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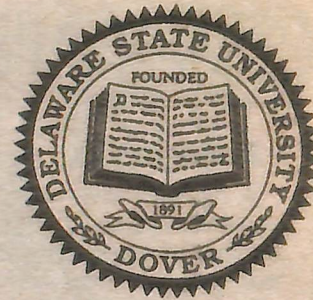


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"Lovin' Kindness" Ends Today

The Delaware State University Outreach Program proudly presents its annual production of a children's theater. This year the university outreach theater theme is centered around respect. The show's title is "Lovin' Kindness."

Lovin' Kindness, which will feature DSU students as actors, is written by Michael and Jill Gallina, and has been adapted by Don Blakey for the Del State University audience. It teaches that love and kindness should replace violence and meanness...it's OK to say "please," "thank you," and "I'm sorry."

"Lovin' Kindness" which started on Monday will end today. Show times will be 10 a.m. and 12:30.

The reservation phone number is 739-5105. Call early for good seats. There is no charge.



Gospel Choir Presents Comedy "All God's Children," and to Appear in Concert with Vickie Winans

The name "Winans" means gospel — and Vickie Winans most definitely lives up to her name.

As the Winans family is known for their own brand of fired-up contemporary gospel music, Vickie Winans lends a high-powered, energetic, yet smooth and inspirational style as showcased in all three of her Grammy-nominated albums and in her "Best of All" release which features two additional songs.

On November 18th and 19th, Thursday and Friday evenings, the Delaware State University Gospel Choir players will present the religious comedy "All God's Children" for the student body and general public.

"All God's Children" was written by Don Blakey, adjunct faculty in the English Department. The play was written for a church in Washington, D.C. and has been shown in many surrounding areas. Calvary Baptist Church in Dover was the place of the most recent showing.

While "All God's Children" has much humor and takes a poke at religious character it has a strict gospel message...living as Jesus did...going into the street to bring salvation to the masses.

The Delaware State University

Gospel Choir Players are those members of the gospel choir who have a burning desire to go an extra step...not only to sing the "word" but to use the format of the play to spread the "word."

"All God's Children" admission fee is a "free-will offering." Each show will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The play will be held in the E. H. Theatre.

Her latest release, entitled "The Lady," is just another power-packed album which was mainly produced by Vickie who teamed up with Grammy-award-winning producer Michael J. Powell, who has won praise for his work with Anita Baker.

The result is trademark brassy vocals, refashioned Christian themes, and stirring ballads, threaded together by today's formidable hip-hop beat.

And while Powell laid some of the tracks, the flavoring of this unique album is all Vickie Winans.

A three-time Grammy nominee, Vickie Winans was just 6 years old when she decided that she could sing. "I was in the bathtub," she recalls. "I started singing a song and a little vibrato started coming through.



Vickie Winans

You couldn't tell me I wasn't ready for Carnegie Hall," she laughs. At the age of 8, she sang her first solo in church. From then on, the biggest challenge for Mattie and Aaron Bowman was keeping a tight rein on

their 7th child. the Bowmans were a musical family and Vickie's mother, a singer and evangelist, and her dad, had their hands full with 12 children. Vickie

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Rhodes Studies Why Less Fortunate Still Succeed

Some children grow up disadvantaged in life. Some grow up with no problems at all. Why do some children 'make it' while others fall on the wayside? This is a question that only Dr. Warren A. Rhodes, a licensed psychologist in Delaware and professor at Delaware State University could answer. Dr. Rhodes has spent much time doing research on childhood misfortunes. One aspect of his research examines why children who grew up poor, or had a single-parent, do not do as well as children who have more money and have both parents. His studies look at the children who make their lives successful despite the odds of growing up poor and, or with a single-parent; while others psychologists traditionally look at the people who do not do well and try to fix the problem. Dr. Rhodes believes more can be learned by looking at the children who made it as opposed to the children who did not make it. He looks at the positive aspects rather than the negative.

Dr. Rhodes' basic belief is that, "people [who] do social science research, don't reflect the needs of the minority, the poor, or disenfran-



Dr. Warren A. Rhodes

chised groups; however, Dr. Rhodes plan is to correct the situation by looking at those people who have made it and find out why they made it to help other misfortunate children." This is the basis for much of the research he has done.

Dr. Rhodes is the co-author of two published books on disadvantaged children. His first book, *Why Some Children Succeed Despite the Odds* dealt with the factors that promote a healthy adjustment for

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Sigmas Recruit Marrow Donors

In hopes that more African American patients find compatible marrow donors in the National Marrow Donor Program, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor a campus marrow donor recruitment drive on Thursday, November 18. Free Testing will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Student Center.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is a non-profit organization that maintains a registry with volunteers willing to be marrow donors for patients diagnosed with leukemia and other fatal blood diseases. For these patients a marrow transplant offers the best chance for life. Marrow traits are inherited in the same way as skin, hair, and eye color are inherited. The most likely match will occur within the same racial and ethnic background.

The odds of finding an unrelated donor can range as high as one in one million. The odds are much steeper for African American patients because of the limited participation of African American volunteers. Currently, of the more than one million volunteers registered, only 52,719 are African Americans. Since its establishment in 1987, the

NMDP has facilitated more than 2,000 transplants. Only 39 of those transplants were for African American patients.

Garcia Walker, Phi Beta Sigma advisor, stresses the urgency for African Americans to join the NMDP Registry. "This is just one of the many problems facing African Americans. We (African Americans) need to come together and be counted in the registry. I encourage all students to participate and get educated about this issue," said Walker.

The first step to join the NMDP Registry is having a simple blood test. This test determines one's tissue type and approximately two tablespoons of blood are removed. The results from testing are entered into the registry searched by patients. If a volunteer is a potential match with a patient, further blood testing is performed to determine a precise match. Volunteers interested in joining the NMDP registry must be at least 18-55 years of age and in general good health.

For more information on becoming a marrow donor call 1-800-MARROW-2 or Garcia Walker at 674-5177.

NEWS BRIEFS

Robberies

A representative of Missouri Book buyers was robbed of an undisclosed amount of money on Tuesday, Oct. 25 by two men wearing ski masks. Mr. Clifton Coleman, director of security, said that so far no arrests have been made. He said that appropriate measures will be taken to combat robbery on campus.

Mr. Fernan Franklin, coordinator of the substance abuse Committee lost his camcorder to student(s) who witnessed this year's Mock Tail contest held on October 20th. He is offering a \$100 reward to anyone who will be a witness to the crime that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the student(s).

Upcoming Events and Announcements

The Mother Church of Wilmington, Delaware presents an evening with gospel star, Vickie Winans, Sunday, November 28th at 5 p.m. in the Downtown Holiday Inn on 8th and King Street. The evenings affair will also include local recording artist Tammy Lindsay of the Mother Church and the Delaware State University Gospel Choir. General Admission is \$20 and reserved seats are \$25.

Business Administrator teacher Gilbert A. Ridgely Jr., will be holding two educational seminars dealing with the subject of Financial and Business Planning. The seminars which will cover topics such as retirement planning, disability income, pension policies, tips to cut your taxes and starting your own business will take place November 11th and November 18th in Grossley Hall Auditorium from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00.

Any student interested in Theatre can contact Don Blakey in the English Department at ext. 5192. Blakey and the Theatre department would love to hear from you.

Applicants sought for summer Biomedical Research Program

Scientific research as a summer job? College undergraduates interested in biomedicine careers can do just that this summer.

The Graduate School of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston sponsors a ten-week program, the Summer Medical And Research Training Program (SMART), which gives aspiring scientists first-hand experience through work in laboratory or clinical settings. Participants also attend seminars and educational activities.

Acceptance into the national program is highly competitive, with more than 700 applicants for approximately 100 positions. Selection is based on the applicant's commitment to an excellent preparation for a career in the biomedical sciences.

"This exciting program cuts across cultural barriers, bringing together

students from small and large universities, Ivy League and historically black colleges," said Dr. Gayle R. Slaughter, SMART Program director. "Enthusiasm for science and learning is the common denominator among these students from diverse backgrounds."

Since 1989, 471 students have participated in the SMART Program, and more than 85 percent of the participants have already entered graduate or medical school. The program is funded in part by The Pew Charitable Trusts and The National Science Foundation.

Participants receive a stipend, and dormitory housing is available. The application deadline for next summer's program is March 1, 1994. For more information, call (713) 798-5915.

Vickie

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recalls, "we'd have our windows open and people would be out there in the alley and on the side of the house just listening to us sing."

Yet, for all the reception from the gospel community, Vickie, who now serves as a hostess of her own syndicated gospel television show, "Singsation," for several years, admits that, it is now her turn to share her God given talent.

Vickie's overwhelming personality and love for people is taking her to enormous heights. As she so wonderfully puts it, "with the love of God and the love for my fellowman, there is nothing I can't do for Him in this world." This has not only been proven in the past, but Vickie is still blessing the hearts of millions today, whether by television, radio, albums, videos, and personal touches.

Later this month Vickie will be

teaming up with recording artist Tammy Lindsay and the Delaware State University Gospel Choir for an evening of live entertainment at the Mother Church in Wilmington, Delaware. The school gospel choir which will be performing has a history all of its own.

The organization of the Delaware State University Gospel Choir began in 1970 with Delores Schwartz from New Jersey who sang at different churches in Dover. A close friend, Jackie Coleman accompanied her for support. The next year, Cynthia Clemmons from Chester, Pennsylvania joined Delores and Jackie as yet another singer.

The group grew to around five. Mr. Jethro Williams, current Director of Admissions frequently would visit Delaware Hall to listen to the students sing. He began to provide transportation for the students to

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Videoconference to highlight Funds Available for the Arts

On Friday, November 19, 1992 at 2 p.m. Delaware State University will serve as an interactive videoconference site for a national teleconference featuring National Endowment for the Arts Chairman, Jane Alexander, and Secretary of Education, Richard Riley of Charleston, South Carolina.

The teleconference will familiarize participants with federal resources that can be applied to arts and cultural activities to address basic issues such as employment, housing, transportation, and crime.

The two hour teleconference will be held in the lecture hall of Grossley Hall, located on the Delaware State

University campus in Dover, Delaware.

Following the teleconference, Bob Moyer, Executive Director of the Dover Arts Council will chair a round table discussion entitled, "How to Build A Coalition for the Arts and Arts Education in Kent County."

Community leaders with expertise and knowledge in building successful coalitions in Kent County will participate in the discussion.

The teleconference is free and open to the public. Because of limited space, however, attendees must register in advance.

To register, please call the Division of the Arts at (302) 739-5304

(When calling from Kent or Sussex Counties) or (302) 577-3540 (When calling from New Castle County.) Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, Nov. 17.

This national teleconference is produced by the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies in collaboration with the National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies. Assistance is provided by the South Carolina Arts Commission with partial funding from the Rockefeller Foundation. Local sponsors are the Delaware Division of the Arts, Delaware State University, Delaware Alliance for the Arts in Education, and the Dover Arts Council.

New Dorm to be Completed November

by Alicia L. Woods

Students have been asking the same question over and over again, "When will the dorm be completed? According to Dr. Ron Phillips, Assistant Vice President of Plant Operations, the expected date of completion for the dorm will be the end of November.

Dr. Phillips was asked whether the deadline for the dorm would affect boarding students for the upcoming semester and he replied, "Not at all; The use of the dorm will become more useful and more convenient for the students." To construct a building of that size and complexity in under a year is in itself

a tremendous achievement which required an unusual level of cooperation and determination from the academic leadership, the architect, and the construction managers. A job like this would normally take two to three years to complete."

Dr. Phillips went on to say that the new dorm sets a standard in the quality for accommodation and comfort. The new dorm also sets a standard for where the university is headed.

The grounds around the new dorm will be landscaped with Maples, Spruces, Magnolias, and a number of other trees and bushes. The types of trees and bushes that

will be in the quadrangle were chosen because they produce flowering all through the year. Tubman Hall's entrance will be reconstructed to have a sitting area in front with a low wall to accent the greenery around the area. The New Hall entrance will have blue stone pavement that stretches through the buildings and into the new quadrangle. There will be blue stoned shallow steps designed for the students to sit out in warm weather.

Damage to the new building set the contractors back in their schedule because they were forced to go behind what they have completed to repair things.

Ethics Essay Contest Award to total \$10,000

Themes for the 1994 ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS Essay Contest have been announced by The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Senior undergraduates at colleges and universities throughout the United States are eligible to compete for awards totaling \$10,000 in the annual contest.

Students are encouraged to enter original essays on one of the following themes: "Identify and Respond to the Most Critical Ethical Problem in Government, Professional or Social Life," or "Identify and Respond to the Ways in Which Great Writers Have Addressed Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas."

"In today's complex world, it becomes increasingly important to think about the ethical questions that remain unresolved in our struggles for peace, human dignity and understanding.

THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS challenges students to examine urgent, ethical issues which we face as individuals and as members of society," said Roberta Goldman, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Essays must be submitted by January 14, 1994. Only three essays will be accepted from each school. A distinguished panel of judges will determine the winners. Recipients of First, Second and Third prizes will be guests of the Foundation at an awards presentation ceremony in New York City.

Among past winners were students from Claremont McKenna College, Wesleyan University, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of Iowa, Harvard University, Siena College, Otterbein College, and Trinity University.

Elie Wiesel established the Foundation for Humanity after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. The Foundation's purpose is to advance the cause of peace and human rights by creating forums for the discussion of urgent ethical issues confronting people throughout the

world.

THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS Essay Contest is made possible by a major grant to the Foundation from E. Billie Ivry of New York, with additional funding provided by The Thaler Family Foundation of Chicago.

Entry forms and further information about the contest can be obtained by writing to: THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE OF ETHICS, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

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EDITORIAL

Violence on Campus

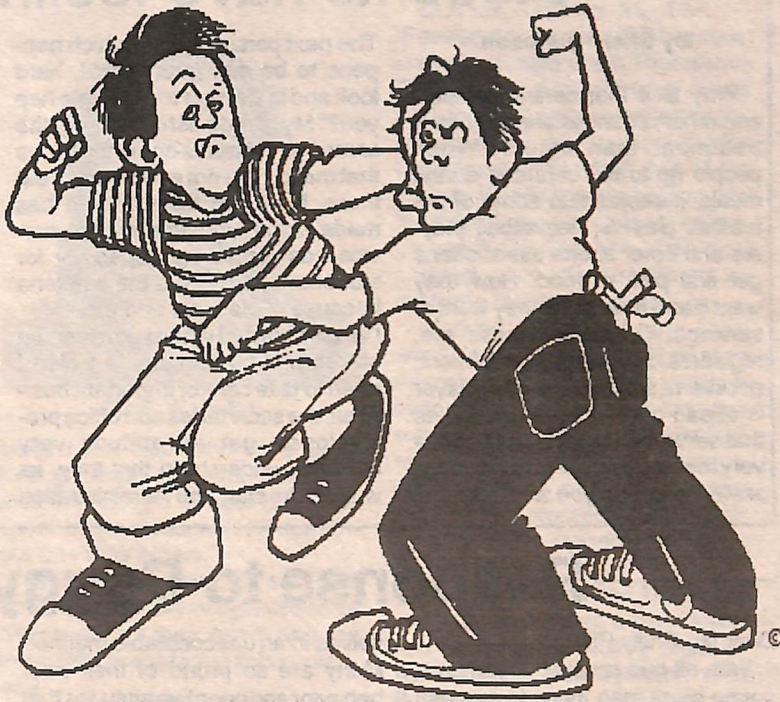
By Andrew Blake

Over the years, the concern about the increasing violence on campus has risen, and some members of the "university family" want to know what actions will be taken against students responsible.

Not only is it common for students to fight at every concert and party that are held on campus, but students also resort to the damage of school property for no just cause. Two recent examples of such events were the breaking of the Martin Luther King Student Center glass door and the breaking of windows at Jenkins, Laws and Tubman Halls on Halloween weekend.

What has become of this campus that students can just go on this kind of rampage unpunished? How secure are the innocent students?

As it stands, authorities are awaiting estimates on these damages.



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Letters to the Editor

The United States Educational System

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his 'proper place' and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. 'His education makes it necessary.'" These words from Carter G. Woodson's 1933, seminal work *The Miseducation of the Negro* hold true today. For the past ten years there have been heated debates about how and why the public school system is failing its Black Students. These discussions continue today, however, with little debate. For there is no doubt that the U.S. public school system needs revamping.

Today Black Children constitute only 17% of the public school students in the nation, but they constitute 41% of those placed in Special Education. Furthermore, 85% of those students in special education are Black males. (See Jawanza Kunjufu's *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys, Vol. 30*.) Statistics such as these apparently give "scholars" reason to publish literature claiming that Black Children are genetically inferior to whites.

At the Marcus Garvey School, an Afrikan Centered school in Los Angeles, California, the same people who were earlier labeled inferior are learning to recite their alphabets in English, Swahili and Spanish at the age of two. Three year olds can recite the Latin names of all the major bones in the body and can recognize and name all fifty states on a map with their capitals. Alge-

bra is taught in the fourth grade at the Garvey school. Furthermore, these students are usually three or more grade levels above the national public school grade average in reading and mathematics. Indeed, this country's public educational system deprives the Black child of a number of things; two of which are history and culture.

During the early stages of the education system, one finds the distortion of history. For the white student, history begins with his eminent Greek "philosophers" ancestors who were supposed to be the teachers of all. Whereas, the Black student's history normally begins with slavery. Furthermore, Africa is known as the Dark Continent—the land of error. It's rarely taught that these Greek "philosophers" received their philosophical training in Afrikan schools in a place we call Egypt. In addition, we're taught that Hippocrates was the father of medicine; we're not taught about Imhotep the true father of medicine, whom the Greeks themselves considered the God of medicine. Other inaccuracies exist as well. For instance, it is mistakenly believed that Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity, ignoring the fact that the only way to cut granite rock is with electricity. Granite rock is what the pyramids, so obviously the ancient Egyptians used electricity. One could go on for days counting the inaccuracies in the educational system. But how does this negative image of Afrika affect the Black psyche?

Now let's take Delaware State University, an accredited university. Certain professors in the history department instruct that the Egyptians were, in fact, the first to pro-

duce electricity, sciences, etc. However, we're now told that the Afrikan Egyptian was not Black. Instead, he is a full lip, coarse hair, broad nose dark-skinned European; even here at the collegiate level the lies continue.

Black students are also being deprived of their Afrikan culture under the present educational system. One such area of deprivation is language. We are told that the language that many of us speak in our communities exists as a result of ignorance. Academia often refuses to accept the scholarly work of Geneva Smitherman and Amos Wilson and other Black scholars who have proven that Black English is a legitimate language. The language we use in the Black community has direct ties to our Afrikan languages on the continent. Geneva Smitherman, a leading Black linguist, notes that when using Black English we unconsciously omit the verb to be. For example; "He real little;" "She my teacher;" "them boys always fighting;" or "he not here." Omitting the verb to be is common in many West Afrikan languages such as Kimbundu. In the Kimbundu phrase: *Ene Macamba*, which literally means "they friends," the verb to be is omitted intentionally. This is a standard West Afrikan linguistic trait.

Now, take the time to identify one classical musician and one literary classic. Did you come up with Mozart or Beethoven or maybe *Moby Dick* or *Tom Sawyer*. According to the *American Heritage Dictionary* the word "classic" is defined as "of the highest rank;" serving as a model of its kind. Now with this definition, do not Aretha Franklin, or Miles Davis

or even Bob Marley qualify as classical musicians? Or what about Richard Wright's *Native Son*, Zora Neale Hurston's, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* or Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*? Are these literary classics? As a result of a Eurocentric education we equate classical with European, not realizing that we have a rich legacy of our own from which to draw. The purpose of the Afrikan centered curriculum is to provide the Black student with a center of his or her own.

Now in the final analysis I ask you, if you teach a child from infancy

that her/his ancestors were the world's first scientist, the first doctors, the first mathematicians, the first astrologists, the worlds first - you will have a child who will excel through the ranks of any society. You will have a child who will become a producer instead of a consumer, a child who will lead instead of follow, a child who will think rather than simply believe. In the end you will have an entire race that leads, produces and thinks.

—Adisa Pepukayi
STRUGGLE

OPINION

By Randy Haskins

Is it really possible for Blacks to get a fair trial in the United States? Are Blacks truly the product of violence or drug related crimes which would explain the high and lopsided percentage of Blacks incarcerated by the so called "justice system" or is it that the "justice system" serves as an injustice on just-us.

According to Covert Action, a Black man is 7.5 times more likely to be arrested than a white man. Why is that? Could it be that since the criminal "justice system" has now become the country's largest growth industry it needs customers to remain open—Blacks. Although Black men only make up 6% of the population, they make up 44% of the prison inmates. Studies indicated in 1991 56% of Black men between the ages of 18 and 35 in Baltimore and 42% in Washington, D.C. were under the control of the criminal "justice system," and what's more; if

the current trend continues a Black man in D.C. will stand a 75% chance of being arrested. Research conducted in 1990 revealed for the first time more inmates were jailed for drug related crimes opposed to property or violent crimes.

Although Blacks only make up 12% of the nation's drug users, 43% of those convicted of drug trafficking were indeed Black. In fact, in 1989 92% of those arrested for drug charges were Black or Latino. What makes these figures even more shocking is that 80% of the country's drug users are white, but only 7% of those arrested for drug crimes are white. So what does all of this mean? It means the criminal "justice system" is nothing more than an injustice system that definitely shows favoritism. They say that "justice" is blind, but obviously "justice" has 20/20 vision and is on the lookout for a Black face.

More ... Letters to the Editor

Go Forth To Serve

Go Forth To Serve as the sign reads in front of Delaware State's campus. As a senior, this sign catches my attention more and more each day. The question I ponder each time I pass the sign is Go Forth to Serve Whom? If, in fact, the administration is leaving the space below the sign blank for me to fill, that is very good. As a conscious thinking Afrikan, Go Forth To Serve My Community fits me; however, the word "serve" just does not sit well with me and my psyche because my ancestors served enough in this country for ten life-times.

If, in fact, the sign is supposed to read as it does, go forth to serve whomever will hire you is a ridiculous message to send to products of this institution. Each individual will leave Delaware State with his/her own personal experiences. However, serve will be the last message with which he/she leaves, and due to the experiences African Americans have been subjected to, the word "serve" will work on your subconscious mind and that can keep you a slave to the environment. That's another article to follow; stay tuned.

There is a university in Baltimore,

Maryland that has as its motto "Go Teach All Nations." That motto tells me no matter what that institution teaches its pupils, it is confident that all should be taught by one of its own. Then I think of Delaware State University's motto which instructs us to serve; such acquiescence just does not register well with me.

I know Delaware State has prepared me well for some of the obstacles that lie ahead in life. Due to the intensive study I have been subjected to, I am confident that I can intellectually compete with anyone.

Delaware State has evolved into a University. Now it is time to run with the big dogs. If we are unable to run with the big dogs, we should stay on the porch and continue to learn from other's experiences. What I am suggesting is that Delaware State should start its own research in all fields of study at this institution.

Let's challenge Howard University for the title of the Mecca of Black Colleges. Once we have claimed that title, then we can challenge the IVY League schools. The first step is to get rid of that ridiculous sign.

—Kojo Pepukayi

Students have feelings too

By Sherri Johnson

Why is it that certain athletes and other organizations get better treatment than others. When people go to the cafeteria during meals, it seems that some of the football players, basketball players and other sports associations get first pick of food. How they want it and how much they want of servings. Ordinary, excuse me, regular students get bum treatment; not even a smile. If a football player is ahead of me in line, the ladies that serve the food will ask him in a very friendly manner and with a big smile, "What do you want, baby?"

The next person in line, which happens to be me, gets a cold, hard look and in a rough tone, "Kin'e hep you?" My friends behind me get the same treatment. It's one of the things that makes you not even want to eat there. Now that the Canteen has made some adjustments, the service has picked up especially for students who missed the cafeteria because of classes, and etc.

I've also noticed when I go to certain offices around campus in which I need to take care of important business, the secretaries and office professionals get an attitude very quickly. I understand that they, as well as the staff and Administration

are very busy and are tied down with a lot of strenuous work, but so are the students.

How did these mood changes come about in the first place? Maybe a student or someone might have given them a very hard time. Out of respect for the other person, treat them the way you want to be treated. There are a lot of sensitive people out there. A lot of the students who attend this University come from far away places to obtain an education and for what, to be treated poorly by the staff and faculty? Let's please show some concern and compassion for one another.

Response to Doggy Style

Dear Mr. Philly Phil,

With all due respect to you as a young black man trying to express yourself with your writing skills, it is my duty as a young black woman to correct you and defend all my sisters with great honor and pride. I am well aware of the fact that there are some black females on this campus that disrespect and carry them-

selves in an unacceptable manner. Many are so proud of their poor behavior and negative attitudes that they desire and demand attention causing themselves to create a bad reputation. People like you, Phil, don't realize the black females that degrade themselves are naive, immature, and by obvious actions still "girls." Unless you are still a boy, it

is your duty as a black man to distinguish the difference between a black woman and a black girl. It is your responsibility to encourage every black female you meet in every way you can. This stands for the bad-mouthed, hot-tailed little girl on the bus, the lady of the night on the corner and even the self-centered woman that only wants to ride in the Mercedes. I also share this responsibility with you as it applies to black males just as well.

I don't think you realized that you would cause outrage amongst your people as you wrote your comments. Were you trying to get back at the "female" that obviously offended you and allowed your frustrations to influence your comments? I believe your approach towards expressing yourself was wrong.

My reason for quoting "female" is because I cannot distinguish the difference between a girl and a woman for you. All I can tell you is "a woman knows the difference and a girl has yet to learn." However, you must learn that your sister is not a "b...." not matter what her standards are. One of the most disrespectful things for a man to do to a woman is to refer to her as a "b....". A b.... is not human, a b.... comes running when you call her name, a b.... can't tell if your sex is good or bad, all she can do is bark. Are you SURE you don't need one?

If you are offended in anyway by this commentary...GET OVER IT! It wasn't written to harm you, it was written to correct you. As for your commentary, an apology isn't necessary, your ignorance is excused. I know you meant well, you just didn't know any better.

Tamara Reneé Horn

Male Female Relationship

Last month, Pepukayi presented another lecturer from the SGA-sponsored lecture series - Sister Laini Mataka, bringing with her 43 years of wisdom and soothing words from her beautiful poems. Several days before the lecture, as I passed one of the fliers hanging in the Student Center, I began to read it and reflect on what it said. A discussion on Black male and female relationships may have different meanings for different people. What a surprise some Black folks are in for, I thought to myself, for I knew what Sister Mataka meant by Black male/female relationships.

The day of the lecture brought out a crowd which exceeded my greatest expectations. Before the speaker was introduced, people were filling the auditorium or standing in groups, "discussing how no damn good Black men are" and "how it was about time a professional lady came to tell them so." Somewhere in another corner, brothahs were wondering just how bad this expert was going to "crucify" them. Yet, in another corner, brothahs and sistahs were arguing among themselves who the real dogs are. Sis. Mataka began by giving praises to the Ancestors and divine praises to the

Creator and then proceeded to read the poem "SOS: Would Somebody Please Help Sheena Keep Her Clothes On." Smirks, giggles and outright laughter flowed from the audience at the sound of such a title. But as the poem continued, a shocking silence fell upon the crowd. Yes, painted-on shirts, tight jeans, or bootee shorts might sound funny, but the frightening question comes when we as sistahs ask ourselves why we go through such horrendously uncomfortable measures to look good? Why do we believe that a loving, growing relationship can be found in a man whose only at-

traction to us is the fact that we dress fly, have a nice figure or have a slamming walk? Then another question permeated the audience: Where are all the real Black men? Black men who can see a woman for who she is and who can dismiss other foolishness. Black men who appreciate strong women who speak out against injustices, who clothe themselves modestly, and who are conscious of their African history. Real brothahs who do not measure the worth of a sistah by her sculptured nails or her Polo gear or her Liz Claiborne "Reality." Where are you brothah?

If you are a real brothah, be not dismayed for as the course of the lecture continued, Sister Mataka read the poem "Somebody's Always Bad Mouthin' Black Men." In this poem, she gave brothahs their "props" and encouraged sistahs to be thankful for these brothahs and to learn how to show our appreciation for them. She told sistahs that we need to stop looking for men all wrapped up in sex and money; that we pass by good men everyday and the only reason we miss them is because we have a warped definition of the word "good." Too many of us think that a "good man" means "good" hair, good sex, good clothes, good money and good cars. A good man is any man who is making a conscious effort to better himself and the world around him.

Sistahs and Brothahs, we need each other to perpetuate the race and provide our children with positive images of divine Blackness. Respiration is necessary for life, and without each other WE CAN'T BREATHE.

—Sister Folami Pepukayi

Vickie

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engagements where they were introduced as the Delaware State College Choir. The gospel group continued to grow although it had no transportation for engagements and was not allowed to sing at official college programs due to the separation of church and government.

In 1972 the late DelState President, Dr. Luna I. Mishoe noticed that student attendance at convocations was low. Dr. Mishoe agreed to let the gospel group sing at the beginning of the convocation, after which they were supposed to leave the stage. Students packed the student center auditorium to hear the choir. When the choir began to exit the stage after the selections, the students in the audience began to exit the auditorium. Dr. Mishoe called the group back and allowed them to sing during the rest of the convocation. From that day in 1972 the group became an official student organization, the Delaware State College Gospel Choir. Mr. Jethro Williams served as the choir's first advisor from 1970-1982. He

was responsible for arranging trips and securing funds to support the students' endeavors.

Since that time the choir has grown tremendously. Its largest enrollment of 140 members was in 1975.

Striving for success, the choir's purpose is to spread the gospel through song and it has continued to do so throughout the years. Desiring to have their message reach more people, the choir ventures into the community and renders services to churches, schools and organizations.

During the '70's the choir produced an album titled "Take Me There." The gospel choir represents the college at more functions in the community and in the surrounding states than any other organization on DelState's campus. The choir has performed in Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. In 1980 the choir received second place honors at the Na-

tional Black Music Caucus Festival. The Gospel Choir received most outstanding awards in (3) divisions at the Festival in 1988. The Delaware State College Gospel Choir has also performed with the national gospel recording artists Saxophonist, Dr. Vernard Johnson and The Mighty Clouds of Joy.

The Delaware State College Gospel Choir will participate in the 1992 National College Gospel Choir Competition on March 24 in New York City, sponsored by the Black Music Caucus of New York. In addition to the competition, the choir will perform in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida during its East coast tour in April 1992.

The present advisors are Mr. Charles Jackson, Jr., Mr. Walter Maness, Ms. Dorothy Parler, Rev. Fred Jones and Ms. Mary Minus, head advisor. Thinking back on the purpose, hard work and dedication of past choir members and advisors, the Gospel Choir Praises Almighty God for all of its success.

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FEATURES

Resident Asst. speaks out

By Andrew Blake

In an interview held last Friday, Delaware State University's first while male resident assistant speaks about his experiences in a predominantly black institution.

Mark Webster, a graduate student in the Master of Social Work program concentrating in the area of mental health studying Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder and OCD spectrum disorders, is the first white male resident assistant in the history of Delaware State University.

According to Mr. Webster, "When I was young, my mother was very sick and I was raised by a black woman and have grown to love black people."

He said that at the university, he performs a dual function as a resident assistant in the new dorm and counseling assistant which has been of help to the students. Initially, he said, students were reserved because they did not know what to make of him but when they found out that he was not racist, they were able to get along.

"The positives of this job are that I get to interact with the students and give advice when necessary



Mark Webster

since I am older and have been through undergraduate studies. I also find delight in seeing the respect some students have for others and their elders."

On the other hand, he said that some students show a great deal of disrespect for their peers and the institution by damaging school property.

Mr. Webster obtained a BA in pre-law and government, with a minor in music at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. He has a United States Coast Guard license and has been running commercial and private yachts.

Tucker researches herb garden

DOVER, October 25, 1993 — "Feeeee me, Seymore!" Deep down in the basement of the Thomasson Building, Dr. Arthur Tucker works with thousands of herb samples. No, he's not the curator of "The Little Shop of Horrors" but of the Claude E. Phillips Herbarium and the greenhouse at Delaware State University. Dr. Tucker is a botanical chemist conducting research on cost-effective herb cultivation.

Working closely with the Delaware Herb Growers and Marketers Association, Dr. Tucker's goal is to try to develop a high-cash crop as a supplementary income for limited-resource farmers. Besides acquiring the correct seed line, farmers learn correct processing and how to determine the correct market for their product.

As a mean to this end, DelState is working, on building a demonstration farm behind Alumni Stadium. Aside from the more common herbs like oregano, sage, rosemary and tarragon, other nontraditional herbs will be grown there as well. "What we would like to do is have a small, working farm with people living on the farm — actually growing the product and knowing what the problems are and the costs involved," Tucker said.

As an off-shoot of the herb culti-

vation project — on which he has been working since 1979 — Dr. Tucker also conducts research on using plants as chemical factories for a source for natural flavors. This is in response to consumer demand for reduction of artificial flavoring in food. He also examines new Latino and oriental materials that come into the country without any FDA ratings. These materials must be examined for any harmful materials.

In addition to his research, Dr. Tucker teaches Horticultural Plant Materials, General Botany, and two graduate courses. When asked where he finds time for his research he replied, "I work on the twenty-fifth hour of the day." He does have some help from students. Karen Grosz, a freshman majoring in General Agriculture, works with the herbs in the greenhouse and lab while Jennifer Collison, a sophomore majoring in Plant Science, helps manage the herbarium specimens.

The Claude E. Phillips Herbarium, with over 100,000 specimens, is the largest among the historically black colleges and ranks in the top 16 percent nationwide. "We have more specimens than the University of Maryland, Penn State and even Notre Dame," Tucker said while scanning his office computer for the

information. The specimens are dried plants mounted on thick sheets of paper containing documentation about where and when the plants were collected. "We have specimens dating back to 1832," Tucker said. The site information on the specimen sheets is used to see if the plant is still there because the documentation indicates that it once occurred there. "Many plants have been destroyed by housing developments, agricultural drainage and such." The sheets are like a vouchered library and proof that the plant actually lived. One can also make sure that the specimen is identified correctly. "when I do research on essential oils, I'll also file a voucher for a particular specimen and somebody can go back and say, 'No you identified that wrong.' It serves as a test that you really worked on what you said you did," Tucker said.

In addition to his research on herb farming, plant chemical factories, foreign plant safety, his plant preservation work, and his teaching, Dr. Tucker also manages to cultivate an interest in antique plants. These are cultivars of ornamental plants that are no longer actively raised and are used in historical restorations that promote plants and in modern cottage gardens. The antique cultivars include different types of polyanthus (primrose), daffodils, irises, roses, vines and conifers. Certain varieties of daffodils date back to the early seventeenth century. Searching for his collectible plants takes Dr. Tucker to some unusual areas on Delmarva. Often, one can find him poking around old forgotten cemeteries overgrown with what the unenlightened would consider weeds but what Tucker views as possible treasure. He points out that even though "many organizations have been formed to promote our antique plants...we are just beginning to achieve the degree of organization found today in Great Britain."

How to deal with tough teachers

by Ann Martin

Cooperative Extension Agent

Have you read the book, "My Teacher is Driving Me Crazy," by Dr. Joyce Vedral (Ballantine)? This book is written to help you work around any teacher's personality with ease. Here is a list of do's and don'ts she suggests every student follow:

•Don't: Sit in the back of a boring class and yawn, secretly listening to music on your headphones, or falling asleep.

•Do: Ask one question every class period. Think of it as a game — but do it. This will wake you up and invariably cause you to learn something, but what's more, it will cause your teacher to remember your name when grading time comes around. Teachers are desperate for any sign of life and are tired of feeling like they are wasting their energy.

•Don't: Curse or otherwise bad-mouth the teacher, or walk out of the room if the teacher embarrasses you by making you the butt of a joke or is overly sarcastic or insulting.

•Do: Write a note stating that you would like to speak to the teacher in private, and hand it to him or her on your way out of the class. The teacher will arrange a meeting when you can calmly explain your feelings. If you don't want the meeting, just explain your feelings in the note itself. Your teacher may ever apologize!!

•Don't: Stubbornly refuse to go along with the "ridiculous" rules of a rigid teacher who demands silly things such as a certain sized notebook, a special heading, or a certain color ink.

•Do: Give in to these requests, be they ever so absurd in your own mind. Save your energy for the big things. It's ridiculous for you to get a

lower grade just because the teacher is rigid and unbending.

•Don't: Sit by and watch yourself sink if you are in a class that is overwhelming either because there is just too much work, or the work is too difficult and you cannot understand it.

•Do: Speak to the department chairperson about a class change. In most schools, there is more than one teacher teaching a particular course — and the workload differs tremendously from one teacher to another. If the work is too difficult, speak to the department chairperson about a tutor, or request a change in class.

•Don't: Silently accept your lot, or jump up in the teacher's face and start screaming "not fair" when you get a grade that is lower than you feel you deserve.

•Do: Calmly raise your hand and ask if you can speak to the teacher in private. Then say: "I'm a bit confused about my grade. I was expecting a higher mark. Could there be some mistake? Can you please show me how you derived this grade?" Be careful to be humble and self-effacing rather than arrogant and challenging. The last thing you want to do is put a teacher on the defensive. Teachers make mistakes, and they will admit it — but be careful. You don't want to get into an "ego" situation. If you are humble, the teacher will hope that there is a mistake in your favor. If there is not, at least you will be able to find out exactly what you have to do to raise your grade and the teacher will be rooting for you because he or she will be impressed with your concern.

There are many wonderful teachers, but there are some that are not so wonderful. Don't let this get in the way of learning. Remember, "Enter to learn: go forth to serve."

PAHSE

by Alicia Woods

The PAHSE, pronounced "posse", is about to begin its campus-wide presentations to educate students about HIV and AIDS.

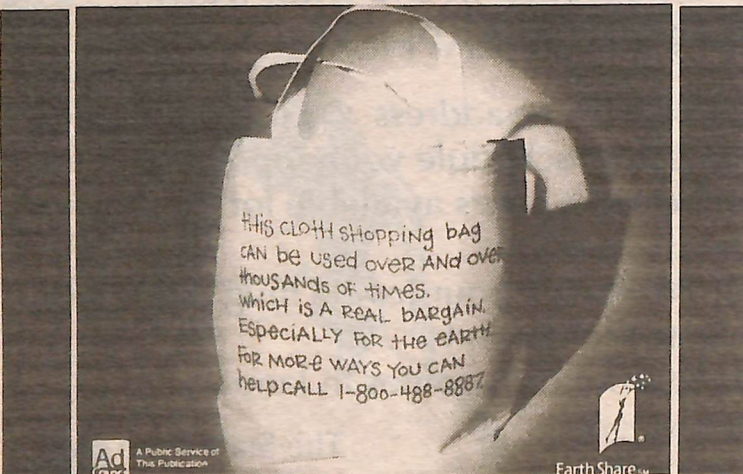
HIV infection and AIDS represent an unprecedented public health threat. In fact, AIDS is viewed as one of the worst infectious disease epidemics of the twentieth century. The Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome is a disease which is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. The virus attacks the body's immune system rendering it defenseless against a variety of life-threatening infections. To date, there is no known cure or vaccine for AIDS.

The need for campus focused HIV/AIDS program is supported by the fact that the college years are usually a period of high sexual activity for students, and many teenagers are sexually active even before entering college. Many college students are in a developmental period of life whereby experimentation with drugs is common.

Prevention of HIV/AIDS is a shared

responsibility between the student, the institution, and the larger community. Students must take responsibility for being informed regarding the virus. The student must assume personal responsibility for adhering to practices which reduce the risk of infection. The options include abstinence, monogamy, being drug-free, and condom use.

The PAHSE presentations are scheduled to begin the Tuesday after Thanksgiving break, November 30, 1993. Each PAHSE member will have a presentation for each floor in the dorm he or she represents. The PAHSE has a representative in Laws Hall, Jenkins Hall, Tubman/Wynder Towers, New Hall East and West, Evers Hall, Conwell Hall, and a representative for the Commuter Lounge. Do yourself a favor and get to know your PAHSE representative. There will be time given after each presentation for discussion of any topics necessary. If anyone needs information regarding AIDS testing, the Delaware Hotline number is 1-800-422-0429.



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FEATURES

Historic Preservation: A Mission of Delaware State

By Keshia Westry

Believe it or not, Delaware State University is the only Historically Black University that offers a course in historic preservation. Dr. Bradley Skelcher, an educator at Delaware State since September of 1990 is the lone professor of that subject. In fact Dr. Skelcher is currently doing research geared towards raising the awareness of the importance of historic preservation and to turn it into part of the academic curriculum.

"Students are unaware of the career opportunities in the field. It is not just research, there are other facets to historic preservation," stated Dr. Skelcher. Dr. Skelcher has spent a lot of time researching historic preservation particularly on the community development of African-American settlements on the southern peninsula of Delaware and has stated that, "It has become the mission of Delaware State to fill the void in Afro American history in the

Chesapeake culture." Dr. Skelcher is working hard to get students involved in researching the tri-culture society of the Chesapeake community, and to have students look at the institutional patterns on the upper peninsula of Delaware from 1730 to 1940.

Dr. Bradley Skelcher wishes to survey African American sights as future historical landmarks, such as Underground Railroad Stations, and the homes of Abasolm Jones and Richard Allen, whom were active abolitionists of slavery in Delaware. Dr. Skelcher also hopes to receive a grant he applied for to identify if in fact there is evidence of a tri-racial environmental in the Chesapeake area.

It has become a number one priority of the National Park Service and the Delaware Historical and Preservation Affairs Office to enact legislation for registering Afro Ameri-

can sights and to spark a new interest in the topic itself.

Career opportunities in historic preservation exist as real life exercises, and not just academic avenues to resolve environmental racism and renew urban preservation. To learn more about this subject the History and Political Science Department of Delaware State are holding a seminar on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Price Auditorium. A representative from the Afro-American Institute for Historical Preservation and Community development as well as a representative from the Philadelphia regional office of the National Trust will be here to discuss how to resolve environmental racism through historic preservation, to inform students of the coop and intern possibilities as well as to answer any questions one may have about historic preservation in African-American communities...

Rhodes Studies

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those children who thrive when others, with similar characteristics or circumstances, succumb to adversity. Many other researchers contributed to the writing of the book which took Dr. Rhodes eighteen months to complete. *Overcoming Childhood Misfortunes* is his second book and its main focus is an extensive study of adults who as children were thought of as the 'children who were less likely to make it in life' but became successful despite the odds. One case-study was about a woman who had a learning disability when she was a child, but later became a school principal.

Some findings from Dr. Rhodes' research are that the majority who succeed, have a mentor; someone to look up to who gives advice and

encouragement. Religion seems to be significant since many have a strong belief in a higher being.

Dr. Rhodes has been at Delaware State University for fifteen years. He is a full professor of psychology in the state of Delaware as well as in Maryland. Dr. Rhodes is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and went to school at Morgan State University to major in Clinical Child Psychology with a minor in Delinquency. He went to University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana to achieve his post doctorate degree.

Dr. Warren A. Rhodes is continuing his research on disadvantaged children since he believes that research is a continuing process for one to explore. His biggest accomplishment in the field is being able to contribute his research to scientific

literature in the form of two books. His ultimate goal in research is to clarify factors that use information to help others. When asked what advice he would give to future researchers, he stated, "Most researchers rush into their research, not fully understanding what they are getting into; it takes time to know and researchers have to be patient."

Dr. Rhodes has accomplished a great deal in his career and has much more to offer in the field of psychology. His perspective of looking at disadvantaged children from a positive viewpoint and not from the negative as traditional research suggests, allows him to learn more of what the problem is and how to solve it.

DelState receives DOD grant

by Ronald Frederick

The Delaware State University Procurement Technical Assistance center recently received a grant for \$230,000 via a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense.

The official signing ceremony which was held in the Jason Library was a major step towards helping small businesses land military contracts. The awarding of the grant helps both the school and the Defense Logistics Agency a part of the Department of Defense in their extension of a cooperative agreement which started January 1.

According to Lt. Col. LeRoy B. McMillen, a representative of the logistics agency, the purpose of developing a relationship with DelState is also an effort geared towards helping small businesses obtain DOD contracts. McMillen said, "It is difficult for new businesses to understand the complicated process of submitting bids to the DOD. The grant helps the University cover the cost of personnel and equipment in the procurement

center which assists them." According to McMillen the center will help diversify the business options of the DOD.

Dr. Winston K. Awadzi who is the dean of the school of Business and Economics, says the procurement centers goal is to guide representatives of minority owned businesses through several processes "we want them to have full participation in the free enterprise system." According to Awadzi, in it's first nine months, the center has already been used 1,200 times by small business representatives.

DelState President, Dr. William B. DeLauder says that the private business sector has not been represented significantly by small and minority owned businesses. DeLauder says, "The goal of Delaware State University is to strengthen minority and women businesses as well as to strengthen the economy in the state."

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MEAC Title For Hornets

By Ronald Frederick

After losing two weeks ago to South Carolina State College, Delaware State University proved to 12th ranked North Carolina A & T that they are once again legitimate contenders for the MEAC title by defeating the Aggies 25-19 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Hornets, (6-3 overall, 4-1 in the MEAC) led by third string quarterback Dennis Jones pulled themselves to within one game of conference leading Howard University. DelState will host unbeaten Howard November 20th in a game that could result in a share of the MEAC title or even the crown outright.

According to head football coach Bill Collick during the first half of the football season the Hornets seemed to stumble and weren't playing like they were capable of. "We played poor at the beginning of the year then we hit a stretch where he played three good games. We went down to South Carolina State and didn't play well. We challenged our players to accept some responsibility. I thought they did a great job."

One of the keys to the Hornets victory was the running game. Hornet running backs Phil Anderson and Bert Watson rushed for a combined total of 253 yards on 39 carries. The game winning touchdown came in the third quarter when Anderson galloped for a 37 yard touchdown.

According to DelState linebacker Lloyd Badson the Hornets could not have gotten a better win than the victory over the Aggies. "Last week we felt as though we embarrassed ourselves. We embarrassed our school and our coaches. This was a win we felt we had to have."

The Hornet defense also played a large role in the teams victory. The Hornets held the MEAC's most successful rushing offense to only 112 yards. The Hornet sting was felt even more by MEAC leading rusher James White. White was limited to a mere 68 yards on 16 carries. On a more positive side for the Aggies, White became the first Aggie player in a single season to rush for 1,000 yards.

After the loss of starting quarterbacks Erik Jones and MacAdoo Harrison-Dixon, skeptics forecasted a poor finish for the Hornets but third string quarterback Dennis Jones proved them wrong. "I really wanted to play well in my first start. I'm sure a lot of people were worried about what was going to happen at quarterback. I wanted to come out and show I could play and I think I did."

The victory over the Aggies sealed the Hornets 11th straight winning season and set the team up for a possible MEAC championship. If the Hornets capture the title, it would be their sixth title in eight years.

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S. Carolina St.	3	2	0	.600	158	106	7	3	0	.700	326	176
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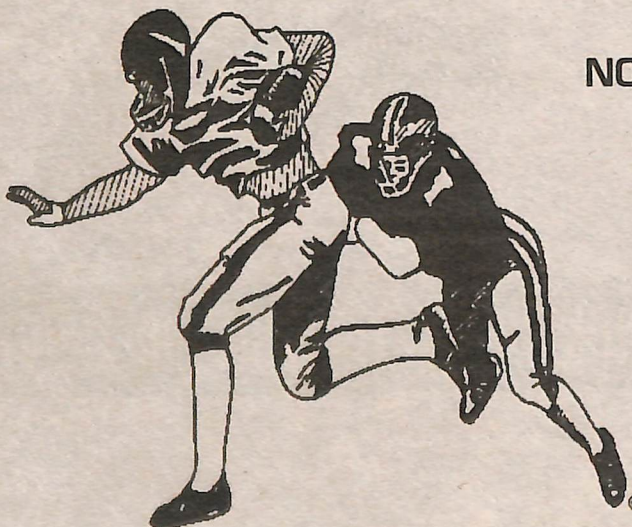
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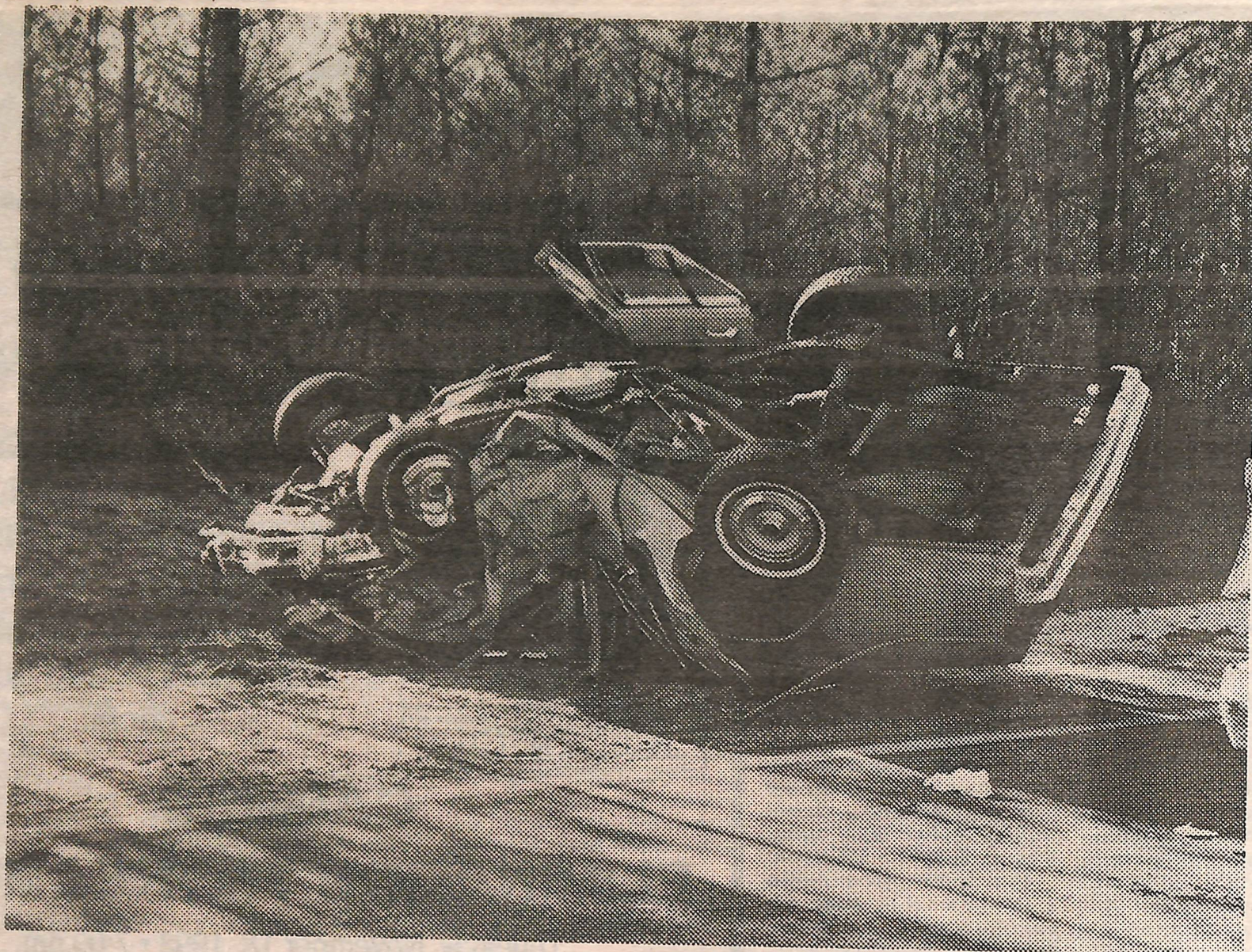
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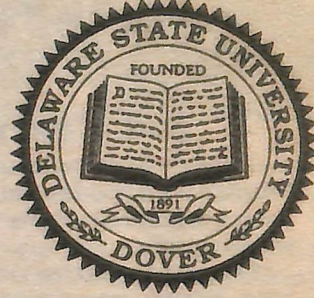


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How Effective is DelState Welcome Center?

By Patricia Stevenson

A sign that many of us see as we enter the main entrance to Delaware State University reads: "Delaware State University Welcome Center." Many people wonder what purpose the Welcome Center serves. The Welcome Center is an information center during the day, and a security control point in the evening.

The Welcome Center was opened in January of 1992. Plans for the Center began in 1993 and were put off until two shootings happened during the 1992 Homecoming Weekend.

One of the purposes of the Center is to provide information to visitors from surrounding Colleges and Universities. Information such as location of buildings, telephone numbers and listings to contact the Dean, professors and instructors are all

available at the main entrance.

As a control point, the Center monitors people who come on campus when social functions such as dances and concerts are going on. All gates surrounding the campus are closed at 7:30 p.m. At this time, everyone must go through the main entrance to gain access to the campus. The number of guests that students are allowed to bring to different functions is limited, due to continuous fighting and vandalism that goes on during special events.

By now most people probably think that the Center is just a check-point, but the Center is also used as a communications base. Since the Center is a headquarter, all calls go through the Center first. Security personnel are constantly kept busy with paperwork, assisting visitors, and making sure the students are as

safe as possible. Many people are not aware that a computer in the office of the Center controls the locks on the front doors of all the dormitories, enabling students to use their I.D. cards as keys into the dormitories.

The Center has proven to be very effective because it curbs unnecessary traffic; including people who come on campus to cause trouble. This type of traffic has been slowed down. The guards are now more aware of who is coming on campus. Cliff Coleman, head of security, says "We can't stop every single person from coming on campus, if someone wants to come on campus, they will get on."

Some people feel that traffic is backed up more than ever because of traffic coming in off Route 13. Cones are set up at the main en-



Welcome Center, photo: Ronald Frederick

trance in an effort to curb drivers from making left turns which result in many accidents.

Students have different opinions on how effective the Welcome Center is. One student, Kim Gay, says "It is a good idea. Instead of having it

inside the campus, it is further outside. They are doing a better job than in the past." According to John Strander, a commuter student, "The cones are kind of annoying because they slow you down in the morning because of traffic coming from the highway."

Speaker Reveals Sophisticated Methods of Destruction

By Ronald Frederick

Del Jones, author of "Culture Bandits" and the "Black Holocaust" recently delivered a powerful message to students in the Martin Luther King Center Auditorium. Jones' topic, "The State of Black America" dealt with the highly complex situations that currently exist in today's society as it pertains specifically to African Americans.

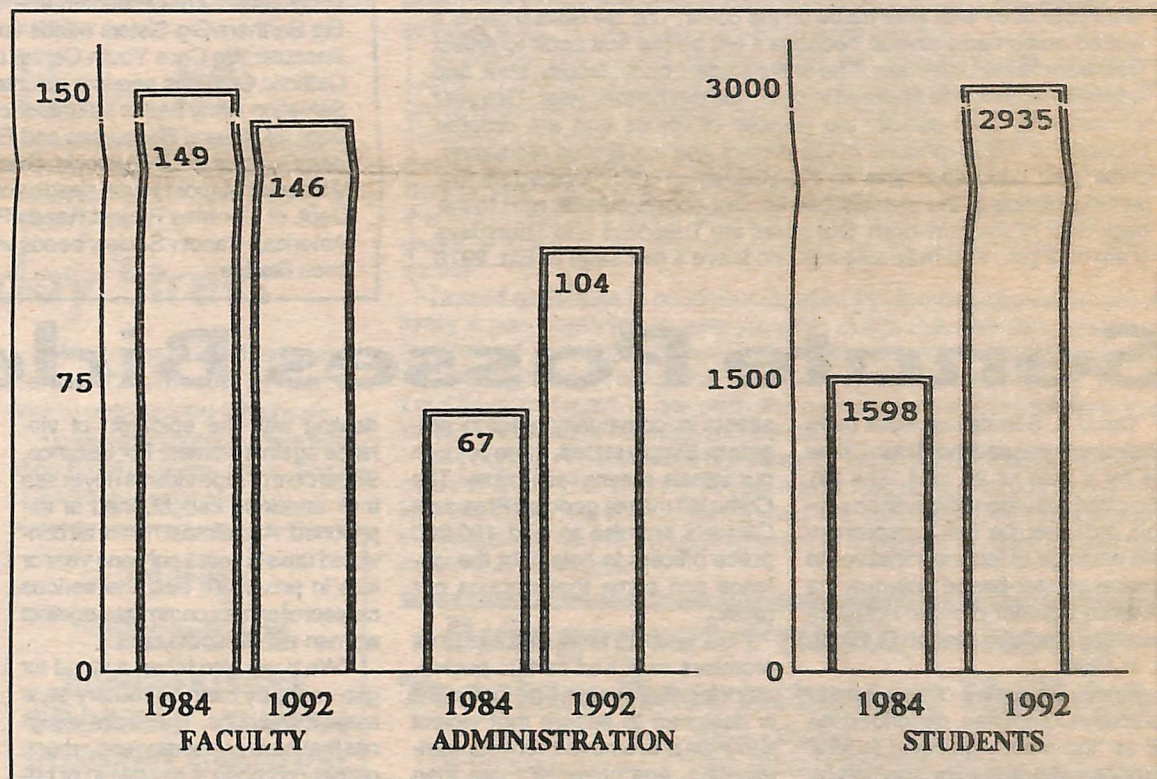
According to Jones, blacks are currently the unwilling victims of what he terms the "Black Holocaust." Jones says this unjust infliction is defined as the systematic killing of people of color. Blacks from the United States, Africa, Haiti and other areas of the globe have all been targeted says Jones. According to Jones, this isn't the first time an attempt to destroy the entire black race has occurred. Jones says blacks historically have been targeted for total destruction.

So how do these crimes manifest themselves in the 90's? According to Jones they exist in numerous highly developed ways purposely disguised to deceive the public. AIDS, Norplants, vaccinations, music and television are all ways these hidden killers can attack. Jones gave several examples to substantiate his findings. One example is AIDS. Many people speculate that the AIDS virus which has become fatal to multitudes of people was developed in a laboratory. Jones suggests that this experiment that somehow got out of hand was designed to kill people of color. Jones says when the public was introduced to this new disease via the media, its true origins were covered up with tall tales about monkeys being responsible for spreading the disease to Haitians.

Another example involves immuni-

zations. It is argued that immunizations are not all that they seem to be. Some believe that they hinder people more than they help them. According to Jones, during the 80's in Miami, a huge campaign was staged in an effort to encourage the immunization of children in low income areas. When the campaign didn't yield a large turnout, popsinger Michael Jackson was called forward to encourage people to participate by giving away free tickets to his concert. According to Jones, in the 90's these services are once again being pushed in only lower income communities and such an effort is being made that "something doesn't seem quite right with the whole idea." According to Jones, Michael Jackson, Whoopi Goldberg, Oliver North and Jimmy Carter have all in some form or fashion helped contribute to the causes of the "black holocaust."

According to Jones it is up to African Americans to educate themselves beyond what is seen on television and beyond what is read in the newspaper if they want to be truly informed. The real underlying issues according to Jones aren't always made easily accessible. Jones says in order to understand what is currently taking place in the world you have to be able to understand what has happened in the past. Many theorists believe the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and John F. Kennedy were instigated by the Central Intelligence Agency but when the news originally went to press they appeared to the public as if the assassinations were the notion of single individuals acting on their own accord.



The More Things Change, the More They Remain the Same

By Sherri Hunt

July 1, 1993, marked the day that Delaware State College officially became Delaware State University, a change for the better, at least, that is what the expected response was. Just to set the change into perspective, let us analyze the culmination of actions that have resulted. First, there was an increase in tuition, followed by an increase in administrative positions, and of course, an increase in the number of students enrolled; but those seem to be the only increases that have resulted. One would naturally assume that with the change from a

college to a university, at least some aspects of the curriculum would have increased.

With adjustments still being made in relation to the pre-registration period concerning course selection of current students for next summer, disappointments are becoming more obvious. Students who turned in their schedule requests on the very first day possible were not even fortunate enough to receive all the classes — not only that, they wanted, but that they needed. This is the obvious result of too few selections being offered for required courses and when the courses are

offered it is usually only once every three or four semesters. Too much emphasis has been placed on the importance of a name (Delaware State College v. Delaware State University) and as a result, since 1984 administrative positions have increased 55% while the actual faculty positions have decreased 2% — in turn causing the curriculum not only to remain stagnant but to possibly decrease.

The above information is from the Office of Institutional Research-Administration and Faculty, Delstate Catalogs for 1984-86 and 1992-95.

NEWS BRIEFS

ESL Courses Being Offered

Delaware State University's new English as a Second Language Program is moving forward. Credit and non-credit ESL courses are being offered for students who wish to brush up on their English language skills.

Resources available include "Dynamic English" computer software, English pronunciation videotapes, and ESL textbooks with accompanying audiocassette tapes.

The ESL program is funded by Title III and ESL courses are offered jointly by the English Department and the Foreign Languages Department. Mrs. Eva Dula of the Foreign Languages Department is the ESL Program Director and Dr. J. Scott King, Chairman of the English Department, is Assistant Program Director. Students needing help in ESL should stop by the ESL office located in Room 259 of the Education and Humanities Building or call 739-6261.

Medical School to Host Minority Program

Minority college students and graduates considering careers as physicians may apply for the Honors Pre-Medical Academy, a six-week summer program to be held at Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University in Houston.

Admission is based on academic achievement and interest in medical careers. Participants must be African-American, Mexican-American, mainland Puerto Rican or Native American.

"Many students come away from the program with a greater appreciation of the teamwork and professional preparation required in medicine," said Dr. Demetrius Pearson, program director at Baylor.

College credit, housing and a stipend are provided. Space is limited to 125 students. The application deadline is March 1, 1994. For information, call (800) 633-6445 or (713) 798-4841.

Yearbooks for Sale

The '94 edition of the Statesman Yearbook is on sale. Reserve your copy now for only \$25. For an additional \$10, you may personalize your book with your name on the cover. The '94 Statesman is a limited edition and unique because it will be the first book to reflect Delaware State University. The entire student body, faculty, staff, and administration will be featured to celebrate this historic year. This year we can only print exactly the number of copies that are ordered because of the magnitude of the project and our limited resources. Order your copy now! Stop by the Statesman office located on the parking lot side of the Student Center. Our door is outside next to the back door of the mailroom. Our hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am till 2 pm. You may also call and leave a message at Ext. 2970

Delaware Green Industries Initiative Wins National Award

Governor Thomas R. Carper, Robert W. Coy, Jr., Director of the Delaware Development Office (DDO) and Christophe A.G. Tulou, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) last week announced that the Green Industries Initiative, a program administered by both DDO and DNREC, has been selected as an award winner in the Council of State Governments' (CSG) Innovations Transfer Program.

The Green Industries Initiative was established in 1992 to foster pollution prevention programs among Delaware industries and to attract environmentally friendly industries to the state. The initiative utilizes a unique blend of tax credits, low-cost financing and technical assistance to encourage pollution prevention, recycling and the creation of new jobs.

"I congratulate DDO and DNREC for their efforts and ingenuity," said

Governor Carper. "Delaware has shown the rest of the country that economic development and environmental protection concerns can work together for the mutual advancement of both."

To date, 10 companies have been accepted into the program, ranging from a tire recycling facility in New Castle to a seafood processing plant in Milford. Other applications currently being used by green industry program participants include recycling of spent solvents from electroplating processes, manufacturing plastic pallets utilizing recycled plastic, and recycling asphalt for paving projects.

The Council of State Governments conducts the Innovations Transfer Program annually to recognize innovative programs that have been successfully implemented by individual states. A state's program must meet a set of criteria designed to ensure that it has dealt with a significant problem in an ef-

fective and innovative manner and that it has the potential to transfer to other states.

The Green Industries Initiative was one of eight winners selected from 250 entries nationwide. The program will be highlighted, along with other winners, in the CSG's 1994 Innovations publication series. The program will also be honored during an awards ceremony at CSG's Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, in December.

The Green Industries Program is part of Delaware's "Three Rs for the 90s" Program, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. The program grew out of the Delaware Waste Minimization and Recycling Acts of 1990 and focuses on four primary economic sectors—households, business, agriculture and government. The program emphasizes use of innovative technologies, technical assistance, and consumer awareness as ways of encouraging waste minimization.

Volunteers Needed

The Volunteer Link is a program of the State Office of Volunteerism that matches volunteer skills and interests to the needs of non-profit organizations in the community. To volunteer for these or other opportunities in Kent & Sussex Counties call 739-4456 or 1-800-815-LINK.

Here's the "MOST WANTED" list:

Easter Seal Rehabilitation needs volunteer program assistants and lunch time aides to help at their center: days.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program in Milford needs volunteers to read to residents: evenings.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters needs volunteers to serve as board members in Dover: times flexible.

Because We Care Youth Center needs volunteer arts & craft instructors: times flexible.

Catholic Charities needs a volunteer receptionist in Dover: times flexible.

Salvation Army needs volunteer clerical help in Seaford: times flexible.

Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control needs volunteers to help with Science Fair at Del. Tech Campus in Georgetown: times flexible.

Methodist Manor House needs volunteer musicians to play piano/organ on Sunday afternoons.

Dept. of Libraries Project Reads Program needs volunteer Lubach tutors: times flexible.

American Cancer Society needs volunteers to act as facilitators to help with special projects in Georgetown: times flexible.

Senate Passes Biden Crime Bill

The U.S. Senate last week overwhelmingly passed the Biden Crime Bill by a vote of 95 to 4. The bill, approved with strong bipartisan support, includes the first comprehensive package of federal initiatives to combat gender-based violence, the Violence Against Women Act introduced by Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. in 1990.

Biden, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, described the bill as "the most significant federal response to crime ever enacted by the United States Senate."

Highlights of the wide-ranging bill include: adding 100,000 new police officers to the ranks of local law enforcement, funding for new prison construction, establishing boot camps for nonviolent youthful offenders, developing a national criminal background check for child-care workers and banning military-style assault weapons.

The \$22 billion anti-crime package is paid for through the newly-created Violent Crime Trust Fund that is financed by cutbacks in the federal workforce. The federal bureaucracy will be reduced by more than 250,000 employees to achieve the savings needed to pay for crime-fighting programs.

"Overall, we accomplished what I set out to do with this crime bill," said Biden. "We direct resources to where crime can be fought best—at the state and local level.

"First, we put more police on the

streets in 'community policing' programs. Simply stated, more cops on our streets means less crime. The Crime Bill makes good on President Clinton's promise to add 100,000 police officers to help fight the violence and crime that plagues our nation.

"Second, we produced a bill that promises swift and certain punishment for all criminals. The Crime Bill is designed to ensure that violent criminals are removed from our communities, and provides more than \$6 billion to build and operate new prisons for violent adults, secure facilities for violent juveniles, and cost-effective, low-security prisons and boot camps for nonviolent offenders.

"Third, we focused on young offenders, who are committing an increasing percentage of serious and violent crimes. In addition to measures designed to fight gang violence, the bill offers states programs to reach young, nonviolent drug offenders through intensive supervision and treatment, and to help them turn their lives around before they are caught up in violent criminal activity.

"One of my top legislative priorities has been passage of the Violence Against Women Act, which was included in the bill. This legislation is urgently needed. Women are victimized at a much higher rate than men and the criminal justice system has not been effective in

dealing with the epidemic of violence against women. For instance, 98 percent of rape victims never see their attackers caught, tried or imprisoned. And almost half of all convicted rapists serve only one year or less in prison. At last, the serious neglect of crimes committed against women will be addressed.

"We have also taken a stand for gun sanity by banning military-style assault weapons. These are weapons that have no sporting use, whose primary purpose is the taking of human life. In addition, we passed the 'Youth Handgun Safety Act,' providing stiff penalties—up to 10 years in prison—for adults who sell guns to kids."

(Another proposal on guns, the Brady Bill, which would require a background check or five-day waiting period for handgun purchases similar to Delaware's existing law, will be considered later today. Biden offered the bill separately at the request of Jim and Sarah Brady.)

Key elements of the Biden Bill:

- A funding mechanism for the \$22.268 billion bill, from savings realized from reductions in federal employment.

- The Violence Against Women Act, which includes funding for police, prosecutors and victim advocates, and changes evidentiary rules to make the justice system more fair to the victims of violent crime; also creates a Federal civil rights cause of action for victims of violence mo-

tivated by gender bias.

- A five-year community policing "cop on the beat" initiative to put 100,000 additional police officers on the street.

- \$6 billion for the construction of jails, boot camps and regional prisons for federal and state prisoners.

- A ban on the manufacture, transfer or possession of deadly, military-style assault weapons.

- A prohibition on the sale or transfer of guns to juveniles.

- New crime offenses and enhanced penalties for violent crimes.

- \$250 million for rural anti-crime efforts, \$100 million of which is for additional Drug Enforcement agents.

- \$100 million to local schools to offer after-school anti-drug and anti-crime counseling; to improve in-school safety systems, such as video surveillance devices; and to fund education and training for the prevention of crime, violence, and drug and alcohol abuse.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Along the Color Line"**THE ROOTS OF RACISM**

How do we explain the persistence of racism in American life, as we enter the twenty-fifth century? Nobel laureate Toni Morrison explains that race remains "hidden and covert," obscured from the light of a frank and honest analysis. Instead of using overtly racist epithets, Americans who believe in the inferiority of people of color rely on "code words" and subtle innuendoes to justify discrimination.

But the dilemma is deeper than prejudicial language or attitudes. The burden of discrimination is translated into radically different perceptions of the world, which separates white, upper and middle class America from the vast majority of black, brown and poor people. This division even transcends the racial bifurcation outlined by the 1968 report of the Kerner Commission, which warned that America was rapidly becoming two unequal societies, one black and one white. A more accurate description of the current racial impasse is to speak of two "parallel" universes, in which individuals and groups cohabit the same social, political and cultural space, but perceive phenomena in sharply divergent ways.

Black urban residents, for example, have known for decades about the practice of "redlining" — in which banks and other financial institutions systematically reject loan

applications from black and Latino neighborhoods. The policies of redlining are reinforced by the property insurance industry, which routinely rejects a much higher percentage of minority applications for insurance than whites. According to the research of the Association for Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), this discrimination forms a nationwide pattern.

In rural areas, black farm families experience the greatest discrimination, and are on the brink of extinction. According to an Associated Press analysis of the records of the Farmers' Home Administration, during the Reagan and Bush years, black farmers received on average only 51 cents for every dollar loaned to white-owned farms. In 1992, African-American farmers in Mississippi and Alabama filed a petition charging that the Farmers' Home Administration curiously "refused to respond to reports of blatant race discrimination" by their officials.

In terms of health care, our greatest public health crisis is the AIDS/HIV epidemic. Yet relatively few whites seem to recognize the unequal impact of AIDS within minority communities. As of 1993, half of all AIDS cases and Americans living with HIV disease were African-Americans and Latinos. But as Yale law professor Harlon Dalton observes, within minority "communi-

ties there is a justifiable fear that public concern for the epidemic will wane... as soon as it becomes understood that the face of AIDS has darkened."

In the economy, the same parallel universe of race/class exists. According to the Economic Policy Institute, the greatest "losers" in the recession of the early 1990s were African-Americans. "An unprecedented number of the new jobs created in the recovery have been either temporary or part-time" employment, in which minorities are often trapped.

Few apparently want to discuss the root causes of the parallel racial universes, in which most whites experience economic growth, positive health care treatment, and access to quality housing, while millions of minorities experience just the opposite. The common denominator which links blacks' lost wages, poor health care, rural poverty and insurance discrimination is the lack of power. Racism is prejudice plus power. So long as African Americans and other racial minorities lack effective power — in the economy, social institutions and in the government — we will be consistently marginalized and oppressed. In order to achieve genuine racial harmony and dialogue, we must transform the institutional foundations of equality.

Visitation: Will We Ever Have It?

By Tonya Somerville

Delaware State University students are in an uproar every time the subject of visitation arises. At the beginning of the semester, rumor was that visitation would start after the first three weeks of school. Dormitory managers were obviously misled in order to "hush" students questioning it. "Visitation will start soon" became the repeated response. Students feel that "soon" has not been soon enough.

According to Ms. Kay Gregory, Director of Residence Life, visitation has been delayed because the new hall has no lobby for meeting and no heat. Until everyone can have visitation at the same time, it will be legally nonexistent.

Some students don't feel that the fact that the lobby in the new hall hasn't been completed is reason enough for not permitting visitation.

"That's not an excuse. Girls and guys go from side to side in the new dormitory," said Evers Hall resident, Rodney Mayweather. Also president of Evers Dorm Council, Mayweather believes that Dr. Motley thinks that college life is like it was when she was in college. "Visitation is not a privilege, it's a necessity of life." Mayweather says that students often need to study together or just talk.

"It's punishment for no reason. Visitation still goes on in the new dorm," said Conwell resident, James

Paul.

Other students argue that visitation is part of being mature. "We're adults and we should have open

visitation anyway," said Kisha Cole. "If I can have visitation at home, I should be able to have it here," said Andre Youmans.

Reducing Holiday Stress

By Ann Martin
Cooperative Extension agent

As Thanksgiving, final examinations, and Christmas approach, they bring with them added stress. Emotions flare because money and time are short but following a few guidelines can eliminate some of the anxiety associated with these events.

- Set priorities and decide on what you want and you'll probably be able to make better choices about the way you spend your time, money and energy.

- Take charge of your holidays by planning ahead. Write down your plans and refer back to them.

- Set limits on what you are going to do.

- Prepare for final examinations every day and avoid last-minute cramming.

- Shop early to avoid large crowds.

- Settle for simple presents.

- Think about what makes the holidays special for you and your family and do something you have not done before.

Response to Black and White Double Standard

By Marlon Rankine

I write this article in response to the article by M.E. Daniels which appeared on page 5 of the Tuesday, November 9, 1993, edition of the Delaware State News on "the black and white double standard."

I imagine that I may be called a trouble maker. However, if the truth stirs up trouble then it lets us know how pathetic our society is. I am absolutely appalled that in 1993 someone can have the audacity to publicly state there is a "black and white double standard," in which blacks benefit from. I suppose that M.E. Daniels doesn't see a double standard when blacks were denied certain rights that were guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States. For example, Section One of the Fifteenth Amendment clearly states that no person born or naturalized in the United States can be denied the right to vote on the basis of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Although this amendment was ratified on February 3, 1870. Blacks were not allowed to vote nationally until 1964. I guess that this does not count as a double standard. Whites could vote and blacks couldn't.

I suppose that there was absolutely nothing wrong with the virtual genocide of the American Indian, due to the demented European psyche. Many people in America today still do not realize that the acts of violence perpetrated against the American Indian were some of the most brutal and barbaric attacks launched against human beings in world history. I do find it disturbing that many people in America today have the nerve to relate to the American Indian as a group of savages and barbarians. After all they were doing the most logical thing in standing up and fighting for their land and themselves. And do remember that America is rightfully their home. Not yours and not mine.

Mr. Daniels your biggest problem is your lack of understanding of the very society in which you live. In your article you stated that it's unfair that there is a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.). Did you ever realized that this organization came into existence as a result of the mistreatment and injustice done by whites. For example the Ku Klux Klan was founded around the end of the Civil War, for the purpose of subordinating Blacks. The N.A.A.C.P. was founded in 1909, some forty years later as a counter measure to organizations such as the Ku Klux and the White Citizens Council. I don't see any harm with blacks wanting to fight oppression. And for your information the Ku Klux Klan has a monopoly on bragging rights for the number of American Blacks killed as a result of their malicious behavior and disregard for human life. I could be wrong, but I know of not one single act of violence against whites perpetrated by the N.A.A.C.P., although it would've been justified.

In another one of your warped views you disagreed with Affirmative Action. I do share your opinion that a lot of qualified whites may be left without jobs because of Blacks and other minorities. Have you ever taken the time to ask why this is. Until recent date qualified Blacks were often times denied jobs because they were Black. I don't know if you were aware of this, but this is the reason why we have Affirmative Action. Many of the problems that white America is facing today are a direct result of white America's past greed, exploitation and ignorance against the non-white members of this society.

I would really hate to be in your situation Mr. Daniels, the white race of today is now beginning to taste the bitter fruit planted by your ancestors hundreds of years ago. White America is now starting to understand what is meant by the old wise cliché "what goes around comes around." I hope that I have managed to demystify the reasons behind the problems that whites are facing in America and abroad.

Mr. Daniels I think the time has come for you and other members of your race that share your view to free your minds. And not just look at things, but look into things, the truth is often a scary but wonderful thing to know. And in conclusion, however, you are ignorant as a result of the hypocrisy of this racist American society.

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Letter to the Editor

Ignorance: How Far will It Go?

By Maurice Huff

Ignorance is becoming an ever popular characteristic with the increase of enrollment at Delaware State University. Perhaps, ignorance is due to a lack of leadership on campus; which is subconsciously causing many individuals to take an "I don't give a damn" attitude. This has and continues to be a growing problem for students. When ignorance is mentioned it is specifically in the context of someone doing some negative act, simply because they can and they haven't been caught and corrected. On campus, these acts include littering, not flushing their defecated waste away, urinating on floors, writing derogatory messages on walls, destroying school property, and a whole list of other things. These individuals must feel that if they are to be socially accepted and recognized, then they should leave an impression that they don't care about anything other than themselves. Many times other individuals take notice of these events without action, this keeps most of the problems in existence. When a problem goes unaddressed it becomes acceptable, once a problem is accepted it limit leadership. Leadership is one of the main keys in overcoming ignorance. By not addressing a problem one can only be a part of the problem.

Ignorance is also what helps to separate individuals. Just because people disagree on problems shouldn't mean that they should divide themselves. Problems can be minimized if individuals take more time investigating their personal concepts rather than immediately reacting to things that they misunderstand. By the time a person is academically ready to graduate they should also be mentally prepared to handle the responsibilities of life. With this being a historically black college many individuals that repre-

sent the student body should know where this article is coming from. Any individual for that matter, who has ever been labeled should have similar feelings. This college was created to educate anyone who sought a higher level of education, not a place to be used for showcasing ignorance. This college needs more people to set examples, by leading other students against the many obstacles that they can overcome. One great intellectual said to all that inquired, "Let your past speak for your future."

The Creed of the Brothers

By Tina Hurtt

The creed of the brothers has been for a long time,

"Get the booty whenever you can," it don't matter if it's yours or mine

All it takes is a little taste and he's hooked for life

He'll take it here, he'll take it there, or maybe a few places in one night

From experience we all know, when the cat calls the dog will follow

They don't care who, the time, or place, they only the "cat" has no face

Never satisfied with just being with you, he feels he has to have at least an extra two

Don't get me wrong, there are

some who try to be faithful and their boys say they're not being a man

So, they turn and cheat and when you ask about it they say, "It's a dick thang, baby, you wouldn't understand."

Don't give us that crap, that's your ego talkin', and if you don't change, you'll soon be walkin'

You think it's o.k. to slide and sneak, but wait, one day those shoes will be on your feet

You'll be sitting at home wondering where your woman is, when she'll be rolling around in somebody else's bed

My brothers take heed to what's been said, your destiny has been shown

Don't let this creed take control of your life, one day you might end up alone

This was just a little something to clear up an oversight caused by the "Doggy Style" article. All women on this campus are not dogs and all the men are not angels. Philly Phil referred to some of DelState's women as bitches in heat, but he conveniently forgot to mention his fellow brothers that have been sweating it out long before women started. If anything we learned it from being victims of the bite of the original dog.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out. This applies to those who qualify. If you're a dog you don't need somebody to tell you. And Philly Phil, you may want to sniff around your tail. Who knows how many kittens have been bitten in your doghouse.

Students are encouraged to write opinion pieces and submit them to the Editor-in-chief.

Speaker Stresses African Unity

By Latoyia K. Bailey

On Saturday, November 6, 1993, at 8 p.m., I heard the most inspirational voice I have ever heard — the voice of Dr. Yosef Ben-Jochannan, better known as Dr. Ben. Also referred to as "Grand Master Teacher," Dr. Ben spoke in Crampton Auditorium at Howard University. The 74-year-old enthusiast is the recipient of two Ph.D.'s, author of 28 published and 26 unpublished books. As he approached the podium, he brought with him no notes, only the topic of discussion which was AFRI-CAN UNITY: Poison For The Devil.

Several years ago, Dr. Ben adopted the village of Daboud, located in Nubia/Upper Egypt. He adopted this village because of the African Unity they displayed at the time when his transportation broke down while carrying some of our brothers and sisters from the U.S. Without hesitation, the people of Daboud supplied Ben-Jochannan and his students with the last of their food and fluids in temperatures exceeding 120°F. Ever since then, Dr. Ben has been aiding and supplying our Nubian relatives with necessary items to show his support of African Unity back to them.

Now he stresses the importance of African Unity more than ever. He does not take on the label of Chris-

tianity, Muslim, Buddhism, etc., because he believes his job is to bring forth the knowledge to all of his people and taking on one of the mentioned labels will prohibit him from doing his job, which is to educate.

My point for writing this is to inform all brothers and sisters on this campus that the time has come for all of us to unite and practice African Unity by first beginning with yourself and then your mother. Yes, your mother, the one who has given you life. As I listened to Dr. Ben speak, he made me and other sisters present believe that he loves and adores us. He expressed love that many Black men are not able or willing to accomplish. Because some men expect women to put out or get out, he had this to say, "You (black women) are not for dinner and a dance. You are the Mother of the Black Race. Set the standards for me — a man! From the first time any man calls you a bitch — there is no second chance! Unity among our people is very important if we are to survive as a people, and in order to survive, we must want and not be afraid to love one another. Before calling a Black man a Nigga or a sister a Bitch, think about the respect and love that is long overdue. Let's unite as a people."

Professor Gets the Boot for Racial Slur

By Randy Haskins

A white professor at Florida A&M University will be fired due to a racial remark he made to all his Black class on September 20th.

Professor Gerald Gee says he

Honda All Star Challenge

By Patricia Stevenson

This year's Honda All Star Challenge team will consist of four players, the players will represent Delaware State University at next year's tournament. The team will compete against historically Black colleges such as Howard, Spellman and many more colleges around the country.

The competition is set up like Jeopardy. The questions will be based on Black history, people, music and politics.

Dr. Hoff encourages students and teachers to get involved and serve as the opposing team so that members of the team will be able to practice. Dr. Hoff also asked that anyone with likely questions that may be asked during the competition submit them to him.

Teams from 64 institutions will compete at Norfolk State from March 17-26, 1994. The National Playoffs will take place in March from the 20th to the 24th. This part of the competition will air on the B.E.T. Network.

will fight his firing which will take effect at the end of his contract due to using the phrase "nigger mentality." Gee claims he was not trying to insult his class, but rather make a point. (How many times have you heard that one?)

Gee was told his contract would not be renewed so he basically has a one year grace period before he is out of there. Due to state regulations, Gee has 25 days to request an explanation over his firing, but the reason should be very clean to him.

According to Richard Hogg, provost and vice president for academic affairs, "It was a statement no professor should make to students, regardless of race, creed or color."

After some of the students from his "Public Relations Case Studies" class commented how the campus lacked opportunities for public relations majors. Gee told his class he was "going to say something that may offend you — sitting around waiting for someone to give us those outlets created a nigger mentality that will keep up on the back of the bus forever." Although Gee apologized to his class, one has to wonder about the sincerity of his apology. According to Webster's Unabridged Third New International Dictionary, nigger is defined as a member of any very dark skinned race — usually taken to be offensive. It is safe to say this definition is referring to the Black race, and I believe professor Gee was also. Perhaps Gee can think about his "nigger mentality" theory during the vacation he has earned himself at the end of his contract.

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FEATURES

Fashion Trend... A Hairy Issue

By Eunice Bedminster

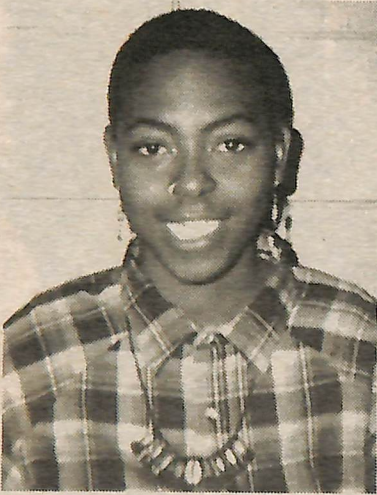
What's the trend on campus this Fall? Here's a hint. It's good-bye Halle Berry and hello Naomi Campbell. You guessed right, the trend is still very much a hairy issue, only this time a bit more colorful.

Last Fall, indisputably, the only thing most campus females had in common was their hairstyle. It was dyed, permed, curled, and layered to replicate the very hip but professional cut of actress Halle Berry. Back then, if your hair was not styled in "the look" you were out of fashion. It wasn't long however, before everyone was "in fashion" because like every fad that comes and goes on a whim, that cut went out with a snip of the scissors.

Enter Fall 1993 and what do most females have in common, hair color so daring that it is impossible to go unnoticed even from a distance. It is the look introduced via the Paris Runway by Ms. Campbell. Remember her, she's the supermodel who appeared in

Michael Jackson's "In the Closet" video. If you've seen her lately, she's shed her many wigs in lieu of a short, slicked-down style dyed red.

The color hype seems to lean more toward blond on campus. Look around, heads are fully colored in it and those who couldn't decide, chose (unfortunately) to have just half their hair dyed blond. Still oth-



Angela Scott

ers opted for hues in red and can you believe orange? Why would anyone choose to crown their heads in such colors? The answer in a word is fashion. Alas, someone neglected to make it clear that fashion, albeit its adaptive nature, is not meant for everyone. Thus, it is up to individuals to recognize if the fashion fits and to pass it up if it does not!

Can't pass up the hair color fad? Here's how to make your choice a classic. Go short. Take for example those students with short, dyed



Jody Gaines

styles. Short or close-shaved styles are better because the color looks more natural and is easier to maintain. Longer tresses are okay, but the biggest problem by far is that it makes obvious the stark contrast of those colors to some skintones. Longer hair will also mean having to constantly "touch-up" the roots of the hair for a uniformed blend. Will blond hair be worth all the effort and money in the end?

If you must color your hair be sure to employ the services of a licensed beautician. A professional whose reputation is on the line is more apt to advise you on color choices than your girlfriend. Finally, if you must opt for blond or red hues to revitalize your features, try using highlights, it gets the same effect, but more naturally.

Is There a Doctor in the House?

By Mia Conaway

Delaware State University's new physician, Dr. Lee Dennis, has been with the University for three months and is doing a great job thus far.

Dr. Dennis, who was born and raised in Dover, Delaware, spent two years at Johns Hopkins University and graduated from Lincoln University. He went on to medical school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and did his residency at The Medical Center of Delaware which is located in Christiana, Delaware.

Dr. Dennis came to DelState because his father was a physician here from 1952 to 1955, and his mother taught Physical Education. At this time they lived on campus. He also attended nursery school at DelState. He said, "Being from Dover, I spent most of my life around DelState." He also said that the job is very interesting and he feels like he's giving something back to the school.

There are many things Dr. Dennis finds rewarding about being a doctor. He said that these things are personal contact, the effect on the lives of people, and also being remembered by people he doesn't even remember treating. He says "When a life has been shattered it is a good feeling to put the pieces back together."

Dr. Dennis hopes to improve the Student Health facilities and get a better feel for the future of the Student Health Services. He is where he wants to be in his career. He works a lot at different places including Kent General Hospital and DelState. He said, "I am so busy I don't even know what to do."

His advice for future doctors is to get good grades in school, make good study habits, be dedicated to one's work, be very diverse, and make sure you can do a lot of writing. "My power is in the pen," said Dr. Dennis.

Being a black Doctor one has to overcome many obstacles. Dr. Dennis said that minorities have to ask more questions than non-minorities. He said, "Being a minority a lot of times means you can be left out." One should also be more active in school according to Dr. Dennis. He said that when he attended Johns Hopkins University during his first two years of higher education, he was very inactive. But, when he enrolled in Lincoln University he became more active in campus activities and activities involving his major. He also adds that since we have a weakness of numbers; a person has to make sure he has an apprenticeship because no one is going to hand an individual something and say "Here it is."



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Lady Hornets Rebuild

By Alicia Woods

The Delaware State University Lady Hornets are trying to rebuild for the upcoming season. There are a lot of new faces to go along with the new status of the University. Coach Lamb-Bowman wants to rebuild a team that can be representative of Delaware State University. "One that people will recognize and have good things to say about," said Coach Lamb-Bowman. "We want players to feel like they are welcomed, wanting to play; rather than dreading to play or practice." The attitude of the team has changed. In the past there was so much negativity. Coach Lamb-Bowman wants to turn things around and start this upcoming season with everyone being on the same level. According to Coach Lamb-Bowman, they have players who want to be here. She said they are energetic and excited. "Even the 'old heads' are happier and they want to win. To me, that is three-fourths of the ball game to have players that want to be there and succeed."

The team is working hard and ironing out the wrinkles. They are practicing long hours to make sure they have a better opportunity in competing for the MEAC title. The Lady Hornets have a young team, but as a whole, they are working together and jelling together. Coach Lamb-Bowman says, "On every team you're going to have more skilled players than others. The Freshmen players have talent, they just need to get some experience."



Mary "Honey" Lamb-Bowman
Women's Head Basketball Coach

According to co-captain Jacqueline Campbell, "We're still in a learning process, but we're working hard to achieve success. We have the foundations to build a MEAC championship team. Our motto this year is, 'Work and believe, and believe to achieve... MEAC.'"

When asked whether she would do anything different for this upcoming season, Coach Lamb-Bowman replied that she is being more flexible with the players because she has more people who want to play. The coaching staff is demanding more time of the players so that they can have their system "down pat" before the first game. The coaches have been talking and working one-on-one with the players. They feel this method should help the players understand and develop better as the season progresses.

In the past, the Lady Hornets' games have been scheduled at 6 PM. Most of the fans didn't begin showing up until after halftime because the majority of them were waiting for the men to play. This



The Lady Hornets (Courtesy Public Relations)

season the games for the Lady Hornets are going to begin at 5:30 PM as opposed to 6 PM. During the week, and 2 PM on the weekends. Coach Lamb-Bowman says, "We would truly love to have everybody's support. The fans need to start recognizing that they are part of Delaware State University. We represent them and they should support us at the beginning of a game, as well as at the end."

The upcoming season should be an interesting one. The Lady Hornets have a "new attitude" to go along with a new status in the MEAC. The coaches and the players both, are working hard to create chance. This is just one aspect of many changes to take place at Delaware State University.

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY 1993-94 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Wed., Dec. 1	ELIZABETH CITY STATE	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 4	Delaware	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 7	Fairleigh Dickinson	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 11	Hartford	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 12	Central Connecticut	1:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 16	Atlantic City Classic (1st Round) (Atlantic City, NJ)	TBA
Sun., Dec. 19	Atlantic City Classic (2nd Round) (Atlantic City, NJ)	
Tues., Jan. 4	Drexel	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 6	William & Mary	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 8	BETHUNE COOKMAN	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 10	FLORIDA A&M	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 22	MORGAN STATE	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 24	S.C. State	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 29	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 2	Coppin State	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 5	N.C.A&T STATE	2:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 7	S.C. STATE	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 12	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE	2:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 14	Morgan State	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 19	Bethune-Cookman	5:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 21	Florida A&M	6:00 p.m.
Thur., Feb. 24	Howard	6:00 p.m.
Thur., Mar. 3	Maryland Eastern Shore	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 5	COPPIN STATE	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 9-12	MEAC TOURNAMENT	TBA

Head Coach: Mary "Honey" Lamb-Bowman
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Hornets are Ready to Roll

By Alicia Woods

The Delaware State Hornets are gearing up for another challenging season. They have had good seasons in the past, and they hope to make this one even better. Coach Jeff Jones believes that they can have a great basketball team this year.

The Hornets made great progress last season by advancing to the MEAC finals. Coach Jones has strong feelings that they will be in the finals once again. "I believe we will have an opportunity to challenge for the title this year provided we remain healthy and intact. This team will get better with each game," he said.

Pre-season training has been going well for the Hornets. Coach Jones has said at this point they have had a lot of injuries and that he is unable to tell just how well they look otherwise, but the attitudes of the players are great and they are working hard. Coach Jones believes, "The players need to focus

more on team unity and become more goal conscious."

"The older players have matured and the younger players are accepting their leadership," said Coach Jones. This year's team seems to be setting the pace for future teams of Delaware State University. They are focused more on being student-athletes more than athletic students. According to Andrew Miles, "We look good. We have our priorities together and we will be a force to be reckoned with in the MEAC. Our rebounding and defensive skills will be the key to going all the way."

The Hornets have a great deal of talent to display this upcoming season. Key players on the team we can look forward to seeing are Martin Moore, Anderson Herbert, Andrew Miles, Andre Griffin, Malcolm Musgrove, Artis Preston and Hijr Sabree. Coach Jones displays much concern for the well-being of his players and for Delaware State University as a family. Delaware State



Jeff Jones
Men's Head Basketball Coach

University has a great basketball program. In the past there has been good fan attendance, but Coach Jones feels that they don't have enough fan support. "Come and support your team through the wins and the losses. They represent you and your school. And they deserve your support," Coach Jones said.

DSU Wrestling Team Begins Season

By Mia Conaway

The Del State Hornets wrestling season is underway. The Hornets recently wrestled at the Old Dominion University Invitational and had a meet at home against American International College.

The Hornets were defeated 31-10 by American International College. Three Hornet wrestlers — Cameron Davis weighing in at 126

pounds, Barry (Dusty) Harmon weighing in at 177 pounds, and heavyweight Donald Thomas — won their matches by decision. The wrestling coach, Wayne Newsome, said "I think we did much better at the tournament." He also said that in the future the team will keep practicing hard and work on techniques. One of the wrestlers,

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SPORTS

DelState to Host Indoor Soccer Tournament

By Akapelwa Imwiko

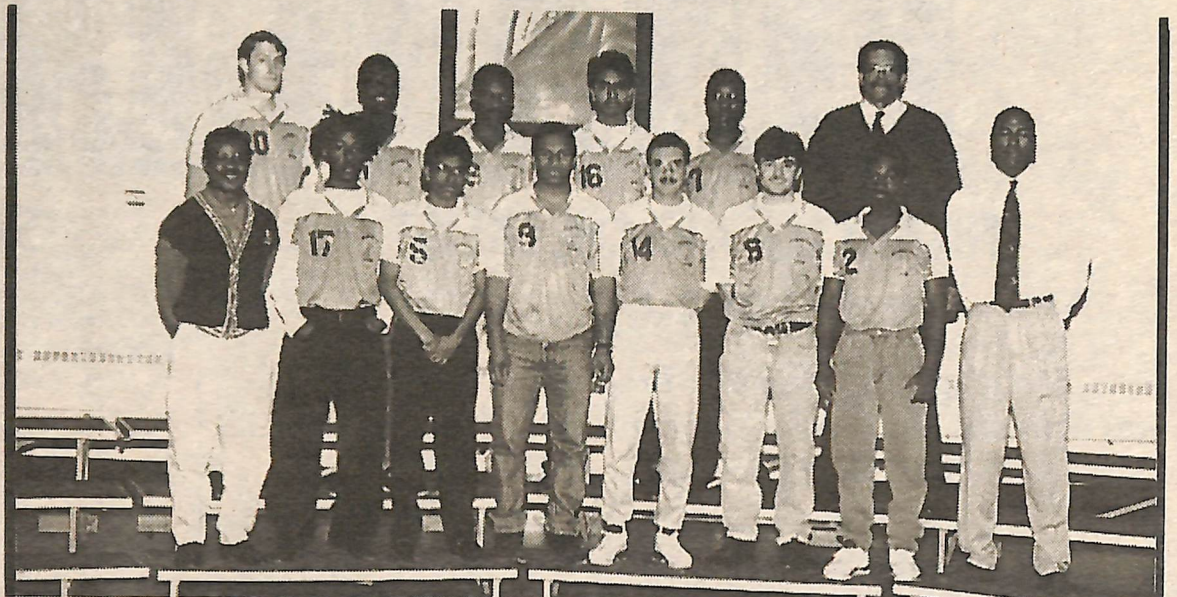
Delaware State University's soccer team will host an indoor soccer tournament in February that will feature other colleges and universities from neighboring states.

Lee McKinney, president of the soccer team and organizer, said that the tournament will take place at the gym, and the temporary date is Saturday, Feb. 17. Some of the institutions that will participate are Temple University, Howard University, Wesley College, University of Delaware and University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

McKinney said that "Facilities Man-

agement will provide retainer walls in the Gym for the one day tournament." After having organized practices for over two years, members of the soccer team hope that administration will consider making this team into a division one team where it will compete with other colleges and universities.

DelState participated in an indoor tournament in the spring that brought recognition, since a lot of people did not know that the school had a soccer team. According to McKinney, "Our goal is to make sure that the soccer team is treated equally as other sport teams on campus." He also believes that soccer should be part of the cur-



DelState Soccer Team (Courtesy, Statesman Yearbook)

riculum in a year or two. In the meantime, he said the school will be participating in tournaments in and out of

Delaware.

Among other organizers are Kamal Zarad and James Morman. The ad-

viser to the team is Harry Moses, and the team captain is Gabriel Gwanmesia.

DelState Defeated Twice in One Day!

By Tom Crowe

DOVER—All of the circumstances were against the Hornets football team Saturday as they were not only beaten by Howard 53-33, but also lost the opportunity to play in the Heritage Bowl New Year's Day in Atlanta.

There were two scenarios possible on Saturday that the Hornets would have loved to have seen happen. If the Hornets had won or North Carolina A&T had beaten South Carolina State, then DelState would be Bowl-bound.

The Hornets were expected to be blown out, but they never lost hope until the clock was at 0:00. "We all anticipated being able to run

Wrestling

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Shawneil Williams said, "I think we looked good for the start of the season. If everyone works out the bugs, we should look good for the MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference)." Another wrestler, Cameron Davis, also added that he believed the team wrestled well. He says it didn't really show because the team was missing two key players due to an injury and a job. He also said "I think by the end of the season we'll be a much better team."

Coach Newsome says that the wrestlers to watch for in the MEAC are Joe McColgan, Cameron Davis — who placed third in his weight class last year at the NCAA regionals, Shawneil Williams, Freddie Johnson — who is the two-time defending champion in the MEAC and who placed third in his weight class at the NCAA regionals, Barry Harmon, heavyweight Donald Thomas, and Francis Kelley.

The DelState wrestling team, which is not recognized as much as some of the other teams on campus, has been doing very well. The wrestlers believe they should have more support from the students. The Hornets, whose record is 0-1, will host Norfolk State University on November 30.

the football a little more effectively as well as being able to control them better," said Head Coach Bill Collick.

Howard opened the scoring first when running back Ruppert Grant ran in a 1-yard touchdown with 5:45 left in the first half.

Grant capitalized again on a 5-yard run to put the Bisons up 12-0 early in the second quarter. One of the big highlights of the day was the quarterback Jay "Sky" Walker to split-end James Cunningham connection. They hooked up on a 59-yard touchdown mid-way through the second quarter to put Howard up 10-0.

DelState then found a groove when they scored consecutive touchdowns in 29 seconds. Running back Bert Watson ran in the first score on a 2-yard plunge. Then quarterback Dennis Jones found split-end Derrick Neal open for a 26-yard score to close the gap to 18-13. This play was set up when Hornet linebacker Lloyd Batson intercepted a pass from Walker and returned it 20 yards to the Howard 26.

"The team battled and never quit and we have a good nucleus in terms that we lost so few seniors," said Coach Collick. "Howard is a very competitive team and I think they will do well in the Division I-AA playoffs."

Howard could have taken the ball and sat on it until halftime, but that wasn't their game plan. They drove 80-yards on six plays to score a touchdown. Grant scampered in for the score on a 37-yard run. This was the second of four touchdowns and 71 yards on the day for Grant.

On the ensuing kick-off the Hornets tried to get good field position, but lost the ball on their own 16 yard line due to a fumble. Howard took advantage and scored quickly when Walker found Cunningham open for the touchdown before the half with the Bisons on top 32-13.

Both teams came out after the half and traded off touchdowns. It was too little too late for the Hornets.

There were some exceptional stats posted by both teams by game's end. Quarterback Dennis

Jones completed 18-34 passes for 270 yards and a TD. The leading receiver for the Hornets was Derrick Neal who hauled in 9 catches for 131 yards and Jones' touchdown pass. In Bert Watson's last game as a Hornet, he rushed for 63 yards on 8 carries and scored two touchdowns.

Coach Collick added, "We seemed to throw and run the ball very effectively all year. Coach Herky Billings and his staff on the offensive side of the ball did a great job."

"Phil Anderson was certainly a force as well as Bert Watson, whose last year with us was pretty special — he was only about 80 yards short of 1,000 for the season. We also have a great nucleus of offensive linemen returning next year."

What about the defense? "Lloyd Badson did an outstanding job for us as well as Mark Still, Craig Jones and Uhuru Hamiter had his moments," said Coach Collick.

The Bison's quarterback Jay "Sky" Walker completed 20-44 passes for 378 yards and four touch-

downs. On the receiving end of Walker's passes most of the day was James Cunningham who caught 9 for 185 yards and three TDs.

The only hope for the Hornets now was if North Carolina A&T could beat South Carolina State. Everyone, including the Hornet coaches, stood by waiting to hear the outcome of the game.

Four quarters and four overtimes later the game had been decided by South Carolina State winning over the Aggies of A&T. "It just didn't go our way. The team worked really hard, but things of that sort have happened to our program before, in 1985 and 1991," Collick said. "I thought that this would be a great experience for them."

Nevertheless the Hornets had another winning season and look forward to next year. Collick stated, "Well, we have to start all over again and get the new group together. Certainly we have a great nucleus already with a number of juniors and seniors that we expect a lot out of next year."

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- ✓ Check for the records needed to complete the FAFSA: 1993 Federal Tax Returns, records of untaxed income such as AFDC (Welfare), social security, current bank statements, mortgage information, medical or dental bills, business and farm records, and records of stocks and bonds. Please report yearly benefit amounts. Do not report monthly payments.
- ✓ Students need to check to see if they need to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan (formerly Guaranteed Student Loan). These loans are available to eligible students who have an FAFSA on file in the Delaware State University Financial Aid Office. Please remember that it takes 4 to 8 weeks to process a Federal Stafford Loan Application. Therefore, it is important to adhere to the attached deadline dates. Loan applications can be obtained from most banks or credit unions. For Pennsylvania students, you must contact Pennsylvania Higher Education Authority for Stafford Loan information. The telephone number is 1-800-692-7392.
- ✓ If in approximately 6-8 weeks you have not received a Student Aid Report (SAR), call (301) 722-9200 to request a copy of your SAR. Upon receipt of the SAR, please submit *all* the SAR pages to the Financial Aid Office at Delaware State University as soon as possible.

STATEMENT OF SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

For a student to continue eligibility for financial aid, a student must:

- Complete at least 24 hours by the end of a 12-month period; and
- Have at least a 1.75 GPA over a 12-month period or a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE DATES (FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION)

For receipt of Student Aid Report (SAR) in the Office of Financial Aid:

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All students who apply for Federal Stafford Loans must have a 1990-95 FAFSA form on file in the Financial Aid Office.

FOR FALL SEMESTER, 1994: April 1-15 (Undergraduate/Graduate)

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- If student has legal dependents other than a spouse.



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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Slated for DSU Business Development Center

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the Delaware Small Business Development Center for Kent County was held at Delaware State University on December 3 at 10 a.m. in the Price Building lobby.

Directed by James P. Crisfield, the center will function as part of the DSU School of Business and Economics.

"The mission of the SBDC is to provide quality assistance to small businesses to promote expansion, innovation, productivity and management growth," Crisfield said. The center will accomplish its mission, he added, by providing basic information, free one-on-one counseling and

educational training programs at minimal cost.

The Delaware Development Office has appropriated \$150,000 to support the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network, including creation of new SBDCs at DSU and Delaware Technical and Community College in Sussex County.

Located at the educational hub of their respective counties, the new centers will expand on the work of the SBDC at the University of Delaware.

The economic impact of SBDC counseling services for 1992 was to create 778 full time jobs and 413 part time jobs for existing businesses. Net new employment for



Dr. Wilson Awadzi, Governor Carper, President DeLauder and Mr. Crisfield during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Photo: Public Relations

start-up businesses generated by all SBDC clients were 118 additional full time jobs and 120 additional part time jobs. SBDC's programs generated \$819,000 in new Delaware taxes.

DSU offers assistance to small business through two other programs. The Minority and Small Business Entrepreneurial Center provides an educational program and small loan facility ad-

ministered through its "Peer Group Programs." The Delaware Procurement Technical Assistance Center matches supply contract opportunities to participating small businesses.

Easy, Less Expensive Way to Repay Student Loan

By Andrew Blake

To make student loan repayment easier and encourage timely payments, Sallie Mae has announced that it is offering the Direct Repay plan, a repayment benefit that allows student loan borrowers to authorize a transfer of money from their checking or savings account directly to Sallie Mae.

Sallie Mae, which buys education loans from originating lenders, is the nation's largest holder and servicer of such loans. Sallie Mae owns one in three guaranteed student loans outstanding today, representing financing for five million students and their parents.

Lydia Marshall, Sallie Mae's senior vice president, said that "Direct Repay is checkless, soon-time payment is guaranteed every month provided borrowers have sufficient funds in their accounts. This will help borrowers avoid missed payments, make it easier for them to maintain a good credit rating, and will allow them to pay less on their student loans."

Ms. Marshall said that Sallie Mae can offer the interest rate reduction because loans that are paid electronically are less costly to administer. Through Direct Repay, the corporation will pass savings it realizes

in servicing costs on to participating borrowers. Initially, the plan will be available to Stafford loan borrowers whose loans are owned by Sallie Mae. The plan will be available to all PLUS and SLS borrowers in July 1994.

In a prepared statement from Nancy Murphy, spokeswoman for the corporation, beginning May 1, 1994, borrowers who elect to use the Direct Repay plan will receive a 1/4 percent interest rate reduction on their loans paid electronically for as long as they continue with their plan.

In addition to Direct Repay's automatic 1/4 percent interest rate reduction, eligible Stafford borrowers can reduce their rate further by qualifying for Sallie Mae's great rewards benefit, a rate reduction of an additional two percentage points for borrowers who make their first 48 scheduled payments on time. Borrowers with a \$5,000 loan

balance would realize approximately \$327 in savings with the combined 2-1/4 percent Direct Repay and great rewards interest rate reductions. Students who borrowed each year as undergraduates would save more than \$1,500 over the life of the loans under both programs, said Ms. Murphy.

Starting a Record Label? Consider This...



Duane Francis, General Manager, WDSU Radio Station. Photo: Ronald Frederick

There's a big difference between putting out your own record and starting a record company. Unfortunately, a lot of people don't know that and upon hearing it, don't understand why. But what you don't know in this business is going to hurt you like you'd don't know. If you're determined to start your own label, know a little something first.

Steve Salem, part owner of Motor Jam records knows a lot about this very topic. Responsible for the success of Snow,

Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam, UTFO and Full Force, Salem was happy to share his knowledge and discuss some important issues to consider before starting a record label.

MONEY "To start a record company, you need money," Salem was adamant about that and with good reason. The normal functions of a record label can't happen without cash flow. If you don't have resources or access to resources, then you need to reconsider starting a

record company at this time. Salem suggests management as a possible alternative. "That's where I started. You don't really need a lot of capital to start managing. And a manager has access to every area of a record company." It's a good learning ground."

MORE MONEY. Ideally, you want to have about \$10,000 to work with. "You can do it for less, but if you want to do it right" You've got to make the records, press up enough records to supply your market and give away. And you have to do some semblance of promotion."

Duane Francis General Manager of WDSU radio believes that there are three requirements an owner/operator must meet in order to successfully run a record company. "In order to be successful in the music industry a record company first must have good talent. Without talent your chances are slim to none of breaking into the business." According to Francis the other two requirements are the promotion or air play of the song and group and proper funding.

MARKETING. "Pick a market

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NEWS BRIEFS

Handel's Messiah

Delaware State University proudly presents Handel's Messiah, Monday, December 12th at 3 p.m. in the Education and Humanities Center Auditorium. Featured are the Delaware State University Concert Choir and Chorale conducted by Dr. Calvin O. Dash and the Hildaman Chorale of Wilmington directed by Leander Morris. Admission for this event is free.

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Professor Publishes Book

Dr. Oriaku Nwosu, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Foreign Languages Department has recently published two books by Bima Africa Limited. One book is titled *African Woman*, is written in English and the second book titled *Les He'roines de l'Afrique de l'ouest: D'apres les romanciers* is written in French. Dr. Nwosu will be traveling to Nigeria shortly for the formal launching of her two books.

ROTC Course Offered

During the Winter '94 Semester *The Development of Airpower II* will be offered on campus to Delaware State University students. This course will be taught on Thursdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in Grossley Hall, Rm. 112 by Lt. Col. Richard D. Martel.

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US Department of Agriculture

Summer Intern Program for 1994

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For an application and more information contact Mr. Bill Vidrine by December 15. He is located at: Delaware State University, Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Room 115, James W.W. Baker Bldg., Phone: 739-4900 or 677-1937.

Merry Christmas from the Hornet Staff



From left to right: Alicia Woods, Ronald Frederick, Mia Conaway, Randy Haskins, Patricia Stevenson and Andrew Blake.



What does Christmas mean to these students?



"Christmas acts as a refilling of family pride, and love, that have declined from the previous year. The beautiful aspect of Christmas, is the fact that it is spiritually enhanced and supported. I intend on spending Christmas with friends and family in complete harmony."

Gerrun E. March

Freshman, Baltimore, Maryland



"Christmas to be is a time to spend with friends and for families to be thankful for the many blessings in our lives."

Susan Drapeux

Sophomore, Dover, Delaware



"Christmas means a lot to me. First of all, Christmas is the time of year when you meet with friends, family and loved ones. It's also a time of the year to share with whoever you wish. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR."

Maurice Lee

Freshman, Brooklyn, NY

Gun Violence in The Killing Fields

By Randy Haskins

Click, click — BOOM! Gun violence is ripping through the inner city of almost every black community in the United States. Due to the alarming rate at which gun violence is murdering the children, public-health officials have declared a national emergency.

According to *Essence Magazine*, in 1990, 1,441 black males between the ages of 15 and 19 were killed by guns. As a matter of fact, guns are the number one killer of teenagers both male and

female in the United States. With that fact in mind, one has to wonder why, and how these instruments of destruction enter into the black communities in the first place.

Essence Magazine states that between the Ronald Reagan and George Bush years (1985-1989), the production of hand guns increased by 42%. These two former presidents showed almost a total neglect for issues such as gun violence. Hmmm, have you ever wondered why? In the late 1980's, guns such as

the .9-millimeter and the Tec-9 became so common on the streets that they were spread like the dreaded AIDS disease.

In the killing fields (the properly named streets in such cities as Los Angeles, Detroit, New York, New Orleans and D.C.), a black male between the ages of 15 and 25 stands a better chance to die from a gunshot than a U.S. soldier had to be killed on a tour of duty during the Vietnam War. However, unlike the Vietnam War, this war is not being fought abroad, but in our own back yards.

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Letters to the Editor

To be better than the rest, a way of life

By Rev. Derek Grier

All of us could step on a scale and instantly know our weight. We could all take rulers and determine our height. We could maneuver into a gauged tank and determine our mass. However, who can measure the magnanimity of our souls? Who can measure the greatness of a people? Other than God, the only other place of examination is the scales of adversity.

As African-Americans, our challenges have been unequalled. Likewise, our achievements are unparalleled. My attitudes towards racism have changed over the years. People of color presently have to be several times better than the mainstream, to receive the same benefits. There was a time this embittered me. However, now it emboldens me. I have learned to embrace the challenge of being twice as good as the sta-

tus quo because I am more than able. I feel sorry for those who would hinder me as I race ahead and accomplish more than they would ever dare try.

Bigotry is certainly to be combated vehemently on every front, but not for the reason some do. Our attempt to pull down the barriers of race should not be so our children can be like European descendants. The gold standard is for us to create for our kids an environment free of systematic hate and for them to be black, as they define it. I invite the system to take me on. Only then can it be irrefutably proven that I am wonderfully and marvelously made.

In our attempts to tear down the ills of our nation, let us remember to raise the standards. Let's become leaders in every legitimate strata of society. Dare to be brilliant. Dare to be brave. Dare to be boss.

Racism proves to be detrimental -- in any form

By Rev. Derek Grier

May a people never before so small that they must belittle the dignity of others to satisfy their own feelings of inadequacy. In my experience, it is only the most impotent of men who are intimidated by the success of a woman. This little man usually stands on a five-foot soap box just to appear average. He spouts his self-righteous platitudes and can acknowledge nothing good about another. His insecurity always leads to abuse, if not physical, it will certainly be mental.

We have such malefactors called "leaders" in the African-American community. They seduce the short-sighted and those unable to bridle

their passions. They appeal to the pride of African-Americans by imaginatively raising us to the status of gods and designating those with less melanin in their skin to the degrading position of "white devils." This same type of philosophy made me three-fifths of a man in the initial Constitution of the United States of America. Feelings of personal inadequacy will always lead to abuse.

To the discerning, such leaders who cry for the superiority of one man over another and denounce those who disagree as traitors and Uncle Toms act as nothing more than bullies to the weaker masses. Forgive me for thinking, this seems to be my chief sin in life. This inordinate cry for unity in the face

of untruths reeks of mindless hysteria. Hitler became one of the most vicious world leaders through such demagoguery. He was not only a small man in his physical stature but in spirit. Feelings of impotence left unchecked will always lead to abuse.

Do not challenge my dignity by asking me to become a part of such an ungodly chorus. Some may not like my tune, but I am answerable to my conscience and must march to a different drummer. May I never be brought so low that I would hate another. May I never become so full of anger toward another that I compromise the only thing that truly matters, my integrity in the eyes of an all-knowing and loving God.

An Overview of Sexual Harassment

What happens when you mix sex with politics? ...you get a scandal. So far these two incompatible ingredients have proven to leave a very bitter taste but mostly to tarnish the dignity and decorum of politics. For the past few years several notorious sex scandals have been ingrained in peoples minds. A recent one, the Anita Hill and Clarence Thomas case, has raised not an ethical controversy but a political issue: sexual harassment. In the guidelines of Delaware State University's student handbook figures an explicit sexual harassment policy, "It is the policy of Delaware State University that no employee or student shall sexually harass another individual." The clauses of the policy are well-defined. It runs the gamut from "deliberate assaults..." obscene reference to a person's anatomy..." to "staring, leering [and] ogling." "Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1969" cites the handbook. Dr. Margaret McKay, professor of Political Science at Delaware State University is conducting research on sexual harassment "in the workplace." More precisely, she is examining the "perceptions" and "reality" of the issue.

"The purpose of this research project is four-fold," explains McKay, "to measure what constitutes sexual harassment among state employees, to compare those measurements between males and females, to assess the frequency of perceptions of sexual harassment among state employees and [finally] the

expectations of remediation." To many political science scholars, sexual harassment is still in some ways an ill-defined concept. This difficulty to pin it down probably lies in the innumerable perceptions of what is sexual harassment. Moreover, the question is to know whether a consensus can be reached when a person's sex will inevitably bias the person on the subject. Meanwhile, more and more suits for sexual harassment are being brought to court. "The US Department of Justice and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission report record increases in sexual harassment charges by women employees for the fiscal years 1992 and 1993. Settlements totaling \$65.6 million were recorded in 1992, the second highest total ever recorded," says McKay. These dra-

matic figures have driven employers to take immediate action. They "have acted to adopt or revise improper workplace behavior." Along with these measures they have also supplied awareness workshops for the organization's employees.

Dr. McKay will mail a survey to a random selection of state employees in Delaware to collect data. This survey "will consist of a questionnaire randomly mailed to 600 state employees" both male and female. "Data produces from the survey will be compared to a national baseline, all related to attitudes, perceptions and behavior patterns in the workplace," declares McKay. Her research project should be able to crystallize a general idea of the opinions of Delaware's employees but most of all arouse the population's attention to the matter.

SAFE HOLIDAY TIPS

By Maggie L. Moor

Now that December is here, there seems to be a party or two to celebrate the season on everyone's calendar. Hosts and hostesses can provide a safer refreshment alternative and atmosphere for themselves and their driving guest. Here are some safety party tips you may want to follow or share with friends:

- Offer attractive nonalcoholic beverages for toasts such as juice drinks mixed with sparkling water or clear soda, fancy juice drinks by themselves, ciders, de-alcoholized wines and near beer (actually these two products contain less than 1/2 or 1% of ethanol and are thus classified as non-alcoholic).

- De-emphasize the drinking part of a party as the "fun" part. To help your guests relax and have fun, plan and play group or team games that will involve everyone.

- Inform your guests that you are planning a safe party and plan to stop serving alcoholic drinks at a specific time. In addition,

tion, encourage each vehicle to have a designated driver.

- Never have an open bar. You mix and serve your guests or have a bartender. Insist on measuring the alcohol and use light doses. Respect your guests when they refuse a drink. On this same note, never serve anyone who seems to be impaired or who is under 21. Offer them non-alcoholic drinks.

- Have plenty of low-salt, high-protein, low-fat food, such as cheese, meatballs, hard-boiled or deviled eggs and/or chicken wings available to snack on.

- Stop serving alcoholic drinks at least an hour before your guests leave. Never allow a guest to drive away intoxicated. Have them spend the night or arrange a ride home for them. Remember that old cliché, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk."

To conclude, let us all be responsible for keeping this special holiday season or celebration safe for everyone and filled with many happy memories to begin a new year.

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SPORTS

Del State Soccer Takes Second in Holiday Tournament

By Lee McKinley

The Delaware State Soccer Team came in second place in an indoor soccer tournament held over the Thanksgiving holiday. The event took place at the Kirkwood Soccer Club in New Castle, DE, and included six teams from Delaware and Maryland.

The team, coached by Dr. Gabriel Granmesia, reached the finals by winning two games and tying one, 10-1, 12-4, 5-5 respectively. They lost the final match 1-10 to a very strong team comprised of professional players from the Delaware Wizards and students from other colleges. This shows the need to have a soccer program here at Delaware State. DelState was beaten by players that came from good programs. If we had a program at DelState, the outcome would have been much different.

The soccer team is now looking forward to their indoor season which begins in January. They did very well last year in their first season and are looking to go undefeated this year.

Lady Hornets on the Road to Success

By Alicia Woods

"THANK GOD WE WON OUR FIRST GAME," said Coach Lamb-Bowman. The Lady Hornets basketball team opened their season with an impressive win over the Lady Vikings of Elizabeth City State University (54-53) in Memorial Hall Gymnasium at the campus of Delaware State University.

The Lady Hornets basketball season rests on the shoulders of seven new players who are pumped up and ready to contribute to a good season. According to Coach Lamb-Bowman, "Our freshmen players were scared; they were nervous and we weren't able to do a lot of things we should have." She also said that they struggled without two of their players (Zakia Davis and Wanda Heyliger), but they came through in the end.

The Lady Hornets looked good throughout the entire game, but Coach Lamb-Bowman feels they have their work cut out for them. According to Lamb-Bowman, "Our job is cut out for us. We have a lot of work ahead of us."

"In the long run, we're going to be all right." The Lady Hornets were down 53-49 when junior guard Angela Frett (14 points) sunk a three-pointed with 19 seconds to cut the lead to one. The following play, Elizabeth City's Latissa Burris lost the inbound pass off another Lady Viking giving the Lady Hornets control of the ball. After a missed shot by freshman Felicia Roach with 5 seconds left in the game, center Connie Johnson was fouled,

giving the Lady Hornets a chance for the final shot. She made one of two free throws to tie the game and sophomore forward Keshia Jones (10 points) was fouled on the rebound with 3 seconds to go. She missed the first free-throw, but made the second which was the game winning point.

The thrilling victory marked the Lady Hornets' first win of the season. Angela Frett led the team in scoring with 14 points, 4 rebounds; followed by senior center Jacqueline Campbell with 13 points, 12 rebounds; Marie Kamara, 6 points 3 rebounds, and Sabrina Burnett with 6 points, 6 rebounds.

1993-94 MEAC Women's Basketball Standings

	Overall				
	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	OPP.
North Carolina A & T	2	1	0.667	179	155
Delaware State	1	1	0.500	92	128
Florida A&M	1	2	0.333	201	198
South Carolina St.	1	2	0.333	190	231
Bethune-Cookman	0	2	0.000	115	147
MD Eastern Shore	0	2	0.000	99	146
Howard Univ.	0	3	0.000	168	248
Coppin State	0	4	0.000	171	369
Morgan State	0	4	0.000	228	329

1993-94 MEAC Men's Basketball Standings

	Overall				
	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	OPP.
South Carolina State	3	1	0.750	308	280
MD Eastern Shore	2	1	0.667	222	210
Coppin State	3	2	0.600	369	312
Howard Univ.	1	1	0.500	140	156
Florida A&M	1	2	0.333	154	229
North Carolina A&M	1	2	0.333	233	250
Delaware State	3	3	0.250	309	377
Bethune-Cookman	0	2	0.000	117	149
Morgan State	0	3	0.000	215	252

Hornets Sting ESCU

By Alicia Woods

The Hornets basketball team clinched their first win of the season against the Vikings of Elizabeth City State University (102-91) after losing two games in the St. Joseph's Tournament. "The first two games were an experience," said Malcolm Musgrove, who scored 22 points and had 17 rebounds. "We played bad and knew we needed to come in and get a good win. We just came out ready to play."

The Hornets took a 55-34 lead at the half with Andre Griffin adding 11 points and Andrew Miles with 10. According to Griffin, "We played great. The difference between the games we played in the tournament and the game we played against ESCU was our rebounding and our togetherness." Musgrove hit nine of his 22 points in the first half, but it was his rebounding (11 offensive and six defensive), that sparked several second-chance baskets; something the team didn't have against St. Joseph's and the University of San Francisco in the Texaco "Hawk" Classic.

"Our players played with a lot of pride," said Coach Jones. "Our guys were pumped up and we used a new offense and took Elizabeth City State out of their game. We wanted to come out and press them," said Coach Jones. "I told them that if we came out and jumped on them right away, they would get rattled, we would get some steals and we would get a couple baskets. We never pressed again for the rest of the night." The Hornets

opened up a nine point lead in the first four minutes of the game.

The Hornets have a tough schedule, but it seems like they have their act together. "This game against Elizabeth City was more pride on the line than anything else," said Malcolm Musgrove. He also said that we can expect them to be fired up for the rest of the season. Coach Jones said that they played very, very well and with great intensity.

"It was a great basketball game. We're ready!"

The Hornets were 6-6 at home last season. Since coming to Delaware State, Coach Jones is 3-2 vs. Division II teams and 6-0 in home openers. Griffin and Miles have scored in double-figures in ten straight games. Tuesday (December 7), the Hornets visited St. Francis of New York. The team returns home December 9 to take on Bowie State.

Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	Dec. 11	Arkansas	Fayetteville, SR	7:30 PM
Tues.	Dec. 28	Low Country Basketball Classic, Charleston, SC		
		Delaware State vs. Alabama		6:00 PM
		Penn State vs. College of Charleston		8:00 PM
Wed.	Dec. 29	Low Country Basketball Classic, Charleston, SC		
Sat.	Jan. 8	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	Dover, DE	7:30 PM
Mon.	Jan. 10	FLORIDA A&M	Dover, DE	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan. 15	HOWARD	Dover, DE	4:00 PM
Mon.	Jan. 17	MORGAN STATE	Dover, DE	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan. 22	North Carolina A&T	Greensboro, N.C.	7:30 PM
Mon.	Jan. 24	South Carolina State	Orangeburg, SC	7:30 PM
Sun.	Jan. 30	Coppin State	Baltimore, MD	2:00 PM
Sat.	Feb. 5	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	Dover, DE	4:00 PM
Mon.	Feb. 7	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	Dover, DE	7:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 12	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE	Dover, DE	4:00 PM
Mon.	Feb. 14	Morgan State	Baltimore, MD	7:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 19	Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, FL	7:30 PM
Mon.	Feb. 21	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL	7:30 PM
Thur.	Feb. 24	Howard	Washington, DC	8:00 PM
Sat.	Feb. 26	Central Connecticut State	New Britain, CT	7:30 PM
Thur.	Mar. 3	Maryland Eastern Shore	Princess Anne, MD	7:30 PM
Sat.	Mar. 5	COPPIN STATE	Dover, DE	4:00 PM
	Mar. 9-13	MEAC Tournament	Baltimore, MD	TBA
			(Civic Center Arena)	

Starting a Record Label?

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or two and break your record out regionally." You might pick a region like New York, D.C., Philly and Baltimore. Or Florida and the South. "Press up your records, load them into your car and supply the record stores directly. You need to also get your records, load them into your car and supply the record stores directly. You need to also get your records out to college radio, dj's, clubs and mix dj's. Salem stresses that you have to do this on a regular basis in order to create a buzz.

According to Francis, marketing is very instrumental. "If you have a good group out it is important to promote them as much as possible."

PRODUCT FLOW "The most difficult thing to do in this business is to be consistent. If you're going to have a label, you have to keep in mind that you have to have a consistent flow of product by various artists." Your ability (or inability) to do this will directly effect your company's income.

DISTRIBUTION. Salem stressed the relationship between product flow and cash flow as it relates to distribution. "If you're just a 'little guy' putting out one record... it's been known to be difficult to collect your money. If you can't follow up a big record with a second good or big record, distributors and record stores

see no need to pay you right away. They'll pay the people who are the most successful first and who are consistently coming with records, records, records."

SUCCESS and SURVIVAL. "Being successful in business in general is a gut thing and some people just don't have the gut. If you're a small label like Motor Jam, or like some smaller labels, you must be successful almost each and every time out." That means that every act you put out has to get your full attention. According to Salem, major labels can be happy if one song out of 15 hits. "They can sell 10 million of an act and the next year not have an act that sells more than 200,000 units. In that type of situation, you have to have a long term game plan and enough money to survive those down periods."

LEARN. Salem points out that "a record company should have a game plan, a philosophy, solid financial backing and an instinct and knowledge of how to do business. Study what you're doing. Read, read, read until you get the real life experience to test that knowledge." Get your hands on a copy of "This Business of Music" and drop some science on yourself. Network, network, network and see how that knowledge is put to use. If you're going to start a label, you have to know what it is you're really getting into and decide if you're really prepared to get into it.

