



Message from the Editor

Greetings from the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. We are pleased to welcome one new adjunct faculty member and one new staff person. Pre-registration and strong advisement of students in SHASS resulted in an increased graduation rate to 32 SHASS students at the Winter Commencement. In the SSCJ Department, two students graduated summa cum laude, three graduated magna cum laude, and four graduated cum laude. Our prayers go out to **Dr. Marguerite Garvey**, Assistant Professor of History, and **Dr. Glenda Suber**, Associate Dean of the School of Honors and Associate Professor of Political Science, who are both on extended leave.

New Adjunct Faculty

FA Department

Ms. Marquita Daniels, Adjunct Instructor of Music

Ms. Daniels has a Master of Education degree in Integrated Studies from Cambridge College in Cambridge, MA. She teaches Music Appreciation classes.

New Staff

Ms. Tamika Montgomery, Administrative Specialist

Ms. Montgomery works in the Office of the Dean.

Spring 2005 Schedule of SHASS Academic Meetings

- February 3: School Meeting
Faculty Research Forum (FRF)
- February 10: Departmental Meetings
- February 17: Faculty Forum
Faculty Colloquium
- February 24: School Meeting
Faculty Research Forum (FRF)

- March 1: Founder’s Day Convocation
- March 3: Departmental Meetings
- March 17: Faculty Forum
Faculty Colloquium
- March 31: School Meeting
Faculty Research Forum (FRF)
- April 7: Faculty and Staff Meeting
- April 14: Departmental Meetings
- April 21: School Meeting
Faculty Research Forum (FRF)
- May 7: Spring Commencement Convocation
- May 10: Faculty and Staff Honors
Luncheon

SHASS Office of the Dean Program Activities

The Office of the Dean sponsors two College-wide program activities: Brown Bag, Black Forum and Faculty Research Forum. In addition, SHASS professors are encouraged to participate in the Faculty Research Forum.

On October 13, 2004, from 10:00 am to noon, **Dr. Pender Gbenedio**, Chair and Professor of the Accounting Department, discussed “Problems of Foreign Direct Investment Flows: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa,” as the featured speaker of the Learning About Africa Series. From noon to 2 pm, Dr. Bruce Dunson, President and COO of Metrica, Inc., discussed “The Bias in the Unemployment Rate: Does It Matter?” as the featured speaker for the Brown Bag, Black Forum. **Dr. Peter Jackson**, Interim Dean, introduced both speakers who addressed students and faculty to accommodate two class periods. On October 14, 2004, another forum was presented on “Blacks, Democracy, and the 2004 Election: Voting Without a Voice, Choosing Without a Choice, Part II” at 7 pm. **Dr. Larry Watson**, Chair of the SSCJ Department,

served as the moderator of the panel, which included the following speakers: **Mr. Willie Black**, Instructor of Political Science, and Mr. Kevin Gray, a doctoral student at American University in political science.

On November 10, 2003, Dr. E. Ike Udogu, Professor in the Political Science and Criminal Justice Department of Appalachian State University, spoke on “Sustaining the Transition to Democracy in 21st Century Africa” at the Learning About Africa Series. The speaker for the Brown Bag, Black Forum at noon was Mr. Obi Egbuna, who spoke on “Challenging and Resisting US Policy against Cuba and Zimbabwe.” On November 11, 2004, at 7 pm, there was another forum on “Blacks, Democracy, and the 2004 Election: Voting without a Voice, Choosing without a Choice, Part III: Post Election Analysis.” **The Honorable Joe Neal**, Representative of the South Carolina House District 70, addressed the topic.

Spring 2005 Semester Program Calendar

The Learning About Africa Series (LAAS) meets during the academic year the second Wednesday of every month in the N. A. Jenkins Board Room of the Benjamin F. Payton Learning Center [LRC] from 10:00 am to noon. The Brown Bag, Black Forum (BBBF) meets on the same date in the same place from noon to 2:00 pm. Members of the College community, as well as invited guests, are the presenters. These activities are open to the College community and to the public.

Faculty Research Forum

Faculty Research Forum (FRF) is an interdisciplinary faculty development activity for College faculty to discuss their research and its application to their curricula. The FAF will take place during the SHASS meeting dates of the academic year in the Little Theatre of the Henry Ponder Fine Arts/Humanities Center. The location of the FAF at other times will be determined later. The meetings of the FRF are open to the College community.

EFLMC Department Activities

Dr. Stephen Criswell coordinated a Blackboard training workshop for Department faculty members on January 11, 2005. The workshop included learning

how to enter course listings, incorporate syllabi, and integrate text messaging and announcements.

Foreign Languages Area

The French faculty members and the Spanish faculty members met separately during October and November 2004 to revise the French and Spanish Placement Tests, respectively.

FA Department Activities

Art Area

The Visual Arts area participated in the school’s recruitment video. The video team videoed **Ms. Tonya Gregg’s** Drawing class and **Mr. Michael Hale’s** Sculpture class on Monday, October 11, 2004.

Dance Program

This is the fourth year that the students in the Dance classes have performed the Tiger Strut as a part of the Homecoming activities in cooperation with the Office of Student Activities. Each class performed the choreography of original dances they had rehearsed in class. From Funga and Yankedee, traditional dances of people on the West Coast of Africa to rhythmic Latin dance steps like Cha Cha and Samba on to Modern Jazz dance, the performance reinforced a major lesson in the introductory dance classes—that dance is a language and represents a major activity in cultural and traditional life.

The Harold Odom Dance Theatre (HODT) is also an important part of the Dance Program. During this fall semester, HODT performed for the Coronation of Miss Benedict, Heritage Days at the PENN Center on St. Helena Island, and the Fifth Fall Concert under the direction of **Ms. Donna Edwards-Todd**. Titled “Latest Edition” the concert provided a voice for student choreographers. First timers **Ms. Portia Watson**, **Ms. Leslie Watley**, and **Mr. Nicholas Anderson** tested the choreographic waters and waded through fine. Veteran **Ms. Inesha Watts** made unique and compelling statements with the two pieces she completed for this concert.

Music Area

Drs. Callahan and **Kershaw** attended the meeting of the Education Advisory Council on Wednesday, October 27th. As a result of information gleaned at that meeting, Dr. Kershaw convened a working session of the Music Area Assessment Review Committee on Thursday, October 28, 2004. **Dr. Callahan** served as facilitator. The committee is reviewing all 100 and 200-level music syllabi to assure that the appropriate music fundamentals are being re-enforced throughout the curriculum offerings. The other committee members are **Mr. Ezell**, **Dr. High**, **Dr. Kershaw**, and **Dr. Valerio**.

Dr. Linda L. Kershaw and the Benedict College Concert Choir and Friends performed traditional and contemporary yuletide and patriotic music at its *Yuletide Patriotic Celebration* on Sunday, December 5, 2004, 6:00 pm at Saint John Baptist Church. Also performing were the Benedict College Community Orchestra, under the direction of **Mr. David Ezell** and The Camden Military Academy Jazz Ensemble, directed by Sergeant First Class David Green. **Dr. Kershaw** made arrangements through the South Carolina Adjutant General's Office to have this year's concert, dedicated to our Armed Forces, videotaped for shipping to troops serving overseas.

Theatre Area

The Theatre Area hosted a Fall One-Act Festival featuring 3 one-act plays by prominent African American playwrights in support of the Theatre Program of study. Auditions were held on October 12th. The three plays were directed by the two Theatre faculty members, **Mr. Scott Blanks** and **Mr. Charles Brooks**. The Student Director of Renaissance Theatre is **Mr. Jeffery Jelks**. The plays were performed on November 14-18, 2004.

Mr. Charles Brooks has agreed once again to serve as Chair of the SHASS Literary Awards Committee for 2004-2005. Other committee members are **Ms. Ruby Blair**, **Ms. Emmie Davis**, **Dr. Carolyn Drakeford**, **Ms. Tanya Gregg**, **Ms. Faye Hardy**, **Ms. Allison McLetchie**, **Dr. Sylvester Odigie-Osazuwa**, **Dr. Brian Reed**, and **Mr. John Wright**. **Mr. Brooks** requests faculty members, especially those who teach English, education, world literature, sociology and

science, to encourage their students to participate in the Literary Contest.

SSCJ Department Activities

The SSCJ Department faculty and students participated in the two-part series on Voter Education, sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Office of Student Leadership Development, during the fall 2004 semester.

Faculty and Staff Awards and Grants

Dr. Gwenda Greene—Associate Director, Student Leadership Development, Director of Service Learning, and Instructor of English—was awarded a Ph. D. degree in Educational Policy from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, OH, in November 2004. Her dissertation topic was “The Institutionalization of Service-Learning as a Pedagogical Tool for Campus Engagement at Public versus Private Higher Education Institutions.”

Ms. S. Faye Hardy was nominated and invited to have her biography printed in the 2003-2004 Edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Mrs. Hardy is in her forty-second (42) year in education.

Faculty and Staff Development Activities

Criminal Justice Area

Mr. Brian Starks, **Ms. Lisa Taylor**, **Ms. Tracey Thompson**, and **Mr. Paul White**—all Criminal Justice instructors—attended the 11th Meeting of the SC Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, held in Columbia, SC, on December 3, 2004. The theme of the meeting was “...And Justice for All: Balancing the Scales.”

Microsoft Excel Training Sessions

The following SHASS faculty and staff participated in the fall 2004 Microsoft Excel training sessions: **Dr. Jacqueline Brice-Finch**, **Ms. Marcia Davis**, **Ms. Alecia Lawrence**, **Ms. Tamika Montgomery**, **Dr. Linda Quillian**, **Ms. Dorothy Richardson**, **Ms. Mamie Ricks**, and **Ms. Sonia Vaughn**.

Dr. Jacqueline Brice-Finch, Associate Dean and Professor of English

Dr. Brice-Finch was a reader for the College Board SAT II Essay Reading in Parsippany, NJ, October 12-16, 2004. She attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in Atlanta, GA, December 4-5, 2004, as the SHASS representative of the Benedict College team.

Mr. Charles Brooks, III, Assistant Professor of Theatre

Mr. Brooks' South Carolina State Educational Lottery commercial has played consistently on local and cable television stations since August 2004. He also traveled to Las Vegas, NV, on December 24-31, 2004, as consultant to Dr. Kathleen Kristy Brooks, CEO of Entertaining Education. Mr. Brooks will develop concepts for her www.kristyspositiveimages.com projects.

Dr. Gary Callahan, Interim Assistant Dean, School of Education, Director of Music Teacher Education, and Associate Professor of Music

Dr. Callahan served as an adjudicator for the 2nd Annual Marching Clippers Band & Parade Competition at Oxon Hill High School in Oxon Hill, MD, on October 16, 2004. The fourteen high school bands that participated in this competition came from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, and Michigan. Each high school director was provided Benedict College recruitment materials (applications, brochures, etc.) and Dr. Callahan had the opportunity to speak with the band directors about Benedict College. The relationship that Dr. Callahan has developed at Oxon Hill H.S. is a multi-year effort and Oxon Hill has asked him to serve as an adjudicator again next year and they offered to permit a representative from the Office of Admissions and Student Marketing to set up a booth to enable the student band members to learn more about Benedict College.

Dr. Callahan attended the International Reading Association Urban Leadership Academy Conference hosted at Benedict College on October 18-19, 2004. This was the first time this conference was hosted on the campus of an HBCU. The two-day conference

brought together educators from across the country and focused on the teaching and development of reading skills in African American and other non-majority student populations. Through his attendance, Dr. Callahan is expanding his understanding of the characteristics of African American Vernacular and the literature on this topic.

Dr. Callahan attended the 38th National Conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association, November 10-13, 2004 in Long Beach, California. The conference provided Dr. Callahan with the opportunity to continue his development of Orff-Schulwerk teaching techniques which he is using in the instruction of the Benedict College elementary and child development majors and the instruction of music education majors. The experience also served Dr. Callahan in maintaining his understanding current trends and materials in teaching in public schools and to continue his relations with K-12 teachers and professionals of world music.

Ms. Emmie Davis, Instructor of English

Ms. Davis, who serves as Debate Coach for the Benedict College School of Honors, led the team to an undefeated victory at this year's National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAHP) Conference held in Norfolk, Virginia October 20-23. Benedict College took first place with an undefeated record with wins against Bowie State University, Hampton University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central University, Saint Augustine College, Rust College, South Carolina State University, and Florida A&M University. The debate scholar participants were **Ms. Kaara Defreitas** (Social Work), who was acknowledged as an Outstanding Orator; **Mr. Anthony Jugmohan** (Undecided); **Ms. Kamilah Fabien** (Mass Communication—Broadcast), and **Mr. Marlon Walcott** (Physics). The topic was "...Resolved: Education Has Improved for All Since Brown vs. Board."

Mr. David Ezell, Instructor of Music

Mr. Ezell conducted the fall concert of the Benedict College Community Orchestra on Monday, October 25, 2004, in the Ponder Theatre. Soloist for the concert was Mr. Brian McCants, cello, who played *Haydn*

Cello Concerto in C. Also on the program were *Rosamunde Overture* by Schubert and *A Slavonic Dance* by Dvorak. Brian McCants, originally from Northern Virginia, teaches orchestra and computers in Richland District One at Hand Middle School. He graduated from USC and has been a member of the orchestra since its inception in 2002. Mr. McCants is typical of the many community volunteers who come to campus weekly, making it possible for Benedict music majors to have orchestral experience. The orchestra concerts are free and open to the public.

Mr. Ezell and his wife, **Anne Ezell**, who is the concertmaster of the orchestra, donated a pair of timpani (drums) to the college's orchestra program. During the summer, Mr. Ezell conducted a week-long research project to identify appropriate musical selections for the Benedict College Community Orchestra. This work included visiting music stores in Michigan and Ohio.

Ms. S. Faye Hardy, Instructor of English

Ms. Hardy was invited by the South Carolina State Department of Education to serve on a three-member External Review Team to evaluate an improving school, Chester High School in Chester, SC, on December 6-8, 2004.

Mr. Tyrone Geter, Director, Henry Ponder Fine Arts Gallery

Mr. Geter loaned from his collection works by the Nigerian artist Bruce Onobrakpeya, an Urhobo painter and printmaker, to be displayed in the Columbia Museum of Art in Columbia, SC, November 18-19, 2004.

Dr. Gwenda Greene, Associate Director, Student Leadership Development, Director of Service Learning, and Instructor of English Instructor of English

Dr. Greene spearheaded Project COOL (Campus/Community Opportunities for Ongoing Learning), a unique Benedict College Service-Learning Program academic initiative. This project is a result of the Service-Learning Program's receipt of the United Negro College Fund Special Programs' \$90,000 grant award. The funds are being used to address specific

health disparities in the African-American community. During the first year, two disparities are being addressed: HIV/AIDS and diabetes. An additional health disparity will be added during years two and three respectively. Currently, the Service-Learning Program is working with two academic departments to ensure the success of the service and learning components of the project: EFLMC and HPER. **Ms. Emmie Davis**, Instructor of English, is slated as the SHASS faculty partner. Students from her English 237 Oral Communications course are serving as Peer Health Educators for youth participants in the Benedict College Trio Program's 21st Century Learning Center located at St. Andrews Middle School. Together, college students enrolled in Oral Communication and approximately 60 middle school participants in the 21st Century Learning Center's after-school program are enriching their research and communication skills through innovative presentations designed to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and diabetes.

Project COOL partners from the community include Palmetto Health Alliance, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Minority Health and our faith-based partners are the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education and the United Methodist Conference.

Dr. Ronald High, Associate Professor of Music

On June 27, 2004, Dr. High gave a presentation of a lecture/song service titled "And They Sang a Hymn." The program was sponsored by Ward 10 of Greenview Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. He also performed with three sopranos— **Ms. S. Faye Hardy**, Ms. Pamela Simmons and Ms. Margaret Tipton—during the Jubilee Concert, sponsored by the Missionary Society at Zion Baptist Church in Columbia, SC on August 31, 2004.

Ms. Gina Moore, Assistant Chair of the Fine Arts Department and Professor of Art

Ms. Moore designed a mailer, as a recruiting device, to send to potential art majors; is working on mailers for theatre and music; created art-directed stamp designs for the SC Spirituals Project for the ART 439: Illustration, Techniques and Media class; designed the SC Spirituals Logo; designed a mailer promoting the John Sloan Exhibition for the Ponder Fine Arts

Gallery; created a logo design for the Benedict College Renaissance Theatre; created a logo design for the USC Black Social Work Student Association; and converted Benedict College seals and logos into vector art for reproduction.

Ms. Moore also exhibited two works, titled "Pixels, Paints and Pencils I" & "Pixels, Paints, and Pencils II," in the 2004 SC State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition and Competition in October 2004. She gave a presentation to the art students at Columbia College on October 22, 2004, on the topic of "Casting Handmade Paper." She made a presentation to the Congaree Council of Brownies' Troop 115 about the field of illustration and shared her children's book *Sweet Land of Liberty* on October 25, 2004. Using Adobe Photoshop, Ms. Moore demonstrated digital painting to incorporate technology into the classroom for **Mr. John Wright's** ART 330: Art Media for the Elementary School class on November 15, 2004.

Dr. Sylvester Odigie-Osazuwa, Associate Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Odigie-Osazuwa on October 4, 2004, conducted a three-hour workshop on "Recruitment and Retention of Ethnic Minority and Disadvantaged Students: An Overview of Multi-dimensional Strategies" in the School of Health Professions and Studies Department at the University of Michigan in Flint, MI. On October 5th, he gave a seminar titled "Can African Traditional Communalism Survive in the Face of Western Individualism?" in the Department of Africana Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Ethel Taylor, Instructor of English

Ms. Taylor received the Lula J. Gambrell Award at the Benedict College Alumni Awards Banquet on October 24, 2004, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Columbia, SC. This award is the highest honor given to one of its members. The recipient must be supportive of the College over the years; involved with an alumni club; involved with the national alumni association; involved in positive civic and community efforts; and be a power for good in society. Ms. Taylor is the outgoing president of the Benedict College National Alumni Association, having served for four years. Under her leadership, alumni giving has increased to over \$500,000 for 2004.

Ms. Tracy Thompson, Instructor of Criminal Justice

On Sunday, January 9, 2005, Ms. Thompson served as the keynote speaker for the Little River #2 Baptist Association Annual Educational Rally, titled "Paving Our Future Through Education." The association is a current financial supporter of Benedict College and has been one for years. The event was held at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Greenwood, South Carolina where Rev. W.S. Harrison, an alumnus, is the pastor. The moderator was Rev. Joseph R. Caldwell.

Dr. Richard Williams, Assistant Professor of Spanish

Dr. Williams presented a paper titled "History and the Joy of Writing" at the annual conference of the Southern Comparative Literature Association on October 2, 2004. The theme of the conference was "History and Literature."

Mr. John Wright, Assistant Professor of Art

Mr. Wright was the Arts and Science participant from BC at the annual SCNER Leadership Associates Training session held on November 5-6, 2004, in Greenville, SC.

Faculty Memberships in City, State, National, and International Associations

Mr. Charles Brooks was appointed and commissioned Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer by Alonzo Haynes 33^o, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in and for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction. Mr. Brooks is a Past Master and a member of Barnwell Lodge No. 180.

Ms. S. Faye Hardy, a member of the Columbia, SC, chapter of Chums, Inc., was appointed to the national position, Sergeant-at Arms, on January 6, 2005 by the National President Marie Lewis of Hilton Head, SC. Chums is a 59 year-old organization (1946) with a network of 36 chapters throughout the United States and has a history of social, charitable, educational and religious services. Her term expires in 2007.

Winter 2004 Graduates

The following students in SHASS graduated during the 135th Commencement (Winter 2004):

FA Department

Art: **Ms. Candance Davis** and **Mr. Christopher Leaphart**.

EFLMC Department

Media Arts: **Mr. Reginald Jeffcoat** and **Mr. Douglas Williams**.

SSCJ Department

Criminal Justice: **Mr. Tirrell Anderson**, **Ms. Chalesia Beckett**, **Ms. Sakinah Brown**, **Ms. Akilah Charles**, **Mr. Benjamin Cochran**, **Ms. Nicole Covington**, **Ms. Ta-Tanisha Dash** (Cum Laude), **Ms. Hannah Dennis** (Cum Laude), **Ms. Tijwanna Dunbar**, **Ms. Keisha Dunnom** (Magna Cum Laude), **Ms. Benique Hackett**, **Mr. Charles Haynesworth**, **Ms. Della Holden**, **Mr. Anthony Hunt**, **Ms. Tiffany Mercado-McGee**, **Ms. Sherry Miles**, **Ms. Rebecca Scott**, **Ms. Yolanda Seabrook**, **Ms. Torrea Washington** (Magna Cum Laude), **Ms. Makeesharia Williams** (Cum Laude), and **Ms. Shanee' Wright**.

History: **Ms. Martina Morale** (Summa Cum Laude) and **Ms. LaToya Nimmons** (Cum Laude).

Political Science: **Ms. Omolara Labinjo** (Summa Cum Laude), **Ms. Sabrina Latimore**, and **Ms. Lisa Wise**.

Psychology: **Ms. Ericka Wood-Lamm** (Magna Cum Laude).

Sociology: **Ms. Rosemarie Browne**.

SHASS Alumni

Art alumni—**Mr. Jake Williams**, **Ms. Katoria Jones** and **Mr. Johnnie Mathis**—were featured on FOX 56 in December 2004, regarding their graphic design company.

Art alumni **Mr. Cornelius Cakley** and **Mr. Sanford Greene** spoke to the art students for Alumni Career Day on October 29, 2004.

Mr. Marco Brooks (Mass Communication-Print), a May 2004 graduate, is pursuing a Masters degree in Religious Studies at Howard University.

Ms. Joy Parks (Criminal Justice), a May 2004 graduate, is currently attending South Carolina State University as a graduate student in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Ms. Regina Skeeters (Early Childhood Education), who is a former Concert Choir and Gospel Choir soloist, as well as a 2002 graduate, sang on October 9, 2004, at Kingdom Vision Church, in Columbia, SC, where she released her first CD.

Undergraduates

FA Students

Art

Teaching of Art students **Ms. Joscelyn Speights**, **Mr. Houston Todd**, and **Ms. Ayisha Owens** were inducted into the Teacher Education Program Tuesday, November 17, 2004.

Ms. Valencia Goodwin had a painting influenced by the art of Mr. Tarleton Blackwell exhibited in the 2004-05 Youth Art Celebration Exhibition at the Columbia Museum of Art, with the Awards Program taking place on October 9, 3-5 pm. The exhibit will travel to Claflin University.

Ms. Valencia Goodwin, **Ms. Joscelyn Speights**, and **Mr. Jimmie Edwards** had works exhibited into the 2004 SC State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition and Competition in October 2004.

Music

The Elite Voices, directed by **Dr. Linda Kershaw**, performed for the Celebrate Freedom's Tuskegee Airmen Tribute at the Embassy Suites on Friday, November 5th. The ensemble performed diverse selections of music from the 1940s, as well as a patriotic medley arranged by the director to an

enthusiastic and receptive audience. The following students, mostly Teaching of Music majors, performed: **Ms. Daphney Addison, Ms. Kimberly Allen, Ms. Richelle Glenn; Ms. Jenniel Manswell** (Mass Communication); **Ms. Keyanna Scott, Mr. Wilbur Glover, Ms. Marcel McManus, Mr. Rodney Reese** (Business); **Mr. Patrick Scarborough, and Mr. Louis Spencer** (Biology). Each of the ten (10) students were required to study the background of the Tuskegee Airmen and music of the World War II period in preparation for the musical tribute.

Ms. Shareka Ellison (pre-music major) was a unit counselor at the Blue Lake Music Camp in Michigan during the summer of 2004. She performed as a member of the camp's faculty-staff orchestra.

Ms. Richelle Glenn was inducted into the Teacher Education Program Tuesday, November 17, 2004.

Mr. Wilbur Glover (Music) is a paid section leader for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC.

Mr. Trobathian Johnson, former president of the Concert Choir, was guest soloist for Men's Day at Community C. M. E. Church with **Dr. Ronald High** on June 27, 2004.

Ms. Christyne White, former music major and pupil of Dr. High, released her first CD on July 25, 2004.

Theatre

The CDBIII Players, a student group of stage players, directed by **Mr. Charles Brooks**, performed *Happy Ending* by Douglas Turner Ward through the CDBIII Readers Theatre on November 17, 2004, in the Ponder Fine Arts & Humanities Center Theater. The CDBIII Players include **Ms. Nubia Baucum-Standard** (Sociology), **Mr. Antwon Brown** (Biology), **Mr. Bernard Caulder** (Political Science), **Mr. Darren Davis** (Theatre Performance), and **Ms. Ashley Gallman**, (Criminal Justice). **Mr. Gerald Hunt**, Technical Director, set up a beautiful stage arrangement, with **Mr. Eric Glover** (Business Management) as light and sound technician. Approximately 200 students attended the performance.

SSCJ Students

Dr. Linda Lane escorted a group of seniors to Ohio State University on October 30-31, 2004, to attend a graduate recruitment program. The university covered food and lodging during their stay.

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