Wellness center/football stadium to be completed by 2005

Host of community, school officials attend groundbreaking

With the recent ground breaking for Benedict’s state-of-the-art new football stadium, the much anticipated LeRoy T. Walker Health and Wellness Complex is now a step closer to being a reality. The stadium has been the topic of discussion by nearby residents, students, college officials and staff since the institution purchased the 61 acres of land on which the complex will sit, and where old, dilapidated buildings once stood. It will be located at 2000 Two Notch Rd., at the intersection of Real Street and Two Notch Road. The site is about two blocks from the main campus.

President Swinton and several community, government, and college officials shoveled the first spade of dirt at the site for the historic groundbreaking breaking April 8. Aside from a three level, 10,000-seat football stadium (with a maximum capacity of 17,000), the wellness/stadium complex will include baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, a jogging trail, an indoor swimming pool, and a children’s playground. A main ticket office and concessions will be on the first level of the stadium.

Hospitality and presidential suites will be housed on the second level and classrooms will occupy the third level. Other amenities at the complex are to include a water pond with three fountains, as well as parking and tailgating spaces.

With the return of Tiger football and the football team’s first winning season, the stadium is expected to provide a much-needed economic boost for Benedict. Officials say the stadium will probably also lead to greater support from the community and fans.

The complex is expected to be completed by the start of the 2005-2006 academic year.

New SGA president vows to keep legacy alive

For Jameika Young, newly elected president of the Student Government Association for 2004-2005, handling leadership responsibilities is nothing new for her. Young served as corresponding secretary for the SGA for 2003-2004. Young, a native of Columbia and a music major, said she wants to focus on working hard and being honest. The job feels like the job she was put on this campus, she said. “It was important for her to get this diversity, so she could help her to be a good president. My goal is to be a successful president, she said. Young noted that next school year, the SGA will mainly consist of women. This is new and may be a problem for some, she said. "But overall we have a good cabinet, one that will make good progress in getting things accomplished.”

Nguyen said she is her experience, honesty and ability to work hard that will help her to be a good president. "My goal is to be a successful president,” she said.

New Student Activities Director Mary Davis said she expects this to be an outstanding year for the new SGA cabinet. “Because of Jameika’s experience, she knows what is expected of her to get accomplished. As being SGA president, there are a lot of expectations that come with the job of the president. The SGA president expect to work hard, communicate with students on a daily basis, and complete necessary tasks in order to have a successful program.”

Darett added, “We are looking forward to working with the new cabinet and feel that they will do an excellent job. Congratulations to the new SGA president and her cabinet."

Editor’s Farewell: One for the road

By Ali Omar

YE! School is just about over and some of us graduating seniors, school is over. This is the time where we look back and reflect over the year or years and take into account what has happened. I think we should concentrate more on the future than the past.

My first editorial of the school year was entitled, “Leave the past in the past,” and I intend to continue doing so. Forgive me if I sound harsh, but we know the past. It is the future that kicks us in the butt. If we don’t learn from it, but harness it, then we will not go far. Let’s not stare at it like the elephant in the room. The past will take care of itself if we don’t learn from it, but let’s not stare at it like the elephant man. The past will take care of itself—what about you a year from now?

To an extent, you have to live life for you. For example, a lot of students have told me that they plan to return home and see the family and faith. You have to go to school, get an education, and complete necessary tasks in order to have a successful program. Forgive me if I sound harsh, but we know the past. It is the future that kicks us in the butt. If we don’t learn from it, but harness it, then we will not go far. Let’s not stare at it like the elephant in the room. The past will take care of itself—what about you a year from now?

Like Damon Wayons said in the movie Major Payne, “I never said...”
All that and more at Xtreme Technology Day

By Krystel Rolle
Staff Writer

On Benedict’s “Extreme Technology Day” recently budding science and math students from six area high schools competed for such cool prizes as an MP3 player and other special awards. They weren’t competing in a hot singing contest, or for a job as an apprentice, or even the chance to be the next American idol. What they were competing for was the chance to showcase their ability to be creative, intuitive, and intelligent and to use all their wizardry and uniqueness, while learning and discovering various sciences, math, and technologies.

The students, from A.C. Flora, Brookland-Cayce, C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy, Lexington Technology Center, Lower Richland, and W.J. Keenan High School, also tested their skills and knowledge in a physics competition that entailed building a bridge from spaghetti.

A bridge from spaghetti? Is this still science?

Yes, according to faculty and staff in the School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Dr. Fouzi Arammash, chair of the Physics and Engineering Department, gave a salute to STEM Dean Dr. Stacey James. He explained.

One of the most creative things the students competed in was an investigation of a crime scene. They investigated who killed “Freddy the Frog,” while participating in a simulated forensic learning experiment. Each team (school) had to participate in six events, including biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, and engineering. STEM or STEMS, this is science. Science does not have to be boring. It can be fun.

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I was an evening of top-notch entertainment and star-studded performances at the 10th Anniversary Gala for President Swinton at the Koger Center on April 7. The headliners were the legendary Los Rawls and jazz master Kenney Garrett.

A number of Benedict faculty and staff and a host of community members, dignitaries, family members and friends enjoyed an evening of entertainment and tributes in honor of President Swinton.

Rawls, seen here with his wife, Nina, ended the gala with a couple of songs from some of his greatest hits. Benedict alumni turned recording artists Unisonig, a harmonizing quartet, pictured here with President Swinton, performed earlier in the evening and received a standing ovation. Benedict Music Professor Dr. Ronald High also performed a stirring piano solo, “To a Dark Horse.”

Rawls, a multi-Grammy award winning jazz performer and spokesperson for the United Negro College Fund's nationally televised fundraiser “An Empty Chair,” was the keynote speaker for the late President William Jenkins and Gambrell. Proceeds from the $50 per person affair will go to the development of an endowed scholarship in Dr. Swinton's honor.

**AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION**

10th Anniversary Gala for President Swinton

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**Gospel Choir ties for first place in national competition**

**BY KRISTEL ROLLE**

*STAFF WRITER*

Benedict’s Gospel Choir, four time winners of the National Collegiate Gospel Choir competition, did it again this year, tying for first place with North Carolina A & T. Choral Director Darryl Izzard, who has always loved putting fashion pieces together, designing clothes, and even hats. He has put on other fashion shows before.

The audience burst into thunderous applause after High and accompanist Stephen Scott performed a piano duet version of “My God Is Real.” High received an outstanding review from Shari Foy, critic from the Beacon Enterprise.

**Black Heritage Fashion Show**

**S**ophomore Chad Holloway, a business administration major, from Toledo, Ohio, has always loved putting fashion pieces together, designing clothes, and even hats. He has put on other fashion shows before.

Last month he, along with members of the Social Sciences Club, Computer Science and Math Club, and student, faculty and staff volunteers put on one fabulous “Black Heritage” fashion show with the theme “Exploring the Culture of Our African American Heritage.”

The event proved to be quite a festive affair, full of colors and designs, and swirling, sauntering, and swaying models, dressed in beautiful clothing, everything from casual to fancy to heritage wear.

The show also included poetry, food, make up consultations, cosmologists, dances and designs by Holloway and Dr. Linda Lane, social sciences professor, researcher, advisor and supporter of this heritage fashion and various other historic African Americans. Holloway and Lane designed several of the hats in the show. The models were their own clothes. The presenters were Holloway, Patrice Orr, Sharon Fouch, and Charisse Kline.

See here are some of the many fashion lines and designs from the show.

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**Haskell Hall wins Tiger Family Feud**

**BY DANIELLE F. DUNCAN**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

The Sophomore Class of 2006 sponsored The Tiger Family Feud, an activity held annually of Benedict's annual Tigerfest activities. The event was held in the Swinton Center's ballrooms A and B, the evening of Thurs., April 15.

Demond Coleman, sophomore chemistry major, was the host of the show who keep the crowd up with various jokes. The game began with Mather Hall competing with day students and ended with Mather winning. -

Dr. Ronald H. High, a tenor, pianist, and an Associate Professor of Music at Benedict, had a busy year of performances not only on campus but in community and regional events as far away as Texas. One of his most acclaimed performances was for the Julie Rogers Theatre in Beaumont, Texas, where he was the featured artist for Black History Month. The performance was held Feb. 15.

High's performance was entitled “Songs from the Soul: A Recital of Negro Spirituals.” High offered tributes in song to Eva Iossey, Dorothy Maynor, Marian Anderson, Roland Hayes, Paul Robeson, William Warfield, and Leontyne Price. A special feature of the recital was a medley of Negro spirituals and gospel songs arranged for piano by High. The audience burst into thunderous applause after High and accompanist Stephen Scott performed a piano duet version of “My God Is Real.” High received an outstanding review from Shari Foy, critic from the Beacon Enterprise.

**Correction** — The Tiger News would like to correct some points in a December 2003 story highlighting Dr. Ronald High's return to his alma mater to honor singer William Warfield. The story stated that Warfield taught Dr. High's song “In My Father's House” to his father. High, however, taught himself the song. It was also stated that High accompanied John Wimbush and Thomas Warfield on piano at Warfield for Wimbush but did not. High did join them in the celebration for Warfield.

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Though you may not be on easy street now, life gets better with time and effort. Take advantage of the opportunities that God has given you. If you think your life is bad, think about others who don't have what you have. There are a lot of people in jail who wish they could take your place. (Thanks D.A.)

For all of you pious folks, you will understand me when you say that I are here for a purpose. If you do not believe so, think about all the people who are not here with us anymore. That is not to say that those people were meaningless or to compare bad memories, but to say that their deaths should serve as a wake up call. Though it hurts, we still have to move on.

What I'm trying to say is that your happiness depends on you. God will only meet you halfway. The rest is up to you.

On a personal note, thank you Benedict College for the years of fond memories. Every minute we will never forget and I will relish their deaths should serve as a wake up call. Though it hurts, we still have to move on. What I'm trying to say is that your happiness depends on you. God will only meet you halfway. The rest is up to you.

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The issue of what’s good hair versus bad hair is not a simple matter. It’s a complex problem that requires a nuanced understanding of the cultural, social, and personal factors that influence hair perception. In the following pages, we will explore the diverse perspectives on this issue and examine how hair is often used as a tool of self-expression and identity.
YEAR IN REVIEW

A Panoramic View of Some of the Many Events, Activities, Speakers, Campus and Community Happenings at Benedict for 2003-2004

Conradtations
2003-2004 Graduates of the Volleyball and Softball Teams!!
Reenoshia Asford – Volleyball
Tiffany White, Erica Green, Lashanteau Green, Aluiah Charles, and Brandy Jackson — Softball
From Coach Gwen Rouse

Congratulations
Thomas Holiday III
We Love You!!!

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Thomas Holiday III
From the Holiday Family in Camden, S.C. We are proud of you!!
- Grandma Irene, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews.

Congratulations
Tina, Shauna, Vanessa, Shon & Shantel
I’m proud of you all!
Keep God in your life and strive for excellence!
- Love, Dionne Chandler

Congratulations!!!!
To my big brothers - Ali & Askia

And to Anthony, Bryan, Jason, William, and Tyson
Tia, Stephanie, Keisha, Jaquilla, Chyneeda, Queshonda, and Towanda.
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To ALI OMAR
There is much to say about one who gives his all and expects nothing in return.
Ali Omar, this institution will not be the same without you.
Your accomplishments and achievements surpass all that I have ever known.
I pray that life treats you kind and that God delivers all your prayers.
While I cannot fill your place, as the new Tiger News editor, I will try my best and give you a ring ever so often.
Remember it’s all about God!
- Terrell Bryant

TO ALL THE BC GRADUATES of 2004
This is just your first step.
Remember what all your teachers and mentors have tried to teach you.
Remember the good times; you will forget the sad times.
Take care and best of success!
Tiger News Staff
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.
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Heat up with some blockbuster movies this summer

By India McKinney Staff Writer

Movie buffs get ready for some explosive scenes coming on movie screens this summer. Some of the hottest stars will be hitting the screens, delivering laughs, tears, and explosive action and drama.

Coming this May is Shrek 2. Shrek (Mike Myers) and Fiona (Cameron Diaz) pick up where they left off in Shrek. Fiona returns to her homeland to inform her parents of the good news. Not everyone is anxious for her marriage to an ogre, however. Get ready for the laugh of your life when the supposedly Prince Charming (Everett) finds out he is no longer Fiona’s Prince Charming.

For all those who like action jinks and thrills, coming is a sequel to the sci-fi explosive hit Pitch Black, starring Vin Diesel. An escaped convict continues to find himself caught in the center of a galactic war between two opposing forces. Co-starring in the movie are Ja Rule, Keith David, Thandie Newton, and Karl Urban.

Still want more action? Well, guess who is back? It’s a bird. It’s a plane. Close. It’s Spiderman 2. That’s right. Get ready for this favorite comic book hero to revisit the screen, for the sequel to the record breaking blockbuster movie of Marvel Comics. Tobey Maquire returns as Peter Parker, a nerd transformed into a genetic hero facing threats to New York City and the people he loves. The movie comes to the theaters June 30.

This summer will be full of surprises. Dozens of new films are scheduled for this summer, such as Garfield, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, The Prophecy, and The Terminal starring Tom Hanks. Alien vs. Predator is scheduled for release in August.

Don’t miss this summer’s movie mania. It’s going to be a hot, funny, and exciting movie summer, something you don’t want to miss.
Mary Davis inducted into BC’s Hall of Fame

BY OMAR DAVIS
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Photo courtesy of Mary Davis

Mary Davis inducted at Benedict Softball Team

Benedict softball team members and coach surround their trophy that they won as first place winners in the recent SIAC conference championships, hosted by Benedict.

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