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## Win or Lose: Benedict Tigers are Still Champions

by JAMIE BRUCE

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

The Tigers had not won the SIAC Championship since 2008, making this year's win their 3rd overall.

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.

The Benedict Tiger's SIAC win automatically earned them a bid in the 2012 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball field. Benedict earned the #8 seed and then took on the #1 seed Alabama-Huntsville, who hosted the NCAA Men's South Regional.

The Tigers took on the court against Alabama-Huntsville March 10th at Spragins Hall in Huntsville Alabama - this makes Benedict's sixth NCAA Tournament appearance in the last seven seasons.

For 38 minutes, the Tigers stood neck and neck against the Chargers, the second ranked men's basketball team in the nation.

Goode again led the Tigers with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Trevor Eichelberger added 12 points, hitting three 3-pointers, and Tydran Beaty contributed with 11 points, 10 in the first half.

Although the Tigers fought hard in that game, they were defeated by the Chargers of Alabama-Huntsville 69-61.

In an interview with the Benedict College Office of Sports Information, Tigers' Head Coach Fred Watson said, "I thought if we could have got that stop and get down on the other end and maybe make a basket, the pressure would have flipped. But we didn't get the stop and he got two free throws... and they got the win."

After losing Xavier Collier, their starting point guard, to a wrist injury in the pre-season, the Tigers were forced to change the line up and started out the season rough with a five-game losing streak.

However, with much buoyancy and optimism, the Tigers were able to turn the season around by winning 8 of their final 10 games.

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The Tigers were defeated in the NCAA Division II South-Regional, but they played hard and closed out the 2011-12 season at 19-11.



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# 50 Marcus Goode:  
MVP of the 2012 SIAC Men's  
Basketball Tournament



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## Benedict Celebrates 142 Years



On Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Benedict celebrated the institution's proud history and its legacy of empowering African Americans.

The day was set aside to pay tribute to one of Benedict's noblest supporters: Mrs. Bathsheba Benedict. She was a missionary and abolitionist. In 1870, she founded the college, which was originally named Benedict Institute.

To commemorate the day, recent graduates of Benedict College gave remarks and motivational talks about their inspiring success. In addition, the Benedict Half Century Club of 1962 inducted new members. The Half Century Club marched in procession with attendees from as early as the class of 1945.

## Kony and His Army of Invisible Children

by TAYLOR SADDLER

The world may never know how much pain and suffering one person can endure, but what about a nation that suffers? For over twenty years a secret has been kept from the world and many lives have been taken. One of the reasons for this agony is Joseph Kony.

He is a leader of the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army) and he is considered a dictator. Kony is responsible for the kidnapping of at least 35,000 children. He is running through villages, refuges, burning down huts, killing families, abducting young boys and raping young girls. Kony's actions have not been stopped. He is still at large.

Kony has controlled parts of Uganda, the Congo, south Sudan and the Central African Republic. He orders children to mutilate the faces of others or cut off hands, fingers, feet and other body parts. By doing these things he scares them into his strong hold of violence and scared them into silence. He has power and he wants them to believe he's a force to be reckoned with.

The real reason for this article is not to glorify Kony, but to highlight the lives of sweet innocent children. The cry of some of the children have been heard but our nation must act fast to make sure that no other children are harmed.

The army of invisible children earned its name because they were non-existent to the world for over twenty years. These children vanished without a trace and their families had no way of finding

them. Some would try to escape and return to their families, but were brutally murdered before reaching home again.

Refugee camps have helped keep some of the children alive, but no one is safe even at these camps. At any given time Kony and his LRA army could invade these safe havens.

Sources say that 30 thousand children are a part of Kony's Lord's Resistance Army. There could be more within the passing weeks and months. There are many questions to be asked but the answers don't come easy.

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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## Tax Time: How to Get a Bigger Return

by DOMINIQUE JACKSON

Benedict College students are going into this tax season with very little help with filing their taxes. This can become a hardship for students, since many students don't know how to file and report their own taxes.

Many students just skip filing altogether, thinking it's unnecessary because they have no sizable income to report. But doing this could cause them to miss out on receiving a much needed refund.

Lack of income doesn't mean that you're not entitled to a tax refund. The only way to find out how much you'll get back is to file your taxes. In this time of costly textbooks and record-high tuition bills, who wants to miss out on some extra money?

The federal government has provided several sizable tax credits just for students. You may be able to save a couple thousand dollars this year, just by proving you're a student enrolled in an eligible college or university.

If you are attending an accredited university, your school will send you a 1098-T form at the beginning of each year. This record includes important tax information about your education-related expenses that the school is required to send to both the student and the IRS.

Some of the information includes: amounts billed for tuition and other expenses, payments received, student status, and scholarships awarded. Once you receive this information, you will be able to file for tax deductions that could save you up to \$2,000, a sizable sum for most students.

### Tax Tips for Students

- You can eFile your Taxes for free online: visit [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) or [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com) for details.
- Be sure you've received all of your W-2s, 1098-Ts 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.

## 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 broadcasting professionals who work both in front and behind the cameras.

There were helpful seminars that shared tips for how to land a first job within the broadcasting industry, as well as basic tricks for working with cameras, and lessons on voice and diction on screen.

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 passionate 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 today, 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 learned, 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.



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

Kendric 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."

Kendric 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 has prepared him to be more flexible about his future plans.

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*- Brett Chambers.*

## Preparing Students for the Real World

by TAMARVA BUTLER

On Feb. 17, Benedict College held its annual Career Fair. Various companies attended to make students aware of job opportunities. The goal is 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. There were 412 students and 30 recruiters. This year, the numbers were up and hopefully will continue in an upward trend.

The Career Fair was organized by Career Services, which is located at the Grissette Center at the corner of Oak and Taylor. Mrs. Sonya Johnson and Karen Rutherford lead the event. They collaborate with deans to market the career fair and to ensure it is a success.

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 few 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.

### JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

2012 AVIS BUDGET GROUP PAID SUMMER INTERSHIP. APPLY ONLINE AT: [WWW.UNCF.ORG](http://WWW.UNCF.ORG) UNTIL 4/30/12.

THE 12TH ANNUAL COLLEGIATE BROADCASTING JOB FAIR. THURS. APR. 12. 1-3PM. SC NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, COLUMBIA, SC.

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You can also submit articles and photos directly from the community page. It's easy to join and we'd love to have you!

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This situation has attracted the attention of celebrities. The government and people of high power want to help aid in the capture of Joseph Kony. To name a few celebrities 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 more work to be done.

This is not a bake sale 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 definitely can 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 humanitarians 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?" says Russell.

In this documentary it shows that he goes and talks to people of all nationalities, color, lifestyle, gender and ages. He feels as though no matter who you are you can help. His 30 minute documentary shows actual children, especially one by the name of Jacob, speaking on behalf of what Kony has done to 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 villages of an LRA ambush and could also provide food and supplies. The donations do not have to be heavy but just a little can mean a lot. Websites such as [www.Kony2012.com](http://www.Kony2012.com) and [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org) can give you an opportunity to donate if this interests you.

No child on this earth should have to worry about being harmed, raped, killed, or forced to kill their parents. Kony has taken away thousands of children's lives and their innocence. He has impregnated thousands of little girls forcing them to bare children even though they are children themselves.

His older soldiers force young boys to hold guns and are told to shoot people with one command. What if this was your little cousin, niece, nephew god child, neighbor, friend or sibling? Help stop Kony and bring back peace to Africa so that children won't be preyed upon any longer.

The crimes, rapes, murders, kidnappings and chaos he has caused can never be forgotten. He is soon to be known all over with your help by making him a household name. Tell the world so that he can be brought to justice and innocent lives can be spared. The goal is to spread the word and put an end to the terror.

Until now, here has been no support for the search and capture of this man. Now that more people are aware of the situation there is hope. If we really care, we should consider the children and do what we can to help. Share text messages, videos, posters, and tell everyone you know about this. Any effort is better than none at all.

For more information about Kony, check out:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4MnpzG5Sqc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4MnpzG5Sqc)

or visit these sites:

[www.eonline.com/news/kony\\_2012\\_george\\_clooney\\_angelina\\_jolie/299424](http://www.eonline.com/news/kony_2012_george_clooney_angelina_jolie/299424)

[kabiza.com/WhoIsJosephKony.htm](http://kabiza.com/WhoIsJosephKony.htm)



FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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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 he entire world wide web!

This also means that now you can respond 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 show your stripes!!

VISIT [BCTigerNews.com](http://BCTigerNews.com) today!

Time for Tiger Fest!

by KEON JOSEPH

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

The following weeks will be fun-filled. It starts with the classic Tiger Fest "Rip the Run-Way" fashion show, followed by the Carnival and Greek Stroll.

Tiger Fest week is full of school spirit events like "Greek Paraphernalia Day" where all the Greeks on campus wear their paraphernalia and come together for cookouts and other fun activities. It's an opportunity to socialize with friends and faculty.

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

elections to elect new class officers and leaders for the fall.

The Financial Aid office will hold its annual cookout on the activity field where 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.

The Benedict College Gospel Choir will gracefully perform and share their vocal talent.

Then Tiger Fest will close with the famous BC B.E.T. Awards where students dress up and pretend to be celebrities and even perform songs on stage.

The event is fun and very exciting and gives students great love and passion for their school.

5 Stars for 5 Points St. Patrick's Day Celebration

by TAYLOR SADDLER

On March 17th, 5 Points held it's 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 blasted 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.

Spring Fashion: Time & Place

by DEONNA SHIVERS

Whew! 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!



Ladies, I know the weather is changing, but we should always remember that some outfits are best suited for the club.

Yes, Alexis is looking very sexy right here, but this outfit probably won't work in a professional or a school setting.

It might be best to leave this dress and heels to do their job in the club or the party setting! NOT HOT!



ALEXIS GEORGE, Freshman Mass Comm student

Now this is what I'm talking about! A nice flowing dress is classy yet it's still got a fun and flirty swag.

You can wear with a sweater at the office or in class, and then remove it when you're ready to show some skin without over doing it!!

Now this is HOT!

Entertainment 411 with Travis

by TRAVIS WARE

Need to know what's happening with your favorite celebrities? Here's your quick 411 fix!

ASIA'H EPPERSON, 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! Beyonce and baby were spotted on Tuesday taking a stroll through New York City together.

The pair was photographed looking decidedly fashionable. Blue Ivy is just two-months-old, but photos showed her wearing 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!!

- Apr 13: Columbus Civic Center Columbus, GA 8:00 PM
- Apr 20: Robinson Center Music Hall Little Rock, AR 8:00 PM
- Apr 21: Lila Cockrell Theater San Antonio, TX 7:30 PM
- Apr 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



Image: TheYBF.com



TRAVIS WARE, Freshman, Mass Comm student



5 Dating & Romance Tips for Real Men

by EMERY BENSON

I'm sure it is 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 both dating and romance within my own family.

I've seen my divorced mother become emotionally distraught, I've seen my Aunt experience numerous bad relationships, and I've witnessed the abusive and otherwise questionable boyfriends my cousins have dated. I told myself that I would never be the 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 it took was a bit of patience, and eventually, I would fall in love.

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 really about: Love. Some consider it a "dirty four letter word that has no meaning". Others believe that people throw it around aimlessly, without conviction.

The reality of it, though, is that love and romance are only complicated if you ALLOW THEM TO BE.

Here's some advice worth noting (advice that I follow myself):

1) ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

If you really love her, then SHOW it. Words have very little value unless you do something to follow through. Be a gentleman. Surprise her with something nice every now and then. Send her a random, romantic text during the day. Have flowers delivered to her office when she's at work.

Women often appreciate the little things that guys (sometimes, though most of us seldom do them) do much more than BIG things. Flashy isn't always good. Less is often more.

2) LEARN TO BE A GENTLEMAN

Open the door for her while in public. Pull out a chair for her to sit in at a table when you go out to dinner. If she drops something, pick it up for her. If she's not feeling well, tend to her needs. Trust me, the sentiment and impression of being a gentleman has so much value with women, it's almost inconceivable. As the old saying goes "You catch more flies with Honey than Vinegar."

3) IGNORANCE IS BLISS - BUT WITH WOMEN, IT'S JUST PLAIN STUPID

For goodness' sake, don't be ignorant towards women. Whether she accepts it or not, the truth is that women can't stand ignorant men. It's proven fact. Respect her wishes, her privacy, her space, and her needs. When you talk to a woman, have some sense of confidence and courtesy.

Don't act like you're still 12 years old and in Middle School. Women tend to pay more attention to men that have a halfway decent vocabulary and common courtesy skills. Take it with a grain of salt, if you must.

4) DO NOT IGNORE HER

By far, one of the biggest pet peeves that women tend to have is that their significant other ignores them. To be honest, ignoring her will just cause her to either start questioning her feelings towards you, or (can't sugarcoat this) she may leave you for someone else. Simply put, give her attention and affection where and when it's due. And by attention, I don't mean doing specific things for her. I mean simple, common, humanistic attention.

If she calls you, answer (unless you physically cannot do so). If she texts you, respond. If she cuddles up to you, hold her. Giving natural attention to a woman is one of the biggest "small things" you can do. After all, everyone wants to be noticed and appreciated.

5) KEEP YOUR ANGER IN CHECK

One of the most common signs of domestic abuse in a relationship is due to anger that is left unattended to. Case in point, here's a lesson worth learning: If you are just so blatantly upset, but the cause of your anger IS NOT your lady, then what do you gain from taking it out on her? Common sense comes into play here. Don't be stupid.

Chances are, if you're upset, and you try TALKING to her, she'll likely LISTEN. And by talking, I don't mean yelling. Believe it or not, women are very good at comforting. Anyone with a dedicated mother can attest to this.

Let her comfort you if you need it. "Going off" on her verbally or physically only leads to problems. And yelling, let's be honest, accomplishes NOTHING.

It's simply a catalyst for increased stress, and an incredibly easy way to hurt her feelings. So DON'T DO IT.

These are just a few pointers for the men out there. More to come – take these tips to heart, guys, not at face value!

Despite What Others Say, Benedict's Campus is Safe

by LANGFORD WIGGINS

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 students are safe and protected while they are in attendance thanks to Benedict College's Campus Police. The police at this institution are expected to protect and serve, while keeping campus mischief to a minimum.

Some students disagree and wonder if campus police are preventing or adding to the mischief of this campus. Many issues have come up at Benedict College, on a daily basis that calls for Campus Safety to be involved. Some of the most commons issues include student altercations, theft, vandalism, smoking in dormitories as well as incidents in the cafeteria.

Some students claim that Campus Safety's approach to handling certain situations may come across as inappropriate in regards to conduct and professionalism.

Incidents such as smoking in dormitories and wearing headgear in the cafeteria are just some of the incidents at Benedict College that call for campus police involvement, where students sometimes find themselves left feeling mistreated. The question is not, "should students be allowed to smoke or wear headgear in buildings?" but is instead, "how should Campus Safety address these issues appropriately?"

In February, Sophomore Artesya Romeo was forced into custody by two male officers for wearing, what was thought to be a hat but turned out to be headband.

The incident began with the student walking into the cafeteria, wearing a fur headband. She was not stopped by any cafeteria or other employees. Once the student started for the line, a campus safety officer told the student to remove a hat. The student declined to remove hat but insisted on leaving the premises to avoid any conflict.

While exiting cafeteria, the officer removed the student's headband, causing uproar in the cafeteria. The student reacted negatively and argued with the officer for forcefully removing the headband. In one quick motion, two officers forcefully restrained the student and dragged her to a back room. Romeo stated, "I've never been treated or disrespected in such a manner, the officers seem to have little to no respect for the students and their property. There is no reason for a man ten times my size to feel the need to snatch something

off my head when I'm trying to comply with campus rules."

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 towards the students.

The student said, "The police referred to us as "B----s, while continuously yelling at us and not allowing us to respond." No charges were brought up against the students and this causes some to question the conduct and professionalism of some campus safety officers. If the police on a college campus are unable to be trusted or looked to for protection, how can students confide or assist campus safety in keeping the campus safe?

During a forum held in Antisdel Chapel, Chief Haywood Bazemore assured students that Campus Safety is here to enforce rules at Benedict College and are allowed to confiscate hats and any other property if necessary. "If any student has an issue with the conduct of a Benedict College Officer, file a report with the Benedict College Police Department and we will handle the situation."

There have been times when campus safety has done an exemplary job of keeping the campus safe. One weekend when a threatening call was received is just one example when officers followed protocols that kept everyone safe. The campus was placed on lock-down to ensure no one got hurt unnecessarily until it was determined that there was no longer a threat to our safety.

During the recent power outage, campus safety officers could be seen patrolling the areas and doing their best to keep students out of buildings that were in the dark.

At times, there may be rifts and disagreements about how to keep the campus safe, but a good relationship between students and Campus Safety is necessary for changing the negative image that the statistics paint. The BusinessInsider's article states that from 2005-2009, Benedict College had 12 violent crimes per year and 267 property crimes.

Obviously, there has to be cooperation from both students and campus safety officers, but what else can we do to move Benedict College to the number one spot as the *safest college* and stay there?

SPORTS

Benedict Men's Golf Defeats Morehouse

by JAMIE BRUCE

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

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

There has been a rivalry between Benedict and Morehouse Golf teams for the past few years with each team battling for the SIAC championship.

"Morehouse is the team everyone aims to beat," said senior, Anthony Wik, who carded the lowest score.

With Morehouse currently holding the SIAC championship title, Benedict has high hopes of becoming this year's champions.

The Tigers carded a total score of 327, winning by 2 strokes. The Tigers look to win the SIAC Men's Golf Championship in April.



Anthony Wik led the Tigers, shooting the lowest score of 78 with contributions from Eddie Smith, 79, Jordan Buchanan, 83, and Rob Johnson, 86.

2012 Football Schedule is In!

September 1	Virginia Union	Richmond, VA	2pm
September 6	Bowie State (CSS TV)	Columbia, SC	8pm
September 15	Virginia State(Capital City Classic)	Columbia, SC	4pm
September 22	Fort Valley State*	Fort Valley, Ga.	2pm
September 29	Miles*	Birmingham, Ala.	2pm CST
October 6	Stillman* (High School Day)	Columbia, SC	2pm
October 13	Clark Atlanta*	Atlanta, Ga.	2pm
October 20	Morehouse* (Homecoming)	Columbia, SC	2pm
October 27	Albany State*(Augusta City Classic)	Augusta, Ga.	2pm
November 3	Lane*	Jackson, Tenn.	2pm CST
Nov. 10	SIAC Championship	TBA	TBA
* SIAC game			

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