Win or Lose: Benedict Tigers are Still Champions

by JAMIE BRUCE

The Benedict Tigers men’s basketball team defeated the Lemoyne-Owen Magicians March 3rd in the 2012 SIAC Men’s Basketball Tournament Championship 58-42.

Marcus Goode led the Tigers in the SIAC Championship with 17 points and 14 rebounds earning the title of the tournament’s Most Valuable Player. Tydran Beaty followed with 12 points.

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by TAYLOR SADDLER

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Even if this army were to be taken down, how could the lives of these children ever be repaired? How could they continue to move on with the permanent scars of their past? These questions are much too difficult to answer at this moment but the real question is “what can we all do to help?”

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**Benedict Students Attend RTDNAC Conference**

by Jonathan Holoman

Recently, some of Benedict College’s Mass Comm students were granted the opportunity to attend the Radio Television Digital News Directors Association of the Carolinas 2012 Conference.

This conference was hosted by the WCNC broadcast station, an NBC news affiliate in Charlotte, NC. During this event, students were given the opportunity to meet with broadcast professionals who work both in front and behind the cameras.

Brett Chambers, one of the members of the RTDNAC, spoke during the conference. He was energetic and enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge and experience with students.

He motivated us and shared these thoughts with us:

> “Anytime we have a group of students who are anxious and paranoid and interested in what they really want to do and making themselves better, we are excited about that. We’ve had a lot of great students come out this year, and a lot of great professionals that came to share their experiences and their insights with the students... It’s one thing to come to a workshop and hear some good stuff, but if you don’t act on what you learn, it’s a waste of time.”

It was an experience that definitely broadened the horizons of a lot of Mass Comm students who were able to attend.

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**Tax Tips for Students**

- You can file your Taxes for free online: visit irs.gov or hrblock.com for details.
- Be sure you’ve received all of your W-2’s, 1098-T and other important tax documents before attempting to file.
- If you’re going to file your own taxes, make sure your parents are not claiming you as a dependent.
- Read each tax question carefully and check your figures twice to ensure accuracy.

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**Preparation Students for the Real World**

by Tamaray Butler

On Feb. 17, Benedict College held its annual Career Fair. Various companies attended to make students aware of job opportunities. Why is it so important to expose students to recruiters in the job market.

During the fair, opportunities for full time and part time jobs as well as internships were offered.

This career fair has been going on for over 25 years. The students and 30 recruiters. This year, the numbers were up and hopefully will continue in an upward trend.

The Career Fair was a perfect opportunity for students to prepare themselves for the workforce and brush up on their job search skills.

**Here are five job search tips to get you started:**

- Create or revise your resume. Make sure it is free of typos or other errors.
- Research companies before you apply for employment.
- Get some business cards and a professional email address that you will check often.
- Prepare ahead of time for your interview. You may be asked questions like: What are your strengths and weaknesses? What are your goals? You will be expected to answer these questions without hesitation.
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**Prepare Students for the Real World**

Brett Chambers, member of RTDNAC and Mass Comm Student at NC Central University

Kendrick Boykin, a senior Mass Comm student said, “The most significant thing I took from the conference were the innovative job search techniques that they shared with us. The leaders at the conference told us to create a website and use our social networking accounts to get noticed.”

Kendrick said that this motivated him because now he knows how and what to do to get a job. The conference really opened his mind and prepared him to be more flexible about his future plans.

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**INVISIBLE CHILDREN, continued**

This situation has attracted the attention of celebrities. The government and people of high power want to help in aid of the capture of Joseph Kony. Celebrities and many known individuals such as Taylor Swift, George Clooney, Lady Gaga, Don Cheadle, Bill O’Reilly, Rihanna and Ryan Seacrest. Even former presidents such as Bill Clinton and George W. Bush are becoming proactive. There is still much work to be done.

This is not a fad that is set to donate to a charity. This is a movement to save lives in a charitable way. Clooney has many fans and with his help he can definitely open eyes and bring forth more leaders.

If there are 50,000 thousand or more against one person, think of what the results could be. One of the strongest voices on the web right now isn’t a celebrity. His name is Jason Russell and he is one of the many humanitarian’s who are strictly fighting for the invisible children of Africa.

Jason Russell uploaded a documentary on YouTube called “Kony 2012” and it is very impactful. He clearly states why he’s here, what he does, what life means, the story of the invisible children and the story of Joseph Kony.

**Who are you to end a war? I am here to tell you, who are you not to?”**

In this documentary it shows that he goes and talks to people of all nations, colors, lifestyle, gender and age. He feels as though no matter who you are, you must be there for him and the pain he’s suffered. This heart wrenching video will test your true compassion not for people in need but the quality of your character.

Monetary donations have been and can continue to be given to help. Donations could help build towers that would alert villagers of an ambush and could also provide food and supplies. The donations do not have to be heavy but just a little can make a lot. Websites such as www.kony2012.com and www.unicef.org can give you an opportunity to donate if this interests you.

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=vILmap525Pg

or visit these sites:

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Hi, my name is Jonathan Holoman, and I am the Editor-in-Chief of Tiger News. I sincerely hope that you all have enjoyed our last issue and that you’ll find some improvements in this issue.

These works are just a small representation of what our students can achieve. It is for this reason that I stress that it is YOUR paper. We cannot do this alone. All of the Tiger News editors and contributors, including myself, are open to any stories and ideas that you would like to see in future issues.

We are excited to announce that our Tiger News website is now up and running, and stories will be posted on a regular basis. This opens the doors for all forms of expression from the student body.

Through this site, students will be able to post photos, poems, open discussions, and any other written works that will be published and shared online with our peers here at Benedict. It will also be viewable by the entire world wide web!

This also means that if you are speaking to what you read in the Tiger News, at our site, you’ll be able to leave comments and voice your opinion about the articles we produce.

There is no greater time than now to allow your voices to be heard and share your stripes!!

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**Time for Tiger Fest!**

by KEVIN JONES

Tiger Fest time is here again. It's always a special time in the spring semester at Benedict College. During the month of April, many different events will take place to entertain students and to celebrate their hard work.

The first event of Tiger Fest will be the crowning of the 2012 Miss Benedict College. Then we’ll have SGA and class elections to elect new class officers and leaders for the fall.

The Financial Aid office will hold its annual cookout on this activity for these students and faculty can get together on a beautiful spring afternoon and enjoy some delicious barbeque.

The Tiger Fest is also a time to promote health and safety awareness with health screenings, testing, and also Relationship/Sexual Awareness Seminars.

Tiger Fest is a fun and lively experience for all students at Benedict." Laurene Jones, Senior.

**5 Stars for 5 Points St. Patrick’s Day Celebration**

by TAYLOR SADDLER

On March 17th, 5 Points held its annual St. Patrick’s day celebration and it was enormous. Hundreds of socialites, thrill seekers, and party goers scattered the streets. The atmosphere was filled with smiling faces - it was one of a kind. The street vendors sold yummy snacks, policemen were posted at every corner, and loud music blared from every bar as groups of college students cheered each other on as they danced.

There was an ocean of green shirts, hats, beads and anything else the color green could fit on.

During the day, it was more of a family oriented atmosphere. At night, there was a total 360 in the type of crowd.

I wouldn’t recommend bringing your family at night!

The sidewalks were over-flowing with people, which forced many to walk in the street. Columbia didn’t seem the same during this once a year celebration. That day 5 Points made it possible for people to party hard and enjoy themselves.

It was the ultimate feeling of fun, excitement and most of all good times.

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**Spring Fashion: Time & Place**

by DEonna SHIVERS

Hello! Springtime is finally here. During this time you will find yourself wrapped in heavenly fabrics, adorned with fabulous vivid color, as well as soft neutrals. As it warms up, we know more and more skin will be bare.

As the season transitions, it’s easy to get confused about what’s hot and what’s NOT! It’s also easy to get confused about what’s appropriate for a particular time or place. You don’t have to throw out all questionable items in your wardrobe, just be aware of when and where it’s appropriate to wear them.

Today, we’re here to help!

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**Entertainment 411 with Travis**

by Travis Ware

Need to know what’s happening with your favorite celebrities? Here’s your quick 411 list!

**ASHA’S EPLENN,** former American Idol Contestant was badly injured in a car accident.

She is currently recovering from an accident in which she suffered multiple broken bones including her jaw and 9 ribs.

**BEYONCE & BABY BLUE IVY CARTER:** Photos show Beyonce’s baby already rocks Marc Jacobs Shoes! Yes, you read that correctly, Marc Jacobs!

**FRIED FAMILY AFFAIR: FLAVOR FLAV** opens a fried chicken restaurant in Vegas. Hit reality show star, Flavor Flav is going Colonel Sanders on us!

The hype man turned TV personality is opening Flavor Flav’s House of Flavor, a take out fried chicken joint in Las Vegas.

Wanna laugh? Mike Epps may be coming to a town near YOU!

Check out a list of tour dates and cities for Mike Epps. I’m Still Standing Tour!

**APRIL 13:** Columbus Civic Center Columbus, GA 8:00 PM

**APRIL 20:** Robinson Center Music Hall Little Rock, AR 8:00 PM

**APRIL 21:** Lila Cockrell Theater San Antonio, TX 7:30 PM

**APRIL 27:** Selena Auditorium At the American Bank Center Corpus Christi, TX 8:00 PM

**MAY 12:** Nashville Municipal Auditorium Nashville, TN 8:00 PM

**MAY 13:** Landers Center (formerly DeSoto Civic Center) Southaven, MS 7:00 PM

**MAY 25:** Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre Orlando, FL 8:00 PM

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I'm sure it's anything but normal to be reading a Dating and Romance Advice article from a guy, much less a guy like myself. It's just that I've witnessed so many issues regarding boys and girls, relationships, and family.

I've seen my divorced mother become emotionally distraught, I've seen my Aunt experience numerous bad relationships, and I've seen my cousin question his boyfriend on how often they should text and call. I told my mother that she was an easy-going type of man that my family members have had to endure.

Even though I had zero luck with relationships as I was growing up, all I took was a bit of patience, and eventually, I would be able to find someone.

Patience paid off, as I met my soul-mate, Krystin White. We've been together now for nearly three years. Engagement and marriage are surely in our future. Having said that, I feel the need to begin discussing what this article is about.

That is, about what this article is about. Let's be honest, accomplishes NOTHING.

In point, here's a lesson worth learning: If you are just so afraid of losing her attention and affection where and when it's due. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling, verbalizing, or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, threatening her, she'll likely LISTEN.

Common sense comes into play here. Don't be stupid. We've been together now for nearly three years. Engage -

5 Dating & Romance Tips for Real Men
by Jamie Bruce

According to an article on BusinessInsider.com, Benedict College is one of "The 14 Most Dangerous Colleges In America." But parents can be reassured that their child is safe protected while they are in attendance thanks to Benedict College's Campus Police. They are here to enforce rules at Benedict College and are expected to handle the situation.

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Despite What Others Say, Benedict's Campus is Safe
by Lonanose Wickedness

The Benedict Men's Golf team defeated Morehouse with a total score of 327 to Morehouse's 329 in the Benedict College Invitational on Oak Hills golf course.

Benedict College was the host of the invitational tournament competing against Morehouse College, Paine College and Livingston College.

There has been a rivalry between Benedict and Morehouse Golf teams for the past few years with both teams looking to improve their standing in the tournament.

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In another incident, students were rumored to have been smoking in a dorm. Once Campus Safety was notified, they came to the dorm and questioned the suspected students. According to a senior student, who was also on the scene, the officers seemed to use questionable and intimidating language toward the students.

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