

New Birth Savannah Presents "One Night Stand" – A Women's Event

Pastor Kenneth K. Law and the New Birth Savannah Family extend an invitation to all women of Savannah, Pooler, Rincon and abroad to join us for "One Night Stand" – A Women's Event, specifically designed to speak to the hearts of women, Friday, February 12th at 8:00PM- Doors open at 7:30PM

Doors open at 7:30PM. Event begins at 8PM. Admission is Free!

This event is for WOMEN ONLY! So please invite all



Pastor Kenneth Law
your sisters, aunts, co-workers and friends. You don't

want to miss it!

For more information contact the offices of New Birth Savannah at (912)748-2969 or email newbirthsavannah@gmail.com.

New Birth Savannah is a cutting edge ministry built on prayer and love. Through this vision, its members operate in love and excellence to win souls, make disciples, change the culture, and advance the Kingdom of God.

United Way Celebrates National 2-1-1 Day

Most people know they can dial 9-1-1 for a medical emergency or to report a crime or 4-1-1 to inquire a phone number or an address. But the general public might not be aware that there is also a 2-1-1 human services hotline for anything from employment support to finding a shelter location.

United Way of the Coastal Empire celebrates National 2-1-1 Day on February 11th, 2010. It is a day to honor the service that connects millions of individuals across the country with the services they need.

Locally, United Way of

the Coastal Empire's 2-1-1 serves seven counties: Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty and McIntosh. Last year, United Way's 2-1-1 received 13,955 calls to connect individuals to food banks, clothing shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance, as well as to physical and mental health resources, employment support and support for elderly citizens and persons with disabilities. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

"The 2-1-1 helpline is a critical resource for those in need in our community," said Trudy Jones, director of

United Way's 2-1-1. "It is a free, confidential, single access point for everyday needs and in times of crisis."

United Way's 2-1-1 is made possible by the partnerships of Atlanta Gas Light Company, Publix Supermarkets, local individual donors, Department of Family and Children Services and funding from United Ways, local and national.

For information and referrals, simply dial 2-1-1 or 912.651.7730 for assistance. United Way's 2-1-1 is also available online at www.uwce.org.

Sports with Walter Moore

SSU Football Coach Resigns

Citing personal and health reasons, Savannah State head football coach Robby Wells has resigned on January 28. "At this point I have to think about my family and my health before I can think about anything else. I wish the players well as they pursue their dreams on and off the field. My thoughts and prayers will be with them as they continue to progress in their collegiate career," Wells said in a written statement issued by the University. He was 7-15 in his two years, including 2-8 in 2009. Defensive coordinator Julius Dixon has been named interim head coach, and interim athletics director Marilyn Suggs says a nationwide search will begin for a new coach.

Tigers Fall To NC Central

Patrick Hardy's 3-pointer with 3:59 tied the score at 58 but Savannah State did not score another field goal as the Tigers dropped a 65-60 decision at North Carolina Central on February 6. SSU led 59-58 with 3:20 left but were outscored 7-1 down the stretch. The loss guarantees SSU (9-14) a losing season. Rashad Hassan had 14 points while Tracy Rankins and Louis Arnold scored 11 and Hardy added 10.

SSU Women Down New Jersey Tech

Crissa Jackson hit a 3-pointer with 55 seconds left to give Savannah State a 52-51 lead and then hit two free throws with nine seconds remaining to send the Lady Tigers to a 54-51 overtime win over New Jersey Tech in Tiger Arena on February 6. A layup by SSU's Carlita Johnson tied the game at 43 with nine seconds left in regulation to force overtime. The win snaps a 13-game losing streak and gives SSU a 9-17 mark. Courtney Long scored 17 for the winners and Kym Stamps added 10.



Walter Moore

Former Player Wants SSU To Do Better

I have never been one to jump to conclusions but to have 28 players that will not participate in Spring Practice is devastating when the total number of players on scholarships are few anyway. If I recall something similar happened last year where many of the players didn't practice for Spring Training. Alert and this is how many coaches over the last 15 years?

One would have to assume that if 13 players quit the team that there must be something that the head football coach is not relating to these players, whether it be his lack of football knowledge and how he translate it to the playing field or uncaring "don't give a damn attitude" displayed continuously without some passion for the hard work the players feel they are contributing daily. Then again, it may not just be the coach. Whatever the case may be, it's time for Savannah State University to "put up or shut up" and invest in a coach some serious money to hire a Great Coach for the long term progress of this program.

On the other hand, I also don't believe that it is all coaching. The administration and booster clubs share some responsibility as to the overall lack of facilities that SSU has to offer in football. Example, building the new press box that was mandated by code enforcement is one thing, but to attract the kind

of athletes to produce a winning program will require SSU to build a new stadium in its current location with concrete seating on both sides of the field and a state of the art building that consist of meeting rooms, class rooms and a weight room overlooking the south end zone. It behooves SSU to demonstrate that they are serious about its football program and athletes. For too long now has SSU taken a back seat to invest into its football program and it has caused pain and detriment to its players, coaches, alumni, administration and boosters who deserve better.

It's has been 29 years since I first step foot onto SSU campus in 1981 to play football under Coach Frank Ellis Jr. and that stadium was out dated then and even more so now. I currently have a set of plans for this stadium when it was designed and built in 1958. It's the most common problem that most alumni and those that want to contribute have with the program. It's an eye sore and it hurts SSU more than help.

Please administration and boosters club, if you want to create a winning program get serious about investing into the facilities. Create an Endowment that can grow over time so we can contribute to have a completely new stadium built or start a fund to have so one can contribute towards a new stadium. I am shocked that nothing has been implemented since I first step foot on campus. Do something and stop sitting your hands. At least Coach Ellis treated the players and staff with respect and dignity and he accommodated the players to the best hotels and food that money could buy at that time and with the resources available to him. He experience the withholding of resources for years to coach a team when he and the players deserved better and it's still going on in the form of facilities.

Havard Seldon, Jr.
Fayetteville, GA

Three The Hard Way: Books+Basketball=Success

Ever heard the saying "looks can be deceiving"? Nowhere is that saying more prevalent than in the case of three student-athletes at St. Paul Academy.

Deaon Grant, Demetrius Young and Tyrone Willis have had their share of hardships, rather it be growing up in single family homes, having to take on the responsibility of being a father, or the all too common "seeing a close friend become a victim of the streets". But don't look too closely at the baggy clothes, long t-shirts, gold teeth and big chains because these student-athletes are determined to beat the odds.

All seniors on St. Paul's first high school basketball team, the trio has managed to evolve as the teams leaders both on the court and in the classroom.

Willis leads the team in scoring averaging 30.3 points per game, while spending only a few hours a day in school well on his way to graduation. Willis, a 6-4 guard/forward, spends his time away from school and basketball taking care of his nine month old daughter. Grant, a 6-2 guard/forward, has scored in double figures in eight out of nine games

played and is a tenacious defender. The future honor graduate holds a 3.5 grade point average. Young, also a future honor graduate holding a 3.0 GPA, leads the team in steals and assists with 3.1 and 4.8 per game respectively, while only committing five turnovers in the last nine games including six games with no turnovers during that stretch. Young is a 5-10 point guard.

"I'm lucky to have such great talent in my first year of coaching high school basketball", said head coach Lee Pearson, Jr. "They have helped make the transition from coaching middle school a year ago much easier for me."

Six of the eight freshmen on the roster played for St. Paul's middle school team from a year ago, which posted a 25-6 record.

For the senior trio, however, this is their last chance to show the world their talent level in hopes to get into college. Fortunately, they have displayed the kind of academic discipline that will open the eyes of the college basketball and academic scouts and make their transition to college...easy as one...two...three.

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