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Recycling Rally a HUGE Success

By: J. Nicole Johnson

On April 7, 2003 the Delaware State University M.A.N.R.R.S. (Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences) chapter, along with Facilities Management, officially kicked off its recycling campaign and has since proven to be a success.

The effort began by placing recycling containers for paper in high traffic areas on campus, such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center, the Education and Humanities building, the Library, the Baker building, the residence halls and the new Administration Building.

M.A.N.R.R.S. would like to thank everyone who participated in the drive. They collected 930 pounds in the first week of the drive and will continue the campaign next semester. In addition, they plan to branch out to other buildings and recycle other recyclable items.

If anyone would like to help with the campaign they should contact Jason Hall, M.A.N.R.R.S. president or Vinnie Jennings (see the Student Activities office for contact information).

Delaware State football player signs with Eagles

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor



DSU offensive lineman Jamaal Jackson will add to the ranks of Hornet football players in the NFL, signing a rookie-free agent contract with the NFC

East Champion Philadelphia Eagles on April 28th.

The 6'5, 320-pound Miami, Florida native looks to contribute to an offensive line on which the Eagles need help. "I also received calls from the New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers, and the Carolina Panthers before signing with the Eagles," Jackson said.

Jackson also got words of advice from former Hornet standout receiver and Washington Redskins player Darnerien McCants to "just do what you do and you'll be fine." Jackson started all four years here at Delaware State, earning all MEAC honors in three of those years.

Although he spent most of his career at offensive tackle, Jackson expects to learn a new line position with the Eagles. "I'm looking forward to coming in, working hard, and learning the playbook, spending a year to develop, like a redshirt would," he said.

He gave credit to his teammates, including his four senior workout partners, Ronnie Smith, Brandon Yarber, John Jefferson, and Khary

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FAREWELL TO PRESIDENTIAL LEADERS

Dr. DeLauder Tribute Part III

From DSU to Africa: The Journey Continues



Dr. William B. DeLauder

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

The journey for Dr. William B. DeLauder may be leading him away from Delaware State University, but his work is far from finished. At 65, President DeLauder plans to further his devotion to the uplift of humanity where he feels it is most needed—in Africa. After officially relinquishing his presidential office on July 1, 2003, Dr. DeLauder will take a sabbatical, devoting his time to philanthropy, writing, and continued involvement in the strategic economic development of African countries.

From his many visits to African countries, DeLauder has established relationships with a host of educational leaders through the American Council of Education's South Africa Project.

In 1995, Dr. DeLauder was selected by Peninsula

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The Passing of the Crown & Legacy Miss DSU Present & Future

By: Jennifer Robinson

We have looked up to graduating senior Ronisha Turner as our representative for the year of 2002-2003, but now it is time to say good-bye and welcome our new reigning Miss DSU, Keisha Acco.

For those who may not have been familiar with Ronisha Turner, she was the reigning Miss DSU for the 2002-2003 semesters. Her duties included various speaking engagements, participation in a national pageant, a position

on Student Senate, assisting the Student Government Association (SGA), hosting Poetry Jams, and representing the university to the best of her ability.

She feels as though the position of Miss DSU aided in the process of her becoming more self-confident as well as more assertive. It also helped her gain a greater understanding of the true meaning of time management.

The most memorable part of her reign as Miss DSU was her being nationally recognized in *Ebony* maga-

zine. It was a great honor for her to earn one of the highest leadership positions at the university as Miss DSU. The relationships she formed during her reign as Miss DSU will become a necessary part of her future.

"I feel that I had a wonderful reign. I've enjoyed every moment of it. I wish the best of luck to Keisha Acco as Miss Delaware State University 2003-2004," stated Turner, a public relations major. If she had the chance to relive the expe-

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An Evening Under the Stars Filled to Capacity -Spring Ball 2003

By: Hollie Ratliff

"An Evening Under the Stars" it was, this year for the annual Spring Ball, presented by Men's Council and Women's Senate. The event took place at the Christina River Club, located in Wilmington, Delaware, for the second consecutive year.

With free admission for DSU students, \$15 for guests, and transportation, people just had to show up. Those who arrived early enough were able to choose amongst the finger foods available. All late comers had to look forward to was the music, provided by DJ Hurt, and the sweltering heat, which was the talk of the after-math.

Speaking to the some of the organizers of the event one said, "This year's spring ball was a success, the only problem that I fought was the capacity, that's because we have big hearts and we felt that students should not be left out" according to Harold McCray, president of Men's Council. Also Lori Nelson, vice

president of Women's Senate said, "Because many people did not attend last year, more people wanted to attend this year and that made the event overcrowded." Both say, "next year's planners for the ball should plan early and work together. And on behalf of Men's Council and Women's Senate we want to thank all students for their participation."

Majority of the students felt that the Christina River Club was too small for all those people. I asked a couple of students of what they thought of this year's spring ball, Barbara Jackson, said "I enjoyed myself, but I felt the place was too small, but it was a nice turnout". Another student, "I really enjoyed the ball this year, except the drinks cost too much at the bar, the water was \$1.50 for an 8oz. cup and that was ridiculous", says Tre'na Carter a junior.

Through all the sweat at the ball, a special guest appearance by Michael



Women's Senate VP Lori Nelson and President Samantha Buchanan with comedian Michael Blackston.

Blackston from BET's *Comicview* and Ice Cube's movie, *Next Friday*, where he played an angry CD store consumer. He gave shot outs and made jokes, which is more than we can say about AJ's (from 106 & Park) appearance last year.

Overall, the Spring Ball 2003 was a success and with the opinions of the people hopefully next year the ball can be much better.



Clint Saunders Sounds Off, Sets the Record Straight Outgoing SGA President Speaks on his Lessons and Legacy

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

As Clint Saunders sat down for his final interview as SGA president, he reflected upon the lessons of leadership, his legacy, and the future of Delaware State University. Saunders will graduate with honors this year with a bachelor degree in computer science.

Surprisingly, Clint says that his leadership experiences have changed his career plans. Instead of pursuing computer science, he will enroll in a Master of Education in School Leadership program in the spring of 2004.

Academia is a great place to be, the market is good and it's what I like doing. You can go so many different places with it," Saunders comments. "My experience in student leadership helped me understand where I wanted to be in life," he adds.

With an affirmed and defined career path before him, Clint shared his thoughts on student leadership and administration. He says that he approached SGA with one theme in mind—reputation restoration.

"We really wanted to return SGA to its prominence and restore its prestige. It was starting to be looked at as a joke or a mockery," Saunders asserted.

He further shared that honesty, and above all, integrity contributed to a controversy-free year. Saunders shared that SGA ability to address issues immediately helped solidify their rapport with the student body. "Any problem we faced, we handled before word got out, and that's what SGA is all about, handling problems right away."

Saunders sums up his reign by comparing it to previous years.

"It was a great year. We came in wanting to be better than the year before, and I think we've done that," he says.

Clint also credits the courage of administrators, specifically Miss Lowan Pitt, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. "Miss Pitt has done a tremendous job this year, she's been thrown to the wolves many

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Letter from the Editor

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

We've made it! This is our last and final issue of the Hornet for the 2002-2003 academic school year. I would like to thank the DSU family for picking up the Hornet for the last time this year. I sincerely hope you enjoy it. We've packed this issue with our signature "Hornet snapshots" because pictures can sometimes say more than words.



I would be remiss if I did not recognize my hard working staff who held it down this year. Shannon, your personality made the office come alive. I am a better person for having the privilege to work with you. Hucklebuck, I hope you know that I only want to see you succeed because you have what it takes. Now about those dress pants. . .

Rayanna, thank you for all those times you cleaned my desk even when you knew that I would only mess it up again. The journey to your goals will not always be easy, but the glory of reaching them is worth it. Stay encouraged, glamour shots, you're still the sweetest! Angel, you are proof that big things do come in tiny packages. If I had an ounce of the nerve you have, I would be set for life. Thank you for always calling it how you see it.

B.dot, where did you come from? One day I was introduced and the next thing I knew you had a desk and a sign. You've been a joy to work with this year and, as long as you stay focused, you will take over the campus. I know you will make me proud!

Feeney, WE DID IT! This year has been the stuff legacies are made of and I wouldn't have wanted to experience it with anyone else by my side than you. You are an amazing individual with a genuine love for DSU. I wish more of your counterparts really loved it as much as you do. Thank you for being there for me every time I needed you and for having the passion for journalism that few seem to possess. I guess we'll be keeping each other awake in class for another year!

This may be the end of the year, but it's not the end of the road for me yet. I've been blessed to return to lead the Hornet for one more year, so look for the Hornet to step it up and improve even more next year. This has been a great year, but the years to come will be even greater. Holla!

-M. Kentrell

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:13,14

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CONGRATS to...



Angel Saunders- awarded William P. Frank Scholarship. (Junior - Wilmington, DE - Print Journalism)



DSU Men's Track Team- finished 3rd in the annual Penn Relays in the IC4A men's 4 x 200 meter race on April 26. The DSU team of J o s h w y n

Abrams, Douglas Lynes-Bell, Prince Marsh, & Rijente Brumell completed the course in 1:25.74.



Ronisha Turner- received internship at Nike headquarters in Oregon this summer working in advertising/promotions. (Senior - Windsor, CT - Public Relations)



Shirley Paul- studying abroad at NYU in Athens, Greece taking two history courses (8 credits) from June 26 - Aug 8. (Sophomore-Brooklyn, NY - Political Science)



AMP (see store below)

AMP

By: Seth Darden

On March 29th, five students from the Department of Computer & Information Sciences attended the 7th Annual AMP Research Symposium held at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The students presented their research projects on applying "Data Mining in Geosciences".

Other colleges and Universities competing in this division were Drexel Univ., York College, Lehman College, Univ. of Penn, Howard Univ., and Lincoln Univ.

Their project won the 1st Prize in the Computer Science and Mathematics division, with a cash prize of \$350. In addition, Hetal Patel and Josette

Brooks won door prizes worth \$100 each.

In conclusion, be sure to congratulate the students when you see them, as they worked very hard on this project, and deserve the awards that they have brought home to the Department.

Quotes

Kelvin Marcus - "The symposium was more than just an event to present research, it also provided the privilege to network with others within the AMP organization, and that combined with the informative workshops was a first place prize in of it's self."

Hetal Patel - "Anyone who is interested in Graduate studies should

attend these kinds of conferences because you get to network with other people and receive a head start on knowing what Graduate studies is all about."

Kagya Amoako - "Attending this computation broaden my horizon on the different opportunities available in the real world."

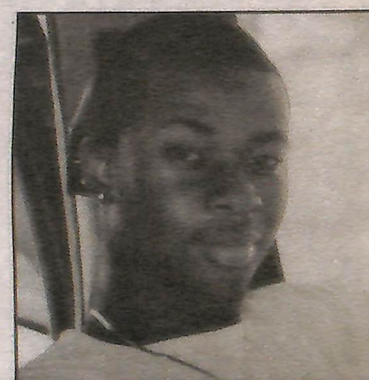
Nomie Canet - "This achievement also made me realize that hard work and great determination always pays off."

Josette Brooks - "My portion of the project dealt with the subject of HDF (Hierarchical Data Format), which is software that helps to categorize, analyze, and store large amounts of scientific data."

Alpha Phi Alpha: Student Organization of the Year

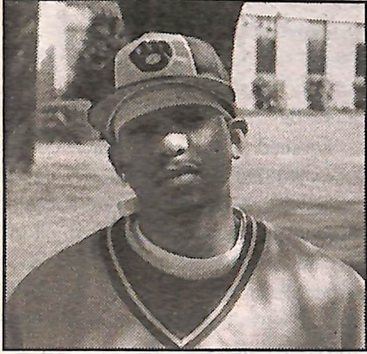


Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.- recipient of 2002-2003 Organization of the Year award.



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DEF Jam Unsigned Hype Just Hype? Or Just a Waste?



Tung Tex

By: B.Dot™

So you want to be a rock star? Well, on April 22, 2003 the SGA gave Delaware State students the opportunity to fulfill their musical dreams with Def Jam Unsigned Hype.

Organized by the SGA's program coordinator, Syvonne Richardson, the unique talent show was scheduled to have a Def Jam A&R representative judge Del States amateur artists. Unfortunately, due to a prior engagement, he was unable to be in attendance. The winner would receive a cash prize and the opportunity to consult with Def Jam reps, which could ultimately lead to a contract.

SGA president, Clint Saunders, and friend hosted the event in front of

the semi-packed MLK auditorium. Unlike other Del State talent show's Clint warned the toughest crowd in the MEAC not to boo the contestants.

As the show progressed, it was evident that the audience was becoming increasingly displeased with the assortment of talent. It wasn't until a Houston, Texas, native groomed in a throwback jersey, flipped the script, and changed the crowd's reaction, from jeers to cheers.

The winner of the competition, 19 year old radio production major, Darrell Contee, better known to DSU as Yung Tex, stepped onto stage after several acts minus an entourage of hype men. All eyes were on the freshman rapper, who says, "I wasn't nervous, I just wanted to show the crowd I had talent." His mission was more than accomplished.

Tex performed two freestyles that obviously pleased the stubborn crowd and even East Orange, New Jersey freshman, James Howe, who said "His performance was fire! He had some hot punch lines. I was surprised he did better than he did at DSU Apollo."

"This is something that I would like to do in future. I already have a mix tape out called *Back to your*

block, which is 18 tracks and cost only three dollars. And I already have a lot of promotional stuff."

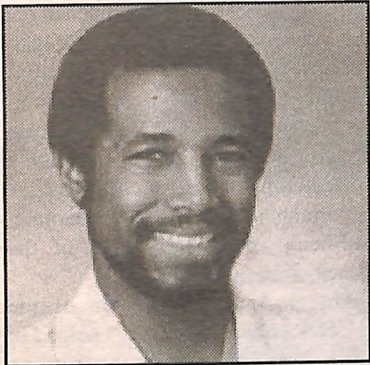
When the results of the show were announced, the audience agreed with the results of third place winner, rapper Doughboy, and second place winners, singing duo Dominique and Church.

But, when the grand prize recipient was announced, many attendees felt the decision should have gone a different way. To bite back at his critics, Tex said, "Everybody and they mama think they can rap. I mean, the best man went out there and won."

Since the representative was a no show, skeptics feel as if that the event was basically just another regular talent show. When asked about the Def Jam representative, Syvonne Richardson said, "I just spoke to him the other day and he said he is going to review the tape. Everything is legit."

Richardson, a graduating senior from the Bronx added, "There are a lot of talented people here and since I have a connection at Def Jam, I want to help any body out before I graduate. Who knows maybe something like this can happen again next year."

The Governor's Annual Prayer Breakfast features Renowned African-American Neurosurgeon, Dr. Ben Carson



Dr. Ben. Carson

By Christina Blakeney

On April 24th, Dr. Ben Carson emphasized being spiritual by having absolute faith in God, centering on intellectualism and education, sincerity, and kindness to everyone, with his "THINK BIG" philosophy, to the Delaware community.

Dr. Carson inspired and encouraged the Dover and other Delaware community at Governor Ruth Ann Minner's annual prayer breakfast, which was held at The Modern Maturity Center, located in Dover, Delaware. He focused on the importance of having faith in God, to withstand the trials and tribulations of the world and to profess his faith as a Christian. John Hollins introduced Carson and said, "Our speaker is a man of great vision."

Dr. Ben Carson addressed the audience by saying "It's so wonder-

ful to be here in Delaware. I feel like a Delawarean! I love to talk about God and I love to talk about education. This gives me an opportunity really to talk about both things."

Later, Carson referred to his recent diagnosis of cancer, the rumors that circulated, and the actual truth of the matter. Dr. Carson stated, "The thing that wasn't so fun was cancer, although it really gave me some perspective." He explained the surgery he had performed, his surgeon, Dr. Pat Walsh, who completed this procedure to annihilate the cancerous lesions, which killed the disease, and now he is totally cured from cancer. "And I'm a 100% cured today." Carson attributes his recovery to God and attests, "If you die it's o.k. because God is too wise to make a mistake."

Carson elaborated on the reason for his enduring and strong faith, because of the close experiences with death in terms of two near plane crashes and his temporary struggle with cancer. He stated, "You don't have to worry, because God is in control."

Carson focused on the importance of education in general, especially higher education for all people. He said, "It costs so much to keep someone in the state county, and it costs much less to put them in a university. But we're going to do a

lot better off financially and otherwise. We'll be a lot better off when we send those young men to Penn State instead of the State Pen."

He also emphasized diversity and relating with others, accepting other cultures, and interacting with other people outside of one's race. We need to be not concerned only about people who look like us; you know what, that bothers me when people think that you only need to be with a group who look like you", said Carson.

Dr. Carson encouraged the audience to be positive, to take the "niceness pledge," which he believes is helpful in uniting people. That is, "to be kind to someone for an entire week through compliments, avoiding gossip, and treating them with respect."

He continues to live his life putting God first, performing miraculous surgeries, engaging in humanitarian efforts from a humanistic perspective, concentrating on education especially for youth, and inspiring a myriad of others, through his medical profession of neurosurgery, and the use of his *Gifted Hands*. He affirms, "We need to be all extraordinarily concerned about each other." He emphasized the importance of one human family, and collectively working together as diverse and spirited people. Dr. Carson stated, "Even though all of our ancestors came here on different boats, we're all on the same boat now."

Glad To Be Back

By: Angel Saunders.

The facial expression never left his face and his eyes said if you only knew what I'm feeling. "It was my job. I just went there and did it," he said.

His demeanor revealed a personality that was not so eager to tell a story, but rather just glad to be back; and the smile stayed as we sat just outside of Grossley Hall on a beautiful spring afternoon to talk about how he did in fact feel.

James Overton, a national guard for the U.S. has been released from active duty and has returned to his position of being deputy police chief of Delaware State University security.

Overton signed up to become a national guard 13 years ago knowing that if there was ever an attack on the American soil, that he would be called for active duty. Still, his reaction was one of nervousness on September 29, 2001 when he was to report for permanent duty.

Only two weeks after the September 11th attacks, Overton was to leave his wife and four children to join homeland security and help defend America. Being the first time in American history where the homeland soil had to be defended, Americans waited in anticipation of another attack.

Overton is part of the 166 SFS (security forces squadron), which is based in New Castle Delaware. After being stationed here first, Overton relocated to the McGuire air force base in New Jersey. He was part of the detaining missions that were carried out in Afghanistan. Engaging with Al-Qaeda and Taliban, they were to transport the detainees from Afghanistan and relocate them to Cuba where they were detained. After the mission was completed, they were to return to the air force base in New Jersey. The operation lasted close to six months.

Not knowing what part of the world his assignment would take place, Overton's wife who is also a national guard was worried about his safety, but he says she knew he could take care of himself. It was also the first time he had been away from his kids for a long period of time and knowing that he was away helping with the war was their only knowledge of where he was.

"With the crews that I was with, I never felt that I was in any immediate danger but we always had to maintain a state of readiness. We had to be prepared for anything," said Overton.

He expressed that once you get the heightened level of readiness, you begin to feel really secure. While in Afghanistan, financial hardship was the biggest problem. Wondering how they would be able to provide for their families and themselves was a huge worry for him fellow guardsmen.

A training mission sent Overton to Germany seven years ago. Until then, he had never been outside of the United States. He returned back to Delaware in October of 2002. Other duties afterwards took place between New Castle and New Jersey.

Not surprisingly, he utters joyous laughter when asked about his first day home for good. "I had been back and forth from home, but when I knew that I would be home for good, it just felt good cause I knew I could get back to my regular life," he stated. "When you're in national guardsmen that's activated, you just don't know when you're going to go back to what you were doing."

With his wife waiting to greet him, ecstatic was the word this smiling man used to describe the drenched feeling he had when he returned home for good.

Once at home, his children wanted to know immediately, was it for good, was he really home to stay. Doing things that they weren't able to do for a while was on the family agenda for the next few days. Overton said, "It was like a small homecoming. My parents were the most excited because they didn't get to see me often because the live in Virginia."

He says that it was more worry on his family and not knowing where he was put a little stress on them.

"It's been a long nineteen months away from Delaware State and I'm glad I returned back in time for the commencement. I'm just glad to be back," he said.

James Overton has been an employee of Delaware State University since May of 2000. He is back in holding position of Associate Director of Public Safety and Deputy Police Chief at the university.

Financial Aid Cutbacks

By: Chantal Brown

"A college education opens the doors of opportunity and prosperity for millions of Americans," said Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Now those doors of opportunity and prosperity could slam shut in thousands of student's faces because of financial aid cutbacks.

These cutbacks are a result of a struggling economy, causing states to slash their higher education budgets. That means tuition will increase and financial aid will decrease, making it harder to pay for college. States nationwide have already planned to cut \$5.5 billion from higher education budgets in the next two years. This plan could stop 110,000 students from going to college.

Just when you think it could not get any worse, the Bush Administration has proposed education budget

cuts as well. The president's proposed budget is called FY2003 and cuts \$1.3 billion from higher education. Under the FY2003 budget 375,000 low-income students will not receive financial aid, or if they do receive financial aid, it will not be as much as in the previous years.

This new plan will also cut short the Pell Grant \$300 to \$3,900. College work study programs, grants and Perkins loans will lose \$201 million. There could also be cuts and changes in federal financial loan programs, this will add \$6,000 to a student's average debt after they graduate.

Now don't forget the FY2003 plan is a proposed plan, meaning there is no guarantee that the plan will go into effect! But as a fellow college student to another, keep up with the news about financial aid because this affects many DSU students!

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100% I.D. Check

By: Tiffanie A. Claude

Remember when we used to be able to enter the campus and either not show any identification at all or just present a license of something of that nature? Have you begun to wonder why there is now a 100% identification check at all times?

After speaking with Chief Wyche, Chief of the University Police Department, my vague understanding appeared more visible. Currently the United States is on an third level of threat with war and the university security must take certain precautions just incase of the threat level reaching the red zone.

If we were to reach the red zone, all

gates are to be closed and no one will be permitted to enter the campus unless the proper DSU identification is shown. Many ask why are there only checks performed at the front gate and not anywhere else on campus?

Every exit except the front gate has a sign that says if you do not have the proper identification you are not permitted to enter the campus. Security has been handling issues before they occur all year long. (FYI before any parties in the gym, bomb dogs are brought in to secure the area.)

To make things run smoother students please have your school ID ready! P.S. licenses don't work anymore!

Have you heard? The SARS Outbreak

By: Tiffanie A. Claude

Living on campus, students do not interact with the outside world much. Many students do not watch the evening news because of class, employed, outside, sleep, or they just do not find it interesting. If you fit the criteria, you probably aren't aware of SARS?

SARS is an acute respiratory syndrome. According to the News Journal, since March 17th, twenty-seven countries have reported the disease, while there have been 5,050 cases of the disease and 333 deaths in the world, not including the United States. The closest country that has reported the illness is Canada, but just be aware. It was mention that SARS is not a recent disease, but other cases of

it have been in China for years. SARS is linkage to the disease.

Patricia Nugent sophomore, biology/planet science major remarks, "I hope it stops before it spreads and I hope they find out more about it."

In China, they are trying to control the disease but until a cure or immunization is found, people are protecting themselves from the disease by wearing a mask that covers their mouth and nose. Freshman, Camille Drummond said "I think the United States disease control should urgently do something so it does not reach America. It's an epidemic!" The spread of the disease has slowed down but please be cautious with our late night orders to the Chinese restaurants.

Sen. Biden to Speak At 2003 Commencement

(Courtesy of the DSU Insider)

U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., will be the keynote speaker during DSU's 111th annual Graduation Commencement Ceremony at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 18 at Alumni Stadium on campus.

Sen. Biden is one of the most respected voices on national security and civil liberties, and has earned national recognition as a policy innovator, effective legislator and party spokesman on a wide range of issues. First elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972, he is currently serving his six-year term in office.

The state's senior-most senator has been a staunch supporter of college aid and loan programs and has crafted



Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

legislation to allow families to deduct up to \$10,000 per year in higher education expenses on their income tax returns. His enacted "Kids 2000" legislation established a public/private partnership to help provide computer centers, teachers, Internet access, and technical training to young people across the nation, particularly to low-income and at-risk youth.

Contributions of African-American Women To The Black Panther Party

By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Founded in 1966, the Black Panther Party is often associated with contributions of men, but on April 22 the Black Studies Department gave former panther, Dr. Audrea Dunham the opportunity to express the importance of contributions of women.

"Women of the Black Panther Party were members, creators, and initiators," stated Dunham, a former member of the Boston chapter.

According to Dunham, when most people think of the Black Panther Party, they think of the men with afros and their fist raised in the air, but the women were just as important volunteering their time to do the same work the men did. They sold newspapers, which spoke volumes because females of other organizations were not permitted to sell newspapers.

In addition, they served as community volunteers working in medical clinics, even walking door to door doing sickle cell testing, and serving free breakfast to students at public schools. The women also contributed to security in chapters that had a high rate for police raids and assisted with sand bags.

Dunham also provided a video, entitled "Comrade Sister: Voices of Women in the Black Panther Party," for the students who packed room 132 in the ETV. The video gave many former Black Panther Party women the opportunity to express their experience and contributions to the effort.

Former party member, Haven Henderson, described her road to the group and remembered getting good grades in elementary school, but received no appreciation from teachers. The obvious favoritism and apparent racism of whites drew Henderson to the group, which she stated was dominated by "the unsung heroes"—the women.

Erika Huggins, another former member of the party stated, "women ran the party and men thought they did." She joined the party because it focused on everything that impacted the people of color. As a member of the Los Angeles chapter she believes in her chapter women were seen as equal to men, where normally women were seen two steps behind.

Carol Granison, Oakland, California member joined the party thinking it would change the world and likely the United States. She made incredible sac-

rifices, as many women of the group did, by leaving her family and college to serve the party full-time. Full-time work included approximately 12-16 hours a day for six days a week.

"I joined to serve the black community to build ties between black people and government," said former member, Yvonne King. She credits the party for giving people food, which led people to question why the government wasn't using their resources to provide aide.

Chicago chapter member, Lynn French believes the Black Panther Party for the leaving an impact because many areas have programs that the party implemented. Programs such as free breakfast programs at public schools and community health centers catered towards people of color.

Dr. Dunham, who also left college to join the party, believes the party, especially the women made an impact stating, "People might not agree with tactics, but will agree with what we [Black Panther Party] have done." Dunham also stated the symbolic meaning of the panther is that it doesn't attack, but once attacked it will attack back.

Interview: Dr. Audrea Dunham

Former Black Panther of the Boston Chapter Explains the Essential Role of African-American Women in the Black Panther Party

By: Christina Blakeney

Dr. Audrea Dunham, a former Black Panther member, and political activist of the Boston Chapter, elaborated on the crucial role that women had within The Black Panther Party (BPP) as leaders and directors of the health clinics, breakfast programs, liberation schools, and in many other primary aspects of the organization.

African-American women had leadership positions within the Black Panther Party because of the environment that surrounded the community, which usually involved police brutality being inflicted on the Black community and the terrorism of law enforcement on Black people.

Dr. Dunham described her personal experience, as an African-American woman in the Black Panther Party, because she led her chapter and stressed the importance of other Black women in the party as she conceptualized Black political consciousness, Black Nationalism, and concrete political, social, and economic action to defend and protect the African-American community. She said, "I can talk to the issue of women of The Black Panther Party, having been a member, but also as a woman, a young woman, at that particular time, coming of political age during that era. I was pretty much conscious of what people were doing, and what women were doing actually." She also said, "I had first become a member of BSU and then I joined the party."

Dunham explained her level of

consciousness, as it pertained to truly grasping and understanding the transition from Civil Rights to the Black Power Era, with SNCC being radicalized with Stokely Carmichael's "Call for Black Power," the assassination of Dr. King, and the assassination of Malcolm X, and the legacies that they left behind.

Dr. Dunham emphasized, The Black Panther Party appealed to women who brought their knowledge and skills, coupled with the political philosophies and education of the party, applied it to their environment and the women and the men of the party began to actively control their own communities. She said, "But also the party actually attracted women who were in college. I think that some of those skills that women brought to the organization, enabled them to perform certain kinds of tasks, and in doing so transformed and empowered them."

Dunham further stated, "The Intercommunal Youth Institute, Donna Howell was the deputy director, and Erica Huggins was the director. Donna Howell was one of the main organizers in the creation of the free health clinic, in relation to people developing skills and becoming empowered.

"These are examples of how they used their skills and engaged in revolutionary struggle coupled with theological and ideological development through study." Dr. Dunham addressed that women were being self-empowered by being politically active and involved in a Black polit-

ically conscious and active organization, which strived to educate, defend, and assist the African-American community.

Dunham emphasized that African-American women "changed the dynamic," within the Black Panther Party and created an environment by which sexism and chauvinism were not tolerated because women and men worked and lived collectively, on the same accord, as it pertains to meeting the economic, political, and social needs of the Black community.

African-American women of the Black Panther Party (BPP) helped to revolutionize the party by serving the community through political means, defending Black communities from police brutality; and economic means, by helping to propel it through the creation and construction of liberation schools for Black children, to educate them on their African heritage in all areas such as math, science, language arts; as well as providing them with a concrete political background, to educate them on their African ancestry; and to have pride within themselves because of their rich history and ongoing legacy. Dr. Dunham Dunham confirms, "I think that the community saw what young people were doing in the party, and many of whom were women, and then people in the community were very respectful of the people and the party, and they were also influenced by the fact that there were young people and women who could do these things, and kind of make them happen."



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CAMPUS NEWS

End Of The Year Activities



SGA VP James Artis in the DSU scene at the Mass Comm Variety Show.

By: Tiffanie A. Claude

This semester's fashion shows have been popular, from the highly anticipated Boom Boom Room (March 5), Body & Soul, Nef's Renaissance (April 22) and the recent Variety

Show (April 29), sponsored by the Mass Communication Society. It was the first time ever in DSU history that was organized by the Mass Communication Society.

Nef's Renaissance depicted the street with an Ol' school/new school mix. The Variety Show was a collaboration of both talent (And 1 basketball, Varsity Blaze, Marcus Thornton, and Church, Hok and many more), fashion, and role playing.

Keyonna Boardley and David Newman performed a brief rendition

of Lil' Mo's *Forever*, which added a lot to the visual aspect of the song.

Along with the normal sports and hip hop scenes, many students in attendance compared one scene to the beginning of the movie "Belly" because of the black light effect.

Another popular scene gave some cities their time to shine by having the models wear air brushed t-shirts with their hometown on it and a song played to go with it. They were definitely the hottest scenes of the show.

"It's always the smaller shows

where few are in attendance that turns out to be the best", said Blake Saunders, broadcast journalism major. Nefertiti Amen-Ra, psychology major and organizer of Nef's Renaissance, said "Students need to be more supportive of student events before they complain about being bored. I was satisfied with it, though it could have been more organized. However, for my first fashion show, I think it was a success".

Overall, the Variety Show & Nef's Renaissance received good reviews.



Nefertiti Amen-Ra, coordinator of Nef's Renaissance fashion show.

It is extremely important that all DSU students support all organizations and their endeavors to create interesting entertainment for the student body.

Miss DSU

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rience all over again, she would like to visit more of the area high schools in order to implement Miss DSU as a recruitment tool for high school students. She would have liked to have stressed the importance of higher education.

Turner also had a few words of inspiration to offer to the upcoming Miss DSU. She encourages her to stay true to herself as well as create a good support system. She also added that when things get tough, she should remember that she requested the position.

From here, Turner will be spending the summer working with Nike in Oregon. In the fall, she will return to Delaware State University (DSU) as a member of the accelerated Master's program in Business Administration. The following fall after that, she would like to attend law school.

"I feel that Keisha has the qualifications to be a great Miss DSU. She has the love and support of the people around her. I think she'll do fine," Turner



Miss DSU, Ronisha Turner

er said, commenting on the new Miss DSU.

Acco feels as though becoming the new reigning Miss DSU was an opportunity of a lifetime. As Miss DSU, she will serve as an advocate for the students and as a social work major, she will in turn use those same skills while advocating her clients in the future. She plans to instill programs of academic excellence within the campus, network with other universities, as well as form a close relationship with administration and the SGA in order to possibly change



Miss DSU-Elect, Keisha Acco

the current grade point average (GPA) requirement from 1.7 to at least 1.9 or even 2.0. She also plans to utilize the numerous tutoring facilities that are offered to students on campus.

"I am very excited about representing Delaware State University and all of its standards as well as fulfilling one of my long term goals," Acco added. One thing that is of no question at all is that she will be readily available to the students. She will listen to their input in turn represent them in the executive meetings as well as continually promote

DSU positively.

As she begins to serve as our new inspiration leader for the upcoming year, she would like to recognize those that aided her in her path to success. Her family, church, and fellow peers served as wonderful guides through her journey to obtain the position of Miss DSU for the 2003-2004 academic school year.

"I feel she did an excellent job in carrying out the spirit of this university and continuing to carry out the legacy of excellence," Acco stated of reigning Miss DSU 2002-2003.

Eagles sign Jackson

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Darlington, all of which have NFL aspirations. He said "I can't give enough credit to coach Braxton, who's been there from day one, and of course, the Almighty God."

Jamaal says he will bring what he calls a "black college attitude" to the Eagles, agility for a big guy, and hard work "because coming from a smaller school, you have to work harder to earn a spot, and I plan to do that."

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DeLauder

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Technicon, a university outside of Capetown, South Africa, to help make the institution stronger. The university, DeLauder explains, was established under apartheid to serve the people of color.

"After apartheid fell, four different racially segregated school systems emerged and there were disparaging differences in the black schools," he says. "USAID, a foreign aid organization and the Ford Corporation sponsored a program to use strategic planning for the improvement of these historically disadvantaged schools."

Dr. DeLauder's contribution was so significant that many other opportunities were made available to him. He had the opportunity to oversee the elections in Nigeria and was even offered a position in Bush administration, but declined because of his commitment to Delaware State. There was one invitation, however, that DeLauder could not decline—becoming apart of the Partnership to Reduce Hunger in Africa.

"I guess because of some of my international involvements, a group called the Partnership to Reduce

Hunger in Africa was looking for people to serve and somehow my named surfaced. I was invited to become apart," he says.

Dr. DeLauder's motivation to continue his involvement in African affairs, he says, is born out of understanding his heritage. "The natural connection to Africa is my heritage," he comments. "I recognized that my roots come from that continent."

He also asserts his frustrations over the poor economic state of many African countries. "I've always been frustrated by the fact that so many African countries have not been able to develop to a greater extent than they have and that there are still enormous problems that relate to problems in the economy," he says.

While other university presidents are retiring into obscurity, for Dr. William B. DeLauder, the end of his 16 year journey at Delaware State University signals not the sunset of great man's life, but instead a new beginning on the path to reach a greater goal. In life, if destination is not nearly as important the journey to get there, for Dr. DeLauder, that journey continues.

SGA

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times and had to make some difficult decisions," he comments.

Other administrators, however, missed the mark in Saunders' eyes. He was very forthcoming about his feelings about everything from financial aid to the courtyards.

"I think certain people need to leave the university," he asserts. "I think public relations could be better. Certain people need to be fired because some areas are terrible every year."

When it comes to financial aid, Clint is relentless. "Whoever develops the plan for financial aid, student accounts, scholarships and then waits to the last minute to tell students things should be fired," he says. Saunders continues on to admit his skepticism about the new administration building.

"The new administration building looks pretty, but we are going to run into the same problems. The 'one-stop-shop' is not all it's cracked up to be, it is just computers in the middle of a room."

And the Courtyards? Clint's answer is simple. "I think Mr. Dudley should be fired. He's messed the courtyards up."

At the conclusion of his interview,

Clint Saunders took the opportunity to dispel myths and make a few predictions. While it had been rumored that rapper Lil' Kim would appear in a year-ending concert, Clint says that a number of factors prevented this from happening. "We had planned on her coming, but because of fighting after the Spring Ball, administrators thought that it wouldn't be good," he comments. "She was our first option," Clint says, "but then she doubled the price. It just wasn't worth it."

To rumors that SGA had overspent their budgeted allowance, Saunders says that the allegations are absolutely false. He says that while this year's SGA still has about \$30,000 left to spend, there is a deficit that carried over from previous SGA leaders. "We have plenty of money, Clint asserts. "There is a deficit that resulted from a guy named Luther Bass who over spent his budget by 150,000. about seven years ago."

Clint also took the time to share his thoughts on the new university president and emerging student leaders.

Dr. Allen Sessoms, DSU's new university president, in Saunders' mind will be a unique addition to the

DSU family.

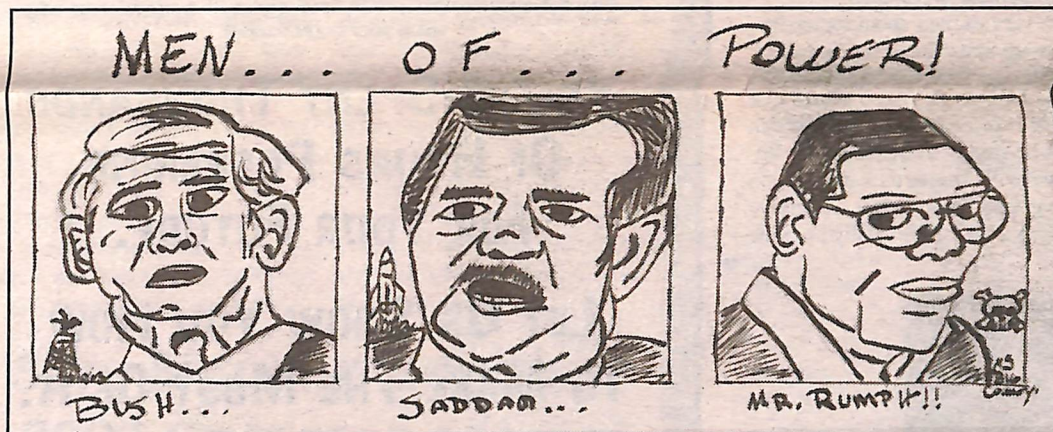
"He's going to be great for the university because in reaching the level where we will be named among the top HBCUs, he brings something unique in his background."

Clint highlighted two underclassmen who he feels will have a great impact in student leadership—new Men's Council President Blake Saunders and new SGA Corresponding Secretary Michael Feeney. Saunders points out that he highlights his brother, Blake for reasons beyond family ties.

"He is driven. I'm interested in seeing how he does this year as President of Men's Council," he shares. Michael Feeney, Clint says, is tremendous. "He does it from the heart, not for the position. He genuinely cares."

As for his current SGA Vice President and newly elected SGA President James Artis, Clint speaks highly.

"I see great things happening. James wanted this from the very beginning. He had a plan and he executed it to the tee. He was the true heart of SGA this year. I think he'll make decisions next year with the student's interests at heart."



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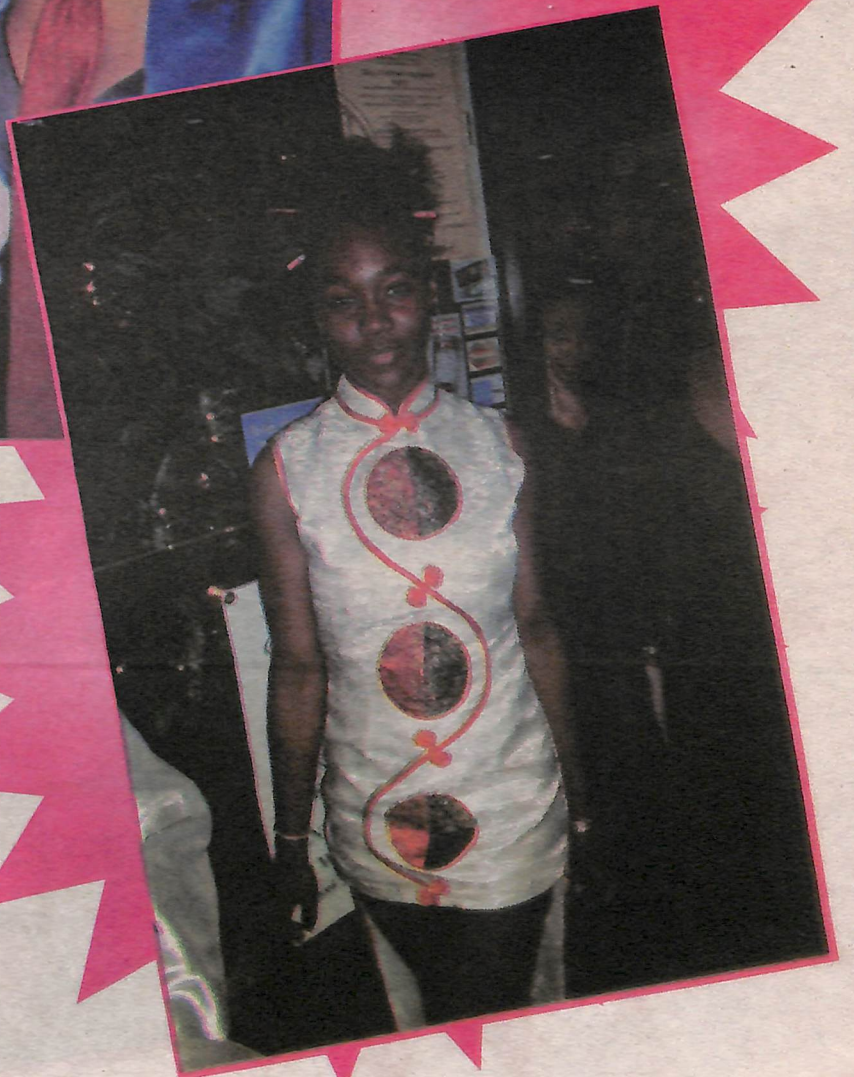
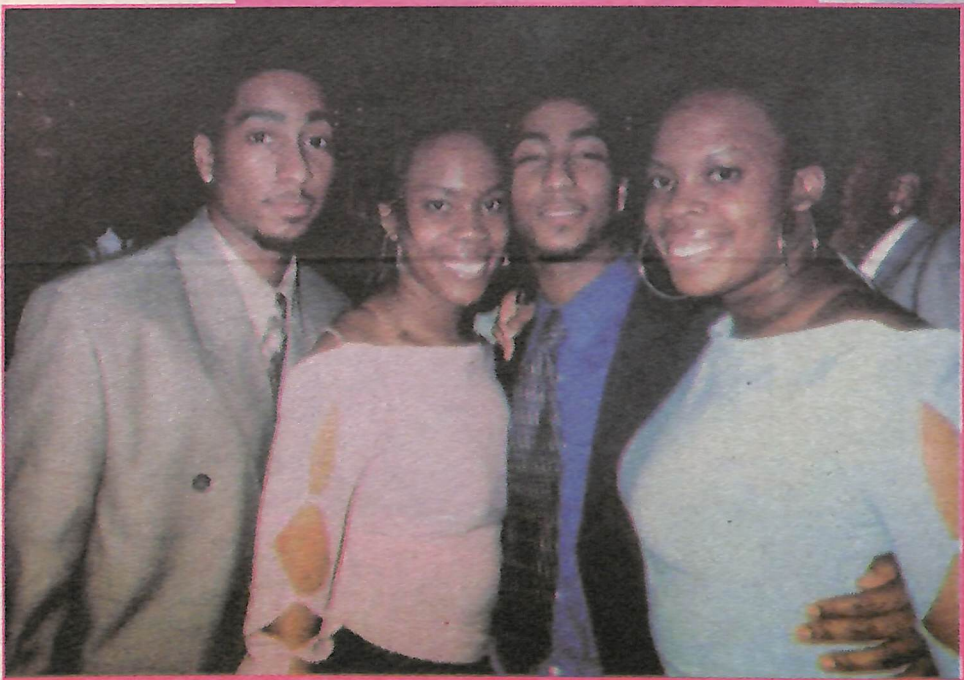
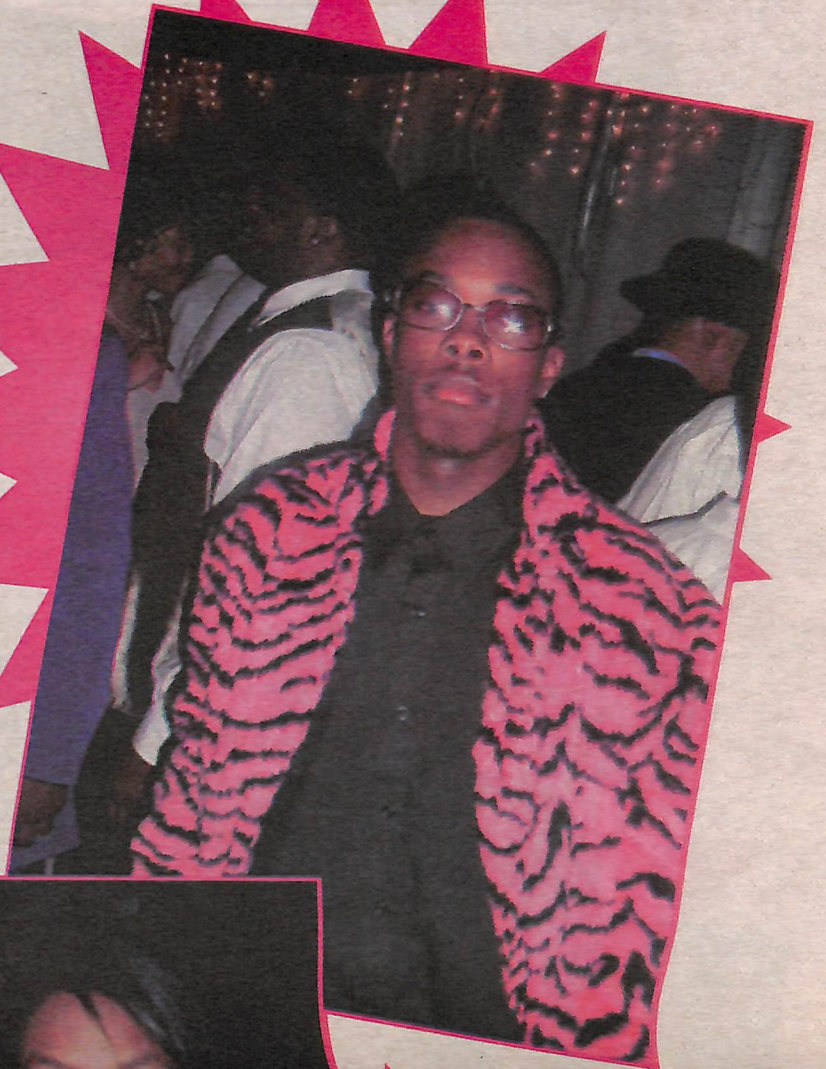
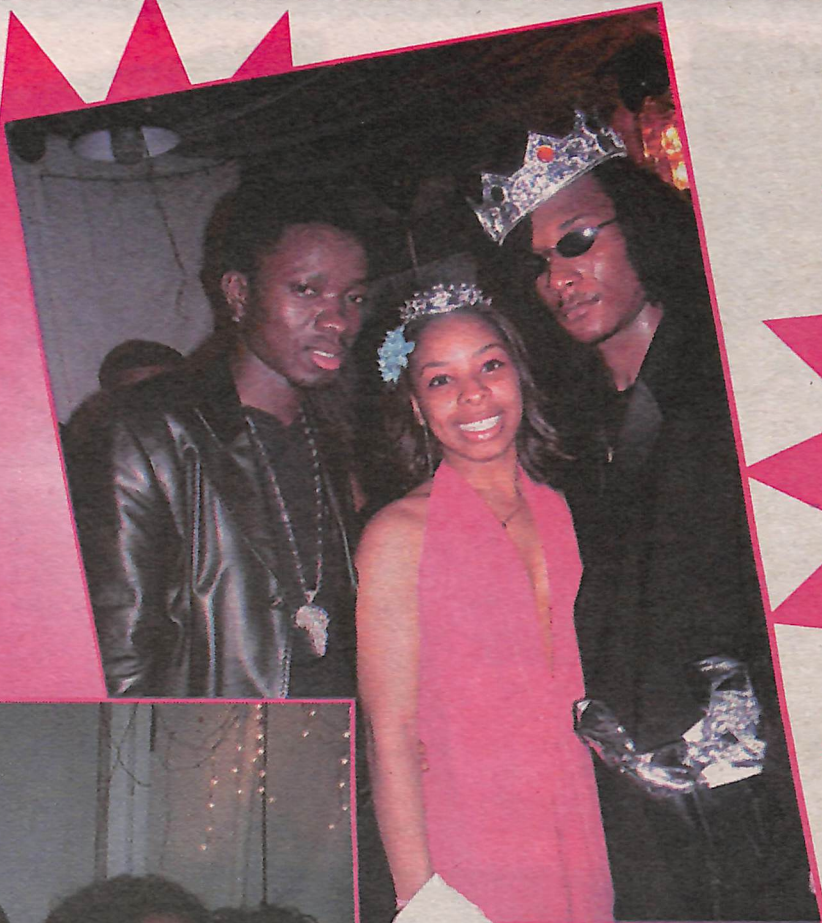


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**Mass Comm-
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Nef's Fashion Show

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Ten Underclassmen to watch out for...

By Marisa K. Phillips, Editor-in-Chief



Brian "B.dot" Miller
Classification: Freshman
Major:

Radio Production
Hometown: Queens, NY
Claim to Fame: Mr. Miller burst on the scene with the controversial "B.dot and Chris" radio show and then excelled among the new kids on the block as a contributing writer for the Hornet newspaper. The kid's got heart and most of all; he wants success as bad as he can taste it. Watch out DSU, he's still got three years left.



Eric Dickens (Mr. Mass Comm Variety Show)
Classification:

Freshman
Major: TV Production
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Claim to Fame: This up and coming mass comm. kid has to his credit the self-proclaimed 1st variety show in DSU history. He's also making moves in NABJ, so look for him to continue to establish himself in the years to come.

Viniece Jennings
Classification: Freshman
Major: Environmental Science
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Claim to Fame: This successful leader started the first recycling campaign on campus, which collected 930 pounds. In its first week.
(No Photo Available)



Amber Smith
Classification: Freshman
Major: Biotechnology
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Claim to Fame: Ms. Smith made major moves in her first semester as President of Wynder Towers Hall Council and as Miss Wynder Towers. Second semester proved to be even bigger, as she became a late addition to residence life staff as the sole resident advisor in Towers. If leadership is the key to success, she will indeed be successful and a key underclassmen to watch.



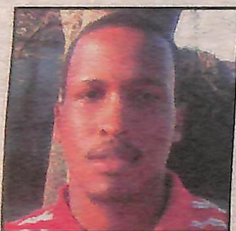
Zenab Abdil
Classification: Freshman
Major: Mass Com-

munications
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
Claim to Fame: This young lady has certainly made moves first as Miss Freshman and now as Vice President of Sophomore Class Council.



Blayne "Varsity Blaze" Pierce
Classification: Freshman

Major: Sports Management
Hometown: Norristown, PA
Claim to Fame: A humble freshman rapper with his head on straight. He's definitely one to watch.



Derrick Sawyer
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Business

Administration
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Claim to Fame: This kid came out of nowhere! First he's on Evers Hall Council, then he succeeds J.A. as business/ad manager of the Hornet newspaper, and now he's President of the Junior Class.



Kelle' Alston
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Radio Pro-

duction
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Claim to Fame: First of all, the girl has been working in radio since she was 12. Now as the Program Director for WDSU radio, Ms. Alston, known for her signature unique style, is a definite shining star.



Fredrick Vaughn
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Business

Administration
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Claim to Fame: How can this be said as not to offend anyone: Mr. Vaughn has it all—he is the person DSU REALLY slept on this year. It's our loss and time will reveal that



Michael Feeney
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Print Journalism

Hometown: Teaneck, NJ
Claim to Fame: It's redundant to tell you to watch Feeney, because everybody already is. Mr. Everything's resume includes Conwell Hall Council, Men's Council, Resident Advisor, NABJ president, and Assistant Editor of the Hornet newspaper. The resume speaks for itself, you be the judge.

Five Seniors we will miss...

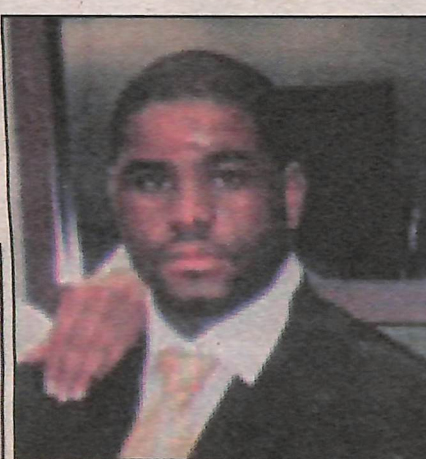
By Marisa K. Phillips, Editor-in-Chief



Clint Saunders, SGA President
Before Lil' Kim brought us her version, Mr. Saunders was the mastermind behind 'Jump Off' activities ranging from white-tee parties to 50 Cent appearances. DSU will certainly miss those improvised speeches and, of course, that signature grin.



Ronisha Turner, Miss DSU
With her style, grace, and genuine school spirit, DSU will not be the same without our scene-stealing, song-writing, cheer-leading first daughter.



Ronnie Geter, DSU Mouthpiece
Who won't miss Geter screaming into the microphone at every official university event and stumbling over his words? He truly made those long ceremonies a little easier to bear.



Eric L. Lewis, Mr. Alma Mater
Just when you think that the show is over, out steps Mr. Lewis poised and ready to sing our Alma Mater. The question now is who will replace him?



Tishara Duffy, Resident Advisor
From her heartfelt smile to her hilarious jokes, we will not be the same without the loving kindness of Tish. She is truly one who we miss and hope to see again soon.

COMMENTARY

A Woman's Worth

By: Rayanna M. Wilkins
Copy Editor

Women, by far, are the hardest working people in the world. Men do their share and in most cases, hold their on weight, but where would they be without our existence?

More women are making things happen for themselves now more than ever. This includes, raising children, going to school, and holding down a job. True indeed, there are more single mothers now than when our parents were growing up, but they are doing it.

It's not an easy job being a woman at all, always being compared to men who are said to be stronger and make more money, having to deal with a natural monthly visit, and just always being expected to be the one to make things right.

I am not a mother, but I have one. The sacrifice women make on a daily basis for themselves and their families could never be measured in a million years and it seems that the only day of the year it is recognized is Mother's Day.

Being a mother goes way beyond just taking care of your own children, but embracing those children around you who may not have a mother. After all, every woman who can have a baby

is not nearly qualified to do the job.

There is no book or tape to prepare anyone for being a woman or a mother, but if you do not have the will and strength to be a woman first and demands respect, then you will degrade yourself in every aspect of your life and be treated accordingly.

I give all respect to the men who serve as more than just sperm donors, but this is not about you right now. I commend every young woman who is taking the steps necessary to better her life and her families by just being an intelligent woman in school, a strong woman at work and a tolerant woman for being in any relationship with today's man.

Don't mistake it men! Woman will be there for you as long as it known that they are appreciated. No woman needs a man, but it damn sure is good to have one around that actually wants to be with you and only you.

Men can really find out a lot about themselves by the type of women they choose to deal with. You can especially find out a lot about a man by how he treats his mother too.

Men who have baby mothers need to especially make it known even if they do not plan on being in a relationship with their child's mother, that they are appreciated. Weekends with

daddy could never amount to the rest of the year spent with mommy.

This Mother's Day, don't just acknowledge those who are biological mothers, but woman who will be a mother to anyone in any type of way when needed, including a man.

Gifts are great to give, but say and do things everyday because those will stand out in the mind of a woman more than some expensive gift. Say I love you and I thank you for being there for me once in a while. It works! Believe me I know.

To all women who are mothers and even those who are not, demand the respect that is more than deserving. You know who you are even if no one else does. Money doesn't make the world go around, but mothers do. They say that God couldn't be everywhere so he created mothers and that is so true.

Women are worth more than the lies, short comings, excuses and anything else men try or succeed at giving to their own women or their mothers. Real men will look deeper than their pockets to show their appreciation for women on this Mother's Day on.

After all, Alicia Keys said it best, "a real man knows a real woman always comes first and a real man just can't deny a woman's worth."

Sunshine of My Life



AKA Shawna J. Ellis

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

As the academic year closes and I head to Philly for the summer, one thing is certain—I will be seeing a WHOLE lot of Shameka. But as I depart DSU for a season of opportunity and experience, I will have to say goodbye to someone who has become an integral part of my DSU experience, my good friend and soror, Shawna Jennifer Ellis.

Shawna, or 'Ellis' as I affectionately call her, will graduate this year and move on while I remain for my senior year. It seems like just yesterday, she was walking into my cramped room on the third floor of Jenkins Hall. She entered my life at a time when I thought I had already established myself on campus. But Shawna brought something special that I didn't know I needed in my life—sunshine. My sometimes-melancholy disposition was no match for her innate ability to see the positive side of everything. Her simplistic outlook on life challenged my tendency to over-analyze my life. Shawna taught me to just live. The shared memories of gospel choir tours, shopping every weekend, and spontaneous trips to VA will remind

me of her always.

Shawna is one of the few people on this earth who can deal with me. Though it is hard to admit, I am difficult at times to deal with, but Shawna always managed to hang in there with me, even though my mood swings and season of constant drama. (Thank God for deliverance.) She stood beside me in times of embarrassment, sorrow, heart-break, defeat, joy, celebration, success, and victory. In my lowest times, Shawna's strength has pulled me from the depths of despair. In my highest times, Shawna has genuinely celebrated my successes. I can honestly say the Marisa Kentrell Phillips is a better person for having been blessed to befriend Shawna Jennifer Ellis.

Shawna, as you leave Delaware State and begin your career, know that my love and prayers are with you. From Jenkins 338 to Towers Suite A to 428-B, I can't imagine what my DSU experience would have been without you. You are a child of light, shining in the darkness. I see God in you, I hope you see Him in you too. He has a plan and purpose for your life, follow it. Trust in Him and He will direct your path. Protect the progress you've made at all costs. You've come so far to turn back now. We'll always have buying luggage in Ensenada, my collapsing in the grass, the Towers dilemma, December 2, 2001, skee-wees across campus, midnight ministry, Skee-Phi escapades, that memorable night with Calvin (skee-yo), the fight in La Tolteca, all night prayer, 'come on and lift those hands', adventures in HS MIRQL,

spring ball, air mattresses, rent scares, cut-off notices, 'I am a member of Oasis of Refreshing Ministries where my pastor is Overseer Bruce V. Parham' and Saturday morning chats to fill our hearts while we are apart. I love you, Shawna. WONDER TWINZ! PINKY POWER, ACTIVATE!



SPRING BALL -- 20 Questions

by Ghostwriter

1. Whose dress had more holes than a piece of Swiss cheese?
2. Why did all the females have flowers in their hair? (And who is still wearing them?)
3. A lot of females wore dresses with glitter, but who still had glitter on their face days after the party?
4. Who came to the Spring Ball in a stretch navigator?
5. Why did Men's Council/Women's Senate call the Spring Ball site the wrong name for two years in a row? (The sign said Christina River Club—not Christiana)
6. Who didn't know whom comedian, Michael Blackston was until he started talking?
7. Who looked like chip 'n' dale's reject and what was he planning to do with those handcuffs?
8. How many females got upset because someone else had the same dress on? (What do you expect when you shop at the Dover Mall?)
9. Who messed up their eyes wearing sunglasses inside all night long?
10. What guys recycled their Easter suits for the Spring Ball?
11. Why are the football players always fighting?
12. Whose Spring Ball outfits got messed up when the police start spraying pepper spray?
13. And who was running to move their car in fear of someone fighting on their hood?
14. Can any DJ's play Bofecrusher without someone getting knocked on the ground?
15. What was the point in passing out raffle tickets for door prizes that were never given out?
16. Who was asking for Spring Ball t-shirts in a size 5X? (Try Evers Hall for big white tees)
17. Why were people who couldn't get into the Spring Ball outside 'parking lot pimpin'?
18. Can we add the River Club to the list of places DSU students are banned from?
19. Who went to a Spring Ball after party in a Wilmington Hotel or Courtyard Apt.?
20. Are next years Men's Council/Women's Senate going to find a comfortable place to have the Spring Ball?

REALITY CHECK

By: B Dot™

Well, it's been real and it's been good..... real good. The time has come Dover when we all got to go back to our respective states, cities, and whatever crack in the wall you came out of. This semester hasn't been that bad. I mean, since I never been to college before, the experience has been pretty decent. Good looking out Del State.

I'm not really going to comment on the Spring Ball because it was like a beautiful people convention. Except for the dumb ass guys who wore sun glasses inside and the semi fat girls who had the pouch stomach from their tight dresses, I really can't say anything bad about the ball.

For my last Reality Check, I'm going to express my feelings about this year by just acknowledging some people that helped me get to the spot that I'm at today. First, I'd like to thank all the knee cap suckers and boot lickers that said I couldn't do this newspaper thing. I know you can't stand the fact that I'm doing good and I'm on the way of becoming a household name.

To my girl Freckles who gave me the inspiration to talk..... stay mean. I got three more years here, so I'm not even close to being done with you. To the café, for putting my 165lb. ass on

permanent diet, thanks. Cause of yall, I now look like I'm able to audition for one of those feed the children commercials that come on BET on a Sunday morning.

Big acknowledgement to the smartest man in the world a.k.a Dr. Williams. You really know how to put a Negro in his place. Thanks for the real reality checks.

Who would have thought Greasy from Plainfield would have had a hot radio show? It was good while it last right? Watch yourself cause' ol' uncle B.dot might be making a come back on the airwaves next semester.

To all the graduating seniors, good luck after DSU. I pray you did some sort of internship during these last four years here. I really don't want to see you become a statistic, you know, being one of those college kids with a degree working at Red Lobster.

Well Del State, all good things must come to an end and so must this column. I really would like to big up all the people that took the time out or stopped me on campus and told me how much they appreciate what I'm doing for this newspaper. I'm not a journalist; this writing thing is just a hobby, so your feedback is definitely valued. Remember, I speak for all yall. Until next semester, I'm out.

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COMMENTARY

Message to Seniors: The Wise, The Smart, & the Dumb

By: Hollie Ratliff

To the graduating seniors, you are the ones who are getting ready to go out into the real world, unless you're going to graduate school. I hope while you were at Delaware State University you learned something besides playing football or learning that we only have parties once a month. Realize that this no joke now. What are you going to do with your life?

I hope you will have a plan and understand that you may not be

making that much money when you leave here. I also encourage you not only to have plans, but to have thought them out. Don't get into something just for the money and don't get desperate. I know that from personal experience, IT DOESN'T WORK!

Be happy with the things you do and have fun with your life. Make the best out of your blessings.

I leave you with this last thought, in life we have three types of people the wise, the smart

and the dumb. The wise people are the ones who never make bad decisions, always thinking things through. Then there's the smart people, who have learned from their mistakes, and try not to do them again.

Lastly, we have the dumb people, who keep playing around, doing the same thing, knowing the situation was wrong in the beginning. My advice to you is become a part of the wise or smart because those are the only ones who will make it in this world!

Message to Underclassmen



By: Sadiqa Glenn
Graduating Senior

Graduating from Del State seems like something that can never be achieved, but whether it takes you four years or six, don't give up, even when the system tries to purge you over the summer. My time has finally come, and as a senior I just wanted to leave some words of wisdom from things I have encountered over the past four years.

First things first, stop complaining about what you shoulda', woulda', and coulda' did with you life. The fact is that you are a Del

State student and you can make the best out of this college experience.

I will admit when I first came here, like many of you, I had thoughts of transferring to another school. At this point I'm glad that I did not. I have made some of my closest friends here and have come across a few teachers that genuinely cared for me.

Even though you may be thinking that you should have gone to a "better school" just remember that the grass is not always greener on the other side. All colleges and universities have their problems—it just seems like sometimes the bad outweighs the good. After you get over the fact that you are at Del State and will one day graduate from here, get involved with activities that will enhance your college experience. Join professional organizations, run for a campus office position, and go to activities other than parties.

We often complain about there not being anything to do on campus, which is true, on certain weeks. Did it ever occur to you to make up something to during the

week or on the weekends besides rushing home? I remember my freshman year how a large group of students got together and organized a game of Manhunt or a grown up version of hide and seek. It may sound childish but it was something to do. Just my thoughts people...I know you could come up with something if you tried.

Last but not least, don't waste your summers. I know after stressing over work and tests all year long, the last thing you want to do is work a nine to five. But take it from someone who has wasted a few summers working part-time jobs, you will be much better off after you graduate if you work a full-time job or GET AN INTERNSHIP.

You need to get as much experience in your major as possible or valuable work experience as well. I don't want to sound like your parents so I'll close with that. Just remember we all go through the struggle at Del State, and in three, four, five...however many years it takes for you to get out of here because in the end, it is all worth it!

Good, Better, Best

By: Tyjanea Harper

If you possess determination that is a good indicator that you will be a champion in whatever you choose to pursue in life. The profound will to persevere against insurmountable odds, rejections, and disappointments, are some of the stepping-stones to reaching your dreams.

The word determination embodies power, manifesting qualities, such as courage, boldness, and a will to dare against the odds. Acquiring a fixed determination is a quality that needs to be inherent in your pursuit to accomplish whatever

er you set out to achieve.

After being rejected from a recent position that I applied for, I was compelled to share my present condition. Not to reveal too much detail, I politely and professionally was turned down from a position that I applied for as a result of more superior competition, according to what my evaluators thought. Consequently, I felt the immediate sting of having an opportunity shunned because of better competition (or the indiscretion of the employers).

Nonetheless, I immediately was able to summon courage that is manifested in this phrase: God

grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know that difference.

To those who can identify with my perspective, I encourage you to constantly improve every aspect of your life. Know that you are good. You will be better, and when it is all said and done, you will be at your best. Just stay determined!

In the pursuit of reaching for your stars, you will win some and you will lose some. Don't get perplexed! Channel your energy productively, and like me, you will ultimately win.

POETRY CORNER

The Flame
By Keith D. Mullen

I miss the person I used to be
All the pressure confuses me
The heat sometimes lights a fuse in me
What starts this fire?
Am I lost, frustrated and tired?
Or is this flame deviously inspired?
Can the torch be passed on?
From the person to person, when a baby's born-
I don't understand
Morals, ethics, and values- Damn!
What am I supposed to do?
Be like the rest of society, be like you?
Keep it calm and cool
It's hard to keep this fire sealed
You ask me "How does it feel?"
It's a burden
But I can't let you see I'm hurting
There's a flame in you too, but it's lurking
Soon it'll burn brighter than a thousand candles
How will you handle the flame?

The Spring What?

By: Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

For most of us April 26 was a night to remember, and for some of us we hope the ones who remember forget.

Delaware State University's Men's Council and Women's Senate threw a formal "party" at the Christina River Club. The event this year wasn't too much different than a typical party at Delaware State University, as it shared many similarities. Both involve a heated room, people who don't dress for the occasion, and a usual fight at the end.

Upon entering to a few faculty and students collecting tickets, you were greeted by students, who flooded into the hallway and near the bathrooms. Once making your way into the party, it was hard to find any one you recognized, it was either because there were a lot of invited guests, or the blinding glare from someone's dress.

Making your way through the small, cramped, hot, and loud confusion was difficult, but if you ran into Kadijah Beyah it was worth it. Ms. Beyah could be found by the bar keeping her and any one near her cool in her all white pin striped pants suit, from United Colors of Benetton. I am not sure if it was her radiant smile, or the beautiful lily she wore in her hair, but she looked fabulous.

Many other students put their best foot forward as well. Na'imah Boone was one of two ladies I noticed at the event who looked stunning in her original design, inspired by Angela Missoni. Na'imah wears her hair in locks, which symbolize power, respect, and knowledge, so she chose an ensemble to display she truly knows fashion. When Na'imah came full force into the ball, with a plunging coveled neckline, and flowing train, which accompanied her confident attitude, I heard the song "Move ***** get out the way" because she had arrived.

Other women equally as sexy were Aggie Zongo, and per usual Marsha Carey. Aggie wore a black, fitted mini dress by Arden B, and a pair of high-

heeled stiletto sandals. Another lady on the softer side was sophomore, Carlene Young. Carlene kept it simple and to the point. She kept her hair in a neat bun, and her makeup to a minimum, if any was worn at all. She wore a biased cut, soft, knee length dress that gave the illusion that Carlene was gliding on air.

Shoes were another key aspect in the outfits at the annual ball. Of the three women I noticed with gorgeous shoes, two pair were BCBG, and Kenneth Cole designed another pair. Danielle Taylor, who coincidentally won Spring Ball Queen, and Lashare wore BCBG heels that went perfect with both of their styles, and dresses. Clarice Butts however took a lower, and more comfortable approach, with a strappy kitten heel black sandal.

Not all was good this year. I spotted a few don'ts. If you needed brown jell for your hairstyle, it wasn't a good style. There is nothing cute about hair that crunches. Waterfalls belong in the jungle not a ball. Ladies remember if you did decide to go with a high in the sky hair-do take it down the next day! To walk around campus in sweats, with a French roll, confuses people. Next year shoot for a style you can sleep comfortable in, and wear the next day.

There weren't just ladies at the ball, the men came out as well. Personally, I was surprised to see the men did a lot better than the ladies.

Since there isn't too much you can do to a suit to mess it up most did good. Some guys got really creative and there were three that stood out. Freshman, Jeff Daniels wore a blue baseball cap, and a matching suit, it was really playful, and creative. Overall, it was a good idea. Then there were two other creations, that weren't so much playful, but indeed creative. One had a cop theme, and the other was like a colorful wild animal theme. To each his own I guess. It was refreshing to see that so many guys weren't afraid of color, and doing something different than their every day jerseys.

Keep up the good work.

ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Review

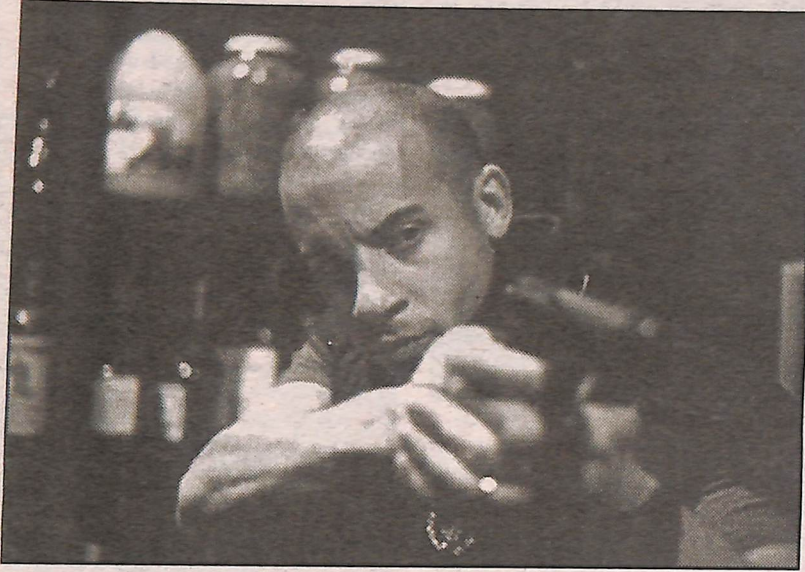
A Man Apart

By: Shannon Harrington
Entertainment Editor

Spring has finally sprung, bringing forth beautiful, blooming blossoms and box office hits. *A Man Apart*, starring Larenz Tate and Vin Diesel, has arrived right on time. Finally, a movie that was made for both men and women to enjoy! This flick has more than enough guilty pleasures for everyone.

For the males, prepare for every one of your secret indulgences to be fulfilled with a plethora of sex, drugs, and gun-play. And ladies, not only are you blessed with the long awaited return of Larenz Tate, but there's also a surprise in store. Two words...Vin Diesel. Yes, ladies, V. Diesel is the new flavor of the month, and he is *mmm MMM MMM* good! But let's get back to the movie.

The plot of this movie is surprisingly intricate, but not completely complicated. In other words, this is not a film for those



who do not like to think. I will make it simple: Two thugs- (Tate, Diesel) turned cops-turn back into thugs-then turn back to the law and save the day...all in the name of love. From the streets of South Central to the dirt roads of Tijuana, Mexico, Tate and Diesel team up to take on the cocaine lords of the infamous Mexican cartel.

Overall, *A Man Apart* com-

bines fast action with romance to bring forth one great movie. The plot has enough twist and turns to keep your mind spinning if you do not pay attention, with added love scenes to balance it all out. Although this movie has been out for quite some time, it is definitely one worth seeing and is highly recommended for an addition to that good ol' DVD collection.

The Best of 20 Questions 2002-2003

1. Who is that girl with the pink extension weave? - 9. 23.02
2. Why does everyone think they can dance when "Just gimme the light" by Sean Paul comes on? - 9. 23.02
3. Is the WHOLE school on the DSU gospel choir? - 10.7.02
4. Are all of the student leaders messing around with each other? - 10.21.02
5. Who came out to the White Tee party without a White T-shirt and thought they would blend in? - 10.21.02
6. Why are girls leaving their quick weaves in too long? - 10.21.02
7. Who broke into cars (homecoming) when the doors were unlocked? - 11.8.02
8. Was Freeway's performance an advertisement for an AND 1 mix tape? - 11.8.02
9. Why was the time between acts during the concert longer than the actual performances? - 11.8.02
10. Is Jigga really getting married to Beyonce? If so, what would their kids look like? (See student voices) - 11.25.02
11. Why do "the homecoming groupies" think that The Hornet newspaper ruined their reputations, when in reality they did it to themselves by "shaking it fast" on stage and "posting up" backstage? - 11.25.02
12. Who missed the entire first week of classes because they were in line waiting for student accounts to press a button? - 2.7.03
13. Who started counting down the days until the boom room? - 2.14.03
14. Who is getting caught sneaking into the residence halls when they live in the courtyards? - 2.28.03
15. What lasted longer, 50 Cent's performance or the Tyson-Etienne fight? - 2.28.03
16. Who was stealing from the cafeteria during the snow storm? - 2.28.03
17. Are the freshman cheating on their alcohol awareness exams? - 2.28.03
18. Who towed Miss DSU's car? - 10.21.02
19. When did the courtyards become "The Jumpoff Spot" every night? - 9.23.02
20. Why does Hornets #21 keep fumbling the football? - 10.7.02

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SPORTS

Vaillancourt and Martin Head of Senior Class of Seven

By: Sharod Oliphant

Sunday, April 24, 2003 is a day that the seniors on the Delaware State University baseball team will never forget. Not only was it Senior Day for one of Del State's best baseball recruiting



classes ever, but it was also the day that two of the most influential players ever to grace a Delaware State University baseball uniform would lace them up for the last time at Soldier Field.

The two players who have combined to break almost every Delaware



State University pitching and batting record, that really matters, were honored in a manner in which neither of them could have ever fathomed during the pre-game Senior Day ceremony.

After the fans were given a chance to pay homage to the seven seniors that have helped bring four straight Northern Division MEAC championships to Del State, everyone directed their attention to the scoreboard where an unveiling occurred; the numbers of Timmy Vaillancourt (31) and Scott Martin (4) were retired.

Timmy Vaillancourt holds the Delaware State University pitching records for most appearances, strikeouts, and most importantly, wins, while still maintaining an earned run average (per 9 innings) of 3.74. Vaillancourt to

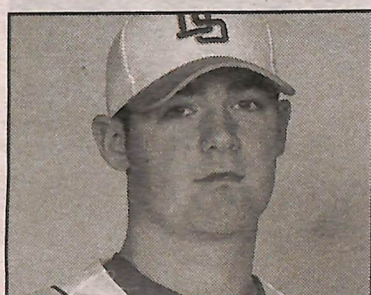


his credit also collected the first no-hitter by a Del State pitcher in over a decade.

Martin on the other hand, owns basically every important batting record at the school accumulating 52 homeruns in his career, 249 hits, 227 runs batted in, and the record for most homeruns in one season (18) in 2002. He also accomplished in 655 at bats. Martin is also a 2-time All-MEAC first team selection.

"It was an awesome honor...it's been four great years here," when I

asked him how he felt about having his number retired. "I am speechless...it came as a surprise," were Scott Martin's comments when I asked him to describe his feelings about the reality that he will be the last one to wear the



number four at Delaware State ever.

"These guys have been tremendous leaders leading by example and more vocally this year. This is a special group. Hopefully the guys remaining will step up even more next year," said head coach J.T. Blandin when asked about his seniors.

I can not neglect to mention the other five seniors who have too been instrumental in the turnaround this program has made over the last four years. Designated hitter Buster Hammond, pitcher Mike O'Dea, catcher Nate Babcock, catcher Keith Seeney, and pitcher Adam Scott, deserve an immense amount of credit in the numerous contributions made by the players on and off the field.

In talking with Coach Blandin, it was obvious that these guys mean more to the team than they know. "Adam does a great job relieving for us as a

lefty" said Blandin when asked about Adam Scott's contributions. He continued and gave me his analysis of his senior catchers saying, "Nate Babcock is the best defensive catcher that I have coached and he also did a great job play-calling behind the mound...Keith Seeney does a great job getting our pitchers ready and in relief for Babcock." Through talking with Mike O'Dea, it was apparent he had mixed emotions about the day saying, "It was emotional out there but it's been a great ride."

I don't think there could have been



a better exclamation point made than the pinch-hit home run by Buster Hammond who all but solidified a (10-0) shutout against the Savannah State Tigers to close out their final home game at Soldier Field. "I thank Coach Blandin for just giving me a chance to have that last at-bat. I'm just glad I could contribute to the team," Buster responded when asked to discuss how the solo shot made him feel.

Despite being Senior Day, it was evident that the Hornets were not ready to pack their season in with the playoffs

coming up. It is clear that the seniors on the team are not willing to accept anything short of a National Championship and they deserve it for the vast work they have put in over these last four years. I think Nate Babcock said it best



when he told me "The season isn't over yet. It's just the end for us at Soldier Field."

All seven seniors were advent about acknowledging their parents for supporting them and to the coaches for giving them an opportunity to make a



statement as a Delaware State University baseball player. I wish these guys best of luck in the playoffs and in the rest of their endeavors. BRING HOME THE CHIP!!!

The 2002-2003 Sports Wrap-Up

By Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

Another year at good ole Delaware State University ends with this sports section, and in my first year of holding down the sports page, I want to thank those who read this section, because without you guys, I wouldn't be able to do this. And to those that don't...you'll get over it.

Anyway, this year in sports at Del State City has been an emotional and physical rollercoaster, and to recap the year's events, we begin with the start of it all.

During the first two weekends of the year, the Hornet football team started the season with a 16-10 win at the now-discredited Morris Brown, and followed up with a 41-9 assault of Savannah State to open up the home season.

Little did they know that for the next two months, win became a dirty, almost perverse word, as six straight losses, both close and not-so-close, took their toll on the team's chemistry and play on the field.

However, there's nothing like homecoming week to spring eternal hope. The 27-21 W over a South Carolina State team who was contending for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title finally gave football fans at 1200 North DuPont Highway something to smile about.

By wins and losses, the Hornet bowling team wasn't successful per se, but I looking at averages and

game scores, and I see some women who would beat me within an inch of my life in a bowling alley. Good job, ladies.

For the first time ever, women's soccer was in the building as a DSU sport. Although wins and goals were hard to come by, tons of experience was gained and next year should be a better year for Hornets soccer.

Women's basketball had its best year ever, winning 20 games in a season for the first time (with nine and 10-game winning streaks sandwiched in), which isn't bad for a team who was picked to finish seventh in the MEAC.

The dynamic duo of Rutgers transfer Mandy Clark and Terrelle Waller shot the lights out all year long, and an opportunistic and aggressive defense (which finished third in the nation in steals) embarrassed teams after somewhat of a slow start until finally falling to Hampton in the conference finals.

The men's team had a unique year itself, going undefeated at Memorial Hall for the first time since joining the conference during the 1970-71 season. However, the Hornets' season came to an unexpected end, losing a close overtime game to Howard in the MEAC quarterfinals.

Tiffany Barnes was a champion throughout the indoor track season and the senior from Queens, NY ran at the World indoor track championships in London, England in mid-March,

and we congratulate her for that achievement.

The Delaware State baseball team is well on its way to another MEAC Northern Division title and they won the season series from in-state rival University of Delaware for the first time ever, making them state champions in a way. Their next goal is to win the MEAC tournament, which is a real possibility.

The women's softball team is also doing the damn thing in the Northern Division, as a first place team looking to repeat its championship run during '02 season.

In intramural basketball, Blake Saunders and his "Young Gunns" became the 2003 champions and Captain Saunders guarantees a repeat in '04 with this statement added; "Either you love us, or love to hate us, either way, you love us."

Finally, it looks like the new football stadium is becoming a reality. The first phase of the 30-million dollar DSU sports complex, which is a brand-new wellness center, will have its groundbreaking ceremony on May 7th. The stadium will be completed within five years, bringing 50 years of DSU football at Alumni Stadium to a close.

So that's the wrap on a year of ups, downs, and inside-outs of Delaware State sports. With improving teams, outstanding individual players, and continued fan support, the future looks really bright for Hornets sports,

and I look forward to covering it for the school.

Until September, may everyone have a pleasant summer, and be safe in whatever you do. Oh, and please

take care of your b.i. here. July 15, 2003 is Armageddon around Del State, so have your money paid so you can read the Stinging Truth...oh yeah, and get your education.

THANK YOU

from the
2002-2003

Men's Council
"Men of Solidarity"
&
Women's Senate
"Nascure"

Men's Council:

Harold McCray, Blake Saunders, Shane Black, David Newman, Michael Feeney

Women's Senate:

Samantha Buchanan, Lori Nelson, Danyele Harris, Sequana Anderson, Jessica Witherspoon

SPORTS

Yankees Destined For Greatness

By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Many call them the Bronx Bombers, but with their best start in franchise history the New York Yankees look to regain their title as World Series champions.

As of press time the Yankees record stands at an impressive 20-5 (.800). The San Francisco Giants, 18-6 (.750) and Kansas City Royals, 17-5 (.773) are also off to great starts, but what makes the Yankees start so remarkable is the key losses they've overcome.

Perhaps the best closer in Major League Baseball, Mariano Rivera, has missed the first 25 games of the season with a strained

right groin. Rivera, who is known for his high-90 mph fast balls and shutting down the opposition in the ninth, is about as close to sure thing as you can get in baseball when it comes to closing a game.



All-Star Shortstop,
Derek Jeter

New acquisition, Juan Acevedo (formerly of the Detroit Tigers), has closed all five save opportunities put in front of him thus far. Chris Hammond and Antonio Osuna have also helped the Yankee bullpen to "seal the deal" on many close games. But, Osuna has also recently fallen victim to the groin injury bug and has been placed on the 15-day disabled list. Fortunately for the Yankees Rivera is scheduled to re-join the team shortly and will resume his position as the closer.

Another key player missing from the bullpen is setup man, Steve Karsay, who earned his place in the winning equation, after an impressive debut 2002 season with the Yanks.

While the talk continues about the great start of the Yanks, the rehabilitation efforts of injured All-Star shortstop, Derek Jeter remains progressive. Jeter, whose left shoulder was dislocated in the opening game of the season, recently began to hit off of a tee in Tampa and plans to begin taking batting practice. Jeter still has about a month left on the disabled list, and in his absence has been rookie shortstop, Eric Almonte. Though he has struggled, batting only .246 (17-69), Almonte is getting the experience he needs to survive in George Steinbrenner's Yankee dynasty.

Picking up the slack for the Yankees has been second baseman, Alfonso Soriano, who is off to an MVP-like start batting .388 with nine homeruns and 25

RBIs. The offense of Bernie Williams, Raul Mondesi, and Jorge Posada have also made key contributions to the Yankees success, especially when powerhouse first baseman Jason Giambi is off to a slow start. Giambi, (batting just .202, while bringing in 16 RBIs and five homeruns).

The Yankee start would not be complete without mentioning "GODZILLA," Hideki Matsui, who brought the fans in the Bronx to their feet with a game winning homerun temporarily winning the hearts of the toughest fans in baseball. The pressure for Matsui has been tremendous since joining the Yankee organization from Japan, and he continues to make strides in adjusting to his new atmosphere.

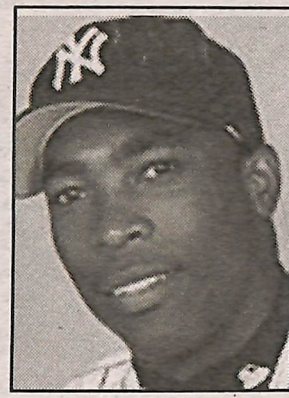
Last, but certainly not least the Yankees starting pitching staff has been

phenomenal picking up 17 of the teams 25 victories. Mike Mussina leads the way with five wins, 42 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.70. David Wells, Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens, and Jeff Weaver complete the five man rotation,

which looks to be one of the best in baseball.

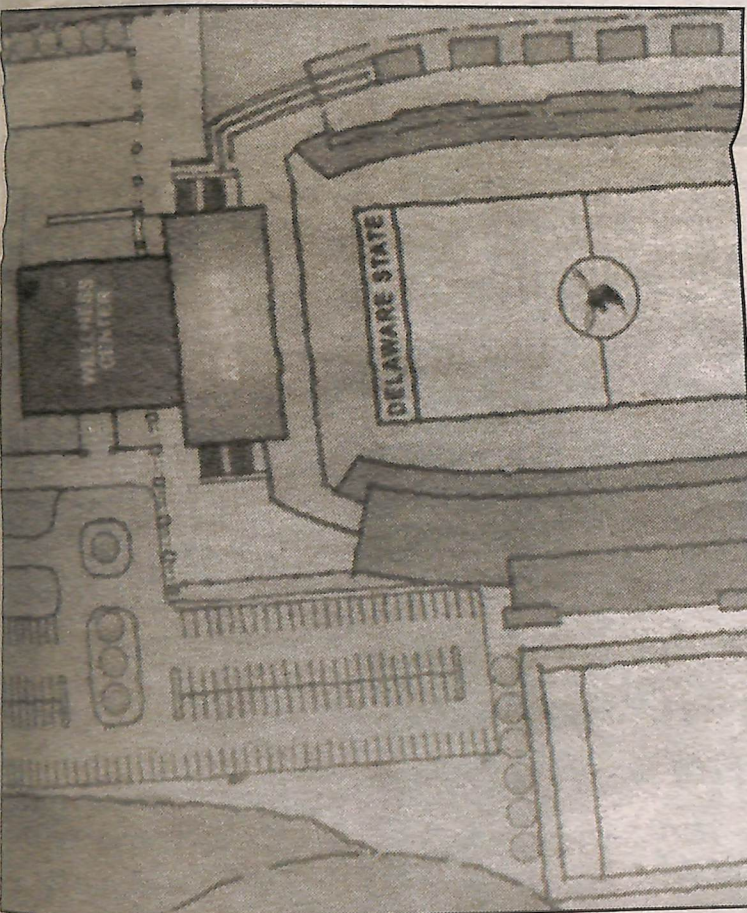
The Yankees are coming off of their best road trip in nine years winning eight of 10 games. The road trip saw the Yanks 4-game sweep of the Minnesota Twins for the first time since 1993 (the first time ever at the Metrodome),

and take two out of three from the Texas Rangers and current World Champions, the Anaheim Angels.



Alfonso Soriano

Sports/Health & Wellness Complex Groundbreaking



(Courtesy of the DSU Insider)

DSU will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for its Sports/Health & Wellness Complex at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7. The event will take place at the site of the complex, an open parcel of land at the southwest corner of College Road and U.S. 13 near the Delaware Agriculture Museum.

The complex is a proposed \$30 million structure that will accommodate academic classrooms, computer labs, exercise rooms, and weight training facilities. The complex will also include a new stadium that will serve as the home of the DSU Hornet football program.

The construction is planned to take place in two phases, beginning with the construction of a 54,125-squarefoot

Health and Wellness Center that will include a variety state-of-the-art features. The activities in the Wellness Center will have implications for faculty and students in several disciplines, including nursing, social work, sports management, and physical education.

The accessibility of the Wellness Center to the community will further extend the university's substantial community outreach.

Phase Two will involve the construction of a stadium that will initially provide seating for 8,000 fans. It will replace the current Alumni Stadium and provide an upgraded training facility for DSU athletes.

For more information, contact the Division of University Advancement at x6055.

Top 10 DSU Sports Moments of 2002-2003

By Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

With this year finally in the books, it's time to look back on what was really good with Delaware State University athletics this year. With several, players, plays, and games giving Hornet sports fans something to cheer about, narrowing it down to the top 10 wasn't easy, but we got it done. Here is your top 10 Hornet sports moments of the past year. Enjoy.

10. The best football game DSU played all year was a 35-28 overtime loss at an improving Morgan State team, which led to a victory the following week (see moment number two). This event however was made memorable by the debut of the enthusiastic "D-block" pep squad, and the Approaching Swarm showing off its new uniforms and timeless music skills, outshining Morgan's band during their own homecoming.

9. Coming off of a MEAC women's track championship the season before, Delaware State University gained an individual star in Tiffany Barnes, who ran at the indoor world Championships in London, England, becoming the first Delaware State runner to accomplish such a feat.

8. Joining Washington Redskins wide receiver Darnerian McCants in the NFL ranks from DSU will be senior offensive lineman Jamaal Jackson, who signed a rookie free-agent contract with the Philadelphia Eagles, who need help on the O-line.

7. One of the best individual seasons by a DSU football player belonged to DaShaun "Mishetti" Morris. Counted on to make big plays all year, Morris returned four kickoffs for touchdowns, finished in the top 10 in the MEAC in receiving yards, and excited fans with his speed and juke moves.

6. The Hornets baseball team took the season series from the University of Delaware by a 6-4 margin, winning the season series for the first time ever, prompting Hens coach Jim Sherman to call DSU "state champs." Also in this successful season, Scott Martin of Middletown became State's all-time home run king, and he and fellow senior, pitcher Tim Valliantcourt, got their jerseys retired.

5. The Delaware State University



Terrell Waller

men's basketball team did something that hasn't been done in recent school basketball history, and that was go undefeated at home. 11 teams came through intimate little Memorial Hall, and none of them were able to take a victory away from the Hornet basket-

ball team.

4. One of those memorable home wins was an 83-78 victory over eventual MEAC champ South Carolina State (Hornets always sting Bulldogs) on January 25th. Miles Davis had himself a game with 20 points on six three pointers, and Aaron Matthews nearly blew the roof off the gym when he slammed a miss back in over two S.C. State defenders.

3. With a six-game losing streak (I got it right this time, Mike) weighing down the Delaware State football team going into the November 2nd homecoming game against South Carolina State, the Hornets played their second-best game of the season in beating the Bulldogs 27-21 in front of a sold-out Alumni Hall crowd. For one day at least, the magic was back in Delaware State football, and it was wonderful to see.

2. The UMES trip ranks as number two for the way the games were played, not for the events that transpired afterwards. Terrelle Waller had the illest crossover move of the season, and Mandy Clark had nine steals as the Lady Hornets waxed the Lady Hawks 78-64, and Andre Matthews took over late as the DSU men swept Eastern Shore also by a count of 63-55.

1. For the first time ever, they won 20 games in a season. For the first time ever, they won 10 consecutive games, coming after a then-school record nine wins in a row. They finished third in the NCAA in steals. They came this close to winning the MEAC championship.

Who are they? The Delaware State University Lady Hornets basketball team, usually a sparsely-attended preview for the men's showdowns, the Lady Hornets outshined their counterparts with the most successful season in their history.

STUDENT VOICES

What was the most memorable DSU moment of the 2002-2003 academic year?



Boyenoh Gaye, Biotechnology, Junior -- "The most memorable moment was at the Back to School Concert when G-Dep performed the same song (Special Delivery) like 5 times. Also, when "Purpose" won Women's Senate.



India King, Public Relations, Freshman -- "My most memorable moment was the snowstorm in February because we received a break from classes."



Nadia Feinster, Undecided, Freshman -- "When our soccer team scored the first goal of the season!"



Duante Williams, Middle Level Education, Freshman -- "My most memorable event was the white tee shirt party. I had a lot of fun



Samina Miles, Primary Education, Freshman -- "My most memorable moment was being in the fashion show."



Kevin Spence, Mass Communication, Freshman -- My most memorable moment was the blackout. That night made me realize that Delaware State is the best at reaking havoc on college campuses. Conwell all day!



Quiescence Phillips, Computer Science, Freshman -- "Breaking my ankle at the first skating party."



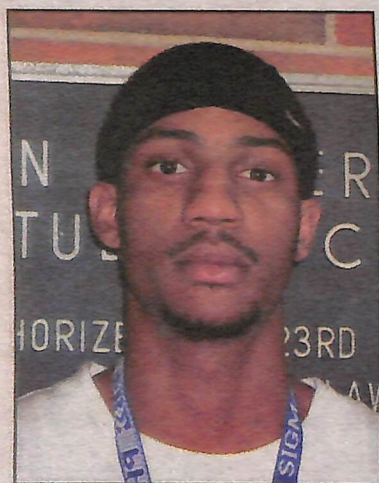
Krystle Woodyard, Criminal Justice, Freshman -- "Getting the wind knocked out of me from the snow ball thrown at my chest and sliding off the roof of the gym!"



Sean Marshall, TV Production, Junior -- "Seeing mice running through buildings three and four of the courtyards."



Jeff Daniels, Environmental Science, Freshman -- "Hearing about my boy getting shot. RIP Champ."



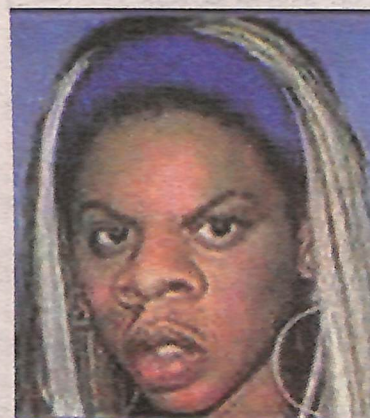
Marcus Lusby, Television Production, Sophomore -- "When I and 7 more black brothers crossed over Phi Beta Sigma Fall 2002 Blu Phi You Know!!!"



Helena Lucas, Management Information Systems, Junior -- "My most memorable moment was at speech night when Harold went hard."



Nashia Taylor, Primary Education, Junior -- "My most memorable moment was when Purpose won for Women Senate 2003-2004!"



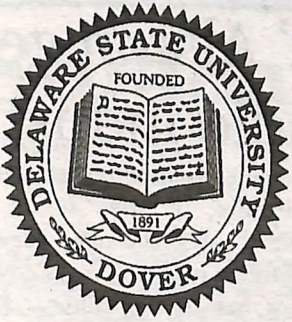
Jayoncé Knowles-Carter, Hair & Nail Technology (new), 3rd Semester Freshman -- "Um, I feel as though homecoming was aight. But, next year my parents Jay-Z & Beyonce should be there. SGA call me for the hook up."



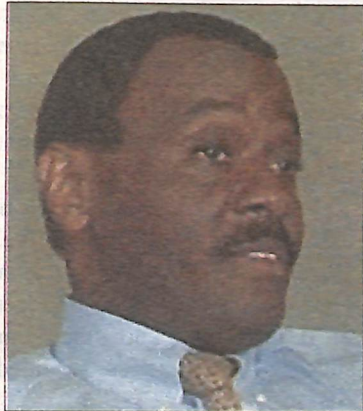
Scary Houston, Undecided, Graduate Student -- "I like to stay close to the streets; so you know my most memorable moment was seeing 50 cent jump into the crowd on Valentine's Day. Don't be a wanksta. You better lay low!"

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Sessoms to transform DSU



Dr. Allen Sessoms

By: Jennifer Robinson
News Editor

New President Dr. Allen Sessoms is bringing with him ideas of advancement all around. In an August 22 interview, he touched upon the areas of academics, athletics, community involvement, and renovations for the university.

Sessoms says he is fully aware of the potential that lies within Delaware State University's walls. He is bringing with him not only his vast array of experience with institutions, but his character optimism.

"I think it's going to be a great year," said Sessoms.

Sessoms who is also well-known for his emphasis on international relations, plans to open the doors of DSU to international students as well as provide students with further study

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New building, same drama



Marisa K. Phillips/Hornet Staff

Hundreds of students fill the first floor lobby of the administration building on the first day of classes, hoping to speak to financial aid, student accounts, and/or records staff.

'One-stop shop' leaves students frustrated

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

The memories of standing for hours in the endless lines of the sweltering hot and extremely intimate old administration building,

Grossley Hall, may be long gone for upper classmen, but for new students the new building still reeks of the same problems.

Incoming freshmen, Desiree Perez referred to the new system as "highly unor-

ganized," as she stood in line to speak with a financial aid representative on the morning of August 18.

The spacious new building, which officially opened its doors late last semester, includes high ceil-

ings, computers to check account information, seating areas, and air conditioning to prevent breaking a sweat while standing in line.

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DSU student lands job on KISS 101.7

By: Jennifer Robinson
News Editor

While only a junior at DSU, Kelle' Alston has already snagged an on-air host position with popular R&B radio station KISS 101.7.

Alston first learned of her position while merely surfing the web. She decided to visit the website for KISS 101.7 and came upon the ad for a job opening with the station. Although she

figured that the position would more than likely already be filled, she decided to give the station a call anyway. It was during that same day that the

owner, Tony Q., requested that she create an air check (a sample of her work). He then called her in for an interview. Once she received the news that she had in



Kelle' Alston

fact been selected for the position, she began with mid-day shifts. Now that she has settled into her role as a member of the KISS 101.7 team, she has moved to 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8-12 p.m. on Saturday.

"I feel blessed beyond measures. I am a living witness of what God can truly do and he is not finished yet," said Alston.

Her love for the radio began when she was just a small

child. While other children were playing the role of doctor, Kelle' was busy acting like a disc jockey. It was in her senior year of high school that she obtained an internship with WCAO Clear Channel Station in Baltimore. When she entered DSU, she began as an on-air personality with WDSU. In her sophomore year she served as program director for the station.

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Sessoms/ New president seeks to change DSU image

"I think it's going to be a great year."

Dr. Allen Sessoms
DSU President

He believes that these programs are vital to students. and given them maximum exposure. He would also like to forge relationships with countries abroad for students currently on-campus.

The retention rate is also an issue he will focus on. He would like to raise more scholarship money as well as raise the standards of admission into the university. For those students who are perhaps not quite ready to enter a university, he suggests a start at a community college with eventual transfer to DSU. He stated that once this trend is set into place, it will be known that if admitted to DSU, success is an expectation.

It is in his opinion that students come to college without the necessary tools for success, which in the end leads to failure and eventual withdrawal from the school. He feels that DSU needs to ensure that students are provided with the appropriate tools for success after college.

Also along with the plan of new renovations for DSU, a sport wellness complex as well as

football stadium is scheduled for construction. In the meantime of the construction of the new football stadium and plans for updating the current stadium are underway. The current stadium will have new lights as well as seating. Other renovations scheduled for the university are the construction of new dorms as well as cafeterias. There will be approximately 600 beds in each new dorm. The first new residence hall and cafeteria are to begin construction around September or October and will be completed by August or September 2004. Convell Hall residents will be moved into the first completed new residence hall and then, Convell Hall will be torn down. Sessoms says there is a prospect for a new student center, but no final decisions of construction have been made at this time.

Sessoms expressed an interest in changing the image of DSU. He stressed that the public relations and marketing department of the university needs to be changed and revived. He expressed that our university contains tremendous programs and has produced exceptional people. Sessoms believes that we must now rely on the students to get the university out there and create our reputation for excellence.

He also stressed that our university needs to become the state university of Delaware. He has already met with various community leaders of the area and also plans to visit every high school in the state, the ultimate goal being to reach out to the regions.

Sessoms also has plans for reaching out to the students of DSU. He has met with various groups, taking each concern into consideration. He will also be visible on-campus and students can count on his attendance at student events.

"I think we are going to forming this place from a college beginning the process of really transforming this place from a college to a university," said Sessoms.

Dream/Kelle' Alston gets heads up in radio industry

Now as she enters her junior year, she is the station manager for WDSU. As station manager for WDSU, she is in charge of the programming aspect of the station as well as the promotional side.

Alston says she has gained a fair amount of experience early-on in her field. She has learned great interpersonal and people skills. She has become familiar with the technical side of radio as well as the ability to effectively convey messages to those around her.

It is Alston's plan to focus on her career at this time, but she still manages to serve as a dedicated member to various other organizations. She is a member of Alpha Nu Omega, gospel choir, and National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). She is also a resident advisor in Jenkins Hall.

Alston, realizing the competitiveness of the mass communications field, has made it her goal to begin her work as soon as possible. It is also part of her mail.com.

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For more information, contact the Career Planning Center at 302/857-6120.

Students get new phones in residence halls

By: Amber Smith
Contributing Writer

As boarding students completed the check-in process, they were introduced to the new Siemens phone system, which provides students with their own phone and phone line.

The Siemens HiPath 4000 (PBX) system, which was installed over the summer, cost the university close to \$700,000 and each phone is about \$200.

While some students and staff see this investment as a large waste of money, Dr. Charles D. Fletcher Jr., assistant provost

for technology and information systems, speaks highly of this new system.

"This PBX system has a better quality and effective cost containment. It is inline with the technology vision for the university. The old phone system, a Centrex system, was just too difficult to manage. The PBX system will allow a better management, another form of broadcasting and more features for students," commented Dr. Fletcher.

Dr. Fletcher also adds that due to each student having their own personal phone and phone line, there should be a

decrease in roommate conflicts that are phone-centered.

The new system also permits students from using dial-up services to gain Internet access. All students are required to use the university network by purchasing and installing a network card.

Nonetheless, this new system is far from perfection. For several weeks during the remainder of the summer vacation, band members, resident advisors and athletes had no phone usage while the system was being installed.

The system was imple-

mented at the start of freshman transition week with approximately 160 "dead phone lines," according to the DSU manager of Telecommunications Charmaine Babb.

Several rooms in Laws and Tubman Hall could not be reached when calling from off-campus. The residents were only enabled to make calls within the DSU campus.

"Siemens is responsible for the system, and Verizon assigned the phone numbers. Verizon gave the University 160 bad numbers," reports Dr. Fletcher.

Though the problem was fixed within a couple of days Tubman Hall later experienced a loss of phone service for nearly 15 hours from September 2-3 due to a power outage.

Since the PBX system still has some glitches to work out students can call the technology help desk (ext. 7028), which is open daily until 12 midnight.

Students are guaranteed to have the error fixed with in 1-2 business days unless in the case of an emergency, which should be corrected immediately.

Financial Aid/ Students face outrageous lines

Perez, who made two trips from Atlantic City, New Jersey during the summer, soon found herself reciting the same words as many upper classmen students, "they [financial aid] lost all my papers."

The problems continued the same morning at approximately 10:48 A.M. as the director of financial aid, Carylyn C. Fox-Brinkley came from behind the panel of financial aid and student account workers to announce the system will be down for "a couple of minutes."

"What the hell is going on in the new administration building?" shouted one upset student. "This system is shitty," yelled another.

"The system freezes occasionally around this time," said Ms. Brinkley in a conversation during the untimely system freeze. "Not only does it go down but it goes slow frequently," she added.

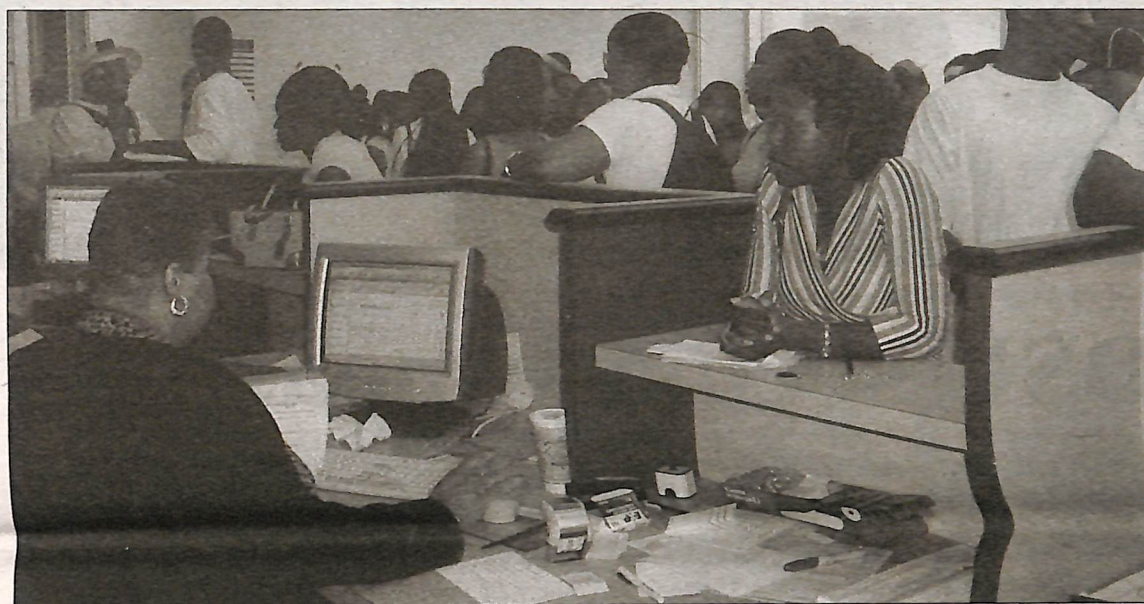
In addressing the lost documents Ms. Brinkley stated, "If anyone lost paper work in July it was because of lack of resources. There is not enough staff in the summer."

Last year lost paper work was another big issue, but Brinkley clarified the situation stating, "The fax was broken last year therefore we weren't receiving."

She describes the documents this year as "a mound of papers and a lack of resources."

"It's not the people, it's the system," added Brinkley, who believes it's excellent that the students are coming early in the summer to complete financial obligations.

The mass amounts of students in line for the "one-stop-shop," which includes records, student accounts, and financial aid, could be a result of the letter



Marisa K. Phillips/Hornet Staff

Patiently waiting: This student finally makes it to the front of the financial aid line after a long wait.

that was sent home to every student enrolled at DSU over the summer informing students of purge deadlines.

The conversation with Ms. Brinkley was interrupted at 11:36 A.M. by a phone call from the computer center informing her that the system was back up.

The news delivered to the students was music to their ears, as they had to regain composure after sitting comfortably on the floor for nearly an hour enjoying food a student brought from Wendy's.

Another popular complaint among many students is that no one is answering the phones or the voice mail box is always full when calling the financial aid office. Many students indicated traveling great distances just to ask one question.

"We always answer the phones," said Ms. Brinkley, who indicated the financial aid office receives 4,000 calls a week and 200 messages a day.

In attempts to reduce the volume of messages three temps were hired recently to just take messages, but to return calls

"It's not the people, it's the system."

**Carylyn C. Fox-Brinkley,
Director of
Financial Aid**

Brinkley requires a seasoned staff member.

Due to the system freeze many students, who arrived before the 9 A.M. opening time, waited in line for nearly four hours before talking to a financial aid or student account representative.

New university president, Dr. Allen Sessoms believes the long lines are "unacceptable." Dr. Sessoms even experienced the plight of many DSU students by standing in the long slow moving lines of the first floor new administration building. "We need to fix financial aid because it's broken," he added.

Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Dr. Charles Smith also expressed a concern

regarding the long lines on August 25 during freshmen transition week stating, "We need to get the freshmen out of the long lines. The upper classmen had all summer. We need to keep the freshmen happy." He also requested the financial aid office stay open for student services 12 hours a day from 7:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

According to Brinkley, the biggest problem is students turning in papers late. The deadline is March 1 and papers turned in after is considered late. In November hand-outs are processed listing the financial aid deadlines for the upcoming year and workshops are offered as well.

Other problems include students coming back requesting more aid, while others were questioning why their appeal letters were denied. Also according to Brinkley when paper work is turned in it will take 7-10 days before it is reviewed and processed.

Brinkley also believes a significant amount of students send all forms requested by the

university directly to FAFSA, which is not proper procedure. Yet another issue is parents failing to sign FAFSA forms, which further delays the process.

As returning students arrived back on campus on August 28 the first floor of new administration building made an effort to cut down the lines by posting signs indicating when you can receive assistance.

Senior Ginnene Simpkins expressed her feelings about the new building and system saying, "At least it made sense when we were in Grossley, but now it's not comfortable or convenient to just put everyone in one big line."

In addition, an Information Technology (IT) assistant has recently been utilized to assist students looking to check account information online. According to Brinkley, the IT, who was just hired in July, will be a great asset because he will be able to post student loans on-line making it easier to check accurate updated account information. Presently, only grants and scholarships are posted online.

A generalist has also been hired over the summer, who has trained knowledge in records, student accounts, and financial aid. Brinkley indicated she would like to see all workers trained with knowledge of all areas.

At the present time the financial aid office is not just awarding aid, as Ms. Brinkley made it clear that they are also busy closing out the accounts from the 2002-2003 academic year. A report is due to the department of education by September 30.

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By: Harold Burnett
Contributing Writer

Over the past nine months Delaware State University (DSU) has experienced a stabbing, robberies, and death amongst the student body, yet the University still manages its "safe" reputation.

To ensure that legacy continues DSU will be enhancing as well as enforcing its security/safety policy and procedures this year.

Within the past years University Police Chief Carl Wyche, who is responsible for making sure that legacy stays intact, has installed a new student cadet program on campus. Since the program has begun the percentage of residence hall break in has decreased by more than 75 percent.

Also, the University has installed new lock systems on all residence hall main entrance and side exits. Parking rules and regulations which have been revised this year will be enforced by all checkpoint and security officers. Meaning, all commuting students who wish to enter the campus with their vehicle must show school ID and/or driver's licenses. All residential students who wish to have visitors must show school ID and sign that guest in with proper information. Ambling Corporation (owners of the University Courtyard), along with DSU has installed new security cameras and parking street spikes. In addition, a 12 foot gate that surrounds the majority of the courtyard property was built, making the courtyard the first gated community in the city of Dover.

The majority of the safety and security procedures that



Going nowhere fast: Several cars wait to be checked at DSU's main entrance.

Brian Miller/Hornet Staff

DSU security measures tighten

have or will be implemented within the next few months were not issued because of the November 13 shooting that killed 22-year old Richard E. Johnson at the University courtyard, though the incident did cause for the University and Ambling Corporation to make some changes.

According to Chief Wyche, many of the security installations and procedures that DSU is taking have been in planning since the University became

an official police department in 99-00. Chief Wyche was very offended to know that people would even think that either he or the University would wait until something tragic occurred before they took action in bettering campus safety. Wyche stressed that the courtyards are out of his jurisdiction.

"I don't control what goes on over there. I don't have authority to put university police over there because it's off campus" Wyche said.

Even though Wyche has submitted legislation to obtain jurisdiction, the legislation was not obtained.

Overall, the main question is all this hard work paying off? Is it accomplishing its goal by ensuring students that DSU is a safe institution to receive an education? According to Jamal Johnson, an incoming freshman, yes. "That was one of the main reasons I decided to come here," Johnson said.

Johnson, although at the

time was living in Maryland, was very aware of the three incidents that happened last November at the University Courtyard.

"People die by bullets every day, that's life. The unfortunate thing is that it happened here," continued Johnson.

Not all students have adopted this mentality. In fact, many students believe nothing has really changed, that the campus is just as safe now as it was last year and the only real differences are more headaches and longer checkpoint lines.

DSU unveils new student ID cards

By: Chantal Brown
Copy Editor

Beginning this semester, Delaware State University students received a new id card. The new card, called the smart card, makes DSU the first university to use a card with six different technologies in one.

This is not your regular ID card, according to Dr. Charles Fletcher, Assistant Provost of Technology and Information Systems.

"The smart card is a credit card sized computer and it is on the cutting edge of technology," he says.

The card has a built in computer chip, a magnetic strip, and bar code printed in it. Each card has a picture as well as ID

number. This semester the ID number will not be a social security number. Each student will have an ID number. The new cards will allow students access their dorm buildings, food services and their student accounts as in the past.

In the future, when students who come on campus late at night will have their card scanned to gain entry. Soon students will be able to use their smart cards to log into campus computers in the computer labs. In four to five months, students will be able to use smart cards on Del Dot buses to travel around Delaware.

"Del Dot plans to build fare boxes so students can use their cards as fare cards just like

in New York City or Washington D.C. This way students will not have to use cash," said Dr. Fletcher.

There are also plans to have local vendors logos placed on the card, so students can receive discounts at certain stores and restaurants when they show their card. Dr. Fletcher stresses the card will cost \$100 to be replaced so do not lose it.

Dr. Fletcher thinks students will be happy with the new card because everything a student needs is in one card, unlike last semester when students had an ID card and another card for access into the residence halls.

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Courtyard student finds unpleasant surprise

By: Rayanna M. Wilkins
Hornet Correspondent

Moving into a new apartment is supposed to be a liberating, comfortable and stress free experience, especially when you are only moving from one apartment to the next in the same building. Unfortunately, one University Courtyard resident moved into a worse case scenario.

Bryant Albritton, a junior DSU student, arrived at University Courtyard Apartments at approximately twelve o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday August 31, coming from Jamaica Queens, New York. When Albritton, his mother and his father entered the apartment in building four, it looked more like a party had gone wrong.

"Damn is all I could say when I first saw the apartment. My parents were very upset", said Albritton.

"There were alcohol bottles lined up on the patio and on top of the kitchen cabinets, like a shooting range had been set up or something. The hedge surrounding the front door was completely off. The overall condition of the house was just horrific and nasty," said Alice Lattimer, mother of Albritton.

That was just a portion of the things wrong with the apartment. Not to mention, the dryer was broken. There was no door knob on the patio door, the furniture was damaged and the carpets were dirty. The microwave, stove and refrigerator smelled of old and rotten food with stains to go along with it. Those are still just a handful of things that made the apartment nothing short of a non-livable situation.

"Nothing should have been wrong with the apartment when \$555 rent was just paid and a \$150 transfer fee for moving to



"'Damn' is all I could say when I first saw the apartment. My parents were very upset."

Bryant Albritton, DSU student



Photos by Michael Feeney/Hornet Staff
Leftovers: The refrigerator (left), stove (above) and microwave (below) were discovered uncleaned by Bryant Albritton as he moved into his Courtyard apartment.



another apartment," said Marshall Lattimer.

The apartment was occupied by roommate, Christin Brown, before Albritton moved in, who claims not to have been in the apartment all summer.

"Maintenance knew about the problems in the apartment", said Brown.

Marshall Lattimer

immediately went to the leasing office for an explanation, which he did not receive because it was not a regular business day. Community Assistants Shy and Andre, along with the maintenance supervisor, Kieron Goode, assisted in the clean up of the wrecked apartment.

"I feel that at least two months rent should be free

because my family was so inconvenienced. We could not even go shopping or help him move in properly because of the condition of the house," said Alice Lattimer.

Paula Key, University Courtyard Assistant Property Manager, said "The apartment was cleaned up on Tuesday August 2. Mary Maids cleaning

service was contacted and they cleaned the entire apartment, including the refrigerator. A new sofa was ordered, which did not come as of yet. Mr. Brown will be charged for all of the damages because he never notified anyone about the apartment's condition."

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Chris and Neef blaze Welcome Back concert



Chris (right) and Neef (left) perform during DSU's "Welcome Back" concert in Memorial Hall gymnasium.

Brian Miller/Hornet Staff

By: B. Dot™
Entertainment Editor

Philly's own "youngest in charge", Chris and Neef, blessed the DSU stage last Friday for the annual Welcome Back Concert. The show also featured D.C. go-go band, UCB. Before the performance, I chatted with the Young Gunz to see what life is like being on tour and why the girls really love them.

As the teenaged artists (along with entourage), strolled into the estrogenic gymnasium, I was eager to pick their brains. Skepticism was running through my mind like wildfire. I figured since their young rap idols, they would disregard my questions and chastise me with their Roc-A-Fella pendants. Being so judgmental should be a crime.

As I approached Neef

with pen and pad in hand, the adolescent North Philadelphian was acting like a politician in the backstage area; you know, taking pictures, giving hugs and kissing babies. Dressed in Rocawear from head to toe, Neef was more than happy to answer any question I threw at him.

With rapper Beanie Siegel's release from prison the day of the concert, Neef said "It felt good with him being home" and added, "We holding it down for him. He coming out with his new album, *The Becoming*, and we got our album *Tough Love* coming soon."

Having one of the hottest singles of the summer "Can't stop, won't stop" saturating radio airwaves, it's obvious the young guns are constantly working. Whether promoting the *State Property 2* album or doing

interviews, Chris and Neef's schedules are always hectic. "We just finished the *State Property 2* movie and we got the cartoon popping off and we in the talks about getting our own label," said Neef.

Like most teenage boys, girls are an important part of our young adult lives. With Chris and Neef it's no different. "The girl's maaaaan, it's the same thing every night. Everybody take turns."

When asked if the females are promiscuous, "I don't even know. They do everything."

After the duo went through my own version of "20 questions," they hit the stage and did what they get paid to do—rock the crowd. When the performance was over they requested some of Del States finest females to meet them outside for a "private listening party."

Interview with the Crakk man

By: B. Dot™
Entertainment Editor

Peedi Crakk, the newest member of the Roc-A-Fella family, took the time out to of his busy schedule to say what's up to the newest members of the DSU family, at last week's pep rally. I spoke with the "Prince of the R-O-C" to see if he had what it takes to make the Hornets go "BRRINNGG"

How does it feel being on the Roc-A-Fella right now?

Peedi: More work, more work. It's like more pressure.

What's it like over there?

It's good. Working with guys like Beans, Jay, and Free is good because it makes you step your game up because your spot will be replaced fast. I mean it's got its benefits you know.

You said it has its benefits; what's the worst part about being on the Roc?

Peedi: (Looking at me like I'm kind of retarded) Worst part? There aint no worst part man.

This is Roc-A-Fella; this is one of best labels in the world.

Besides Roc-a-Fella artists, is there body else in the game your feeling?

Peedi: (Thinking real hard) Ummm, there's Cam... oh wait you said out side

the roc right? Nah, nobody really. **When was the last time you were in back in the Hood?**

Peedi: I just came back from Philly yesterday. I stay in North Philly; all my peoples stay in Philly.

How's Beans doing?

Peedi: Beans doing good he coming out soon. Lawyers on the case. The bail is nothing

There's a lot of rappers out there and that are trying to get in the game. What's your advice to those trying to get on.

Peedi: Well.... Know what, F



Hornet entertainment editor B. Dot™, with Peedi Crakk.

that. Yo on the real I'm gonna tell you what I DID. I was in the studio, all crazy. I made a 5 track album. I pressed 100. I sold 50 and gave away 50. Everybody started playing you know, the song (lead single Chitty- Chitty bang bang) was getting like 4-5 spins on radio in Philly. It eventually got to New York and Dame heard while he was in Philly. That Friday he sent me a plane ticket and I met him down there. He signed me on the spot. I aint have to spit or nothing.

Student Spotlight

By: B. Dot™
Entertainment Editor

Name: Andre "Hollywood" Brown

Age: 19

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Detroit (holding it down in DE)

Claim to Fame: It's more than just music. *Game Time*

Entertainment, founded by Andre

"Hollywood" Brown is a small

grassroots entertainment company

that's on the verge of doing big

things here at Delaware State

University. Sponsoring two suc-

cessful video game tournaments

last semester and having a talent-

ed music roster, it seems *Game*

Time Entertainment will soon

become a force to be reckoned

with. Puffy watch your back.

How did you get the name

Hollywood?

Andre: Y'all. Del State gave it to

me everybody started calling me

it, so it just stuck.

What's wrong with hip hop

today?

Andre: Everybody wants to rap

about slinging rocks and totting

guns. Hip-Hop is flashier now.

Hip Hop is about story telling,

about having fun. That's what we

trying to bring back.

What makes your artists so dif-

ferent from other rappers?

Andre: They 'aint talking what

everybody else talking about.

Everybody trying to be the "bad

guy". We're trying to change the

game.

As C.E.O., what's your main

purpose in Game Time

Entertainment?

Andre: Well, I'm P.R. and C.E.O.

Me and Hock (main artist) are

business partners. I'm the busi-



Andre "Hollywood" Brown

ness man and Hock is like the accountant. We're young black entrepreneurs 'ya know.

Where are you trying to take this?

Andre: To be successful. We're

trying to be the youngest in

charge. We got business cards and

CD's to promote ourselves. This is

about to be official. You got to get

the product out there. I'm trying to

be like Russell Simmons. He's

been doing it. In order to be suc-

cessful you got to read the instruc-

tions. He paved the way.

Are there going to be any more

events from Game Time

Entertainment?

Andre: Oh yeah we're planning

more events. This is a business,

we're more than just music man.

Besides Hock are there any

other artists you're promoting?

Andre: Yeah! (Real excited) We

got my man Kamikazee from

Plainfield, New Jersey. He's the

producer. He's the next Kanye

West. My ear is real nice.

(Thinking semi-hard) Oh there's

Regg from D.C., we branching off

in that area. Then there's Cheese

from Philly.

Any last words?

Andre: Game Time

Entertainment, changing the

game. We're molding Black entre-

preneurs. We're trying to help any

one that wants to be helped.

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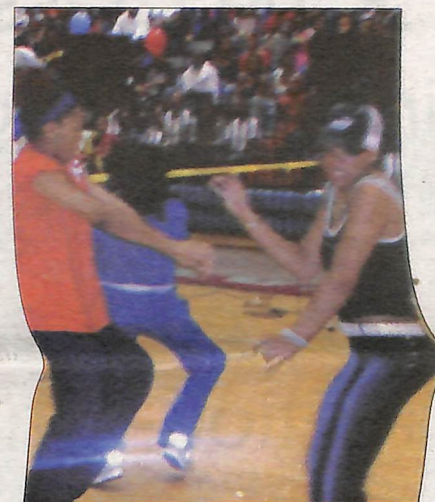
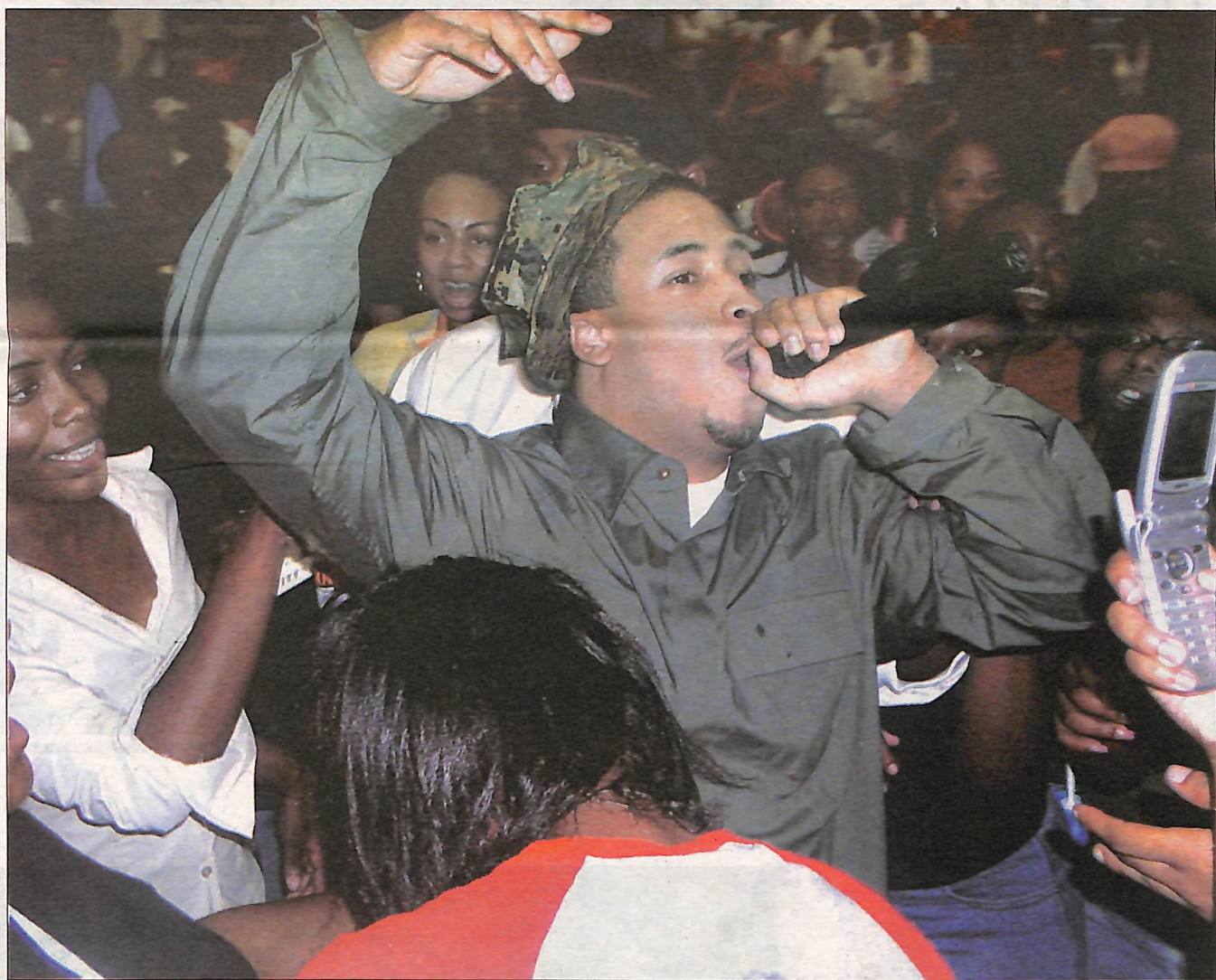
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High-spirited pep rally full of surprises

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Peedi Crakk (left) performs during at the "Welcome Back" pep rally in Memorial Hall gymnasium. DSU students (top, bottom) show their spirit.



Who's that girl?: An MTV cameraman tapes a DSU student (far right) who will be featured on the show "Made: I Want to Be a Cheerleader."





Freshmen make

The Class of 2007's initiation into the Delaware State family followed the familiar tradition-- many stood in financial aid lines for hours and after surviving orientation week, most settled into university life with ease.

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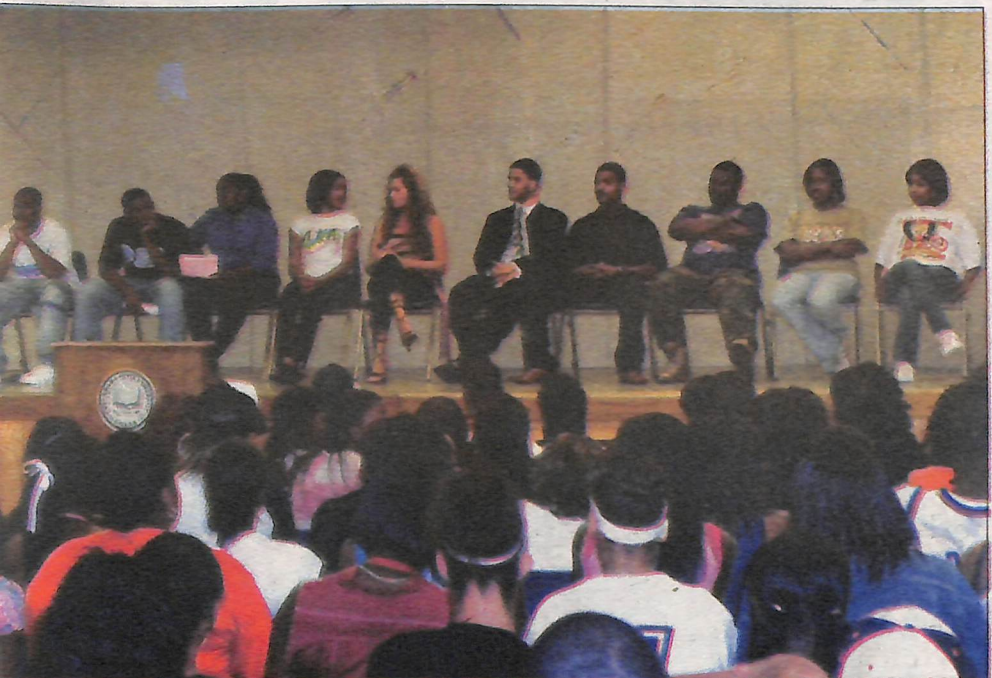
(Above) White tee committee: Students show spirit on the dance floor. (Below-left) OSLA assistant Aisha Robinson jumps



smooth transition



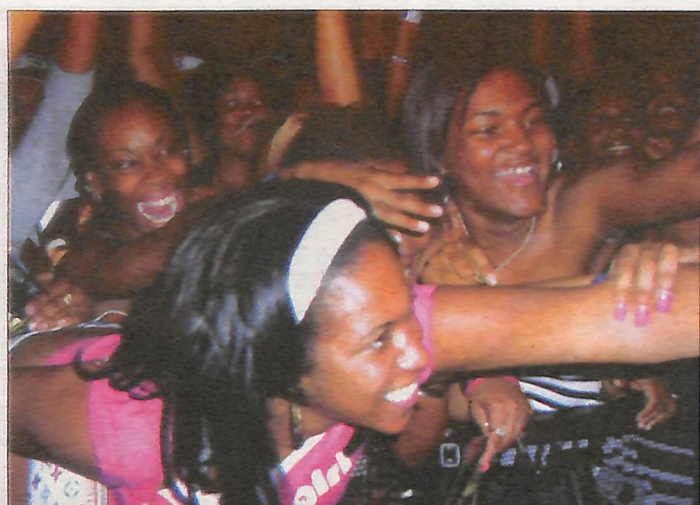
double dutch competition. (Below-right) Pan Hellenic Council representatives introduce new students to Greek life.



One step ahead: Freshmen students participate in 3-on-3 basketball tournament during orientation week. This was one of several events held for new students in August.



Dirty Dancing: Students enjoy themselves at the Freshmen ball.



Chris and Neef: Can't stop, won't stop

Photos by B. Dot™



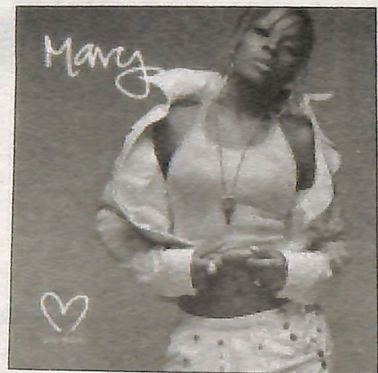
Chris and Neef (right) perform their hit "Can't stop, won't stop" for an excited DSU crowd at the "Welcome Back" concert. A DSU student (above) motions for one of the artists to call her after the show. Below, DSU students assemble at the van of Chris and Neef. Some even get in.



Mary hits scene with 'Love and Life' album

By: Ebony Williams
Contributing Writer

Mary J. Blige is not only back with a new love, but she's back with Bad Boy's P.Diddy and the highly anticipated album *Love and Life* which was released August 26, 2003. *Love and Life* is Mary's sixth album since her 1992 debut *What's the 411*. In *Love and Life*, Mary expresses the love of her life and her newly found self-motivation. These have allowed her to become more at peace with herself and her career. The new single "Ooh", produced by Dr. Dre, definitely confirms why Mary is the Queen of Hip Hop and R&B. The album features many popular artists including Jay Z, Eve, 50 Cent,



and Method Man. This album contains a variety of music that allows listeners to mellow out and dance the night away. Interludes such as "Finally Made It" express Mary's new found desire to "free" herself. She explains life as a journey and says she now loves herself despite all of the drama she has encountered over the years. She vowed to herself never to be her own worst enemy again. This album was definitely worth the wait whether you're a Mary fan or not. Love songs like "When We" and "Special Part of Me" prove that Mary is at a high point in her life.

Reality Check

Before I start, I would like to recognize a friend and Del State student John "Sunny" Waters. During the summer, Sunny was an



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innocent victim of an attack that's enabling him from coming to the fall semester. I and all of his friends on campus wish him a speedy recover.

Now back to business. I guess the more things change the more they remain same, huh? What's the purpose of having a new building when the dogs working in the back are still

doing the same old tricks. Getting in contact with the financial aid office is like calling a damn radio station. I tell 'ya...

Anyway, allow me to be the first to formally welcome all the New Jacks to the City of Dover.

Despite the few newcomers that I've met, this freshman class reeks of whackness. By all means, take it personal.

Maybe you guys forgot this is college and curfews don't exist. I mean most of yall inside the residence hall during prime-time television.

Freshmen, when you see an upperclassman, don't be afraid to say "what's up" here and there,

we 'ain't gonna bite ya. Last, but certainly not leastly; freshmen, stop wearing your homecoming clothes the first week of school. I made that mistake last year. Y'all going to F around and start being like me; rocking the same thing two and half times out the week.

Just in case you didn't notice, ol' Uncle B. Dot done got himself a title! That's right; I am no longer a dolga in this regime. This very article your reading is just one of many more to come from me, "the prince of all media." So watch out all you sucker MC's. Don't slip up. I got eyes and ears every where. Love me; Hate me, Feel free to tell me.

20 Questions

By: Ghostwriter

Virgo's Corner

It's a Different World, Deal with It

By M. E. Virgo

The sun rose to awake my dead cold body. I lay there in silence praying for five more minutes to be in my bed, my room, my world. I rose from my grave, showered dressed prepared my resting place knowing I would not return for a long time. I dragged the last of my bags in the living room. Sunshine came from the window by the door. The drapes white, the carpeting was black, covered with my life in bag. I sat on the white comforter and inhaled the aromas of my past. My concentration was broken when my mother, Bennette came down the stairs slowly. You could hear the thirty silver bracelets on her left hand jingle. She stood in the door way and stared at me waiting for me to say good-morning. I didn't; she didn't. I stared at her dark coffee skin, it seemed to glow, it went well with her mixed red and black hair, never turned gray it turned red. The silence was broken when she asked "you eat?" "Mum no" she walked into the kitchen I followed. And sat at the table. She fixed a plate and placed it in front of me. I stared at fried chicken, and eggs, stake in brown sauce, French toast and waffles. That was Bennette's way, if she could feed your body, God would feed your soul. I ate everything on the plate, knowing well that if I left anything, it would piss her off. "There starving people on the streets" in her most nagging voice was always in my head. The phone rang the driver was on his way. I took the bags to the porch as Bennette put on her face. As I sat on the porch she emerged wearing black and white simple but always classy. The driver came and loaded the bags, Bennette got into the car; I went in the house for one last, not good-bye but one last glimpse of my past. Grabbed the last of my bags and left knowing it would never be the same. I sleep on the way over here and woke up in a new world. We unloaded; Bennette made my bed for the last time, kissed me on my cheek and was gone. Vanished like a ghost. I set up the room to my liking and set up a mirror on the wall. I stared into the mirror, at my honey brown caramel skin, my dreads, they had a ting of red to them, I looked deep into my own eyes at who I am and what I've become. Looking at a name plate that my brother must have slipped into my bag it said it all; Ziggy Bennette.

1. Who is STILL trying to call financial aid?
2. Why were freshmen in their rooms on their first night? (Oh wait . . . that was EVERY night!)
3. Who was using their cell phone camera to capture their college experience?
4. Are there going to be anymore "remixes" to the DSU slide?
5. Why does it cost \$35 for a campus mailbox?
6. Who got clowned coming in late to the comedy show?
7. Who's the girl with the Rainbow Coalition braids?
8. What guys were groupies for Peedi Crakk at the pep rally?
9. Who was in the parking lot waiting for the drive-in movie?
10. What girl is being "Made" on MTV?
11. Which cheerleader is rockin' the "conk"?
12. Why is there visitation in the hotel?
13. Who was shooting in the Courtyards (again)?
14. Who went to the party "For the Grown and Sexy" and left broke and sweaty?
15. Doesn't the new student ID look like a Visa Card?
16. Who spent the whole summer learning the Beyonce "Uh Oh" dance?
17. What's slower: Molasses or the lines in the administration building?
18. Who was hoping for a black out at the welcome back party?
19. Who's using those walkie talkie watches to cut down on the cost of their cell phone bills?
20. How many games will the football team lose this year?

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- Use all the job-search resources available to you
 - **Most Importantly you must register with the Career Planning Center**

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The power of your hair *Style Star?*

By: Alex A. Outlaw
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As a girl becomes a woman she grows and develops. But when a woman becomes a lady, she blossoms. Her taste in food, fashion, and men should grow. Her hair is often forgotten. This must change ladies, corn rows aren't a timeless classic.

Here are a few tips for you women and a few tricks for the ladies.

Healthy hair can be yours with the right knowledge, products, and techniques. For starters you should seek a professional hair care consultant, and try to stick with them, you don't want a lot of hands in your hair. Develop a close relationship with your stylist and make sure they are not just making your hair look its best, but making your hair become its best.

The first step in good hair care begins with how you clean it. A good shampoo and conditioner are essential in the hair care process. A good shampoo and conditioner can be a little more costly than a bargain shampoo and conditioner, but the results are well worth it. A good shampoo will have gentler

cleansers in it, and be more concentrated. A good conditioner will have a lower Ph, and will add shine and help in the detangling process. Once a week you should use a clarifying shampoo to help eliminate product build up.

The second step in good hair care is what you put in, and on it! You should use no more than five hair products in your hair at once including shampoo

reduce damage. They aren't supposed to snag the hair. If you sisters find they were made for a sister, and they don't curl well, apply a heat serum to help protect the hair from the heat, and go back to your solid gold apparatus.

Step three is to finally style your hair. This shouldn't take to many products, you don't want your hair to look oily and weighed down. A lot of product

them back.

A few tips to remember....

-You didn't get you curling iron in a cereal box it should never snap, crackle, or pop.

-Brown gel is not your friend

-Keep ends clipped every six months or so, if you don't before long you have a head of dead hair. Anything worth growing is worth taking care of.

-Sleep with a satin cap, scarf or pillowcase, this helps avoid your hair from rubbing against a rough cotton pillowcase. If the pillow case with a 280 thread count is too rough think about how rough your ugly cotton head scarf is, get a satin cap you'll thank me.

-Don't wash your hair to often you'll dry it out.

-Try natural oils like shea butter

-Use as little heat as possible.

Instead of rubber bands that snag your hair use a ribbon it's healthier and more charming.

For the ladies with gorgeous hair try not to keep doing the same thing to often, your hair like your men will get bored. You don't want a permanent part, or a bend from ponytails.

For more tips tricks and a few styles check out. Ourhair.net, Hairweb.com, and Naani.com

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and conditioner, if you do stop it, and repeat step one. How much heat and how often you curl your hair can be a factor also. Avoid hot metal irons. There are superior curling devices that are designed to help keep your hair healthy. Ceramic curling irons, although more expensive are designed to heat quickly, and

in your hair will also make your curl fall faster. Brown gel should never be apart of this process. If you think about it any style that requires brown gel is out of style anyway (water falls, finger waves, and scrunches, including the hair accessory). These styles are not throw back jerseys or bamboo earrings don't bring



(Don't hate.)

The Fashion Merchandising Club welcomes you!

Welcome back to school we hope you all enjoyed your self this summer. We also hope you did some good shopping. We are looking for creative, and talented individuals who feel they have some innovative ideas to help improve the club. This year we have a lot of exciting things planned besides the homecoming fashion show.

The homecoming fashion show is right around the corner and we would like anyone who would like to audition to model to come out and join us in the MLK auditorium on September 16th and 17th from 6pm -9pm to audition for the show. Ladies please remember to bring your shoes; you will not be permitted to walk the runway in sneakers, or flat shoes, heels only please! Heel height requirement is higher than 2 inches. Guys come as you are!

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Football team looks to rebound from off year

Hornet
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By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

After a 4-8 debacle in 2002, the Delaware State University football team is looking to jump out of the basement and return to Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference contender status. "We just have to take it game by game and if everyone plays hard and avoids injury, we should be successful," says fourth-year head coach Ben Blacknall.

The conference catches a break for the year 2003 with the departure of longtime MEAC powerhouse Florida A&M. The Rattlers' application to move up to NCAA Division I-A in 2004 was accepted, thus rendering the seven-time conference champ ineligible for this year's crown.

That little caveat makes it possible for one of the mid-pack or lower level teams to make a move upwards, as surprising third-place Morgan State did last year. "We've discussed that as a team, but we'll wait and see before we start predicting," Coach Blacknall added.

Sophomore cornerback Blake Saunders believes that his team is capable of pulling off an above-average season. "We can definitely surprise some teams this year," Saunders said, without a hint of hesitation.

Delaware State will have to make major adjustments on offense, as top playmaker DaShaun Morris will not be suiting up for the Hornets this season.

Morris was expelled last December for an undisclosed, non-academic violation, and did not attend classes last Spring. His appeal for reinstatement was



The Hornet football team gets ready for the season with a scrimmage.

Derrick Sawyer II/Hornet Staff

denied, leaving an already-questionable offense without its best offensive player.

Looking to fill the void are receivers Thomas Bolden and Freddie Middlebrooks. Bolden was a pleasant surprise lining up opposite Morris in '02, catching 28 passes for 408 yards and one touchdown.

Middlebrooks moved from defensive back last season and will be counted on to give the Hornets good field position on kickoff and/or punt returns.

At Quarterback, Senior Keon Frazier gets a chance to run the Delaware State offense, as he will split duties all season long with Junior Andrew Blackston. "I have a lot of confidence in Keon, and I believe he will have a great year," said Blacknall.

Newcomer Andre Smith, transferring from Los Angeles City College may see some playing time under center

this year as well.

The running backs, who were a largely-critiqued group in 2002, look to improve with Rashod Coleman, William Ross, and Afumiya McFadden leading the way.

Senior fullback Dwayne Jenkins, who led the team with 398 rushing yards last season, also comes back in 2003.

The defense returns nine starters, including All-MEAC Linebacker Justin Mitchell and cornerback Deon Rheubottom, whose ankle injury forced him to miss the last nine games of the previous season after snaring three interceptions in the season opener, which was still good enough to tie for the team lead.

Mitchell meanwhile led the team and was fourth in the conference with 8.5 tackles per game.

The defensive side of the ball is considered the main

strength on the team, but Saunders downplays such notions. "We're a team first, so even though the defense is capable of winning games, the offense can carry us at any given time," he says.

Kicker Zach Bussey, coming off of an underrated 2002 season, will return as the punter and field goal specialist for the Hornets.

The Hornets are picked to finish seventh in the conference, despite having six pre-season All-MEAC players (Mitchell, Rheubottom, offensive linemen Johnny Dennis and Jon Whittaker, and defensive linemen Brent Davis and Olufemi Oyedele).

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By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

Before we jump into anything sports-related, an important get-well soon shout goes out to Hornets football player Mike Taylor, who was partially paralyzed in a car accident this summer. The Washington, D.C. native was expected to see some playing time at running back this year.

The Hornet Volleyball team, ranked 10th in the MEAC pre-season poll, will get a boost with the return of Keysha Tiller, who sat out the 2002 season to concentrate on academics.

Renewing one of Delaware State football's best rivalries from the 1970's, the Hornet football team will do battle with North Carolina Central University for the first time since 1996 on September 20. This year's match-up will take place in Durham, North Carolina.

Speaking of football, did hear that our cheerleading squad needs members?

Where are the ladies with school spirit? I see y'all at the games making up your own cheers, so help the sisters out if you can.

Also, you guys who can flip, and can bench press more than a buck 20, get out there and do the damn thing. The entire fan base at DSU is counting on you....well maybe not, but still give it a shot.

If any sports programs on campus wish to be highlighted or have stats posted in the Hornet, I can be reached at the Hornet newspaper office, the phone number is 857-6369.

The Kobe Bryant case: Is the media fouling out?

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

Somewhere in between the night of June 30 and now, Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant's squeaky clean reputation went flying out of his Eagle, Colorado hotel room when he allegedly sexually assaulted a 19-year old desk employee at the hotel he was staying in.

Ever since the allegations against the 25-year old Bryant were made, the media has taken over the little Rocky Mountain ski village, making whatever news they can of a situation that only two people really know about. In a case of "accuser vs. the accused," it's turning into "you ain't heard this from me, but..."

The parameters for gossip in this case are wide and are quickly taking a serious accusation of rape and turning it into a

folly for infidelity among pro athletes.

The defamation of the accuser has begun with a syndicated radio shock jock dropping the accuser's name on air, and continues with an unfounded, if not idiotic, urban myth of her bragging about Bryant's manhood to hotel employees after the alleged assault took place.

ESPN.com reported on the young lady's failed suicide attempt two months before her encounter with Bryant. Incidentally, I always thought rape victims needed a strong support group, not her valley girl friends and preppy male associates hopping in front of the nearest camera and telling her story, looking to steal their own 15 minutes of fame also.

Granted, asking Kobe Bryant's peers about his situation was impending, but only two NBA players so far have made

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notable statements.

One came from Orlando Magic all-world player Tracy McGrady, who encouraged NBA ballers in wedded bliss to "stick with your wives, man."

Philadelphia 76ers guard Allen Iverson, no stranger to the justice system himself, questioned the squeaky-clean image that the media and the NBA bestowed on Bryant before

this whole turn of events.

In a recent interview with ESPN, he asked Jeremy Schaap "If you curse, are you squeaky clean?" Schaap said you get a pass for cursing, so the Answer asks about a pass for adultery, and Schaap obviously says no pass, proving that Allen Iverson is no dummy, but that's another story.

And what of Mr. Bryant? Well, he's been doing serious damage control ever since the charges were filed. He's admitted committing adultery, while repeatedly stating his innocence and claiming that nothing happened against his accuser's will.

His wife Vanessa, who most assume was just waiting for the opportunity to divorce Bryant and get half (California divorce laws....they're Fan-tastic!) is standing by her husband's side, doing her best to be the loving

wife of a potential sex offender.

What about the ring? A brother can't buy a 4-million-dollar purple diamond ring for his boo boo anymore? O.K., maybe not.

More importantly, what if he IS innocent? What if the accused was just out for a pay day, not caring about the all out slander she would be perpetrating against Kobe Bryant, NBA superstar and devoted family man? Only time and a court of law will tell.

The outside world has turned the State of Colorado vs. Kobe Bryant into a veritable circus, the big tent being the little town of Eagle. In the center ring, a young woman who may have been violated squares off against a cultural showpiece for clean living.

Once this circus heads out of town, the performers will never be the same.

Outside the box

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

With another school year back in session, one couldn't help but notice a considerable change around campus—a new president, new student IDs, new pita wraps in the Café—just to name a few. But the single most important change, the change to which I am referring, is the number of returning students who are having to return in the spring or are not returning at all due to financial aid woes.

It is no secret that Delaware State University graduation rates are quite low, but could a factor contributing to this low percentage be because returning students are unable to defeat the monster that is financial aid?

Consider how frequently returning students are purged and left to stand in lines at the beginning of each semester, only to discover that their rooms and classes have been auctioned off to freshmen and transfer students. While it is important to maintain enrollment numbers at the university, must it be at the expense of returning students? Shouldn't the preventative measures strengthen as students earn more credits? Wouldn't morale be lifted if students knew that their university was committed to seeing them walk across the stage?

Perhaps it is a fiscal issue. In terms of dollars and cents, graduation doesn't generate income, but tuition (raised annually) does. Are students no more than a D100 number turning profit for Delaware State University? Administrative higher-ups will tell you no, but having your tax forms lost and your registration purged as a result reveals the truth.

What remains is the fact that there are students who will not be here this semester and university officials must acknowledge the part they play in that.

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Anxious fans line the bleachers to catch a glimpse of rappers Chris and Neef.

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings friends! The Hornet is back at it, bringing you the stinging truth as only we can. In case you haven't noticed, we're sporting a new look this year thanks to a summer filled with interning, learning, and networking. We are definitely taking the Hornet to the next level.

Carlos Holmes (aka the guy that takes the pictures at every event) has returned to the staff as our advisor after a one year hiatus. He brings to the staff practical journalism experience that will help us all become better writers. Returning also is Feeney, DSU's own local celebrity. (He's even got his own fan club now.) He will try to balance his position as SGA Corresponding Secretary with his role as assistant editor with the Hornet.

Chris Stevens returns as our sports editor and Angel Saunders is back as our features editor. Rayanna Wilkins also returns as a Hornet correspondent.

On to the new kids on the block: Jennifer Robinson is news editor, Chantal Brown is our copy editor, and Dominique Mizell (Cam) is one of our Hornet Correspondents.

We've got some up and coming freshmen that are doing big things early. Fresh off of orientation week, Harold Burnett contributed in a big way this issue.

We're doing big things kids, keep it locked.

-M. Kentrell

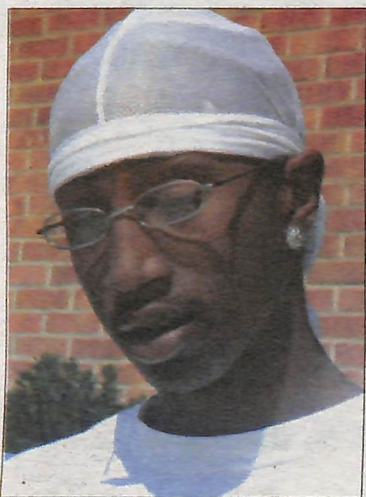
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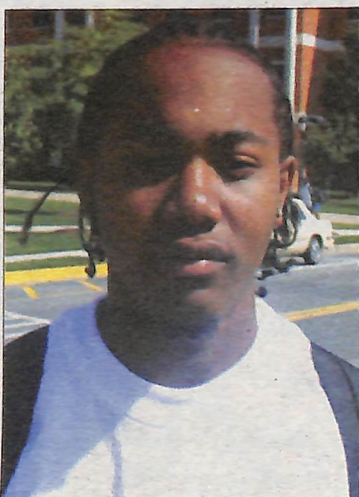
Dawn Robinson

"It wasn't bad at all. I took care of everything back in May of last semester. I didn't stand in long lines."



Devin Rojas

"F*cked up."



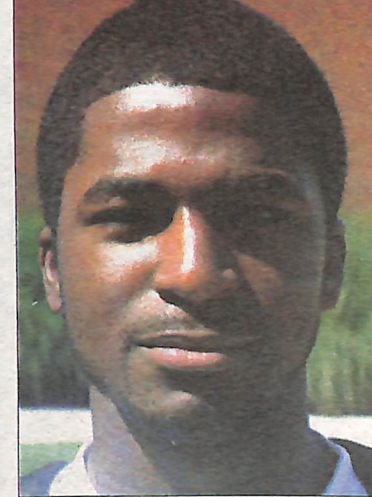
Eric Dickens

"I came down several times during the summer. They didn't have no grants, loans, or book vouchers for me. The lines were real long; they need new workers."



Ladonna Vernon

"My experience was good. I don't have financial aid."



Lapo Ogyun

"The worst. Ms. Brinkley got slapped."



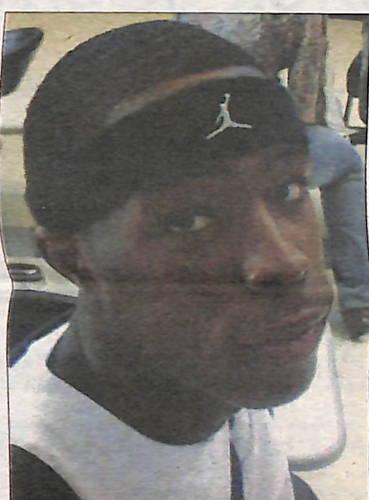
Larittica Cannon

"Mine was good; it went fine. I turned in the paper work on time."



Patricia Mayfield

"It could be better. It seems as if all of the problems come from this one office whether it be them losing important documents or just not following through with the processing info."



Patrick Lavaud

"Mine was aight. I did it early."



Samantha Snow

"The lines were long. It sucked."



Sean Bowers

"I didn't have the opportunity to experience the whole process. I heard it's a long process, so I'm glad I didn't."



Shawn Skinner

"Bullsh*t."



Steven Deshields

"Long and tedious, but manageable. They need quicker workers back there."



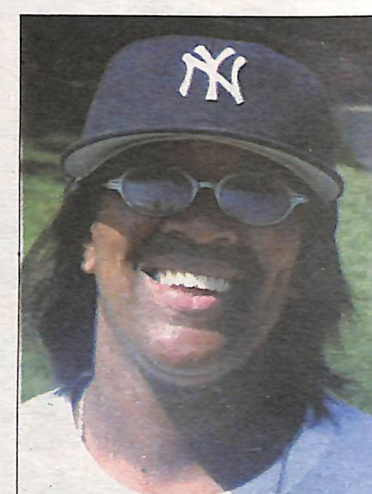
Tanisha Anderson

"A mess. I don't appreciate them not answering phones and being off the list. They need more than two people behind the desk."



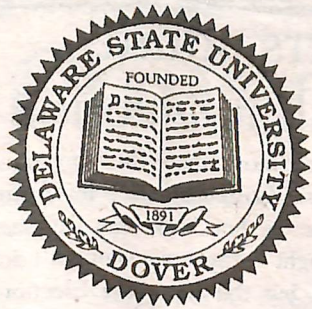
Stephanie Caldwell

"It was cool. I got to pay \$600 to A.M.S. though. It's better being here than in the hood. It'll pay off in the long run."



Tisha Stewart

"I've been here for a week straight and still wasn't cleared. The lines were ridiculous it was like standing on an assembly line."



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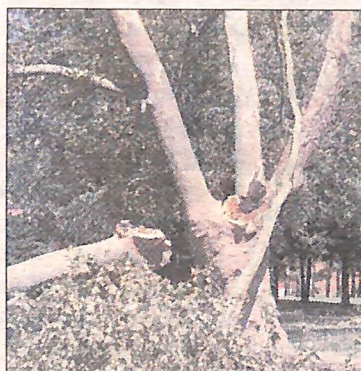


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Hurricane Isabel claims many lives, DSU students remain safe



By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Delaware was one of eight states, along with the nation's capital, to declare a state of emergency due to the expected wrath of Hurricane Isabel, thus leading Delaware State University (DSU) to close Thursday and Friday and operate under "emergency conditions."

Many students fled the university Wednesday evening, but those who remained on campus believe the hurricane, which was later downgraded to a tropical storm in some areas, wasn't as severe as expected.

"It wasn't that bad," said freshman Shonta Newton. "It was just windy and the electricity kept going out."

The university took

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Freshmen fix election



Winners are losers in first online election

By Chantal Brown
Copy Editor

Freshmen were introduced to online voting for their Student Government Association (SGA) class officers, where two winners were actually losers in a controversial election.

The freshman elections were the first conducted

online in DSU history. The elections were used as a "pilot to see how well it works before the spring elections," said Mr. Hannon, director of the Office of Student Leadership and Activities (OSLA).

The online polls opened on Sept. 12 at 9:30 A.M. and closed on the Sept. 13 at 4:30 P.M.

Following the

announcement of the election results, speculation surfaced that two of the candidates "cheated."

Elected freshman class President Aaron Handy, and elected Miss Freshman Sakina Azim allegedly collected student voter information and voted for themselves. Voter information includes gender, birthday, and the last four

digits of the students social security number.

Handy declares he had nothing to do with collecting student voter information, but admits his campaign team did. "On the first day of elections I was at lunch and one person from my campaign team came to me with a list of people and the information," said Handy.

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Presidential Candidate Al Sharpton addresses DSU

By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Rev. Al Sharpton's visit to Delaware State University on Sept. 14 served as an outlet to express his views on tax cuts, exiting the war, restoring the economy, and the Bush administration, as he campaigns for the upcoming 2004 election.

As one of 10 democratic candidates vying to run against

President George W. Bush, Sharpton understood the importance of garnering the support of the first state.

"Delaware is going to be a very critical primary state," stated Rev. Sharpton. "Next years campaign is not just about



Rev. Al Sharpton

an election. We are looking at a critical time in American History."

"I feel that we are facing, what I call, a non-military civil war," added Sharpton referring to the re-count in Florida, redistricting in Texas, and the recall in California. "The elements of the right wing in this country are beginning to very seriously undermine the democratic principles as we know them."

"If we are not careful they will undermine the basic tenants that this country was set up on and many of us have made progress towards establishing and democratizing for all," he emphasized.

He expressed his plans to tackle the largest federal deficit, \$38 billion, to a large applause stating, "If elected president I would resend tax cuts."

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Sharpton/ Win or lose, candidate says he will win Election/ Winners admit

He addressed tax cuts made by President Bush saying, "There were no tax cuts, there were tax shifts."

According to Sharpton, the tax shifts were put on state property taxes, sales tax, and state university tuition.

In his dynamic address Sharpton expressed that he would resend the money into public education and health care, which are two of four amendments in his platform. Equal rights for women and the right to vote are the other amendments that he plans to challenge members of the U.S. House and Senate to support.

"States decide elections, not the federal government," emphasized the 48-year-old preacher, who made sure potential voters did not forget about the controversial re-count of the 2000 election.

The New York native plans to host voter registration rallies featuring hip-hop artists to encourage young adults and college students to vote. February 3, 2004 is the Delaware primary, which he strongly believes he can win.

Win or lose, Sharpton believes he can win. "I'm the

"My vote speaks for me, your vote speaks for you."

Rev. Al Sharpton, presidential candidate

only candidate running that you can't lose with because your issues will be out front. I bring a package deal, there's something you can get no matter what happens."

He also expressed his views regarding getting out of the war stating, "One way to get out is to have never have gone in." Sharpton, who opposes war with Iraq stated, "The only way to have a proper exit is to have a multilateral strategy to restore Iraq and bring our troops home."

His plans to bring the economy back are to create more jobs by implementing infrastructure re-development plan using \$250 billion over five years (\$50 billion per year) to re-build roadways, highways, tunnels, and ports.

"The jobs we would create would create tax pays to repay the investor. The way you rebuild an economy is not by giv-

ing the wealthy tax cuts. You create jobs," he added.

He also touched on drug regulations, "you have to cut drugs off at the supply, not at the end of the supply line."

A community member inquired whether or not America is ready for a black president. Sharpton replied by stating, "We get America ready when we're ready."

Sophomore, Ebony Montague enjoyed the 45-minute session stating, "I thought that his format was really good and extremely positive." But, the political science major, who saw the flyers and told others about the event said, "I think the turnout was disgraceful and embarrassing."

"People come to what they want to come to," added Hannon. "How often does Rev. Al Sharpton come to town?"

Sharpton encourages college students to utilize their right to vote stating, "My vote speaks for me, your vote speaks for you."

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wrongdoing in online election

Handy wants it to be known that he didn't know the campaign rules so he didn't tell his team to stop collecting the information.

He went on to mention "That same night his campaign team went to Laws Hall and collected 20 more votes. Most of the girls the campaign team talked to said they didn't feel like going out to vote so they gave my team their information."

Handy also pointed out that if the girls in Laws Hall said they wanted to vote for Aaron Bell then his team voted for Bell. He also mentioned that Wilmbily

Hooper would not have won Vice President if his team didn't ask the girls if they wanted to vote for her. Hooper won only had seven more votes than DeSean Young. Handy continued by saying "This was done by my campaign team but they are apart of me so I had to take the fall." Handy expressed that cheating is not apart of his character and he dose not want this incident to give him a bad name.

Hooper explained that she didn't even know about the controversy because no one formally told her about the issue and that Handy's statement was not true. "I can't even speak on it because I don't know," said a surprised Hooper.

Young explained that he didn't think Hooper had anything to do with the controversy. He said Handy came to him and told him while Azim placed people's votes in the computer Hooper was sitting next to her egging her on to place votes for her. Young said "I am tired of it (the controversy) and I don't think Hooper had anything to do with it. People have been coming to me saying things but I don't believe them."

The Office of Student Leadership and Activities has not received any formal complaints implicating Wilmbily Hooper of any wrong doing.

Sakina Azim's story is very similar to Handy's. Handy and Azim shared the same campaign team. She also states that someone on her campaign team came to her with a list of names and student information and she

didn't know about the campaign rules. Azim said when her team came to her with the list she thought "Maybe we shouldn't do this, but the letter the Election Committee gave out didn't say anything about collecting votes for people who didn't feel like going to vote."

Azim explained she was disappointed when she found out her title was taken from her. She said "I would have represented the freshman class very well, I had lots of ideas, and I am very dedicated."

Azim then went on to complain that the Election Committee did-

n't take into consideration that she and Handy were honest. "How do they know Desiree Perez didn't do the same thing?" she said.


Perez responded by stating her campaign team told and recruited people to go the computer lab and vote.

According to Melba Brown of the Election Committee, the Election Committee was following the campaign guidelines and the Student Handbook rules when they decided to take Handy's and Azim's title. Brown also shared that all candidates were given campaign guidelines and had access to the student handbook which states campaign rules.

The controversy was exposed when the election results were made public. According to Handy, Corresponding Secretary Larissa Mendoza told Aaron Bell the Handy campaign team went came to her dorm asking people if they voted before the results were announced. "After the results came out Bell went to Mr. Hannon and told him," said Handy.

Overall Mr. Hannon stated the online election was a success and he acknowledges there are some kinks that need to be work out. Sonid Blanchaed, a freshman, stated "It (the online voting) was very good and easy."

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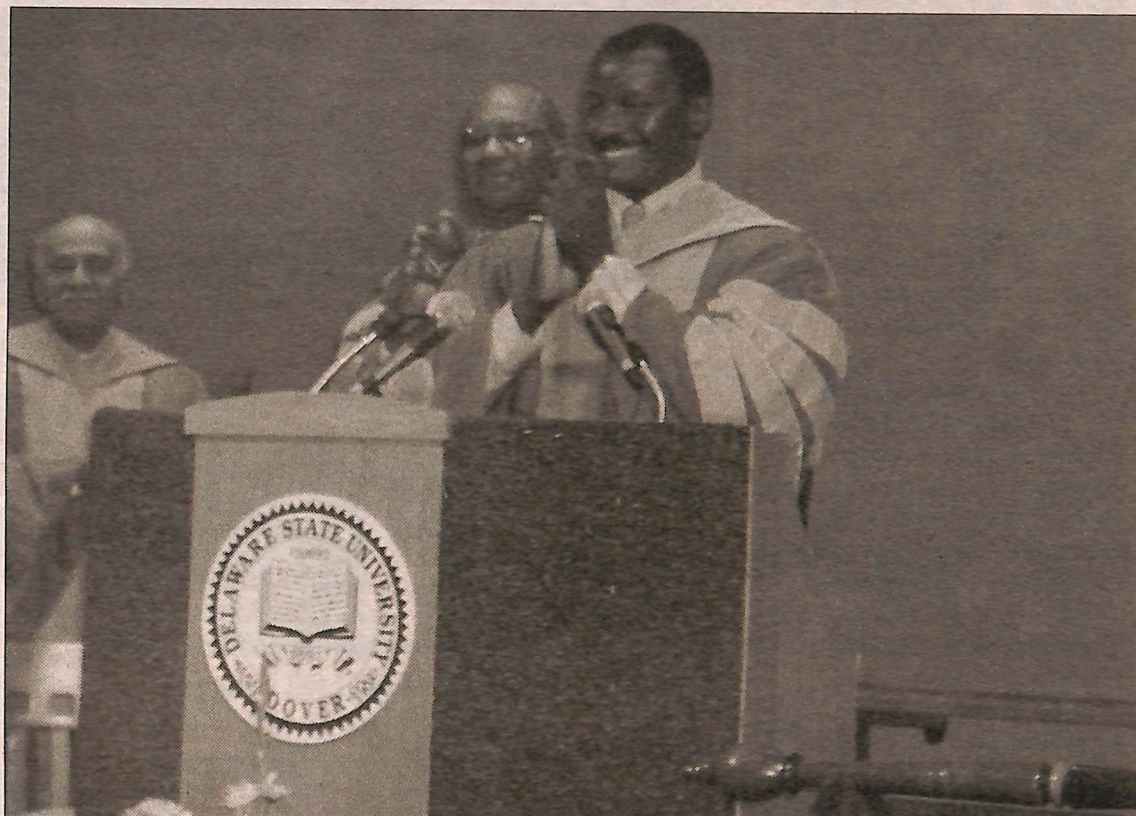
Convocation marks new era

By Jennifer Robinson
News Editor

Sessoms, who received a standing ovation from an entire audience full of seats as well as the rest of those in attendance who had managed to squeeze into the once spacious auditorium, spoke of the "hunger for change" he had experienced through his past two months with the university.

"The university has grown well beyond its stereotype. DSU is a place where people wanna be, where we strive together. It is fair to say that the best students of this university rival the best in the country. I see this institution evolving towards the state institution of Delaware," stated Sessoms.

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President Allen L. Sessoms applauds during his inaugural convocation Tuesday, September 9, 2003.

Derrick Sawyer II/ Hornet Staff

Campus mailbox prices soar

By Nate Delesline
Contributing Writer

Much to their dismay, resident students discovered they faced yet another cost upon arriving on campus this semester. As if lab fees, parking stickers and books weren't enough, the cost to rent a campus mailbox is now \$35, a sharp increase from the previous fee of \$10.

Mailbox rentals will now be on a semester basis. The new policy does not apply to those who already have a mailbox under the old policy, which allowed students to retain the same mailbox through their entire matriculation at Delaware State University.

"Lost keys are a major problem," said Ms. Doris Hicks, Delaware State University mail-room supervisor. She continued, noting that the actual rental fee remains \$10—if the key is returned at the end of the semester, \$25 is refunded.

Apparently, the cost remains too high for some students, despite a stated policy that all resident students should have a campus mailbox. "It's too expensive," said freshman Yolanda Riley. "I might get one next year if the price drops."

Due to the expense and inconvenience of replacing locks, a task Hicks usually performs herself, no reductions in price are anticipated anytime soon. Meanwhile a popular and long standing practice, sharing mailboxes continues. "Just go half and half," said junior Endea Matthews in an attempt to defray the \$35 fee.

Students that attend other local colleges manage to escape this particular fee.

Wesley College in Dover and the University of Delaware in Newark do not assess any fees for student mailboxes. In addition, the mailboxes are available for all full time students, whether they reside on campus or not.

New student caught in communication breakdown

Freshmen nursing major arrived without class schedule, department officials blame admissions error

By Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Amirah Rahim left the 2003 summer freshmen orientation assured that when she returned in the fall, her affairs would be in order. The 17-year-old Chester, Pennsylvania resident had done everything right—she applied in November 2002, received notice of her admission in May 2003, and paid room deposit after attending summer orientation. However, when she arrived in August, Rahim was shocked to find things far from orderly. Rahim, intending to study nursing, had not been registered for any classes.

"I felt like I didn't want to be here," says Rahim.

Because Rahim had no schedule, her mother did not have accurate financial aid information. Lakisha Doumet, account analyst in the Office of Student Accounts, recalls handling Rahim's situation.

"They [Amirah & mother] didn't know anything," Doumet says in regards to Rahim's enrollment status.

Rahim says she was only able to register after enlisting the help of a fellow nursing major. She struggled initially to be added to an Anatomy and Physiology class, but was eventu-

ally allowed into the class. Rahim says she received no assistance or direction from the nursing department. At the time of her *Hornet* interview, she was still not registered in a university seminar class.

Doumet's office verified that Rahim was not purged and the problem was not in financial aid or students accounts, as Rahim thought. Doumet observed the problem to be a "lack of communication between the student and the nursing department."

DSU nursing department officials stated to have no prior knowledge of Rahim's situation. Dr. Mary Watkins, nursing department chairperson, says that all incoming nursing students are advised by staff members. "She couldn't have come here [to the nursing department office]. I saw more students than I ever have. If she is not in university seminar, she did not see me," Watkins says.

Watkins says that a high influx of nursing students (98 new students) has placed considerable strain on the department's resources. The department just recently hired an admissions counselor to handle incoming students. "Until last week, I was the only one advising students," Watkins points out.



Brian Miller/ Hornet Staff

Amirah Rahim recalls her experience with the nursing department.

Nevertheless, what happened to Rahim, she says, may have been the result of a DSU admissions office error.

"Admissions never sent her application over. There is no record of her being admitted [to the nursing program]," Watkins asserts.

Ideally, when a DSU applicant is accepted to the university, a copy of their application is forwarded to the department of the student's desired field of study. Dr. Watkins says in Rahim's case, this never happened.

University admissions records verify that Rahim's application was forwarded to the nursing department on Sept. 2. Office of Mentoring and Advisory veri-

fies that Rahim is listed as a pre-nursing major admitted for the Fall 2003 semester.

"I don't have it," Watkins says, "She didn't come here."

Rahim, who missed the first week of classes, is attempting to put all of this behind her. Focusing on her school work and settling into university life, she intends to take extra measures to make sure this does not happen again. If Rahim will continue at DSU, however, remains in question.

"My mom doesn't want me to, but if everything goes right, I might," she says.

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Isabel/ Dining hall provides delivery service

proper precautions in preparing for the hurricane, which has been blamed for at least 30 deaths and more than a million powerless homes along the east coast, according to the Associated Press.

Hurricane Isabel, which hit Delaware during the early morning hours of Thursday, Sept. 18, led the Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Kenneth Bell to decide to operate the university under "emergency conditions."

All essential staff as identified by the university was expected to report to the university upon notice. The university did not decide to evacuate the premises.

Students who wished to travel home were encouraged to leave the university.

Jannatta Tillman, evening was one of many students who took advantage of a 4-day weekend at home. "I went home because I thought Delaware was going to flood," said the social work major. "New Jersey was on a state of emergency, but it felt like a regular

day."

Thompson Hospitality delivered food to the university residence halls to the delight of students and courtyard students were provided with lunches as well.

"I don't think the hurricane was as bad as the reports said. It could have been worse," said sophomore mass communications major Na'imah Akbar. "But, I think Delaware State handled it well, especially by providing food."

Students who remained in the residence halls were advised to remain indoors after 10 P.M. as a precaution, as heavy rain and winds were anticipated between 40-70 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

"I think the school handled it very well," added Newton, who is a nursing major.

There weren't any reported casualties in Delaware, but thousands lost power, including the campus residence halls and university courtyard apartments. Saturday, about 33,000 Delawareans remained powerless.



Photo courtesy of Jonathan Tilghman
Hurricane Isabel packed a powerful punch in Denton, MD, just 45 minutes from DSU.

Continuing efforts in Iraq

By Awbria Simmons
Contributing Writer

It has been four and a half months since President Bush landed on the deck of the USS Abraham and declared that the major combat in Iraq has ended. Since then 149 U.S. soldiers were killed. The total amount of casualties of the war is 249 American service members.

Americans seem to have many questions pertaining to the war in Iraq. How much will it cost the U.S. to rebuild Iraq? When will our troops come home?

President George W. Bush recently asked congress for \$87 billion dollars to rebuild Iraq and some of Afghanistan saying, "The nation will spend what it takes to win the war on terror and to protect the American people."

Many of the U.S. troops that are stationed in Iraq have just had their orders extended, which will mean that many of them will be away from their families for one year.

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Coping with new identity

By Angel Saunders
Feature Editor

Student discovers father and sister after 15 years

years of her life. What she was aware of missing came back to her when she was just five —years old. Before then her mother had been in and out of her life.

She gave life to Amber in 1984 at the age of 19. She was living with and being raised by her grandparent's at the time. She had become involved with a man that she was forbidden to date and her little girl and only child became less than a priority. Believing she was unfit to raise a child, her grandparent's had taken responsibility of raising their great grand daughter, Amber.

Amber's mother then moved to Atlanta, Georgia with her boyfriend. Her angel-faced daughter, although out of sight but not out of mind, got a letter ever so often from her until she came back to the place she called home; New Castle, Delaware.

"I remember looking out the window and seeing him drag her back and forth across the street," said Amber. "After their fights, she would always tell me that nothing was wrong and to go into my room." Her mother's boyfriend was a well-known drug dealer and was physically abusive towards her mother.

A small child just under six years old began to see the hardships of relationships, the hardships of being involved with the wrong person and the hardships of life for her was just around the corner. She says that it was apparent even at that age and she couldn't understand why her mother continued to associate with someone that made her cry the same tears she had. She knew that her mother liquid filled eyes were tears of hurt.

She recalls going to the mall with her mother and returning in a cherry red drop top convertible with a gift

The only thing she could manage to say for the first ten seconds was that she was sorry. *Sorry for what?* Amber thought. "I'm sorry," she repeated one more time before Amber asked her what she was sorry for. Her mother said, "The test results came back."

his illness had taken a turn for the worst. Breath and death was in the hands of the family. "His eyes were greenish and I was thinking oh my God and I just held his hand until it hurt too bad. I left the room. He passed away when I was in the chair sleep. I know he wanted to be there for my graduation the next day but it was like he was telling me he would be there spiritually," said Amber. He died at noon. Her great grandmother became ill soon after and passed a year later.

Her grandmother moved into the house that she was raised in so Amber wouldn't have to move in with her mother who was now married with a second child. "I had this I don't care attitude and I hated how she would say well I'm your mother Amber," she stated. She didn't want to be around anyone. She felt her life was falling apart and everything she felt and thought was like a balloon waiting to bust. She didn't like her stepfather. She hardly liked anyone. Nana and Pops was her life and they were gone.

Two years had come and gone since their passing and now at 16 she walked into a room full of unknown Mexican folk who said she looked so much like Kiddy. A picture of a girl that was said to be her sister was handed to her and all at once it began to make sense. This man would call her three times a year; Christmas, her birthday, and just to say hi. To her knowledge he was close friend of the family's but these people were saying she was his daughter. *But what about daddy dearest around the corner she thought; they had the same chin.* The same mother that had not been there had also robbed her of half her identity. At least these people thought so but her mother insisted that Amber's father was the guy with Amber's chin. She said life without her great grandparent's was already weird but this was even weirder and the only thing she could think was *what the F is going on.* Looking at the picture she became fixated and amazed at the face that looked so much like hers.

Eventually paternity tests were taken and a year later after the first mention of what she thought an escapade, she stood looking at her mother who was crying and telling her that Kiddy was her father. Amber stormed out of the room slamming the door as hard as she could as if it could reflect what she felt. She cried and thought of ways to tell her friends that the other guy she thought to be her father was not. "I would see stuff like this on Jerry Springer. How could she just have somebody thinking for 16 years that somebody is your father," she questioned. She said just like when she was five, her mother didn't console her nor did she give an explanation of why she had done this to her and till this day it has never been discussed between the two.

A few days later she met her younger sister for the first time at church. She says that she could tell that her real father's heart was broken. His face expressed the sorrow of knowing that he could never recover the 16 years they had lost. He explained to her that he always had an instinct that Amber was his child, but her mother always said she wasn't. Her cute face twists when she is asked how she feels about her mother. She holds a grudge and has no respect for her. She blames her bad attitude on her mother's deception. "We argue all the time. I always thought that if my grandparent's were here it wouldn't have come out the way it had. But whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger," she expressed. She says she is happy that her younger brother knows and is being raised by his biological parents. "I wouldn't want any child to experience what I went through." Currently a sophomore at Delaware State and moving towards healing, there is not a day that goes by, that Amber doesn't think of her mother's betrayal. She doesn't know if she could ever forgive her; especially when her mother isn't asking for it.

While the biggest quest for America is dealing with the repercussions of rebuilding Iraq's regime, many of us have our own personal scars and bruises that are not visible to the world, but visible in one's self.

Amber Dobson was outside of the house on the front step talking with her stepfather when her mother screamed from the porch door to come in a hurry. Amber thought something was wrong from the tone her mother used. She ran up the steps just as fast as her mother had, proceeding into the room to see what the urgency was. She stood there growing anxious while her mother dug in the room closet, obviously in search of something. With a white piece of paper in her hand, she looked at her daughter through teary eyes that would fall upon her cheek at any second. The only thing she could manage to say for the first ten seconds was that she was sorry. *Sorry for what?* Amber thought. "I'm sorry," she repeated one more time before Amber asked her what she was sorry for. Her mother said, "The test results came back."

Nana and Pop is what she called her guardians. Her great grandparents' was all she really knew for the first few



Photos courtesy of Amber Dobson
Amber Dobson (larger image) and her sister (smaller) are pictured.

her mother's boyfriend had purchased for her. She thought it was cool. This car was different. It was new and attractive unlike the car she rode in with her grandparents. From then on the two of them would become opposite from inseparable. The bond that most children have with their mothers was already lost. Neither was in a hurry to find it. Amber had whom she loved the most, Nana and Pop and her mom still chose the fast life.

But where was daddy? For Amber he was just around the corner from where she lived. Although a few jumps and skips away, he exempted himself from her life. But life for Amber wasn't bad at all. Her great grandparents made sure her life was plentiful. A trip to the mall every Saturday and little Amber even got to help her grandfather bet on horses on Sundays. Chores or cooking a meal was not a part of life. She was even lucky enough to have lunch brought to St. Peters and St. Padua, the only two schools she attended. Even so, she was aware of what she chose to ignore. The same way you ignore credit card bills to avoid stress; a feeling that something was still out of place.

Amber was happy. Even with her mother trying to play mother here and there because she wasn't so little anymore. She was a teenager and all she wanted for her graduation before she was an off to high school was a party. A morning call brought her to a real connection with suffering. Pops had been in the hospital and

Phone tap: T.I.

By B. Dot™
Entertainment Editor

"Damn, he sure taking a long time to call" is what I was thinking last Tuesday morning around 10:00am. Getting up is one thing, but waiting for rapper's phone call is another.

The buzz I was waiting for would come from none other than T.I.; Atlantic Records' newest shining star.

T. I., a product of Atlanta, Georgia is a "seasoned rookie" in the game. First signed to Arista Records' Laface imprint, T.I. had to shorten his original name (T.I.P.) to avoid confusion between the companies other artist, Q-Tip.

In 2001, the self proclaimed "King of the South" dropped his debut album *I'm Serious*, under Laface records. Management changes, lack of album sales, and politics as usual, ultimately led to T.I.'s demise from the label.

Despite his absence from Arista, other companies like Def Jam and Bad Boy were more than happy to make T.I. present on their roster.

As I began to drift off into dream land, the shrieking sound of the telephone woke my near comatose body. When I answered, the blend of a southern accent and chewing breakfast infested my ear canal. I was greeted with the standard "what's up/ how doing," but instead of being stuck on small talk, I went right to work.

The rather respectful rapper answered my all my inquiries with no form of aggra-

vation or annoyance in his voice; especially when asked about his reluctance to sign to Bad Boy.

"I ain't signed with Bad Boy because I was doing my thing in the 8th - they basically found me. Puff expressed his interest in Bad Boy south but at the time I had my company he, had his."

Rappers of today usually care about the CMCC (Cash, Money, Cars, Clothes.) T.I. is no different; just listen to the song 24's off his album *Trap Musik*. Nevertheless, don't think that's all this rapper has on his mind. When he's not busy writing rhymes you can catch him focused on his second most important venture his construction company. "We got about 200 properties up and running" said the ATL native. I did so much to destroy the community I wanted to do something to help rebuild it."

"It's definitely a blessing with the numbers I'm doing. It's just a small step, but I still got a long ways to go." When asked about his album, *Trap Musik* he said, "I called the album *Trap Musik* because the trap (slang for drug dealing in the south) was part of my life, it was something I been through ya know. I just thought it would be a proper



Photo courtesy of Atlantic Records

title."

The year 2003 has undeniably been the year for Southern rap music. "The South is so hot right now because we got a lot of energy," said T.I. "Its music you can wake up to in the morning. People need that to have a good time."

Knowing that I only had 15 minutes for this interview, I made the best of my last couple of minutes asking T.I. whom in the game he's feeling.

"If this is gonna be Jay's last album I would like to work with him before he leaves the game. I would like to work with Eminem too," added T.I., who concluded expressing an interest in artists such as Dip Set, State Property, D-Block, and 50 Cent.

However, at times, they seem often too familiar. Diddy sure got his hands full.

Dylan, Bad Boy Records' first reggae artist could probably pass for Sean Paul or Elephant Man since his musical approach mimics every other dancehall musician. New Orleans rapper Chopper, at times sounds like Lil' Wayne. Occasionally, I often get confused between Ness and Butsa Rhymes.

Flipmode Squad's Rah Digga may have to find a new occupation if Babs, the sole female rapper, continues to use her flow. Cast members Fred from Miami and maternal figure Sara, are probably the only musi-

nation wide search designed to form the next big pop group. Once the group is formed, cameras follow the artists' every move to show the process of making an album and how total strangers interact. Two years ago pop group O-Town was created through the same procedure.

Filling a void in hip-hop is a feat that many have failed to accomplish. "Bad Boy's Da Band" as they were dubbed in a later episode (the group's name was recently changed to avoid being sued by another group who already uses the same moniker) consists of six members. Like the different cities they hail, the group's styles are diverse.

Da Band: hip hop's spin on reality TV

By B. Dot™
Entertainment Editor

With reality based Pop programs such as *American Idol* and *Fame* drawing millions of viewers each week, it was only a matter of time that hip-hop capitalized on this growing phenomenon.

Self proclaimed "star maker" and rap tycoon, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs has decided to throw his hat into the reality television business; by executive producing the show, *Making the Band 2*.

Unless you've been living under a rock the last couple of months, *Making The Band* is a

Student Spotlight

By B. Dot™
Entertainment Editor

Name: Kyle Hockady (Kae Hock)

Age: 19

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Plainfield, New Jersey (Holding it down in Delaware)

Claim to Fame: You could say he's the Jay-Z of *GameTime Entertainment*. Along side partner Andre Brown, Hock is not only the label's premier rapper but also the companies second in command. I told yall last time, it's more than just music.

When did you start rapping?

Hock: When I was like nine years old. I started making songs when I was 12. Making songs and counting bars came natural to me.

Who are some of your influences?

Hock: Big, Nas, Jay, Krs-One, Kool G Rap, Shaheim da Rugged Child....

From Wu-Tang?!

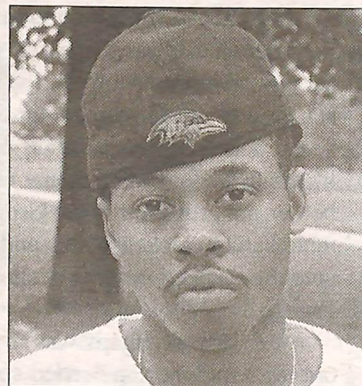
Hock: (Laughing) yeah, and myself

What separates your rap style from everybody else? What are you bringing to the table that wasn't there before?

Hock: Well, I'm unique. I can do everything. Like Nas, he's good politically but can't do party. Jay can do party and can't do politics-it's vice a versa. I got things that make you think. I can switch up my flow, plus I'm young.

Is there creative freedom on *GameTime* or is it real controlled?

Hock: It's creative definitely. I get to do what I want. All the



Kyle □ Kae Hock □ Hockady

music I do is me. We got Dre and Kaze, they help me with concepts, but the lyrics; it's all me.

Does everybody with the company get along artistically?

Hock: Sometimes we have different ideas but we respect people's opinions. No one's famous yet.

Where do you see *GameTime Entertainment* going?

Hock: In a semester's time: on top.

In a year: on top in Delaware

In 5 years: on top of the game. (chuckles) *GameTime* is not a game.

Is there an album on the works?

Hock: Yeah in about 3 weeks your gonna see a lot of promotional stuff for the mix tape its going to have like 20 tracks. I got my real album coming soon; that's going to have 11 original songs.

Any last words for all the sucker MC's out there?

Hock: (looking real confident) Beware. Just Beware. A lot of n*ggas is tired of the same the same ol' stuff man. I'm the best of both worlds. I'm coming at you from every angle.



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cians that stand out because of their styles.

Fred is lyrically the most talented out of the bunch. However, his ashy voice makes the dirty south MC sound like he ate a sandpaper sandwich every time he touches the mic.

As the lone singer, it's

somewhat hard to determine Sara's full potential as a vocalist because of her different influences and ranges.

Despite the harsh critiques, *Making the Band 2* was this summer's best program to watch.

Da Band's debut CD *Too Hot For T.V.* drops Sept 30.

Virgo's Corner

Always a Love

By M. E. Virgo

I went to the ball. It was like any dance put on by adults, no dancing. Girls on one side, men on the other waiting for a woman to walk into the room.

Red and blue balloons were over white tablecloths. Women walked in and men become boys. Everyone was waiting for that moment when they would look across a crowded room and see that special "one". I sat just like any other dude and stared at the girl I wanted but could never have.

It's always difficult being the first on the dance floor but it always happens like that. There's always that one beauty at a table waiting for a boy brave enough to be her man for the night. Groups are coming in more and more; all the girls sit at a table eating chicken wings and still trying to look fine, boys at a table trying to look cute. She tapped me on my shoulder. I turn and she says "you've been avoiding me." I'm frozen. I look in her eyes and I'm in love again.

Maxine Snaps was my girl of five years; became my friend and lover. The one who told me she needed space. She sits in my lap, her caramel skin mixing well with her tight cinnamon dress that shows her luscious thighs. I put my hand on her right thigh and touched her three freckles. She kissed me deep my eyes rolled into my head as she rubs against me. It becomes a party. Boys become men, girls become women.

Pheromones, hormones, sweat and lust seem to bring the room to life. Some how or another we got up into the room, I mean this is not a night I wanted to spend alone. Our kisses become more intense, but that's how it was between me and Maxine; are bodies spoke more then we did. They spoke of fears and joys, our heats and loves. We spoke in a rhythm of fast and rough, slow and genital; and every point in between. She stood as I lay on the bed. She seductively danced for me; slowly removing her dress. She must have been expecting the hookup because all she was wearing under that was her smile.

I began kissing her lips, and then worked my way around each hip. I realize why she kept on loving me, because she knows I'm going to give her every thing I got; all my love, before she will give me hers. My tongue, my lips, my hands and her body were being painted with my finger prints. After all of this when the sun was about to rise that is when I had her. Are bodies came together; moans and groans became are symphony. Tonight I realize that, after each symphony the conductor needs his props.

20 Questions

- 1.) Are we going to have to make up the days of school we missed due to Hurricane Isabel?
- 2.) Is it true security was called due to a confrontation between DSU and North Carolina Central fans at the football game on Saturday?
- 3.) And who was trying to get phone numbers from students of the opposing side while this confrontation was going on?
- 4.) Who actually paid to see 'The Fighting Temptations' and wishes they didn't?
- 5.) Who has a better chance: Rev. Al Sharpton winning the Democratic nomination or the Hornet football team having a winning record?
- 6.) Does the "R" in R&B stand for rape?
- 7.) Who got cut from the homecoming fashion show on *both* try-out days?
- 8.) Why was all the student poetry at Java City sex related?
- 9.) And who confused poetry night with nursery rhyme night?
- 10.) Is the controversial freshman election an indication of the things to expect from the class of '07?
- 11.) Why weren't the administrators present at Rev. Al Sharpton's campaign address?
- 12.) Can Da Band really revive Bad Boy?
- 13.) What's worse: waiting in line for nasty cafeteria food or having it delivered to your residence hall?
- 14.) Who thought they could get away with anything during the hurricane power outage?
- 15.) Who uses the stalls in the basements of the residence halls as a relaxation spot?
- 16.) Who knew the DSU Hornet fitted hats would be the best thing since sliced bread?
- 17.) What freshman students actually gave the last four digits of their social security number to freshman election candidates?
- 18.) Did you know mid-terms are in JUST two weeks?
- 19.) Doesn't the Hornet Newspaper look more professional now?
- 20.) And who is too ignorant to notice?



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Do's and Don'ts It could be you

By Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

June through September we dress for the heat but from October through November we dress sexy and sweet. Put away the tank tops, and flip-flops, get ready for sweaters, and the leathers, with this article for fall we will all look a little better, just remember it's a little colder weather.

The colors for fall are pink, black, green, brown, purple, red, yellow, and blue should all work well and look fabulous on you. Fabrics this fall are leather, tweed, denim, corduroy, suede, and good old cotton.

With all these options I have given, I also spoke to a few friends and here's what you shouldn't do.

Clear sneakers were never hot, they're a new style of jelly's they were always what's not. The guys like it when baby's got butt, but not when you pair it with a big old gut, keep it cute and classy don't walk out looking trashy. If low-rise jeans aren't for you buy jeans your size. This is a drug free school we don't want any crack, remember ladies we don't want to see that part of

your back

Nelly may not care if they are Manolo's or Manono's, but you don't want boots you can buy anywhere. I guess we will continue to fake it till we make it!

Lets move on to jewelry, they get bigger and bigger and so tacky you see. Sara Jessica Parker wore the earrings on *Sex In The*

"No more jerseys and tube socks, no more flowers in the hair, fall has a new look and it has so much flare."

**Alex A. Outlaw
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City, those giant ghetto gold earrings you can't find at Tiffany's, the style is leaving fashion its misunderstood, its what's not... and is going back to the hood.

Know who's on your t-shirt is he really that cool? If you don't know about the man you look like a fool. (Che Guevara, Bob Marley)

No more jerseys and tube socks, no more flowers in the hair fall has a new look and it has so much flare. The white T's are just about done, buy real

clothes they can be so much fun. Socks and flip-flops don't equal a shoe, hey Kyle Heyward, I am talking to you. I gave a lot of don'ts now here come some dos...

Do pair old classic accessories with your every day wear, a pearl necklace and tweed jacket with jeans and heels, it's the look of Chanel so much sex appeal. Metallic in any style will work swell, just remember to be graceful, and wear it well.

As I said before no matter what you wear keep the hair and eyebrows done. There are a few spots in Dover I think are the best you see, every three weeks go visit Tony, for a price that's realistic check him out at Stylistics for brows (\$7). For a wash and curl or a tight shape up think smart and checkout Creative Art located on South Bradford St. Across from Wachovia Bank.

Last but not least stay with in your budget, you don't need Neiman Marcus it's not for all of us check out the Dover Mall they have some cute things for fall.

By Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

It could be you the next fashion guru. As the fashion editor I am interested in finding good writers to share their opinions as well as research different fashion topics related to DSU students and write about them in the paper. Anyone interested please contacts me, by leaving a note in the hornet.

The Limit Less club would like to thank all of the models that came out an auditioned for the home coming fashion show. Limit Less believes this year's show is going to be a great success. The club plans to bring a new flavor to the show this year. It will be different from any other show this school has seen in along time.

A new day is here but many of us are still going to fake it till we make it, and it could be you! I see many of us are still big on Louis Vuitton, especially his new Murakami collection. Ladies remember it's all about discretion, no one should know your



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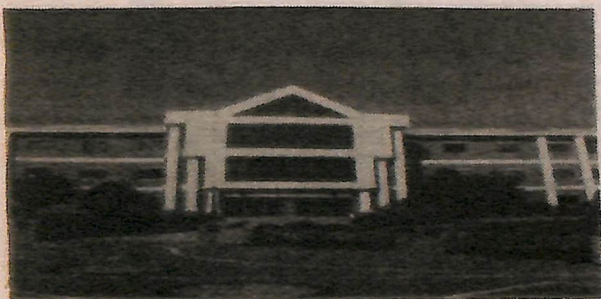
bag is fake. Here's a hint on how you can tell if the new colorful bags are fake or not. You can almost look at the person carrying it! Many of us wont have access because there is a waiting list for those bags, a long waiting list. Many celebrities are renting them because the bags are hard to get. They also cost more than the regular monogram canvas bag. The ratio of real Murakami bags on campus to the amount of girls carrying them is slim to none. There are a select few at this school who might be waiting to pay hundreds or thousands, but you better not be waiting on buses. The same goes for the Louis Vuitton graffiti bags. These bags cost way more than the Murakami bags, and depending on the color is even more difficult to obtain. If any of you ladies consider yourselves BAPs you don't own fake items period. You would know this if you read you BAP hand book bye Kalyn Johnson, Tracey Lewis, Karla Lightfoot, and Ginger Wilson. If your wondering what a BAP is, don't worry, your not it.

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The Career Planning Center has launched a new project called the *Future Careers Initiative Program* funded by a Title III grant.

The primary aim of the *Future Careers Initiative Program* (FCI) is to increase the number of minority students in current and emerging career fields in which they are underrepresented. The focus is on students who plan to pursue careers and terminal degrees in the sciences and technology. The program will offer coordinated programs of practical work experiences, research and professional mentoring.



Hornet football off to a slow start

By Christopher Stevens
Contributing Writer

Following a 2002 season that saw the Delaware State football team win its first two games then take a vacation the rest of year, it seems the 2003 Hornets feel like reversing trends is a good thing. That theory has not worked in the first two games however, as they dropped their home opener to Bucknell 33-28, followed by an absolute drubbing at the hands of 19th-ranked Northwestern State (Louisiana) 43-6.

The first game of the season was an exercise in frustration as the Hornets took the opening possession 50 yards down the field only to fumble away a scoring opportunity, which was the theme of the day.

"We shot ourselves in the foot today with the turnovers," said DSU coach Ben Blacknall, speaking of four lost fumbles and two interceptions registered by the Hornet offense. "We were our own worst enemy."

However, the Bison didn't have such a problem. Reserve Running Back Frank Lazio, subbing for injured starter Blane Sarnor, accumulated 117 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries, and Quarterback Daris Wilson busted off a 79-

yard run that riled Bucknell up and deflated a Hornet defense that seemed to be gaining momentum.

"That was a big play that turned the momentum around, even though I ran out of gas at the end," Wilson said. "I needed an oxygen tank after that run," kidded Blacknall. That run led to a nine yard touchdown scamper from Tim Johnson to give the Bison a quick 14-0 lead.

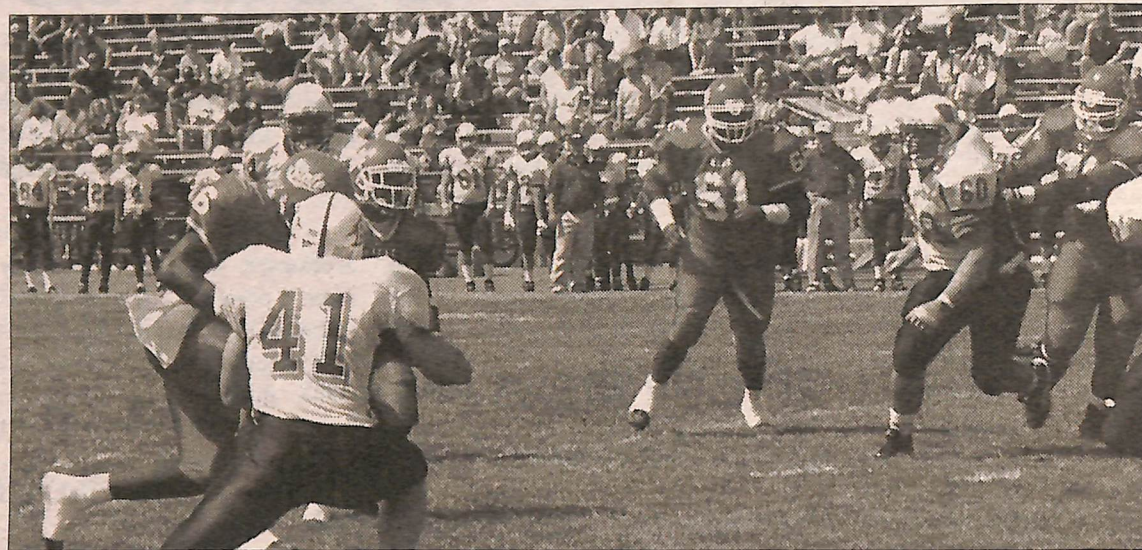
However, one bright spot was the play of QB Keon Frazier, whose first college start was nothing short of outstanding.

Frazier led all State runners with 74 yards on 15 carries, and was 21-of-35 passing for 278 yards and two touchdowns, one being a 25-yarder to Thomas Bolden (nine catches for 168 yards) as time expired in the 4th quarter.

"It was good to get back out there and be able to play well," said Frazier, after sitting out last year with transfer troubles. "We tried not to ask Keon to do too much today," coach Blacknall added.

Despite Frazier's best efforts, the Hornets could not escape the mistakes and mental errors that plagued them last season.

Miscommunication between Andrew Blackston and



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Bolden led to Bison defensive back Joe Glenn intercepting the ball and running the other way 90 yards for a touchdown that gave Bucknell a 33-14 lead in the third quarter. Although Bucknell won the points battle, the Hornet offense out-gained the Bison 487-308.

Delaware State was still in the game late into the fourth quarter, when Zach Bussey came on to attempt a field goal that would bring the Hornets within eight points. However, Blackston mishandled the snap and the subsequent pass to Sharod Oliphant was incomplete.

"I think we had first-game jitters, a lot of guys tried to do too much," said Frazier. "But I think we should be settled

down for the rest of the season."

William Ross scored the first touchdown of the season for the Hornets, catching a tipped pass from Frazier off Bolden's hands with 20 seconds left in the first half to make it 20-7 at half-time.

After Wilson fumbled on another run attempt in the third quarter, Deon Rheubottom scooped up the ball and took it to the house from 28 yards away for another touchdown, and Junior Fullback Andrei Francis powered his way into the end zone from three yards away for the other score.

Traveling to Natchitoches, Louisiana to play the Demons of Northwestern State seemed to be a good test

for the Hornets in a hostile environment. Well as most professors do, the lowest grade should be thrown out, as the Demons pounded the Hornets in every aspect of the game.

As the Hornets out-gained Bucknell in Game One, Game Two was the opposite, as NWSU ran over State 512 yards to 121. Junior Running Back Derrick Johnese led the 60-minute mugging, rushing for 162 yards on 23 carries. Seven different Demons scored touchdowns, including four straight during a 26-0 second half run that broke what still was a close game open.

Andrei Francis accounted for the only Hornet score, an 80-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter.

Spotlight: Volleyball

By Dominique Mizell
Hornet Correspondent

Volleyball coach Jane Hicks is in her 12th year at Delaware State University. In 2000, Hicks led the Lady Hornets to the quarterfinals of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Tournament.

The Hornets have one of the toughest schedules in the MEAC, facing some of the best teams in the region. Tough teams like Conference Powerhouse Florida A&M and Morgan State have basically dominated the MEAC the past few seasons. The Hornets will have a tough road ahead of them, but this year's team is special. "Team chemistry has improved as well as the level of players," says Coach Hicks.

The addition of newcomers Kimberly Adams, Ruby Melton, and junior college transfer sensations Rosie Lanphere and Desiree Abeyta are great

assets to the team. Both Lanphere and Abeyta were high school teammates before enjoying success at their two-year colleges. Abeyta was a star setter at Independence Community College in Kansas and Lanphere was a star middle back and outside hitter at New Mexico Military Academy. Key players for the Hornets are freshman Kim Adams, Lanphere, and junior Keysha Tiller.

Tiller rejoins the team after concentrating on studies during the 2002 season; she is perhaps the team's best all-around player.

Last season record overall was 2-23; this year's team is young but showing signs of promise. Coach Hicks says, "There is competitive competition in the MEAC but I have faith that my team will do well". This team is hoping to return back to its MEAC Championship caliber.

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Reality Check

By B.Dot
Entertainment Editor

As of late, I've noticed that a lot of students are using the print medium to promote their rap artist, entertainment companies, bake sales or whatever the case maybe. Since this column is a reflection of me and I being the co-manager of rap group, I have no choice but to become a victim of shameless self promotion: *Been Official* is the next BIG thing coming sooner than you think.

Before I forget, I would like to thank anyone who has written a letter, made a dry death threat, or late night anonymous



B.Dot

phone call since the last issue of the *Hornet*. Please, don't think your efforts are going in vain. By all means, keep 'em coming. I usually don't have the time to entertain everyone so just forward all comments and remarks to my publicist; she'll know what to do.

We really needed that blackout. I'm not even gonna front, I was trying to get into the female residence halls. If you say you weren't, you're a liar. I noticed that the blackout really brings the best out of everybody. For about one hour all the guys were cool with each other. I was giving daps to people I didn't even know. We were like a band of brothers. It was a beautiful thing.

I didn't go to Def Poetry night. I'm really not into all that "she-she foo foo" kufi - snapping

nonsense. Don't get me wrong, some poetry is dope; I mean hip hop is a form of poetry. On Def Poetry, you got Mos Def, a very talented rapper, who's opening up the show quoting queers like Shakespeare. I just don't see the vision, maybe it's just me.

I find it kind of funny how the great Rev. Al Sharpton; a **presidential candidate** (mind you), came to DSU two Sundays ago and only a handful of people showed up. You cotton pickers make me sick. I bet if Jigga Man were to come, it would have been packed. Y'all would have been throwing up them R-O-C signs like Deltas. I'm out Del State. Peace.

Love me, hate me, feel free to tell me.

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Thin line between love and hate

By Morgan Parker and
Fredo Sanon
Contributing Writers

We love Delaware State University, but there's always room for improvement. When returning to DSU for the fall semester the atmosphere was filled with excitement, a new president, new administration building, and new late registration policy!

In the past if any classes were added late it was a \$10 charge per class. Now it's a \$110 to register late even if your a senior, get your senior audit done first before registering for classes.

Now what type of respect is that for upperclassmen who has paid their dues and are just trying to graduate to become economical contributors in modern day society? What type of administration adds a new policy effecting registering for classes with in the first two weeks of school when most people are adding and dropping classes, affecting almost every major across the campus?

Sanfort Tanksley, a sophomore business major said, "I like change but the way the new administration enforced there new policy without prior notice is very unprofessional."

Jeremy Strickland, a senior agriculture major expressed disappointment stat-

ing, "I thought when the new administration building went up that records, financial aid and student account offices would be more organized but it seems to me that the problem they planned to solve still exist."

New administration would like graduating students to donate money back to the school in the near future but how can the

want DSU to become a university that is recognized nationally. In my opinion I think they should fix the problems that students are having before taking that next big step on the business side of things."

In my opinion it sounds like administration does not care about student concerns, it seems like the new administration is mainly focused on the financial aspects of the university, but in a business the customer is always right and customer service is a valued part of business.

We pay good money to come here to be treated like we are not on the same team, as if we the students are the enemies.

Jean Michaud, a sophomore mass communication major said "Everything with this school is a struggle for me in terms of dealing with financial aid, Student Accounts, or even attempting to enter on to campus at night without being hassled by security. I get held up at the front gate every night for about a half an hour. But when the university is on the receiving end of things, and it's my turn to meet a deadline or give some money to the school, they set a date and expect it on that date there are no exceptions for me."

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administration expect students to be willing when it seems the new administration does not care about its students concerns.

LaDonna Vernon, a transfer student from Prairie State College, which is in the suburbs of Chicago, sent her transcript to school last fall. But, upon arriving to school her credits were not calculated correctly. The credits that she currently holds have her listed as sophomore.

Vernon said, "I already took some of the classes that I am taking now, I never thought I would face problems like this at Delaware State University. I hear the administration is saying they

New students question DSU

By Harold G. Burnett
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The lack of communication, accommodation, organization, and the inconvenience that Delaware State University (DSU) students endure has this year's incoming class asking one question "Did I choose the right choice in DSU?"

Since my stay I have encountered a multiple of freshman, including myself who are contemplating that very question. Even more alarming a large number of incoming freshman have plans made to transfer out by the beginning of the 2004 semester.

"I'm not getting my moneys worth" said freshman Richie Freeman.

"A school will never be 100% perfect, but if I could change my choice I would" said Brandon Bazemore, also an incoming freshman.

Maybe that's it, maybe we're seeking perfection and excitement that's impossible to obtain. Could it be that our standards are set too high? Even while writing this I can't allow myself to grasp nor agree with that theory.

If you ever had the prestigious honor of being a DSU freshman and going through the "DSU experience" of long lines

and lack of organization, then you would agree that it doesn't take much to convince a student to transfer.

Being a Conwell resident alone can convince you to abandon college in general. It's not that our standards are too high, the problem is DSU has failed in responsibility.

DSU has a responsibility to not only provide the best education possible, and prepare its students for the real world, but also to accommodate students with a convenient process to make the transition into college as stress less as possible.

Students should be able to boast in their assurance that DSU was not only the best choice but the right choice as well. Instead, there's a lot on pondering and complaining due to long lines, unsanitary bathrooms, hazardous residence hall hallways, and that's just a few items on a monstrous list the runs like the energizer bunny.

President Dr. Allen Sessoms has expressed some very profound thoughts, but it's imperative that the University start it's reconstruction now or else DSU will see students keep going and going...gone.

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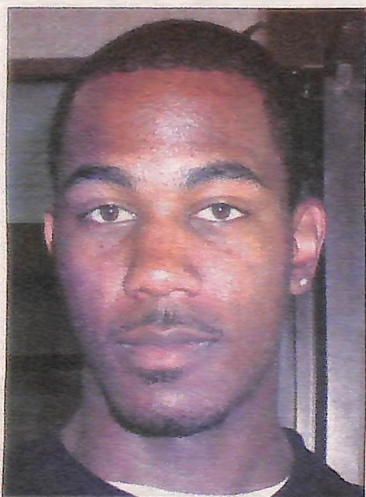
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Where were you during Hurricane Isabel?

Compiled by Dawn Tennent



Dennis Worsley, Computer Science, Sophomore

"I went all over, from the Howard Johnson, to the courtyards, and then on campus. I was trying to



Marsha Johnson, Early Childhood Education, Freshman

"I was here when the lights went out. I was about to wash my hair."



Tia Johnson, Criminal Justice, Freshman

"I was in Laws hall trying to wash my friend's hair when the lights went out."



Tiffany Richardson, Psychology, Freshman

"I went home (New Jersey) after my last class on Wednesday. I was home getting my hair done."



Chinelle Martin, Agricultural Business, Sophomore

"I was in Jenkins hall when the lights went out watching The Diary of a Mad Black Woman."



Holly Phillips, Hospitality Tourism Management, Sophomore

"I had movie night in my dorm when the lights went and I was pissed."



Prince Marsh, Physical Education, Junior

"I was in the courtyard chillin' with my friends. When the lights went out we stood on the balcony yelling and flashing lights at girls."



Rashad Vance, Physical Education, Junior

"I had wrestling practice in the morning and then I went back to Evers and played Play Station until the lights went out. Then I went outside and watched people act a fool."



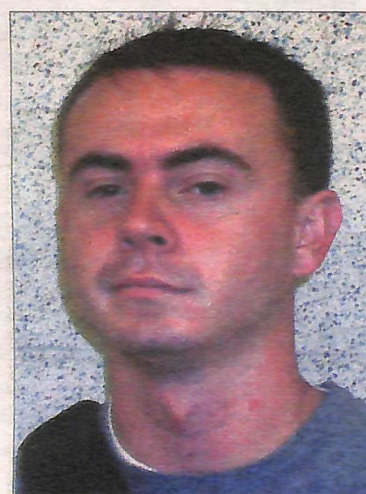
Shazbre Scott, Public Relations, Senior

"I was in the shower when the power went out. The hurricane was something I never experience before."



Doug Cuffy, Education, Senior

"Sleeping."



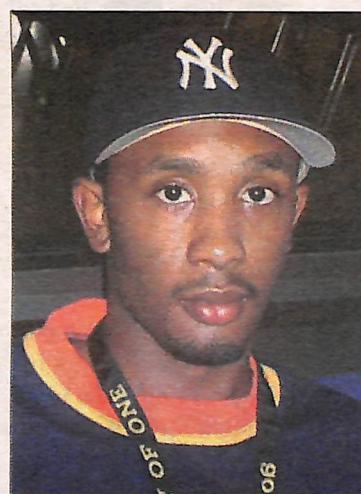
Rob Walsh, History, Senior

"I was home in Lewes, Delaware playing Madden all day."



Tashonna Lea, Business Management, Sophomore

"I was in the Howard Johnson chillin' watching TV. Then I went outside, but came back inside because it was too windy."



Marlon Jones, Psychology, Junior

"In the courtyards, drinking lemonade and checking to make sure everybody was okay. Then I went outside for a meeting during the black out."



Laquan James, Mass Communications, Sophomore

"I was in my room until the black out. Later me and my boys chilled outside."



Mark Kenny, TV Production, Junior

"I was home watching TV and talking on the phone."

