Dr. Ethel Taylor: Remembering a Benedict College Legend

by TAMARA BUTLER

January 26, 2012, a crowd of family, friends, students and even strangers stood in honor of Dr. Ethel Taylor’s life.

It all took place at Benedict College’s chapel at 2pm. Members of the community and students filled the Antisdel Chapel. She was one of Benedict College’s beloved faculty members and she fulfilled many roles.

Dr. David Swinton, President of Benedict College, began the ceremony by reading Proverbs 31, a bible scripture about a virtuous woman.

He described Dr. Taylor as intellectual and very touching. She was a golden life member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She made it known about her strong religious background for Christ at a young age and that she was the surviving of eight children, born to James Willie and Ella Dendy Henderson.

Dr. Taylor graduated as Valedictorian from Bell Street High School in Clinton, South Carolina. A few years later, in 1946, she graduated Magna Cum Laude, from Benedict College.

It wasn’t long before she’d become a history maker.

Dr. Taylor became a well-known radio announcer. She left her mark when a billboard magazine labeled her as one of the top five female radio announcers in the U.S.

In 2008, she was inducted into the South Carolina Broadcasting Hall of Fame. She spent 58 years in broadcast.

Dr. Taylor, was an English educator who served 30 years in Richland County School District One. During her time in the public school system, she got her Masters of Education from the University of South Carolina. Later, she joined the Benedict College faculty as an Assistant Professor of English.

She was the kind of person who made things happen instead of sitting around waiting for them to happen.

One could learn a lot from Dr. Taylor’s accomplishments — she obviously never wanted a moment as she held careers in both broadcast and education simultaneously, while still serving in her church and other community organizations.

Dr. Taylor received multiple awards and recognitions throughout her life. She was affiliated with both social and community organizations.

She served both as President of the Richland County Education Association and President of the Benedict College national Alumni Association. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy from Hamilton State University in 1973. She earned the Lula J. Gambrell Award, the highest award given to a Benedict College Alumni.

In 2008, Mayor Robert D. Cole labeled March 28 as Dr. Ethel Henderson Taylor Day. The same year, the Honourable James C. O’Churn gave tribute in her honor to the US House of Representatives. Here at Benedict, the Ethel Mae Henderson Taylor Laboratory for Computer Science is named in her honor.

She stressed the importance of education. She focused both her attention and discussions on her students’ potential, not their limitations.

by MARK OWENS

On February 8, 2012, Benedict College unveiled its new historic marker at its Harden Street entrance. The marker isn’t just any old marker.

This distinguishes Benedict College as one of the many historic sites in South Carolina and is part of a larger program that showcases African American sites in Columbia.

Across campus, many students were unaware of the marker, but were excited to learn about it.

Marcus Lundy, a senior here said, “That’s amazing! Actually being here while this is occurring makes me appreciate the school on a new level.”

Soroyal Washington said, “It’s just an honor to be a student during all of this.”

This shows you that regardless of what some may say about our school, we have a lot to be proud of — historically, our school has played an important part in the development of the community.

It may have taken awhile for this to come to fruition, but it’s great that they virtually honored Benedict College with this well-deserved marker.

Benedict Celebrates 23rd Annual Harambee Festival

This year vendor space SOLD OUT! It was a whirlwind, Harambee creates “all pull together” a real tradition that encourages unity.

Benedict’s Plans for Campus Expansion

After nearly 143 years, Benedict is expanding its campus footprint to accommodate the fastest growing increase of students.

The college has experienced a 128 percent increase in enrollment since 1994, with more than 3,219 students currently enrolled. The renovation is hoped to benefit both the faculty and students.

BC renovation and expansion includes expansion for the David H. Swinton Campus Center (The Swinton Center), Bookstore, Infirmary, Police Stations, and Freshmen men. The expansion also includes the purchase and use of a new building.

The new student center, once renovated, will contain a two-story cafeteria which will fit 542 students, an outdoor courtyard, and will house new well-known restaurants such as Burger King, Freshen, and Asian Cuisine.

This will create employment opportunities for students. New attractions will include a hair salon and barber shop.

Also located in The Swinton Center is the post office, faculty offices, and a 24-hour campus dining hall. The campus was originally designed to serve a maximum of 2,500 students. This renovation project is the largest construction undertaking in Benedict College’s 143-year history and is sponsored by Perkins Food Management.

To support the Freshman Institute, a new building will be constructed on Harden and Heidt Street. The Freshmen Institute will support the College’s Quality Enhancement Plan to improve freshman retention and increase graduation rates.

The facility will house a lecture hall, conference room, faculty offices, six laboratories, student lounge, and study area.

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Benedict Unveils Historic Marker

by SOROYAL WASHINGTON

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The Black History Teleconference Plenary Session
by DaQuan Adams
The Black history Teleconference is a production of South Carolina Educational Television in affiliation with the public Broadcasting System and Benedict College.

The teleconference is a two-day event beginning with the teleconference reception and dinner and ending with the telecast. The telecast could be viewed from the PBS stations in all 50 USA states and in all foreign countries.

The plenary session took place Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Benedict College campus in Antisdel Chapel. President Dr. David H. Swinton presided over the event. The Benedict College Concert Band opened the event under the direction of Mr. Herman Jones.

The Greeting and remarks were given by distinguished guests. The Director of the Atlanta Business League, Mr. Herman Jones, and included exhibits and networking opportunities.

Cutting the Pipeline to Prison,” on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. The event was held at the City of Philadelphia. The event was free and opened to the public. The play was directed by Mr. Charles Brooks, Professor of Theater, Acting Chair of the Fine Arts Department at Benedict College. The event was free and opened to the public.

The building will be 5,000 square feet and will stand alone. Marie Gonzalez, Store Manager, said in Benedict College newsletter, the new bookstore will have specialty gifts, College and Greek paraphernalia, snacks, and coffee. The new bookstore will have variety of electronics, snacks, and coffee.

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Get Involved – Join the Team!

By e360

In February 25th, Benedict College celebrated its annual Harambee Festival. Harambee offered music, food, and merchandise that are sometimes difficult to find throughout the year. The festival provided an opportunity to bring people together to enjoy one another and for vendors to showcase products and services with the community. This year vendor space sold out in all areas.

They even offered face painting for children, so there was fun for all ages. Harambee ended with a Community Gospel choir concert on February 26th, that was held in the HRC Arena. This concert allowed the student body as well as community members to fellowship amongst each other, worship God and enjoy some spiritually uplifting music.

In Swahili, Harambee means ‘all pull together.’ Harambee is originally a Kenyan tradition that encouraged communities to work together to raise money for local projects, build and maintain communities.

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During the month of February, Benedict College strove to capture the spirit of Harambee in all its community-long events.

Some of the merchandise found at the festival included handmade jewelry, African clothing, handcrafted woodwork, as well as clothing for Gardening.

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She inspired students to open their eyes and take off the blind fold and begin seeing the vast opportunities around them especially those in their field of study.

The Attorney closed by saying, “Clothe yourselves with the robe of excellence.”

The fourth guest speaker was Dr. Earnestine G. McNealey, a researcher of the roles of Black women in American history and culture. She is a writer and editor from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Dr. Earnestine encouraged students to rise above all adversity.

Other guest speakers included, Mr. Robert "Bob" Reed, a former NFL lineman for the Minnesota Vikings, Dr. Grace J. Young, an oncologist from Orange, California, and Dr. Mariana White Davis, the Executive Producer of the Teleconference.

Dr. Davis shared some of her accomplishments with the students. 2012 marked the 25th year of producer of the teleconference. She’s written 26 books and has been to 33 NFL superbowl games!

The Black History Teleconference Plenary Session ended with an outstanding spirt-filled performance from the award-winning Benedict College Gospel Choir. The choir sang two selections before ending with an encore presentation of “I Want to Born Again.”

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The summit featured the Benedict College Theatre Ensemble in a performance based on the play, The Vineyard of Clarendon County written by Osie Davis, and edited by journalist and aesthetic realism associ- ate, Alice Bernstein. The play was directed by Mr. Charles Brooks, Professor of Theater, Acting Chair of the Fine Arts Department at Benedict College. The event was free and opened to the public.

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Hazing is any action that recklessly endangers the safety of a student.

Think you’ve been hazed?
Contact Student Services
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THE WRITERS, photographers and editors of this edition have carefully and painstakingly produced content that would best benefit the students of Benedict College.

ALTHOUGH EVERY effort was made to authentically represent the student body of this school, we realize that there are many student voices and perspectives that still remain to be heard.

AS WE revamp this great newspaper, we invite you to join in and take ownership. You don’t have to be a part of a student organization or attend Mass Communication courses to be a part of our staff of writers and photographers.

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If you feel that we’ve overlooked a significant side of a story, or if you just want to chime in with your opinions - your voice is valued and welcomed here. If you have ideas for improvement or expansion, we’d love to hear about them. This is your paper and it will be as great as you make it.

Are you up for the challenge?

You won’t have to go it alone. As advisor, I’m here to help and guide you. I look forward to hearing from all of you. I’m eager to see Tiger News reach new heights.

Ms. K. Edley, Tiger News Advisor

Anti-Hazing Forum Held
by KEON JOSEPH

As a result of recent hazing allegations in other schools, Benedict College Administration facilitated an anti-hazing forum to make students aware of the unfortunate reality of hazing.

The forum was called to inform students of what constitutes hazing, how to know if you are being hazed and what the consequences are for student organizations or individuals involved in activities that lead to serious physical or psychological harm.

The incident occurred just days after the University’s new anti-hazing taskforce met for the first time. This was less than three months after Florida A&M University drum major Robert Champion died from acts of hazing. Champion died after suffering extensive bruising and hemorrhaging.

The recent occurrence of these inhumane acts of hazing in other colleges is the reason why Benedict College organized this awareness event.

Students who believe that they’ve been victims of hazing or they know someone who is being hazed are encouraged not to ignore this situation.

Contact Student Services at (803) 705-4570 and let your voice be heard.

Beat Now in Benedict College Bookstore

by DOMINIQUE JACKSON

Designed for Fit and Comfort

Dr. Dre Beats headphones are advertised as having precisely designed ear cups. I noticed that right away. In my experience, most headsets I’ve tried with ear cups that completely cover your ear tend to cause you to sweat.

This was not the case with the Beats. They felt comfortable and featured a lot of adjustability and were easy to use. To get started, all I had to do was open up the battery compartment that’s cleverly hidden in the left ear cup.

Superior Sound Quality

I was pleasantly surprised by the clarity of sound. The sound quality is unbelievable as if you were actually in the studio.

Within seconds of turning on the headphones, I played the included samples. I immediately heard crisp highs and bass bumping lows. The most surprising thing about it was that I barely heard the volume.

Some headphones deliver bass and a decent high but you usually have to crank the volume. This was not the case with the Beats. I was absolutely floored about the price in the bookstore – these headphones were selling for $199.99 for the white/black ones and $250.00 for the red ones. With the original price being at $349.95 retail, they are definitely among the best in their class.

As Dr. Dre said, “People aren’t hearing all the music.” With the Dr. Dre Beats you’ll hear notes in your favorite tunes that you never knew existed.
5 Fatal Mistakes to Avoid on Facebook

by Disheba Causey

When signing on to a social media site, many people still believe that only the people they accept as friends are the only ones who get the inside scoop on them! Wrong!

Social media sites are designed to make you think you are in full control over your page. After all, why else should you think differently if you are asked to choose from friendship select whether you want your page public or private; and gain permission to friends who want to post a picture of yours, etc.

After all of these choices, you’re probably feeling pretty secure and that you’re in control of your page.

Unfortunately, the truth is that really… you don’t have control over your account. If you don’t have full control that means that the mistake you make on Facebook could have lasting consequences that could potentially ruin your chances at a successful career.

Are you making these mistakes?

1. Posting flirty pictures

Remember, once you post any picture over the internet, there’s a high chance that you will never get rid of it; even if you delete it. Many people have lost out on many opportunities due to lack of awareness. Ask your potential employer sees a certain photo of you, would they still hire you?

2. Airing your business

Since you honestly don’t have the slightest clue of who’s checking your profile, try not to bring the drama to social networks. It’s not cool to let everyone know how you feel about the people your surround. Keep those things to yourself and your circle of friends.

3. Inappropriate Language

Your word is your bond. I know many people say, “It’s my page, if you don’t agree with what I have to say or post… delete yourself.”

Keep in mind that what you say is a representation of your personality. Some things could come back to haunt you.

Here are some tips to help you stay in the clear and still enjoy your privacy when logging onto any social network.

• Don’t fall into the trap

Be mindful of posting telephone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses, and any other important information to you. It’s not out of the norm to link up with friends that you have not seen or heard from in a couple of years, just be very cautious of sending that information over the internet.

Don’t make it so easy for stalkers to find you. And while, you probably already know this; don’t post the next person. Keep those things to yourself and others.

• Keep it professional

Remember, you are not the only one applying for a job, make sure before you post anything that you want the next person to see. These days, employers are conducting research on applicants before they reach the resume. They also turn to social networking sites to help them narrow their search. Be wise and look at social media for what it’s worth. Protect yourself and your future.

Is Respect Dead?

by Brandon Johnson

“When I was younger belonging felt good, but having respect felt even better” - Tupac Shakur.

As I listen to those lyrics over and over again I realized that times have changed, but the conclusion that I’m searching for is whether it’s for the best or the worst. If it’s not for the best, is it too late to turn it around? Is it too late?

Looking around on Benedict campus I realize that respect is in short supply, this brings fear into my heart and pity for the future generations. Respect has many definitions, but it is all boils down to right and wrong. Most of us have been taught what is right and what is wrong, but even with being taught it doesn’t mean that the experience is remissed when we are doing right or wrong. But knowing what’s right and wrong don’t matter if the respect is nonexistent.

I’ve noticed that there are very few gentlemen and ladies. Gentlemen and Ladies have respect for themselves which helps them build respect for others. I remember when there was a time when men would hold doors for women, even if the woman was not their partner. I remember a time when ladies respect and carried on with the same way we were raised with.

They didn’t dress in a manner where they could be perceived as easy or as trash.

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SPORTS

NCAA Division II Student Athletes Celebrate Make-A-Wish Granting Efforts

by James Brown

Since 2003, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II has partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to support fundraising efforts. At the NCAA 2012 Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the Division II Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) celebrated its eighth year raising almost $2 million dollars.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Foundation is one of the world’s leading children’s charities, serving children in every community in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and more than 200,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish every 38 minutes. It has granted more than 212,000 wishes in the United States since its inception in 1980.

Benedict College is a Division II institution and since 2003, student athletes, institutions, and conference offices of this division have been active advocates.

Over the past eight years, Division II has helped grant the wishes of 501 children with life threatening diseases and illnesses. Last year alone, Division II raised over $400,000 towards granting wishes.

"Division II Week of Wishes" campaign with hopes to increase awareness and raise more funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

At the NCAA 2012 Convention, the Division II SAAC revealed its Make-A-Wish PSA to promote the week of wishes and the Division II alliance with the Make a wish foundation.

The “Division II Week of Wishes” took place at every Division II institution and conference offices February 18-26. This fundraising effort allowed Division II institutions and communities to come together and join in helping to grant the wishes of many children.

To make donations towards the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Division II wish granting efforts you can donate online at D2SA.org, wish.org, at various locations around Benedict college campus or at the home basketball games.

For more information about the “Division II Week of Wishes” contact the Benedict College Athletic Office: 803-705-450

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VFTV: According to FactZone, Facebook has become the primary source for first and last CIA information source since it was launched in 2004.

“After years of meticulously monitoring the public, we were accustomed to many people would willingly publicize where they live, their religious and political views, provide a list of all their friends, personal information (including telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and post thousands of photos of themselves. It is truly a dream come true for the CIA.”

-Deputy CIA director Christopher Shattuck.