.”

Another student, Towanda Tisdale, a political science major at Benedict College, comments on how she feels about the male versus female stigma. “Personally, I feel that most women prey on men who are ‘easy in a way’, they prey on men who don’t have a problem with providing them with everything that they want.”

George’s take on the issue

On the other hand, others feel relationships should not be about one individual. It takes two to have a successful relationship. People’s roles are important and both should be equal. It is assumed that every relationship should be 50/50 in terms of productivity. However, both men and women perform different tasks in these relationships. As to what task should be performed by whom, that should be determined by the counterparties in the relationship. For example, females have high expectations of their man. “My man must be responsible, mannered, intelligent, and sweet,” said Carla McKenzie. McKenzie also stated that she is independent and can provide for herself.

Another female stated, “Men don’t initiate things when they are really the problem with providing them with everything that they want.”

Wrap-Up

In conclusion, it is all about communication. Each person may require certain things from the other in a relationship, how is either to know what those things are without those standards being told to them? In relationships, in setting your standards for the opposite sex, consider the minimal characteristics that you can deal with at the minimum. Some rules can be bent; some can be broken; some not changed at all. It all depends on you.

George Moses & Towanda Tisdale

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Historian encourages folks to know both sides of the Civil War

BY DELAQUA PICKETT
SOAP WRITER

Before you think about buying that next history book, you might want to chat with comedian and historian Steve Gipson, a Civil War enthusiast, who recently presented a ‘living history’ expo about the War Between the States at Dutch Square Mall in Columbia.

Gipson has been studying the Civil War for numerous years, researching the truth on both sides. He gets a lot of his information from different books about historical figures such as George Washington, Harriet Tubman and Abraham Lincoln.

Gipson’s purpose behind reading and sharing as much information as possible on the Civil War is because Hollywood creates false images of what really happened in that time, he said. However, he believes that the movies Glory and Cold Mountain are good historically accurate movies to see.

“I believe that the best soap opera is history,” he said.

In comparison to the way history may be taught in a normal history class, Gipson uses authentic Civil War attire as props in his performance, while he and his sidekick dress in traditional Union and Confederate uniforms.

Dutch Square marketing assistant Michelle Harris highly encourages African Americans to view the show for its significant historical facts toward black history. “Though a lot of us know about the Civil Rights Movement,” Gipson said. “Civil rights actually goes back all the way to the Civil War… We give special attention to the ethnic involvement in both Union and Confederate sides of this very human tragedy.”

Gipson’s traveling show ranges from one hour to an hour and a half in length. However, Gipson said that he has had three hour plus performances of non-stop Civil War facts.

For more information on how you can book or receive copies of “The Great Civil War Exhibition and Living History Show,” contact Alliston Gipson at (423) 658-7378.

Did You Know? (Little Known Civil War Facts)

- The Civil War was not only fought over the ongoing debate of slavery but state’s rights, sovereignty, trade differences and tariffs.
- There were between 30,000 and 60,000 FREE African-Americans who joined the integrated Confederate army.
- There were 180,000 African-Americans who joined the segregated Union army.
- More than 20,000 Native Americans were involved in the conflict and fought on both sides.

Sekouba, world famous African drummer, shared wisdom and knowledge with BC students

BY QUESHONDA MOORE
SOAP WRITER

Little after 6 p.m. on a Monday in late February, all was silent in room 218 of the HBCC building. Suddenly, students and faculty began to pour into the room with a sense of readiness. They were about to be taught by one of the world’s foremost dance authorites, Sekouba Camara.

Students were there from some of the dance classes taught by Donna Edwards-Todd, director of the Benedict’s Harold Odorn Dance Co., along with members of the local dance and drumming group African Drum and Dance, Inc. and the visiting Boreyna West African Drum and Dance Ensemble.

Everyone was dressed in African attire. Children from the dance ensemble pranced around eagerly awaiting for everything to start. Their drums were all set up.

There in the center of the room sat Sekouba, a foremost authority on African dance and a griot or African story teller. Sitting in front of a full view mirror and dressed in an orange cap, green linen pants, tan sweaters, and jean jacket, this world renowned dancer and cultural historian, considered to be ‘everyone’s teacher’ because of his remarkable West African dance lineage, rose from his chair. He smiled, and then began to speak in French, one of the three languages besides Sousson and Malinke that he speaks.

The Boreyna ensemble manager, Laura Rich, sat nearby, translating as he spoke.

Talking as if he was having a simple conversation, Sekouba explained the meaning of a West African dance called yankdi. It means, he said, it is a simple conversation, Sekouba explained how he began to speak in French, one of the three languages besides Sousson and Malinke that he speaks.

And to think I thought I was going to be a mechanic,” he said.

Sekouba said he was recruited for the Djoliba ballet company. Sekou Toure if he could help start a national ballet company, and when he was given permission, the actor went up and down Guinea’s coast looking for dancers. He found 345 singers and dancers and recruited them for the dance company. Some of those dancers was Sekouba.

Sekouba said they spent months on Guinea’s Kassa Island practicing drumming and dancing all day. Out of 345 students recruited, 45 were chosen for the Djoliba ballet company. Sekouba said he was recruited as a principle indigenous dancer. “And to think I thought I was going to be a mechanic,” he said.

Sekouba, now conducts many dance workshops and lectures on traditional and modern dance of Guinea and its culture. “I am inspired to dance,” he said. “To be a musician and dancer, you must be able to follow in the steps of my grandfather makes me happy.”

Sekouba’s came to Benedict as part of the college’s Black History Month events.
I've never been the type to wait for anything, especially an opportunity. Matter of fact, the only handout that was ever given to me was a Navy brochure. I wanted to see the world...I did. I wanted a bright future, and I have one of those, too. I've worked; now I own my own company...all because of the experience I've gained in the Navy. So do what I did. Call 1-800-USA-NAVY or log on to navy.com.
Women's Handball Team

Lady Tigers take fourth place at the national tournament

BY RAYNITAM MILLER
STAFF WRITER

After hard fought battles against several other college handball teams in the SIAC, Benedict’s women’s handball team emerged with a fourth place finish at the recent national tournament.

The Lady Tigers entered the national tournament as second place winners of the Southeastern Team Handball Conference (SETHC). Though they were high in ranking, the team was low in numbers. BC’s handball team headed to the nationals with only seven players and no substitutes. The outlook for the Lady Tigers was awfully cloudy.

Yet, there was a shred of hope. The Lady Tigers would meet up with some of the same teams they faced and had triumphed over during the regular season. These teams included Rock Hill, Atlanta and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“We’ve played Rock Hill and UNC numerous times already so we know what to expect from them, but we didn’t know anything about West Point,” team captain Raushana Gregg said.

Benedict’s handball team was introduced to West Point’s “black” team in a scrimmage game the day before the tournament, in which the Lady Tigers were defeated 5-10. Then and there, BC knew they had a problem on their hands.

In the first round of competition, Benedict played UNC Tarheels, taking a 2-0 lead in the first half. When BC’s offense was failing, their defense picked up the slack. At one point the Lady Tigers were left with only four players on the court, yet they managed to hold the Lady Tarheels scoreless with key blocks from goalie Melissa Reese.

But something happened. By the end of the first half, UNC had taken the lead, 2-5. The second half belonged to the Lady Tarheels. Bad turnovers on offense and sluggish defense from BC allowed UNC to go on a 3-0 run for a final score of 2-8.

After their loss to UNC, BC faced West Point for a shot at the bronze medal, but even that would prove to be a difficult task. Once again Benedict got off to a quick start with the help of Kim Webber and Raushana Gregg taking a 3-0 lead. West Point answered back with four devastating scores. West Point’s crippling defense precipitated numerous Benedict turnovers, resulting in eight points for Army. The Lady Tigers continued to struggle despite five points from Webber and Gregg in the second half.

Interim Coach Charnissia Franklin expressed how proud she was of the Lady Tiger’s efforts.

“No one here can deny that these ladies came out and gave one hundred and ten percent. The odds just weren’t in our favor today, but we’ll learn from this experience and come back stronger next year,” she said.

Photo by Charnissia Franklin
Handball Coach James Rice (far right) tries to regroup his Lady Tigers during a timeout at the Handball Nationals in Durham, N.C.

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Internships

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If internships sound like the experience you’ve been looking for, you might want to sign up for an internship course for next semester. Check with your department for the requirements and course prerequisites, if any.

Internships can be scary, even intimidating and hard, but they can also be exciting and fun.

Editor’s note: If you would like to share your internship experience with our readers, contact Tiger News at 253-5207.
Men's and women's basketball teams take SIAC conference titles

Benedict's men and women's basketball teams have set new standards, broken records and made history. Both the men and women's teams won the NCAA SIAC Division II Conference Tournament in Albany, Ga. over the Spring Break.

No other college had won both the men and women's SIAC conference tournament since 1979. This is also the first conference championship for the teams since they entered the SIAC two years ago.

Tigerettes overcome Tuskegee in tournament

By Dionne Chandler & Rayvita Miller
SPORTS WRITERS

Although the women ended their regular season with three losses and went into the conference as a sixth seed, they had high expectations.

Said Coach Maurice Bailey on the irrelevance of the standings: “When the conference tournament comes, everyone has the same record.”

In the first round of the conference, the Lady Tigers beat Albany State 52 to 44. Albany State also hosted the tournament. The Tigerettes would go on to blow out first seeded Clark-Atlanta 69 to 44 in the second round.

Even though the championship game was televised, that put no added pressure on the Lady Tigers. Senior Lashon McCoulley stressed to her team members the importance of playing the same game that brought them this far. “Ladies, we can do this. Play defense. Play good defense,” she said.

Coach Bailey also stressed to his players to play defense and to limit their turnovers. “If we cut down on our turnovers, play defense and make the game as ugly as possible, we will win,” he said.

With support from Benedict alumni and other student athletes, the Lady Tigers were motivated to win the championship.

Benedict makes SIAC history

By Callie O'Driscoll
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In overtime, it was all about BC’s senior guard Eugene Jackson’s 30 points helping to earn his team to average an embarrassing loss that was suffered to Morehouse in January. Before the game began, Coach Watson let his team know that there was no tomorrow. “It’s the same game with different circumstances. We have to leave it on the floor, have fun and relax,” he said.

It seemed like the Tigers were on route to a blow out, after jumping out to a 15-0 lead. Morehouse coach Grady Brewer immediately called a time out to gather his troops together.

Morehouse would eventually bounce back into the game in the second half, even holding a lead throughout the final minutes of the game. It almost looked as if Morehouse would steal the game from the Tigers.

However, the determination of senior shooting guard Eugene Jackson would keep the BC Tigers in the game.

Fellow senior Pete Asmond and junior Charles Bankhead also contributed with clutch baskets to give the Tigers a second chance, as the game would be tied at 81 at the end of regulation.

In overtime, it was all about BC’s clutch free throw shooting by Jackson and Bankhead, which allowed the Tigers to defeat Morehouse 89 to 86 in a thriller. When the buzzer sounded, Coach Watson cut down the net.

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