

**SPACE SHUTTLE "MOS"  
LUKE REASONER  
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**ANCHOR LEAD**

EARLIER THIS MONTH PRESIDENT BUSH ADDRESSED THE NATION SAYING THE COLUMBIA WAS LOST...THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS.

IN WAKE OF THE WORST SPACE SHUTTLE TRAGEDY IN 17 YEARS, OUR LUKE REASONER ASKED COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON STUDENTS AND STAFF IF WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FORWARD AND BOLDLY GO WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE.

**REPORTER'S SCRIPT**

FLAGS FLEW AT HALF MAST THESE PAST FEW WEEKS IN MOURNING OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA WHICH WAS TORN APART ON REENTRY ON THE FIRST OF THIS MONTH.

WHILE THE DETAILS AS TO WHAT CAUSED THIS NATIONAL TRAGEDY ARE STILL UNCERTAIN, ONE THING IS CLEAR...THE STUDENTS AND STAFF HERE AT THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON ARE READY TO CONTINUE A PUSH INTO OUTER SPACE.

JUST ASK KATHERINE MORDAL WHO BELIEVES WE GET MORE FROM THESE PROGRAMS THAN THE RISK THAT WE INHERIT FROM SPACE TRAVEL...

SOT: KATHERINE MORDAL   LENGTH: :18  
IN: I THINK THE BENEFITS  
OUT: FOR A GOOD THING

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SOME STUDENTS...LIKE ALESE FULLER...SAY THIS SPACE SHUTTLE TRAGEDY DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT OFTEN...

SOT: ALESE FULLER   LENGTH: :08  
IN: I DON'T THINK THAT  
OUT: OF THING HAPPENS

LIKEWISE...JAMES STRONG...A COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON SOPHOMORE...WANTS US TO CONTINUE OUR EXPLORATION INTO SPACE BECAUSE IT'S THE FINAL FRONTIER....

SOT: JAMES STRONG   LENGTH: :06  
IN: SPACE, I MEAN. EVERYONE  
OUT: WHY WOULD WE NOT?

MATT STARR ALSO AGREES WITH HIS FELLOW COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON STUDENTS...SAYING THE BENEFITS FROM SPACE TRAVEL OUTWEIGH ANY RISK...

SOT: MATT STARR   LENGTH: :10  
IN: I DO THINK NASA SHOULD  
OUT: BENEFITS ARE GOOD

COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR VINCE BENIGNI SAYS OUT GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE RECEIVED A WAKE UP CALL AS TO WHERE TO SPEND TAX MONEY.

HE ALSO FEELS PEOPLE HAVE A HARD TIME RELATING TO THE SPACE PROGRAM BECAUSE THE REWARDS ARE NOT EASILY SEEN.

SOT: VINCE BENIGNI   LENGTH:  
IN: IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE  
OUT: COULD BE PROBLEMATIC

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(NATURAL SOUND: BAGPIPES UP FULL FIVE SECONDS

THEN IN BACKGROUND)

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON STUDENTS AND STAFF AGREE THAT WE  
NEED TO CONTINUE TO PUSH THE HUMAN RACE INTO SPACE. WHEN WE  
RETURN THERE IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

BUT FOR NOW WE SHOULD WAVE GOODBYE TO THE CREW OF THE  
SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA AS THEY SLIP THE SURELY BONDS OF EARTH  
TO TOUCH THE FACE OF GOD.

FOR COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON RADIO...I'M LUKE REASONER.

(NAT SOUND UP FULL...THEN FADES)

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