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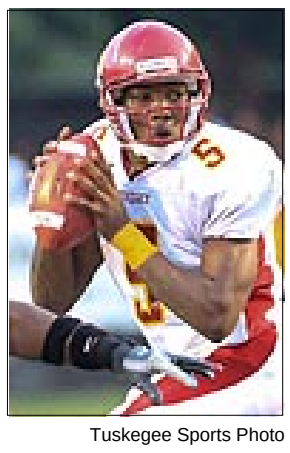


Tuskegee Sports Photo

ATKINSON: The play of Tuskegee quarterback will be key in the Golden Tigers' showdown Saturday at Albany State.

CRITICAL JUNCTURE

▼ MEETING OF TOP TEAMS ON TAP; MEAC AND CIAA PREVIEW HOOPS SEASON

SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
Tennessee State 45, Tenn. Tech 28

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
CIAA
Eliz. City State 23, Virginia Union 14
Fayetteville St. 17, St. Augustine's 10
St. Paul's 23, JC Smith 13
Shaw 35, Livingstone 17
Virginia State 39, Bowie State 33
MEAC
Delaware State 27, NC A&T 0
Morgan State 33, Howard 30, OT
Norfolk St. 20, Hampton 19
SC State 49, Florida A&M 14
SIAC
Albany State 17, Clark Atlanta 14
Fort Valley St. 35, Edward Waters 14
Lane 19, Miles 7
Morehouse 32, Savannah State 14
Tuskegee 35, Stillman 7
SWAC
Alcorn St. 22, Texas Southern 20
Grambling St. 30, Ark. Pine Bluff 24
Jackson St. 32, Southern 26
N. Dakota St. 58, Miss. Valley St. 7
Prairie View A&M 17, Alabama St. 6
INDEPENDENTS
Concordia 38, Webber Int'l 27
E. Stroudsburg 46, Cheyney 6
Joliet 40, Central State 14
Kentucky Wesleyan 35, Lincoln 13
N.C. Central 17, N. Greenville 14
NW Okla. St. 32, Langston 8
Texas College 28, SW Assemblies 23
W. Va. State 21, Seton Hill 13

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
SIAC
Kentucky State 26, Benedict 13

UNDER THE BANNER

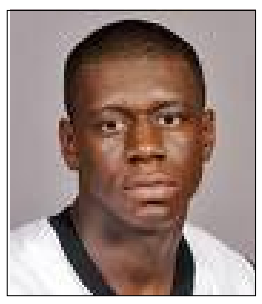
WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2007-08 MEAC HOOPS PICKS:

The men of **Hampton** and the women of **Coppin State** are the preseason favorites of **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC) coaches and sports information directors for team basketball honors in the upcoming 2007-08 season. The choices were unveiled last week at the league's annual Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon at the Sheraton Raleigh in Raleigh, N.C. **Delaware State** forward **Roy Bright** (men) and **Coppin State** guard **Rashida Suber** (women) were voted preseason players of the year. Coppin State earned 12 first place votes and were picked to win their fourth straight regular-season women's title. Last season Coppin State went 18-0 in MEAC play before bowing out in the tournament semifinals. **Delaware State**, the defending women's MEAC tournament champion, was predicted to finish second in this year's poll. Suber, the 2007 MEAC Player of the Year, earned an All-MEAC first-team selection after averaging 18.9 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. The guard led the MEAC in 3-point field goals made (101) and was second in steals (98). Hampton received 13 first place votes and totaled 415 points to garner the league's top position on the men's side. Under the guidance of second-year head coach **Kevin Nickleberry** and starting four freshmen, the Pirates finished the 2006-07 season with a 15-16 overall record and a 10-8 MEAC finish. A first team all-MEAC selection in 2006-07, Bright averaged 15.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game last season for the Hornets and is the team's only returning starter.

CSU Sports Photo

BROWN: His Coppin State Lady Eagles picked to win their fourth staight league title.



DSU Sports Photo

BRIGHT: DSU's only returning starter picked as league's best player

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

WOMEN	MEN
1. Coppin State (12) 442	1. Hampton (13) 415
2. Delaware State (9) 437	2. Delaware State (13) 390
3. North Carolina A&T 356	3. N.C. A&T State (3) 365
4. Morgan State 298	4. Morgan State (2) 359
5. Hampton 282	5. Florida A&M (1) 253
6. Florida A&M 236	6. Bethune-Cookman 237
7. Md. Eastern Shore 214	7. South Carolina State 212
8. Howard (1) 183	8. Coppin State 204
9. South Carolina State 130	9. Norfolk State 159
10. Norfolk State 54	10. Howard 106
11. Bethune-Cookman 52	11. Maryland E. Shore 38

PRESEASON ALL-MEAC
WOMEN - FIRST TEAM
Rashida Suber Sr., G, CSU; Raquel Collier, Sr., G, DSU; Amber Bland, Jr., G, NC A&T; Shannon Carlisle, r-Sr., G, Howard; Katreem Palmerm Sr., F, DSU
SECOND TEAM
Ta'Wuana Cook, So., G, NC A&T; Shalamar Oakley, Sr., G, CSU; Brittanie Taylor-James, Jr., G, NC A&T; Rachel Butler, Sr., G, Hampton, Corin Adams, So., G, MSU; Areya Walker, Sr., F, NSU

PRESEASON ALL-MEAC
MEN - FIRST TEAM
Roy Bright, Sr., F, DSU; Rashad West, Sr., G, Hampton; Tywain McKee, Sr., G, CSU; Tony Murphy, Sr., G, NSU; Steve Rush, Sr., G, NC A&T
SECOND TEAM
Mike Freeman, So., F, Hampton; Matt Pilgrim, So., F, Hampton; Jason Wills, Sr., F, NC A&T; Eugene Myatt, Jr., F, Howard; Ed Tyson, Jr., G, UMES

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2007 BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL (Results, Standings and Weekly Honors)

CIAA
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	DIV		CONF		ALL	
E. DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Eliz. City State	2	0	3	1	3	4
Virginia Union	1	1	3	1	6	1
Bowie State	1	1	3	1	3	4
Virginia State	1	1	2	2	3	4
St. Paul's	0	2	1	3	2	5
W. DIVISION						
Shaw	2	0	4	0	5	2
Fayetteville St.	2	0	2	2	2	5
J. C. Smith	1	1	1	3	2	5
St. Augustine's	0	2	1	3	1	6
Livingstone	0	2	0	4	0	7

CIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN **OLIVER PAZDRY, Jr., G, SHAW**
RECEIVER **DAVIAN RICHARDS, So., WR, VSU -** 3 rec., 52 yds., 2 TDs, also threw a 55-yard TD pass
OFFENSIVE BACK **BRANDON FIELDS, Sr., RB, ECSU** - 30 carries, 168 yds., 1 TD (9).
DEFENSIVE LINE **ANTHONY WALL, So., LB, FSU -** 7 tackles, 2 tfl, 2 sacks, 2 hurries, 1 int.
DEFENSIVE BACK **DERRICK DOWNEY, So., DB, ECSU -** 5 solos, forced fumble, recovery ret. for TD
ROOKIE **MARTELLUS BRAXTON, Fr., DE, SHAW -** 4 tackles, 2 solos, 2 sacks for -14 yards.
SPECIALTY **ERIC LAMOUREUX, Sr., PK/P, FSU** - 23-yard G-W FG, 27-yard FG, 43.2 avg./8 punts
COACH **WAVERLY TILLER, ECSU**

MEAC
Mid Eastern Athletic Conference

	CONF		ALL	
	W	**L**	**W**	**L**
Delaware State	4	0	5	1
Norfolk State	4	0	5	1
Morgan State	3	1	4	3
SC State	2	1	3	3
Hampton	3	2	4	2
Florida A&M	1	3	2	4
Howard	0	3	2	4
Bethune-Cookman	0	4	2	4
NC A&T State	0	4	0	7
# W-Salem State	3	2	3	3
# Not eligible for title				

MEAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE **CLEVELAND McCOY, Sr., QB, SCSU -** 14 of 19, 164 yds., 2 TDs (13, 20), 11 carries, 136 yards vs. FAMU.
DEFENSE **MARKEE HAMLIN, r-So., DB, SCSU -** 5 tackles, 3 solo, 2 interceptions, 1 break-up
ROOKIE **JULIUS WILKERSON, Fr., LB, SCSU-** 6 tackles, 4 solos vs. FAMU
SPECIAL TEAMS **JAMES MEADE, Jr., PK, MSU -** Scored 12 points, 3-of-4 FGs (38, 43, and 23-yard game winner in OT) and 3 PATs.
LINEMAN **JAMES LEE, Jr., OL, SCSU -** 5 dominations, 11 cuts

SIAC
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

	CONF		ALL	
	W	**L**	**W**	**L**
Tuskegee	5	0	6	0
Albany State	4	0	6	1
Fort Valley State	3	1	6	2
Lane	2	1	5	1
Morehouse	2	2	5	2
Kentucky State	2	3	2	6
Clark Atlanta	1	2	2	5
Stillman	1	3	5	3
Benedict	0	4	1	6
Miles	0	5	1	7

SIAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE **JACARY ATKINSON, Jr., QB, TU -** 11 of 19 for 191 yds., 2 TDs, 10 car., 55 yds., 1 TD
DEFENSE **MICHAEL PORTER, Sr., LB, CAU -** 15 tackles, 2.5 for losses **JARVIS DeVAUGHN, Jr., DE, TU -** 4 solos, 3 sacks (-21 yds.), 1 interception.
NEWCOMER **ANDREW RAMSEY, Fr., RB, KSU -** 16 car., 96 yds., 1 TD **NARADA WILLIAMS, Fr., DE, FVSU -** 5 tackles., 1 tfl., .5 sack
SPECIAL TEAMS
RANDY ALLEN, Sr., P, ASU - 43-yard avg. on nine punts with long of 55, five inside the 20
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
ROBERT GREEN, Sr., OL, MHC - 95% Grade

SWAC
Southwestern Athletic Conference

	DIV		ALL	
E. DIVISION	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Jackson State	4	0	4	2
Alabama A&M	3	1	5	1
Alabama State	3	3	4	3
Miss. Valley St.	1	4	1	5
Alcorn State	1	4	1	5
W. DIVISION				
Grambling State	5	0	5	1
Southern	3	2	5	2
Prairie View A&M	3	2	4	2
Ark. Pine Bluff	1	3	1	5
Texas Southern	0	5	0	6

SWAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
CHRIS JOHNSON, Sr., WR, JSU - 5 receptoins for 160 yards and a TD in win over Southern.
DEFENSE
JON JOHNSON, Sr., DE, PV - 10 tackles, 7 solos, 1 for loss, 3 QB hurries and 1 sack vs. Alabama State.
NEWCOMER
FRANK WARREN, Fr., RB, GSU - 17 carries, 92 yards, 2 TDs vs. UAPB.
SPECIAL TEAMS
TIM MANUEL, Sr., PK, GSU - Avgd. 43.1 yards on 7 punts, long of 51 yards, 3 inside 20, also nailed 45-yard FG and 3 PATs.

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L
W. Va. State	5	1
N. C. Central	5	2
Tennessee State	3	3
Langston	3	4
Central State	3	4
Texas College	2	4
Lincoln (Mo.)	2	5
Edward Waters	2	5
Concordia	2	6
Savannah State	1	5
Cheyney	1	6

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
OFFENSE
ANTONIO HEFFNER, Sr., QB, TSU - Carried 14 times for 139 yards and passed for 138 yards (13 of 20) and 3 TDs (26, 11, 30).
KEVIN O'BRIEN, QB, WVSU - Completed 20 of 29 passes for 201 yards and 3 TDs (9, 9, 20).
DEFENSE
DERRICK RAY, Sr., DB, NCCU - Nine tackles, five solos, 2 for losses, 1 sack, 4 break-ups and 1 interception
SPECIAL TEAMS
TAYLOR GRAY, Fr., PK, NCCU - Was good on two PATs and hit a game-winning 23-yard fourth quarter field goal.

SIAC, SWAC, CIAA W leaders square off

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

ESPNU - Live	
Alabama A&M vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff in Huntsville, Ala.	6:30
Florida A&M vs. Norfolk State in Tallahassee, FL	7

SATURDAY, OCTBER 20

Savannah State vs. NC Central in Savannah, GA	1
West Liberty vs. West Virginia State in W. Liberty, WV	1
Kutztown vs. Cheyney in Kutztown, PA	1:05
Missouri-Rolla vs. Central State in Rolla, MO	1:30
E. Kentucky vs. Tennessee State in Richmond, KY	2
Lincoln (MO) vs. Tiffin in Jefferson City, MO	2
Southern Nazarene vs. Texas College in Bethany, OK	2
B-Cookman vs. W-Salem State in Daytona Beach, FL	4
Johnson C. Smith vs. Virginia State in Charlotte, NC	6
Albany State vs. Tuskegee in Albany, GA	7
HOMECOMINGS	
Howard vs. NC A&T in Washington, D.C.	1
Eliz. City State vs. Livingstone in Elizabeth City, NC	1:30
Kentucky State vs. Miles in Frankfort, KY	1:30
Benedict vs. Fort Valley State in Columbia, SC	2
Delaware State vs. Morgan State in Dover, DE	2
Fayetteville State vs. Shaw in Fayetteville, NC	2
Lane vs. Stillman in Jackson, TN	2
Miss Valley State vs. Texas Southern in Itta Bena, MS	2
Morehouse vs. Clark Atlanta in Atlanta, GA	2
Saint Augustine's vs. Saint Paul's in Raleigh, NC	2
Edward Waters vs. UNC-Pembroke in Jacksonville, FL	5
CLASSICS	
Gold Bowl Classic	
Virginia Union vs. Bowie State in Richmond, VA	1:30
TV GAMES	
ESPN Classic	
Jackson State vs. Grambling State in Jackson, MS	12n
ESPNU - Tape Delay (8 pm)	
Hampton vs. SC State in Hampton, VA	2
Cox Sports Television	
Southern vs. Alcorn State in Baton Rouge, LA	3

BCSP TOP TEN

1. **DELAWARE STATE** (5-1) - Shut out NC A&T, 27-0. **NEXT:** Homecoming vs. Morgan State.
2. **GRAMBLING STATE** (5-1) - Got by Ark.-Pine Bluff, 30-24. **NEXT:** At Jackson State in match-up of SWAC leaders on ESPN Classic.
3. **TUSKEGEE** (6-0) - No problem subduing Stillman, 35-7. **NEXT:** SIAC showdown at Albany State.
4. **NORFOLK STATE** (5-1) - Big win knocking off rival Hampton, 20-19. **NEXT:** At Florida A&M.
5. **ALABAMA A&M** (5-1) - Idle. **NEXT:** Hosting Arkansas-Pine Bluff Thursday on ESPNU.
6. **HAMPTON** (4-2) Fell to Norfolk State 20-19 in Battle of the Bay. **NEXT:** Hosting SC State on ESPNU
7. **JACKSON STATE** (4-2) - Got big win at Southern, 32-26. **NEXT:** Hosting No. 2 Grambling on ESPN Classic.
8. **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE** (3-3) - Big 49-14 winner over FAMU. **NEXT:** At Hampton.
9. **SOUTHERN** (5-2) - Lost at home to Jackson State, 32-26. **NEXT:** Hosting Alcorn State.
10. **ALBANY STATE** (6-1) - Got by Clark Atlanta, 17-14. **NEXT:** SIAC showdown at home vs. Tuskegee.

LUT WILLIAMS
BCSP Editor

Tuskegee Sports Photo

SLATER: Leads 6-0 Tuskegee into SIAC showdown at Albany State.

After last week's loss by **Virginia Union**, the only undefeated team left in black college football is 6-0 **Tuskegee** (5-0 SIAC) who heads into its annual showdown battle with four-time defending **SIAC** champ **Albany State** (6-1, 4-0) in Albany, Ga. Saturday (7 p.m.) with the SIAC lead up for grabs.

The TU/ASU battle in just one of three games on tap this weekend matching teams at the top of their respective standings.

In Jackson, Ms., Saturday at 12 noon, **Jackson State** (4-2, 4-0 E), sitting atop the **SWAC's** East Division, hosts **Grambling State** (5-1, 5-0), who now boasts a two-game lead in the SWAC West, in what could be a preview of the Dec. 15 SWAC Championship Game.

Also Saturday in Fayetteville, N.C., **CIAA** West Division leaders **Shaw** (5-2, 2-0 E) and **Fayetteville State** (2-5, 2-0 E) do battle at 2 p.m. at the homecoming game for the Broncos. The winner of that game will take over the division lead with just one division game left.

The edge in the Tuskegee/Albany State matchup would have to go to head coach **Willie Slater's** Tuskegee squad who is sporting the league's best offense (38.0 points per game) and defense (7.2 ppg.) and is at the top of just about every offensive and defensive category. The Golden Tigers are led on offense by QB **Jacary Atkinson**, the SIAC passing (212 ypg.) and total offense leader. Expect ASU to exploit its SIAC-best rushing attack (230 ypg.) to keep the explosive TU offense off the field. The Golden Rams have three running backs – **Lironne Davis** (62 ypg., 4 TDs, **Brian Porter** (47.8 ypg., 4 TDs) and **Demetrius Johnson** (47.7 ypg., 5 TDs) – among the league's top rushers.

PREDICTION: Tuskegee by 10.

Both Jackson State and Grambling ride four-game win streaks and similar profiles into their key SWAC match-up at Jackson.

They are 2-3 behind **Alabama A&M** in scoring offense and flip-flop positions behind **Prairie View** in scoring defense. Both sport quality quarterbacks in JSU's **Jimmy Oliver** (156 passing ypg., 7 TDs, 5 ints.) and GSU's **Brandon Landers** (211 passing ypg., 11 TDs, 6 ints.) and have standout running backs in JSU junior **Erik Haw** (91.8 ypg., 5 TDs) and GSU's freshman tandem of **Cornelius Walker** (50.8 ypg., 2 TDs) and **Frank Warren (**88.0 ypg., 2 TDs). GSU senior **Reginald Jackson** (league best 39 receptions) teams with fellow senior **Clyde Edwards** (27 rec., 7 TDs) to give GSU a double threat at wideout. JSU wideout **Jaymar Johnson** (12 rec., 3 TDs) is also among the league leaders in punt returns (13.2 ypr., 1 TD). PREDICTION: Grambling by 10

Shaw is two one-point decisions (to **Edward Waters** and **Morehouse)** away from a perfect season and the Bears enter Saturday's homecoming at Fayetteville State on a four-game win streak. FSU, on the other hand, lost its first four games before winning two of its last three. Shaw is at or near the top in just about every statistical category including having the CIAA's most stingy defense (12.3 ppg.).

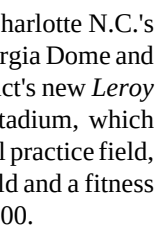
PREDICTION: Shaw by 10.

In other top games, **Hampton** (4-2, 3-2) entertains **South Carolina State** (3-3, 2-1) for homecoming in what could well be an MEAC title-elimination game. Both lost in successive weeks to the conference's surprise team, **Norfolk State**, and needs a win to keep alive their outside hopes that either NSU (5-1, 4-0) or **Delaware State** (5-1, 4-0) will falter. DSU entertains **Morgan State** (4-3, 3-1) for its homecoming (2 p.m.) while NSU travels to Tallahassee Thursday (7 p.m.) to take on **Florida A&M** (2-4, 1-3) in a game to be carried live on ESPNU.

Delaware State is up to 15th in the latest *Sports Network* FCS poll while Norfolk State made its first appearance ever at 25th.

HOW THEY DID IT

– BCSP No. 1 **Delaware State 27,** NC A&T 0
The Hornets (5-1, 4-0 MEAC) passed only nine times but scored on a kickoff return and an interception return in shutting out the winless Aggies (0-5, 0-7).
– No. 2 **Grambling State** 30**,** Arkansas-Pine Bluff 24
BCSP No. 2 **Grambling State** (5-1, 5-0 SWAC W) rallied from a 10-0 early deficit to knock off the 2006 West Division champs (1-5, 1-3). GSU freshman RB **Frank Warren** ran for 92 yards and two scores.
– No. 3 **Tuskegee 35,** Stillman 7
QB **Jacary Atkinson** rushed for one TD and threw for two others as the Golden Tigers (6-0, 5-0) stayed undefeated. Atkinson was 11 of 19 passing for 191 yards and rushed 10 times for 55 yards.
– No. 8 **Norfolk State** 20, No. 4 Hampton 19
Norfolk State defender **Don Carey** rushed in to block **Hampton** placekicker **Carlo Turavani's** extra point attempt with 27 seconds left to preserve the Spartans (5-1, 4-0) upset win over the Pirates (4-2, 3-2). Turavani missed a 49-yard field goal with two seconds left. NSU RB **Darryl Jones** scored on two one-yard runs.
– Elizabeth City State 23, No. 6 Virginia Union 14
ECSU RB **Brandon Fields** posted career-highs of 30 carries and 168 yards and opened the scoring on a 9-yard first quarter run as the Vikings (3-4, 2-0 E) knocked **Virginia Union** (6-1, 1-1 E) from the unbeaten ranks and took over sole possession of first place in the CIAA East with a win in Richmond.



FIELDS

BCSP Notes

2007-08 CIAA basketball picks unveiled

Virginia Union and **Johnson C. Smith** on the men's side and **Bowie State** and **Shaw** for the women were the preseason picks for team honors in their respective divisions as the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** announced its pre-season all-CIAA teams and predicted order of finish at its Basketball Press Conference and Luncheon, last Thursday in Charlotte.

MEN'S PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EAST	WEST
1) Virginia Union	1) J. C. Smith
2) Bowie State	2) Fayetteville State
3) Elizabeth City State	3) Saint Augustine's
4) Virginia State	4) Livingstone
5) St. Paul's	5) Shaw

ALL-CIAA PRE-SEASON TEAM
Anthony Hilliard, Jr., F, ECSU; Maurice Hooper, Sr., G, JCSU; Damola Obadina, Jr., F, Shaw; Brad Byerson, Sr., F, VUU; Jason Ingram, Sr., G, BSU; OJ Wright, Sr. G, BSU; Phillippe Harris, Sr., G, FSU; Andy Gebru, Jr., G, FSU; Jerry Hollis, So., F, JCSU; Jack Browne Sr., G/F, SPC; Jamar Fleming, Sr., G, VSU; Greg Thondique, Jr., F, VUU

WOMEN PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

EAST	WEST
1) Bowie State	1) Shaw
2) Elizabeth City State	2) Fayv. State /J. C. Smith
3) Virginia State	4) Livingstone
4) St. Paul's/Virginia Union	5) St. Augustine's

ALL-CIAA PRE-SEASON TEAM
Allyson Swailes, Sr., C, BSU; Celeste Trahan, Jr., C, ECSU; Rochelle Bodie, Jr., F, JCSU; Katania Walker, Jr., G, VSU; Markeya Wason, Sr., C, BSU; Chelsea Jeter, Jr., G, FSU; Tenisha McArthur, Sr., C/F, FSU; Jamara McMillian, Jr., G, FSU; Demetria Bwll, So., F, JCSU; Shemika Jones, Sr., G, JCSU; Jonta Moss, Jr., G, LC; Kachona Johnson, Sr. F, VUU

2007 Pioneer Bowl to Columbia, Benedict

The 10th Annual *Pioneer Bowl* will be hosted this year by **Benedict College** in Columbia, SC and will be played at the new Charlie W. Johnson Football Stadium. This year's game is scheduled for December 1, 2007 with kickoff at 2:00 p.m.

The Pioneer Bowl matches teams from the two historically black NCAA Div. II conferences, the **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** (SIAC) and the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA). The first Pioneer Bowl was played in 1997 and pitted **Kentucky State** of the SIAC vs. **Livingstone** of the CIAA and was played at **Morris Brown's** Herndon Stadium. The SIAC leads the series with seven wins against two losses.

The bowl game had been played the last two years in Charlotte N.C.'s Memorial Stadium and has also been played at Atlanta's Georgia Dome and in Mobile, Al. The move to Columbia will showcase Benedict's new *Leroy Walker Health and Wellness Center*. The new Johnson Stadium, which opened last seson, is part of a complex that includes a football practice field, tennis courts, a soccer field, a track, baseball and softball field and a fitness course. The stadium seats 11,000 and is expandable to 17,000.