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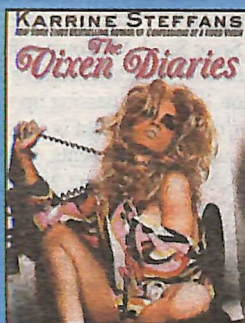
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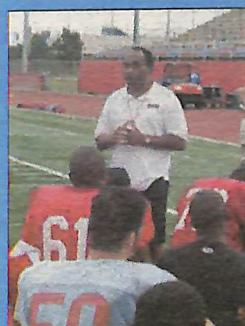
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MLK comes tumbling down

Latiya Griffin
News Editor

Over 39 years of students hanging out, passionate speech and debate nights, speaker series and auctions all took place in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center. The MLK, as it was affectionately called by DSU students and alumni alike, was the heartbeat of student life.

Two years ago, a new 10-year master plan was issued by Administrators in which the MLK and a new Wellness Center was the first among facilities to be re-built.

According to Carlos Holmes, Director of News Services, the executive board and administration made a decision to start the demolition of the MLK in January or February of 2008, with construction following thereafter.

The current MLK has an auditorium capacity of 480 and 980 standing, the main lounge seats up to 250, a commuter lounge, a 24-hr ATM, the SGA office, Career Serv-

ices, Judicial Affairs, the Hornet office, a yearbook office, mailroom, bookstore and the game room. In previous years, the Canteen Restaurant was a popular hang-out for students as well.

The aforementioned offices will be relocated to the second floor of Delaware Hall, Laws Hall, The Thomasson Building and the Administration Building. The mailroom and bookstore are now located next to the Village Café.

On May 10, 1968, the MLK was dedicated under much controversy. The class of 1968 wrote a letter to the President's office requesting for the unnamed male residence hall and student center to be named the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center and Medgar Evers Hall. The president refused as the students protested and dedicated both buildings themselves. Neither was officially dedicated.

Holmes also clarified that the \$200 fee assessed for each semester was for the construction of both the wellness center and the new student center. "Salisbury State fees are \$799, Hampton University \$792, Morgan State

Holmes.

The new student center will be a 3-floor 73,000 sq. foot facility, with includes offices for student organizations and staff, a multi-purpose room which will replace the existing Commuter Lounge, a bookstore three times the size of the current one, a convenience store and a club that will serve fast food and host 200 people for evening entertainment events.

Connie Neece, the Cashier Coordinator for the bookstore says, "The new bookstore will accommodate more students and students will be able to purchase items like bread and milk in the convenience store." It has not been decided or discussed whether the new student center will continue to be called the MLK, nor has the decision been made if Thompson Hospitality will continue to handle food operations."

Students have mixed reactions about the new student center. Calvin Carter, a junior Psychology major says, "The MLK was kind of old, so I like the idea of a new, fresh look. The new center is going to look good; however, I think it's going to be confusing because everything will be in different buildings as opposed to it being in one building."

Natalie Collymore, a junior Art Management major states, "I think a new student center is a bad idea at the moment because they're already doing renovations on the Wellness Center. I think they could have waited awhile before they decided to demolish the building. I don't think there was anything wrong with the building." Takeem Ragland, junior Public Relations major says, "I think it's for the better. I won't see it completed, but it will be good for future students. It's good we're updating to the 21st century." Most upperclassmen will agree a new student center could never replace the fond memories and moments shared in the MLK.



MLK to be reconstructed after 39 years of student interactions.

\$1,019, the \$390 fee DSU students pay is a small fraction of costs compared to other schools." The project for the new student center will cost an estimated \$24 million. "Construction for the new student center is funded by DSU and a fraction from the students. We did not receive money from the state for the new student center," said

Only one student worker job allowed

Jenn Dailey
Asst. Sports Editor

As time wears on, college gets more expensive. It is common for college students to have multiple jobs on campus in order to help pay their way. Unfortunately, for some students at Del State, this may not be an option for the upcoming school year.

Recently, resident advisors on campus were told they would no longer be able to work multiple jobs on campus by Ron Williams, the Director of Residential Education. Although they were not given a clear cut reason, Evers RA Dante Sully said it's always been a rule but they are just now enforcing it.

Williams could not be reached for comment.

"It kind of puts a damper on the beginning of the year," said Sully.

According to Amir Mohammadi, Vice President of Business & Finance, this isn't exactly the change they

want to make. "RA's are allowed to work in other departments as long as the departments are able to coordinate how many hours the student works."

In other words, as long as the resident advisor is able to cover their shift as an RA effectively they are allowed to have another job on campus. "It's a new strategy of coordination and we want the RA's to effectively help the students on the floors," said Mohammadi. "As long as we know how many hours have been coordinated between the departments it is fine."

It seems as if there may be some sort of miscommunication because students such as Sully were told they needed to pick one job to work. Sully also worked as a mentor and in the administration building. He chose to keep his job as an RA because it helps pay his housing costs.

"I just wish we could have more than one job," said Sully, "it makes my wallet a little bit lighter." Sully said he doesn't wish to get another job off campus because it's hard. Having a

job on campus was more convenient because he's always here.

As for non-RA's, students are allowed to have multiple jobs on campus. The only exception would be when it comes to work study jobs. Students are only able to have one work study job because of the allotment of funding available.

"The funding for the federal work study program has certain conditions which the school must follow," said Lynn Icono, Executive Director of Student Financial Services.

The work study program is a need based program. Once it is decided how much a student owes to the school, it is determined how many hours that student can work. For example, if a student owes \$2,000 they would work until they have paid that debt off.

"The work study laws forces the school to turn in social security and tax information," said Icono, "if a student works over the allotted hours, it costs the school money."

Direction of the Approaching Storm

Loy Azalia
Asst. News Editor

School spirit is a term some students here at DSU seem to ignore; except if you're a proud alumnus and a Die Hard fan. Alongside the harmonious rhythms, loss and slander appear to haunt the Approaching Storm marching band, but fails to shake the spirit of the program.

In fall 2006 the Approaching Storm faced tremendous media attention nationwide regarding a rape charge that caused the then Assistant Band Director to be incarcerated temporarily and ultimately relieved from the university. Since then the program has been consistently regaining their once positive clout. With the return of Randolph J. Johnson as Director of Bands, optimism has been restored. Johnson is assisted by Jerry Winds and Chester Knapp.

The resume speaks for itself. Mr. Johnson received a Bachelor of Science from Southern University and a Masters of Instrumental Music/Secondary Education from A&M College. Prior to his return, Johnson held positions as Band Director at Winston-Salem

State University and Elizabeth City State University preceding his initial arrival at DSU. His most recent role as Band Director was spent at Alcorn State University, but Dover remained his home.

He held the title as Director of Bands at DSU from 1990-2001. During that time, The Approaching Storm, toured Europe and performed at NFL games. "I am very happy to be back," states Johnson. His enthusiasm about returning to DSU was one that he could not be ignored. Amid a good sense of humor, he confidently and jokingly added, "My goal in life is to be the king of the world." That is why Johnson deeply strives to tell his students the importance of exploring the world pass DSU.

Junior band member and Approaching Storm veteran, Kyle Davis affirmed his delight with Johnson's return. "I'm excited. We're expecting to have a promising season. We can't keep a stable band director; hopefully Johnson will be here forever."

D' Elegance dance member, Keonna Jeffries, also commented on Johnson's come back, "I have a lot of learning to do, but he's cool."

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SGA Expectations

Loy Azalia
Asst. News Editor

Doing it better than the past, in order to better the future, is indisputably the unofficial theme for the 2007-2008 Student Government Association executive five and its associated branches.

With all the major construction presently taking place on DSU's campus, SGA President Nikki Chapple understands the obstacles placed before her administration and is encouraging students to utilize their power. "My goal is to motivate students to realize how powerful they are," says Chapple. In the midst of this, the SGA is expected to function successfully, while they have a move out deadline of December 17, 2007 from the MLK Student Center due to reconstruction planned to take place shortly after.

Chapple is looking forward to challenging the DSU student body, by asking the students to help generate solutions for problems regarding administration. She also feels that students will see changes in Administration, not quite at first, but gradually throughout the school year.

During the already implemented Town Hall Meetings, the SGA will begin administering "Concern Cards." These cards will be looked at daily and used as an opportunity for students to voice their concerns. Students may keep their concerns anonymous. Chapple strongly advocates this new plan.

All work and no play makes for a frustrated DSU student body. J.J. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary for the upcoming school year assured that student involvement will be essential in student activities. "Expect a fun year with quality activities."

New Activities for the 2007-2008 school year include several community service projects and programs, including an Aids awareness program, entitled "Condom Party."

Throughout the summer members of the SGA attended two to three workshops throughout the SGA retreat. The workshops were designed for the members to help them get to know each other better. During that time their strengths and weaknesses were learned. "We mesh well together and communication is excellent. We spoke everyday this summer to help each other out," said SGA Treasurer Daryn Moore.

The workshops also included, the attendance of former DSU presidents, such as SGA president for the 2005-2006 school year Delano Hunter. It was then that Hunter asked Chapple how she wanted her administration to be remembered. Her response was, "Through policies and not just parties and social events."

Chapple is optimistic about the school year, despite reputations left from the previous administration in regards to the current SGA. "Nothing was left in writing, so policies, everything will be in writing for next years administration," said Chapple.

Emmanuel Lalande, the Assistant Director of Student Leadership & Activities, is also hopeful for a good year. Lalande plans on preparing incoming freshmen for the "real world" now rather than later, "We are focused on not only social events, but intellectual and professional events as well."

Mr. and Miss DSU will continue to be the face for the male and female student body, while also pushing that students optimize their abilities and exercise their voices. Miss DSU, Tasha Askew, says, "I'm looking forward to the school year and I'm putting my best foot forward." Askew will be promoting a "Dining with Royalty Dinner," which will focus on exposing DSU students to formal fine dining. Foster Sellers, Mr. DSU, explained his focus for the year as well, "I will focus on community outreach and professional development, and continue to reach out to the male student body."

Optimism has truly struck the SGA. "I feel that everybody is well qualified to do their jobs, but only the year will tell," said junior Music Education major, Candice Scott.

New face in OSLA

Latiya Griffin
News Editor

Returning students will be in for quite a surprise when visiting the Office of Student Leadership and Activities. Dr. Michael Casson, a new face to some and a familiar face to others, has taken on the position as Interim Director of OSLA.

A graduate of Florida A&M University, he earned his undergraduate degree in Economics, following up with a doctorate in Economics from the University of Connecticut. In addition, Casson has taught Economics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and Public Finance and Banking at DSU. Before resuming his current position, he has been the advisor for other organizations such as the Haitian Student Association, Xpressions and Phi Beta Lambda.

When asked about his current position, Casson said, "I'm still learning the process and procedures and will add insight where I can. I'm still fairly new to this position."

Some of the upcoming events students can look forward to is Welcome Days, the first semester play, which is about adjusting to college living; social functions, concerts, comedy shows, and the distinguished speaker series.

Casson supports the upcoming construction of the new student center, "The new student center is a big accomplishment where everyone should be happy and be able to benefit from it. I hope it will make for a smooth transition, and it will make it easier for organizations to collaborate and work together."

Former Acting Director of OSLA, Eric Lewis, spoke on why he no longer holds that position, "I decided to step down due to it being a temporary position. I just wanted to help out. One year was enough experience for me." Lewis continues to hold the title of Resident Director of Evers Hall. "I don't have any ties with

Band/ Support the Approaching Storm at the first DSU home game on Sept. 1 against Coastal Carolina

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Johnson's list of expectations for the band members. "I am a motivator of education. You are at school to get an education and you just happen to be in the band," Johnson says. During his 11 years at DSU, he had a very successful graduation rate of sixty percent and is most proud of that accomplishment.

Despite setbacks, unfortunately two days before band camp, four DSU students, which included two band members, Terrance and Natasha Ariel, fell victim to a heinous crime which resulted in three out of the four students being murdered. Johnson and his staff are extremely compassionate to the needs of the students.

Though Johnson did not know the students his concern is untainted by that fact. "It was a shock for all of us. We are very understanding of the students, about the situation." They declined any efforts of throwing

added responsibilities to the students. This unfortunate tragedy was not the first time Johnson faced deaths of students. Throughout his thirty-one years of educating, empathy has not been a stranger.

He recalled a time in 1992, when he lost a promising student to a seizure. There were other incidents that occurred and ended with the loss of a student, but Johnson found it hard to talk about and respectfully asked for them not to be mentioned.

"As an adult death is never easy, but we have more experience of dealing with such things, this may be the first time for students." Johnson is dedicating this season to the victims.

Chester Knapp, the Assistant Band Director and an alumnus of DSU, believes in this time of need for the DSU community coming together is vital in the recovery process. Knapp continued to energetically speak of school spirit

and pride.

"School spirit is how you maintain yourself after you leave, not only when you're here. There's something about being a Hornet that is enthralling. It should be a duty to give back," said Knapp.

Giving back to their students is one major aspect in the Approaching Storm program for this season. "This is the place that made me a man, gave me an opportunity to be somebody," says Knapp.

Mr. Johnson asks that the DSU community come out, enjoy and support the Approaching Storm. "I am very pleased with the students; the way they welcomed me with open arms." Johnson said passionately.

The Approaching Storm marching band has worked hard to encourage school spirit by entertaining DSU fans a like and will truly be a pleasure to listen to and watch as they continue the legacy.

Students left in dark about \$200 fee

Clarence Varnado
Contributing Writer

Expectations are high for Delaware State University students being led by new SGA members and buildings being reconstructed for their benefit; unbeknownst to students, a \$200 fee has been added to their tuition bills each semester.

In late July, Delaware State plans to use an estimate \$21 million in bonds to pay for strength and conditioning facility, student center, and wellness center. The school has already received \$9.5 million provided by the state and raised \$1.5 million privately. The University is planning to raise money through sale of bonds to help cover the remaining \$10 million.

At first, everyone believed the added \$200 in tuition went towards a wellness fee, but questions surround students about where their money is going, and is the facility only open to student athletes.

Amir Mohammadi, Vice President for Student Affairs/University Operations and Acting Finance cleared up the confusion.

"To make everything clear it is a student center complex fee and it is constant on paying two buildings in constructive in two years as state-of-the-art facilities to make our students and DSU family proud," said Mohammadi. "We are excited with the progress we are making. Delaware State is on the rise and we will be able to compete with the best out there.

This is one of the highest priorities for the university. This facility is open to all the students in the future and to also strengthen and condition our athletes."

According to dsuhornets.com, the first phase of construction is a 17,000-square-foot two-story *Strengthening and Conditioning Facility*, which began in December 2006, is slated to open late August or early September. It will be connected to the north end of the Memorial Hall main gymnasium, and will be solely dedicated for use by DSU student athletes. The facility will include a strength and conditioning area, a laundry room, offices for conditioning coaches and locker rooms for men's and women's basketball. In addition, the facility will include a two-story entry and lobby with a ticketing area and 9,000 square feet of open strength and conditioning area for student athletes.

The second phase of the project involves the construction of a two-story Wellness Center specifically for the general student population and the general public. This section will be located on the southeast end of the building, and will require the demolition of a significant part of that existing section (the small gym). Construction is projected to begin in August 2007 and to be completed by January 2009. Included in the project are the first floor renovations of the existing auxiliary basketball court and the construction of a new basketball court that would be side by side, along with new offices/concession space,

women's and men's locker rooms, and a new swimming pool.

"We are trying to help each other by working diligently to provide services worthy of education for our students," said Mohammadi. "They deserve the best education but also provide quality with out-of-classroom experiences."

Snior Sarah McCown is frustrated with the administrative decision, "DSU is messing up with your money. The idea is obscure and unfair for students. DSU will always figure out a way to mess up our money and it caters to student athletes to make it more unfair. Monies should have been raised for scholarships, new classes, new books, instead of wasting money on buildings. This university is doing too much without having the funds they need and this is why I can't wait to graduate May 2008."

Some students simply wanted to be informed. "I am not pleased with the results," said junior Terrence Ridley, "The only reason why because the school didn't tell the students while we were home for the summer."

Others side with administrative decisions. "Students need to stop complaining," said senior Kevin Spence. "This is a university and we must adjust to these changes. We are at a cheap university compared to other big universities in this state. For example, Duke University raises their tuition every year and it is a public city college and they make \$140,000 a year easily."

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SGA or Mr. DSU, but I still help out with other organizations and if Dr. Casson needs my help." Mr. Lewis dismisses any accusations of being fired. "I did not get compensated for all that I've done in OSLA, but I did it for my love of the students and my Alma Mater. I also decided to step down with all the changes in Residential Education, to be a more

effective RD." He also states that he stands by Dr. Casson one-hundred percent. Events that Lewis implemented such as the first semester play, and the Theatre Series, are now mandatory for freshmen students to attend during their orientation. With the extra support of Lewis, Casson and students can look forward to a productive school year.

Three Hornets Forever



Dashon Harvey



Terrance Aerial



Iofemi Hightower

Stories compiled by: Ashlee Todd

**DSU
Memorial Service**
will be held on
August 28th
@ 5pm
in the EH auditorium

At a time when students were preparing their financial aid, putting together their class schedules, and buying the items they needed to decorate their dorm rooms; death hit way too close to home. Four Newark natives fell victim to gun violence the morning of August 4, leaving three Delaware State University students dead and another grasping on to life.

Mr. Junior, Dashon Harvey, 20, Terrance "TJ" Aerial, 19, a well known minister and mentor in his community, and Iofemi Hightower, 19, an incoming freshman; were forced to kneel against a brick wall by six men behind the Mount Vernon Elementary School in Newark, NJ and shot in the back of the head. Terrance's sister, Natasha Aerial, 19, was the only one who survived being shot by the ear and left for dead by the suspects.

"He was such a beautiful person. He didn't deserve this," cried a heartbroken Shanequa Ramsey, Miss Senior, of Dashon Harvey upon hearing of the tragedy.

The Newark Police Department originally chalked this case up as a robbery, though it was unclear whether any of the students belongings were missing. The idea of robbery quickly turned to gang violence when Newark and Essex County police began arresting members who belonged to a gang known as MS-13.

Jose Carranza, 28, an illegal immigrant from Peru, was the first to surrender himself to the Newark Police Department; only to turn around and plead not guilty. Carranza has other charges against him, including assault and rape of a young girl.

Half brothers and MS-13 members, Rodolfo Godinez, 24, a legal immigrant from Nicaragua, and 16-year-old Alexander Alfaro are also considered suspects in the shootings. Godinez was a four year fugitive after

failing to appear in Superior Court a year earlier. He is believed to have robbed and attacked three Irvington residents.

The sixth suspect Melvin Joel, 18, was captured Sunday August 19. Newark police know he is from Honduras, but his immigration status is unclear.

Two 15-year-old boys are also being held as suspects. They have not been identified.

"We're pleased the Newark Police Department and jurisdictions who are working with them have been tenacious and diligent in their investigations of the August 4 shooting involving the Delaware State students. We know that hard work has resulted in the arrests of three suspects who have been apprehended in connection with this horrific violent act. Clearly it's a crime where someone needs to be brought to justice. Though everyone is innocent until proven guilty, it is expected some will be held accountable for the deaths of the three students and the serious injury of another. Perhaps all will be convicted," said Carlos Holmes, Director of News Services at Delaware State University.

Delaware State University students attended the funerals of their peers in bus loads on August 11. Harvey's funeral began at 9am in Metropolitan Baptist Church.

"It was a good home going, very sad. Dashon was a good person to be around. He will truly be missed," said

Sade Plenty, who was a member of the on-campus fashion club, Limitless, alongside Dashon.

Aerial's funeral was held in New Hope Baptist Church at 11am, followed by Hightower's at noon in Grace Temple Baptist Church.

"The Student Government Association had a lot of support. We were able to get buses to go to the funeral. It was nice to see us all come together. Hopefully, we can stay that way. We can take this to help make us stronger."

A memorial scholarship and relief fund have been created to honor the victims and assist their families with financial burdens.

The memorial scholarship was set up to financially assist promising DSU undergraduates from New Jersey. Donations can be sent to:

Delaware State University
Foundation, Inc.
1200 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

If sending check, write in the check memo line "Student Remembrance Memorial Scholarship."

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Psi Epsilon Chapter has taken on the responsibility of heading the relief fund.

"We started this relief fund to extend our hand in helping the families in their time of need. We know how hard it is to come up with the funds for funeral arrangements and other related expenses. We wanted to show our compassion and support in their time of need because this is a time of need," said Addison Wright, member of Omega Psi Phi.

Donations can be sent to the above address. If you are sending a check, write on check line "Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Psi Epsilon Chapter relief effort."

For any questions, contact Addison Wright at (302) 670-3215

All donations are tax deductible.

Stand for something: Stop the Violence

Faces airbrushed on t-shirts, memorials set up on neighborhood streets, ceremonies held in remembrance of the deceased are all creative ways families and friends honor the lives their loved ones once lived and the memories they left behind as they rest in peace.

Honoring a human being's attributions to life is beautiful. In some religions a home going or funeral is seen as a gateway to Heaven. Though memories will always be encased in one's mind whether the one they've lost had been called home three weeks or three years ago; obituaries, t-shirts, cards, and flowers eventually fade.

No one is ever forgotten by those who were closest to them, but the impressions they made upon others who may be distant friends or the impact they had on life during their time on this Earth may be a mere blur over time to individuals that did not know that person well.

Since childhood each one of us were told to stop the violence and increase the peace. We were told that fights and crime never solves anything. We were preached to about karma, with our elders constantly reminding us to do unto others as we want done to ourselves.

Where has that logic gone? What happened to the church mothers and neighborhood mentors who pushed us to go right and stray from wrong?

Nothing.

For one reason or another when we hit a certain age we decided to ditch all that was good and bury the voices of our elders with sounds of gun violence, drug transactions, and gang related acts.

In our generation, violence has be-

come the norm. It's become so easy for us to accept that we must honor life by pasting a face on a t-shirt, posting a few pictures around the neighborhood, or pouring out malt liquor for the "homies who ain't here."

So what do we do when violence strikes too close to home? Sometimes memorials and the mere existence of a memory is just not enough. There comes a time when voices need to be heard and peers must come together to take a stand.

Lax on gun laws and horrendous violence has existed in this country for too long.

Too long for us to sit back and silence ourselves; telling ourselves it's just the norm.

Remember the imprint the one's we've lost to violence made on life and how far they could have went if just given a little bit more time. Remember their faces, their laughs, and their struggles. Remember their dedication to success. Then bring back the voices of those church mothers and mentors who gave their time and effort to steer you in the right direction. Those who strongly believe in something, but has no voice ultimately stands for nothing.

Often we as Americans sit back and watch the justice system take it's course. The problem is justice cannot be served until a crime is committed. How can we save a life before it is snuffed out by ignorance and senseless violence. I challenge you to take a stand; not only for the one's we've lost, but for those that could be taken from us. I challenge to speak out against gun and gang-related violence.

Goodbye Summer

Jasmine E. Thompson
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Goodbye Summer,

Summer, I must admit, "*You Make Me Better*." We definitely did it big in '07. We partied like rock stars as we "*Cranked That*" music up and went "*Wall to Wall*."

You introduced me to your "*Aunt Jackie*," "*Beautiful Girls*," and the "*Bartender*."

I'm glad you had the hottest concerts out. I had the "*Beyonce Experience*" with Robin Thicke and now I'm getting ready for "*Screamfest*" with T.I., T-Pain, and Ciara, just to name a few.

It felt real good to see my favorite childhood cartoons "*Transformers*" and my favorite yellow family, "*The Simpsons*" hit the big screen. I also want to thank you for "*Rush Hour 3*" because Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan are a dynamic duo.

It was a good look putting presidential hopeful Barack Obama on the cover of the September issues of GQ and VIBE magazines. He is the first politician to appear on GQ's cover since 1992 and the first politician to grace the cover of VIBE.

Now Summer, "*Flaws and All*," I still love you, but there were a few disappointments. What is up with your girls **Remy Ma** and **Foxy Brown**? Remy was charged with attempted murder, assault and weapons possession. On the other hand, Foxy's ex-boyfriend's girl pals attacked her and just recently, she busted someone in the head with a Blackberry! Then there is **Michael Vick**, the NFL star who will plea guilty to federal dog fighting conspiracy charges and **Britney Spears** battling for child custody with her ex-husband, **Kevin Federline**. Also, why did you let **R.Kelly** continue his "*Trapped in the Closet*" saga chapters 13-22?

Like my sweetie **Chris Brown** said, "*It's never a right time to say goodbye*," but I know you "*gotta go right now*," and make room for your cousin, Autumn.

Welcome Autumn,

I want to thank you so much for answering this "*Player's Prayer*." I heard you are trying to bring "real" R&B back. Hip Hop Soul songstress **Lil Mo** and R&B quartet **Jagged Edge** are both dropping albums

soon. Let's not forget the new R&B cutie, J. Holiday, with the steamy track "*Bed*" who will be releasing his debut LP this October.

Then, we have the Hip-Hop heavyweights, **Kanye West** and **50 Cent** battling for the #1 spot and bragging rights as both release their albums on the same day (September 11, 2007).

Summer told me that you had a couple of big screen treats for us which includes "*Resident Evil: Extinction*," "*Shoot 'Em Up*," "*The Kingdom*," and of course the highly acclaimed drama "*American Gangster*," starring **Denzel Washington** and **Russell Crowe**.

I can't wait to see the 59th annual Emmys ceremony! I hope my favorite show wins!

Rumor is that singer/actress **Mya** is set to release a tell-all book similar to video vixen's **Karrine Steffans**. I hope the book comes out in time for you Autumn.

Well, I know you have plenty of more surprises in store for us, Autumn. I can't wait to see ya!

Yours Truly,

Jasmine E. Thompson

Money in the Bank

Danielle Scott
Entertainment Editor

Following his 2003 retirement and farewell LP "*The Black Album*" Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter managed to become president of Def Jam Recordings, while still maintaining the successful Roc-A-Fella Records. Jay-Z even managed to squeeze into his busy schedule a musical comeback last year with *Kingdom Come*, his 11th studio album, which debuted at the top of the pop and rap music charts, selling some 2 million copies. The Jigga Man recently topped the Forbes.com list of "Hip Hop Cash Kings of 2006" with his yearly assets weighing in at \$34 million. Jay-Z's other major money maker's include 40/40 Club sports bar franchise, with locations in New York, New Jersey, and Atlanta, as well as a small stake in the NBA's New Jersey Nets. The Brooklyn born rapper also collects income from blue-chip endorsement deals with Budweiser, Hewlett-Packard, and General Motors.

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson came in second grossing \$32 million in '06. The G-Unit front man holds a diverse portfolio of businesses that includes apparel, ring-tones, video games, and a line of fictional books. "I'm creating a foundation that will be around for a long time

because fame can come and go or get lost in the lifestyle and the splurging," he told Forbes.com. "I never got into it for the music; I got into it for the business."

Other Topped Forbes Hip Hop Cash Kings

6. Marshall "Eminem" Mathers
7. Calvin "Snoop Dogg" Broadus
8. Kanye West
9. Pharell Williams
10. Scott Storch
11. Christopher "Ludacris" Bridges
12. Clifford "T.I." Harris
13. Outkast (Antwan "Big Boi" Patton and Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin)
14. Jonathan "Lil Jon" Smith
15. O'Shea "Ice Cube" Jackson
16. Jermaine Dupri
17. Kasseem "Swizz Beatz" Dean
18. Hakeem "Chamillionaire" Seriki
19. Jayceon "The Game" Taylor
20. Jasiel "Yung Joc" Robinson

No. 3 on the list is hip hop mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs, formerly known as "Puff Daddy." Currently he is CEO of The Bad Boy World Wide Entertainment Group which is responsible for the MTV's popular *Making the Band* franchise, the Sean John clothing line, and the bestselling *Unforgivable* cologne. Combs also opened two restaurants titled Justin's, named after his eldest son. Bad Boy Recording label, last year released albums by *Making the Band 2's*, *Danity Kane*, *Cassie* and

Yung Joc. In 2006, Diddy released his first studio album in four years; *Press Play*, which debuted at the top of the U.S. pop and rap charts. Combs made an estimated \$28 million last year. Although, representatives for the mogul insists that figure is much higher.

At No.4 is mega producer Timothé "Timberland" Mosley who came in with an astonishing \$21 million for producing tracks and beats for other artists.

André "Dr Dre" Young made No. 5 on the list. Dre along side rapper Eminem (who came in No.6 at \$18 million) helped produce and release 50 Cent's last two albums, which have sold over \$20 million copies worldwide.

This study is solely based on the artists' 2006 income alone. In March, Jay-Z sold his

Roc-a-wear apparel line to Iconix for \$204 million. It was estimated "Jigga" pocketed a quarter of that after taxes and other payable commitments. May 2006, Coca-Cola announced the purchase of Glaceau, the makers of Vitamin Water for \$4.2 billion. Once the deal is active rapper 50 cent, who endorsed the brand in 2004 in exchange for a small stake, will walk away with at least \$100 million. Now that's money in the bank.

Visit www.forbes.com for a complete listing and other artists who topped the list.

20 Questions

By Ghostwriter

1. Who was as sad as me when they heard about our fallen students?
2. Didn't you feel better when you saw all the Del State students unite like a real family?
3. What senior RA looks like the black Elmer Fudd?
4. How many groupies are going to fake their pregnancies this year?
5. And will they look up to Eve for inspiration?
6. Why didn't anyone feel the tummy?
7. And who wants their money back?
8. Isn't it crazy how two nerf balls divided a whole frat?
9. How does DSU top faking a pregnancy?
10. How many upperclassmen are going to be homeless because the Village and the Yards are over-booked?
11. Why is half the campus being put in trailers and moved across campus?
12. Is the ETV next?
13. Who keeps up on the news thanks to CVTV's facebook feeds?
14. Who thinks they're too old to be in a school with 90's babies?
15. Do we have to start filming the show "To catch a Predator" in Laws?
16. How many incoming couples won't make it to Christmas?
17. Who will be Officer Smith's next driving victim?
18. Who is having the first Courtyard party?
19. And how long will it take to get shut down?
20. How long did it take you to miss Dover?

50 CENT VS. KANYE WEST

Laquan James
Hornet Correspondent

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 two of Hip Hop's biggest talents and egos 50 Cent and Kanye West will face off in one of the most debated hip hop clashes of the titans in recent history. Not since 2001 (ironically the same date) when Jay-Z, Tupac, and Snoop Dogg went head to head has anything of this nature happened. But that was way back in '01, when competition was friendly and people actually bought albums. This is '07 and unlike record sales, the stakes are higher than ever.

50 Cent's third album entitled "Curtis" is probably the most critical LP of his career thus far. After three under-achieving singles Curtis finally hit his stride with his summer anthem "*I Get Money*." This is the first LP the G-Unit front man collaborated with other artists outside of his camp and used super producers like Timbaland and Swizz Beats. Guest ap-

pearances include R&B heavy weights Justin Timberlake and Robin Thicke, to name a few. Ironically, for the first time in his career 50 is faced with the pressure of possibly coming in number two with album sales due to another rappers debut.

Kanye West, the self proclaimed "Louis Vuitton Don" appears "stronger" than ever enjoying the success of his two hit singles, "Can't Tell Me Nothing" and "Stronger." So much so the album was actually pushed up to accommodate demand. The showdown with 50 has not seemed to affect Kanye. In fact, West sidestepped an offer to debate 50 on television. The ultra fashionable emcee verses the ultra aggressive rapper is being billed as CPR to the ailing rap game.

Win, lose, or draw, September 11, 2007 will go down in hip hop history. Whether you're checking for Curtis or Kanye, the winner is going to be the music fan. The two artists can debate all they want, but the true winner will be decided by the listeners.

Video Vixen spills the beans...again

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We were first introduced to Karrine Steffans a.k.a. "Superhead" back in 2005 when she released her autobiography *"Confessions of a Video Vixen."* Steffans told tales of an abusive past and her sexual escapades with some of the industry's biggest stars, from JA Rule to Dr. Dre and Shaquille O'Neal. Steffans has kissed and told on just about everybody in the business. *"Confessions of a Video Vixen"* was supposed to let us in on her secrets; however, we are still left wondering who "Papa" is.

Just when we thought no one else would be silly enough to date her, she is back with a second book *"The Vixen Diaries"* set to be released on September 25, 2007. In order to keep the suspense alive, Steffans has yet to publicly reveal who she puts on blast this time, but she guarantees juicy details this time around. *"I am a different person and more unapologetic,"* Steffans said in King Magazine. Accord-

ing to reports Lil' Wayne and Ne-Yo are among the artists named in the book. She talks about sexual encounters with both entertainers and even claims to know intimate details about Wayne's relationship with

rapper Trina. *"He said he is not back with her, Wayne don't claim nothing,"* Steffans told King Magazine *"What I know about Wayne is he told me he loved her and he was good to her."*

Steffans' fling with Ne-Yo seems to be a little more intimate. Reports of the two surfaced on the internet in the past and Steffans' book confirms it. She said she got Ne-Yo's email address from a radio personality in hopes to be featured in one of his upcoming videos. The two first met on the set of *"Make Me Better."* Karrine stated in one of her encounters with Ne-Yo all he did



was bite and rub her feet and they've been close ever since. She alleged that they spent the next few days together and he told her, *"I don't care about what happened before, but your life didn't start until the day you met me,"* Steffans mentioned to King Magazine. Maybe his naïve personality is what got his name in

the book.

Perhaps the most ironic thing about Karrine Steffans is she contradicted her self many times by stating that it's not her style to kiss and tell, and she is now living a normal lifestyle for the sake of her son. Yet she is writing another book. Everyone might be impressed by her skills in the bed but Steffans not kissing and telling is like The Hornet not having twenty questions, it goes hand and hand. The real question is: will Karrine Steffans give us another jaw dropping book or is this just another cry for publicity?

Hip Hop vs. Al Sharpton

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Another feud has recently been stirred up in the world of Hip Hop. First, was Ludacris vs. Bill O'Reilly, now David Banner vs. Reverend Al Sharpton. Banner (born Levell Crump) expressed his dislike for the famed reverend by, referring to him as a *"permed out pimp"* after Sharpton's recent rallies against hip hop's explicit lyrical content. Sharpton recently organized protests across the nation, calling for the end of the music industry's government funding, unless rap artists remove the words n**er, b**h, and h*e from their recordings.

Members of the hip hop community are speaking in their own defense against Sharpton's crusade. *"First, I'm an artist and I'm going to say what I want to say,"* Talib Kweli told SOHH.com. *"Nobody's going to tell me what I can or can't say."*

However, less a diplomatic and more vocal David Banner also weighed in on the subject, saying that he is not and has never been a fan of Sharpton and that he is

doing more to hurt the situation than to help. *"The next time you see Al Sharpton, tell him I said 'F' him and he can s**k my d**k. I might change the name of my album from The Greatest Story Never Told to 'F' Al Sharpton. I hate Al Sharpton. This is the kind of @#!* that I'm talking about. They're killing kids in New Jersey and all across the country and all a @#*\$% got to talk about is rap lyrics? @#*\$ that about they're our elders and we gotta respect them. I'm tired of this. They're like the parents, but the parents are crucifying the kids. He's a permed-out pimp. Him and Jesse Jackson are out here charging people to do rallies with them. They're more worried about their investors than our kids,"* Banner said according to SOHH.com.

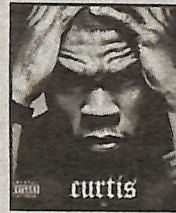
Sharpton told TMZ his hairdo was suggested by the late James Brown almost a decade ago. *"Straighten your hair like mine so when people see you they think you're my son. Papa's giving you a brand-new 'do!'"* Brown said according to Sharpton. Allegedly the famed leader is keeping it in memory of the "God Father of Soul."

According to EURweb.com Kristen John-Foy, one of the leaders in Sharpton's National Action Network, and the head of his Criminal Justice Initiative responded to Banner's remarks, *"From time to time we do encounter people that have sexual fantasies about Reverend Al Sharpton, but they are always women and Crump's proposition is a first. In keeping with the National Action Network's Decency Initiative, I am sure Reverend Sharpton would not call Crump the 'N' 'B' or 'H' word. And, despite Crump's personal request, I am sure Reverend Sharpton would not call him a f-g—t. He would just pray for him. We at NAN are pro civil rights for everyone, even Levell Crump who has not had a banner year since his debut album in 2003."*

The rapper told EURweb.com that his statements were made at a DJ conference call not a formal interview. In an attempt to express his feelings towards Al Sharpton and other black leaders in a more mature and dignified way, he wrote a very lengthy open letter to the government. This letter can be found on www.EURweb.com.

The latest in Entertainment

Compiled by: Raevyn Jones



50 Cent

Is there a feud between Kanye West and 50 Cent? According to reports, Kanye's new single *"Can't tell me nothing"* is a response to 50 Cent's *"I Get Money."* 50 Cent has challenged Kanye to see whose album will come out on top, however Kanye declined. 50 claims to be everyone's favorite rapper, he said and that is why West is giving him problems. Will 50 Cent outsell Kanye or will Kanye get the last laugh? Both albums are set to be released on September 11 of this year.



Flavor Flav

There have been rumors circulating about an additional season of Flavor of Love. Yes ladies and gentlemen, the rumors are true! Apparently Flavor Flav is still searching for that special someone after the romantic flop with season two winner Deelishis, and the disaster with Muppet look-a-like New York. Currently VH1 is seeking applicants for season three. Similar to season two of the popular spin off *"I love New York"* (scheduled to premiere October 15, 2007) Flavor of Love 3 fans can help cast the show. Becky a.k.a. Buckwild from Season two is in the lead with the most votes for the Flavor of Love 3 casting. Who knew ignorance can get such high ratings. **"YEAH BOY! FLAVOR FLAV!"**



Mya

Mya is set to release a book that tells it all. According to rumors, the R&B songstress is not holding back on the details. The best part of the book is who she'll be dishing the dirt on. Allegedly Mya's romantic life reads like a who's who in Black entertainment. In the past, she has been romantically linked to Marques Houston, Pharrell Williams, The Game, 50 Cent and Washington D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty. Hey why should Superhead make all the money?



Mary J. Blige

Allegedly, R&B diva Mary J. Blige is expecting her first child. According to Mediatakeout.com Blige and husband Kendu Isaacs finally conceived their first child together after nearly a year of failed attempts. The two have been married and going strong for four years. **Congratulations!**



Bill O'Reilly

Bill O'Reilly is at it again. Nas get out your hater blockers. In a recent broadcast of *"The O'Reilly Factor,"* he blasted Virginia Tech for choosing Nas to perform at a back to school Memorial Concert in memory of the shooting victims. *"After 32 human beings are murdered at Virginia Tech a concert welcoming student's back features a guy who traffics in violent lyrics. How disturbing is this?"* O'Reilly even went as far as putting together a clip of some of Nas' most violent lyrics to back up his protest.

DSU Football Preview

Shane Rumley
Sports Editor

The main attraction of Dover is finally here. The Delaware State University football team will open its season on September 1. They will look to erase that disappointing ending to their 2006 season and hope to take over the MEAC conference. The road to the rings starts with Coastal Carolina at home. In order to get the job done in 2007, the Hornets will have to rely on the players below and the guidance of Coach Al Lavan to reach the playoffs.

Quarterback

Junior Vashon Winton returns from his serious leg injury from late in the 2006 season to lead the Hornet's offense. The former MEAC Rookie-of-the-Year will try to prove that he is well enough to lead this team to a MEAC title. Also competing for the job are veterans Ollie Taylor (senior) and Calvin Toliver (junior). They have fought hard in training, but it looks like Winton will be the lead signal caller this year barring another injury.

Running Backs

The running backs will be solid with the three headed monster of Syracuse University transfer Kareem Jones, Lennox Norville, and Chris Strothers in the backfield. Each back has a different combination of speed, quickness, agility, and strength to head the ground attack. Those three and fullback Adam Shrewsbury should help make the Hornet offense intimidating to compete against.

Wide Receivers

At wide receiver the Hornet's offense starts and ends with Shaheer McBride's production. The most explosive player in the MEAC conference enters his senior year as once again the Hornet's "big-play home run" threat. The preseason player of the year will be joined by fellow seniors Dennis Savedge, Derrick McNeil, and the speedy transfer Eddie Brown. If teams in the MEAC don't act insane, they will double cover McBride in every game which should leave op-

portunities for other teammates to exploit defenses. This should put pressure on Winton to find other targets. Then during the game he could work his way to Shaheer.

Offense line/Tight Ends

This group may ultimately decide the fate for the Hornet offense this year. Nicknamed the "BossHogs," this unit will really have to turn another superb season like last year. Returning for the Hornet's offensive line is preseason All-MEAC first team guard Jeremy Breath. Diagnosed as one of the strongest players on the team, Breath provides the Hornets with an interior lineman that can dominate a game. He and returning center Nick Richmond should anchor the offensive line. Also returning as a starter is right tackle D Jamal Kirby. During his first year starting last year, Kirby did a good job of playing tough and not being overwhelmed with the new opportunity. Rounding out the offensive line and making their debuts as starters are sophomores Kellen Kemp and Mike Maloney. At tight end seniors Blake Covington and Jeff Postell will be utilized to help block and finding holes to catch balls against opposing teams. They could possibly become good targets if teams try to double McBride or by putting eight defenders in the box.

Defensive line

This year's Defensive Line will play a major role in the Hornets defense. With the return of seven linemen, the defense line is a force to be reckoned with. Ronn Spinner* and Tyron Hurst are the starting defensive tackles that will make a lot of noise in the backfield this year. Defensive ends Fabian Dunn, James Parker, Kelly Rouse, Akil Russell, and Alimayo Wilder are also returnees on the line. Inexperienced defenders Erik Jackson, Joe Mendez, and Andre Carroll will contribute to the defensive line. Hurst is expected to have a great year this year, and help return the MEAC title back to the Hornets.

Linebacker

One of the most talented groups, not only on the team but in the MEAC conference, lies in the linebacking corp. This group is led by pre-

season All-MEAC first team selection Russell Reeves and talented sophomore Josh Pope. This group also has a lot of depth with returning players Eric Sewell, Jackie Watkins, Keola Aseuga and the addition of junior college transfer Kevin Connor. Linebacker and special team coach Derek Hall said, "This is the best linebacker group I have ever coached since I've been here. I feel the coaching staff has done a great job recruiting. Right now I have six linebackers I can put on the field and I know they will get the job done."

Secondary

The DSU secondary will enter the season with high expectations. At cornerback, seniors Akeem Green and Lamont Kennard are penciled in as the starters to shut opposing passing games down. The preseason All-MEAC first team selection, Green will be looked on as the team's "main Camp Bailey shut down" cornerback. Last season he collected 48 tackles, four pass deflections and two forced fumbles. Also was a big figure on Coach Hall's special teams unit. Vacating at the safety position are veterans Ryan Robinson and Jerome Strums.

Special Teams

Special Teams are going to do what they do every year; act crazy like their coach and be feared throughout all the conference. They have a strong kicking game and a bunch of productive players.

Players such as Akeem Green, James Beverly, Lamont Kennard, Ryan Robinson, and Brandon Hudson will do whatever it takes to make plays in one of the three phases of a football game. This includes blocking punts, causing fumbles, good returns, and providing good return coverage.

Kickers Peter Gaetner, Josh Brite, and Riley Flickinger should be explosive with providing points and the upper hand in the field position battle.

My Prediction: final record will be 9-2. The Hornets will finally make the playoffs

Breakout season candidates: Kareem Jones, Jackie Watkins, Vashon Winton, Fabian Dunn, Akeem Green

ATHELETE SPOTLIGHT KAREEM JONES

Compiled by: Jenn Dailey



Kareem Jones

He dodges to the left and free's himself from the defender. There are only ten yards between him and the end-zone. He makes a run for it with in mind putting points on the board is hard to come by at this level. The opposition makes one last attempt to stop him, but he's too fast. He dodges to the right and out of grasp.... "Touchdown Kareem Jones!" Hopefully this Hornet football daydream will become an every Saturday reality when the season starts.

With the 2007-2008 football campaign about to begin, the team is coming into the season with several new faces. Kareem Jones, a transfer student from Syracuse, is one name you will come to hear often.

Returning to his natural position at running back after splitting time between tailback and kick returner, it is highly anticipated Jones will help fill the void left by the graduate and former Hornet star, running back Emmanuel Marc.

"I came here because Coach Lavan told me I would get the opportunity to come and play," Jones said, "I could come, play and I could pursue my masters."

Jones began playing football eleven years ago and quickly found success. While in high school, he helped lead his team to league championships in his junior and senior years at Lansingburgh High School in Troy, New York.

After high school, universities such as Syracuse, Georgia Tech and Maryland were interested in recruiting him. In the end, he chose to play football and major in Communications at Syracuse because it was close to his hometown of New York. He chose to leave after two years of playing for the Orangemen.

"There were a new staff and a different situation," said Jones, "I chose to come here to a better situation."

So far Jones likes Delaware State, even though he has only been here for fall football camp. He hopes to have fun while playing in his last two years of eligibility. Coming into the season he is expected to split time with senior Lennox "Ox" Norville and junior Chris Strothers. If he displays his potential early on, he could break away as the Hornet's feature running back. "It's simple and easy, my goal is to win some games," Jones said, "I expect us to not just win but to win as a team."

NBA faces their biggest scandal

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A dark cloud hangs over the National Basketball Association (NBA) as it was revealed, former referee Tim Donaghy started to make NBA bets four years ago and was wagering on the games he officiated. On August 15, Donaghy pleaded guilty on two felony charges in a scandal that rocked the NBA and tarnished the integrity of the sport.

Donaghy was released on August 16 on \$250,000 bond and faces a maximum of 25 years in prison when he faces a sentence on November 9 for conspiracy to engage in wiring fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce and to pay a \$500,000 fine plus at least \$30,000 in restitution to the government.

Allegedly Donaghy gave federal prosecutors information that will implicate other referees were involved in some form of gambling activity as part of cooperation with government officials. According to ESPN Radio 1050 in New York, there were reports of 20 names of other NBA officials that were involved in gambling activities.

According to court papers, Donaghy began placing bets on NBA games in 2003. Then last December, he began giving gambling associates sensitive information, including a crew that would officiate games as well as various officials and players interacted. In the other court papers, Donaghy provided a tip about an NBA game between Philadelphia 76ers and the Boston Celtics on December 13, 2006 and on that same day he worked. The following day he met

with gamblers in Pennsylvania and received a cash payment.

This all started last month when Commissioner David Stern got contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 20 to talk about a referee alleged to be gambling on games. After that, Donaghy resigned on July 9 after working 13 years as an official. In the last year, Donaghy earned \$260,000



Tim Donaghy

and was rated in the top tier of officials. Since the beginning of the league, the NBA has placed huge restrictions on referees when it comes to gambling, especially entering a casino.

This is a major disappointment for the entire NBA. Stern was shocked about the whole situation during his press conference; even some NBA players didn't even know about it.

Basketball stars ink deals in Europe

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Two former DSU basketball stars have inked professional contracts to play in Europe.

Jahsha Bluntt and Aaron Fleetwood helped lead the team to three consecutive regular season conference championships. They were also key components of a team which won the MEAC Championship in 2005. Now they are hoping to do the same overseas.

Bluntt (6'6/220 G), a two-time

MEAC Player of the Year, has signed with the LeHavre Club in France. Fleetwood (6'9/215 F) signed with the Osnabruck Club in Germany.

During his time at DSU, Bluntt scored 1,721 points. Fleetwood was

the conference leading shot blocker with 58 at the end of the 2007 season. He finished his career at Del State with 506 points. Through their years playing at DSU, the boys helped lead the team to a 46-8 record. The team made appearances in the Big Dance (2005) and the NIT (2006, 2007).



Jahsha Bluntt



Aaron Fleetwood

2007-2008 College football preview

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The 2007-2008 college football season plans to be exciting as or even better than others because there is really no clear-cut favorite to win the BCS National Championship, which will be held on January 8, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Teams such as the USC Trojans, LSU Tigers, Florida Gators, Ohio State Buckeyes, West Virginia Mountaineers, Texas Longhorns, and the Michigan Wolverines are all favorites to win or contend for the National Championship.

Preseason Top 10 Rankings

USC Trojans



The Trojans come into the season as one of the most talented on both sides of the ball. On the offensive side of the ball, the Trojans are led by 5-year Senior QB and Heisman hopeful, John David Booty. He has a plethora of talent around him starting with his best offensive lineman in All-American left tackle, Sam Baker. His wide receivers are talented wideouts Patrick Turner and Vidal Hazelton. The Trojans might also have arguable the best combination of running back with Chauncey Washington, C.J. Gable, and Joe McKnight. On the defensive side of the ball, the Trojans are led by All-American defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis, linebackers Brian Crum and Keith Rivers, and defensive backs Mark Sanchez and Terrell Thomas.

LSU Tigers



The Tigers are coming into this season with some what of a question mark because in this year's NFL Draft they produced two top 10 draftees including the No. 1 overall pick in quarterback Jamarus Russell for the Oakland Raiders and the No. 6 overall pick in safety LaRon Landry for the Washington Redskins. Also, their two best wide receivers from last year, Dwayne Bowe and Buster Davis, both went in the first round with Bowe going to the Kansas City Chiefs and Davis going to the San Diego Chargers. So why are the LSU Tigers ranked number two in the country? My question is the same as yours because their offensive is led by unproven quarterback Matt Flynn, they have depleted wide receiver corps, and they have questions at the running back position. On the defensive side

of the ball, the Tigers are one of the countries best and they are anchored by Preseason All-American defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey.

Florida A&M Gators



After winning the national championship last year, the Gators come into this season with a lot of questions marks. After splitting time with QB Chris Leak, second year QB Tim Tebow, comes into this season as the unquestioned starter at the position. The question is, can Tebow lead his team back to the national championship and repeat as champions without players such as QB Chris Leak, WR Dallas Baker, RB Deshaun Wynn, S Reggie Nelson, LB Brandon Siler, CB Ryan Smith, and DE Jarvis Moss. Despite all of this, Gators still have a chance to challenge for the national title because not only do the Gators have QB Tim Tebow returning, players such as WR/RB Percy Harvin, WR Andre Caldwell, TE Cornelius Ingram, and DE Derrick Harvey returning as well.

West Virginia Mountaineers



With Heisman hopefuls QB Pat White and RB Steve Slayton returning from last year's team, the Mountaineers offensive will not be stopped this season. The question is whether their defense can be able to stop the opposing team's offense from scoring on them because last year they gave up a lot of plays in the passing game.

Louisville Cardinals



With former Head Coach and current Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Bobby Petrino gone, the biggest question is whether the Cardinals are going to continue their dominance on the offensive side of the ball led by Senior QB and Heisman hopeful Brian Brohm. All reports out of Louisville are saying they should, under new head coach Steve Kragthorpe formerly of Tulsa University.

Michigan Wolverines



After winning 10 straight games to begin last season, the Michigan Wolverines dropped their final two against the regular

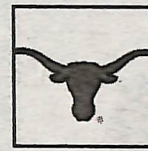
season Big Ten Champs the Ohio State Buckeyes and the USC Trojans in the Rose Bowl. For this reason, Head Coach Lloyd Carr is on the hot seat. The Wolverines have not won a bowl in five straight years, but returning offensive studs QB Chad Henne, RB Mike Hart, and WR Mario Manningham, plus a favorable schedule, the Wolverines should have a great shot at getting to the national championship game in New Orleans or even winning a bowl game.

Virginia Tech Hokies



Following the terrible tragedy from earlier this year at Virginia Tech University, the football team plans to make this a season for all Virginia Tech fans to remember. With an excellent defensive lead by LB Vince Hall and CB Brandon Flowers, the Hokies plan to attack and destroy any team that is in their path. The biggest question mark is how their offense is going to perform, lead by RB Brandon Ore.

Texas Longhorns



With QB Colt McCoy at the helms for the Longhorns for the second straight season, the Longhorns look to get back to championship form with an array talent on the offensive side of the ball led by McCoy. The Longhorns might have the best receiving corps lead by All-American WR Limas Sweed. In addition to Sweed, Billy Pittman and Jordan Shipley are receivers that could probably be number one receivers on most teams in the country.

Oklahoma Sooners



By losing Adrian Peterson and Paul Thompson to the NFL Draft, the Sooners have many holes to fill at the offensive side of the ball, but with a strong defensive led by CB Reggie Smith, the Sooners should be able to contend for a Big 12 Conference Title.

Wisconsin Badgers



With questions on the offensive side of the ball at the QB and WR positions, the Badger defensive plans to carry the team this season lead by CB Jack Ikegwuonu and LB Jonathan Casillas.

...A letter from the Editor-In-Chief



New students, returning students, faculty, staff, and others: Welcome to The Hornet. If we may have a moment of your time, we would like to introduce ourselves. We are your peers. We live on campus, eat in the café, and can most likely be spotted at various events with a pen and pad in our hands around our home away from home, DSU. Like you, we are Delaware State University students with a goal. Our goal is to make it out of Del State with enough experience and knowledge to be the next Edward Murrow, Peter Jennings, or perhaps even the future Barbara Walters' of America. We specialize in Journalism. Some people may call it gossip; others may think that we as reporters have nothing better to do than to stick our noses in business which isn't our own. Wrong. We aim to bring you "The Stinging Truth"; newsworthy information in an accurate and professional manner. We've selected a staff of writers that will not only bring the most current news to your front door, but who are also here to entertain and benefit you as we embark on this journey that we know as college. If you happen to see us on campus, don't look the other way in fear that you may be apart of our next front page story or a victim of Ghostwriter's 20 Questions. Instead participate. Volunteer your opinions when a member of our staff is working on a story. Submit your demo tapes and poetry books to the Hornet office (located in the MLK) to be reviewed by our entertainment correspondents. Show off your smile and speak your mind when asked to be in Student Voices. All are invited to join the Hornet family.

We hope that when you see one of our news stands around campus you won't just walk past the stack of newspapers lying there, but pick one up for your reading pleasures. We work hard to produce each issue, making sure it reaches your level of satisfaction. Our advice to you is to read the Hornet from cover to cover. Become familiar with all the sections of your university's newspaper. The most interesting stories are unexpected. You or a friend just may very well be an issue away. If so, you'll always see it here first at the Hornet. From us to you, have a productive and fun-filled school year.

Enjoy.

Ashlee Todd

Editor-In-Chief

Sports Briefs

Compiled by: Clarence Varnado III

It's been a rollercoaster summer with baseball milestones, the arrival of David Beckham playing American soccer, the NBA scandal, Tiger Woods, two Wimbledon champions, and the lost of two legends in sports. For those who had a busy summer with jobs, internships, family, etc., here's a review to keep you up to speed:

Wimbledon (July 7-8)

Venus Williams proved to the world that she is still a grand slam contender and after a year full of injuries, the 27 year old defeated 18th seed Marion Bartoli 6-4, 6-1. It was Williams' fourth Wimbledon title after only playing seven tournaments and one tournament victory.

Soccer

David Beckham, who became an international superstar with the Manchester United, Real Madrid (UEFA Champions

League), and all over England, made his presence felt when he arrived in the United States on July 13 to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy for a five year \$250 million contract.

Major League Baseball (MLB)

Despite the steroid investigations that continues to go on for another six months, Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants continued to make history when he surpassed Hank Aaron as the all time home run leader in baseball history with his 756th home run on August 7 against the Washington Nationals. Since then, Bonds hit three more home runs through August 14 with a total 760 career home runs.

Golf

Tiger Woods captured the PGA Championship to earn him at least one major for the third straight season and run his career total to 13 as he moves closer to the standard set by Jack Nicklaus. At 31-years-old, Woods is well ahead of the pace Jack Nicklaus set when he won 18 professional majors. Jack was 35-years-old when he won his 13th major.

Sources from: mlb.com, Wimbledon.org, foxnews.com, usatoday.com, nfl.com

Other career Milestones

San Diego Padres closer Trevor Hoffman became the first pitcher in MLB history to earn his 500th career save on June 6 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Right Fielder Sammy Sosa of the Texas Rangers hit his 600th career home run on June 20 against his former team the Chicago Cubs. Sosa became the fifth player in Major League history to hit 600 career homers and second to hit his 600th against his former team. Barry accomplished this goal back in 2002 against his former team, the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Designated Hitter Frank Thomas of the Toronto Blue Jays hit his 500th career home run on June 28 against the Minnesota Twins.

Second Baseman Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros hit his 3,000th career hit on June 28 against the Colorado Rockies. He became the 27th member of the 3,000 hit club, and one of the only nine players to get all 3,000 hits with one team.

New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens earned his 350th career win on July 2 against the Minnesota Twins. He became the eighth pitcher to accomplish that milestone.

Clemens teammate Alex Rodriguez hit his 500th career home run on August 4 against the Kansas City Royals. At 32 years, 8 days of age, he became the youngest player to reach the 500-home run mark.

New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine earned his 300th career win against the Chicago Cubs on August 5. Glavine becomes the fifth left hander to win 300 games; the first was Steve Carlton in 1983 and the 23rd pitcher to win 300.

Long summer for the NFL

Shane Rumley
Sports Editor

This summer the National Football League has embarked on one of its busiest and problematic summers of all time. In his first year as the NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell had to weather one of the biggest storms surrounding an organization.

One big issue was the aftermath of Tennessee Titan's cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones. Jones appealed to enter the Titans training camp after being suspended by the NFL for a year for all his problems with the law. Jones has been arrested five times and ques-

tioned by police eleven times since he was drafted by the Titans in 2005. Once he was told his season was over, he tried to enter a professional wrestling organization. Goodell and the NFL outlawed his attempt to keep wrestling.

Goodell also was forced to deal with the whole Michael Vick drama. In case you have been living under a rock, this July and August, Atlanta Falcons superstar quarterback Michael Vick and three other men were indicted on animal cruelty charges when it was discovered dog fighting had been taking place in Vick's Virginia home.

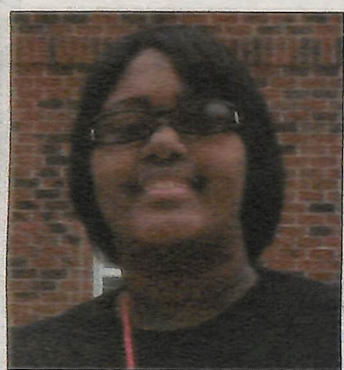
The charges carry a maximum penalty of six years in prison, and Vick would also lose the house in Virginia

to the government. With a trial pending and the possibility of Vick facing jail time, he surprisingly pled guilty. Now instead of Goodell deciding whether or not Vick will be suspended, he will have to decide how long before he allows Vick back into the league.

Since his arrival as commissioner, Goodell has suspended players "Pacman" Jones of the Titans, "Tank" Johnson of the Chicago Bears, Chris Henry of the Cincinnati Bengals, and now possibly Michael Vick. With the NFL now trying to get ready for another successful season, the last incident it would want to deal with is issues that has nothing to do with what goes on off the field.

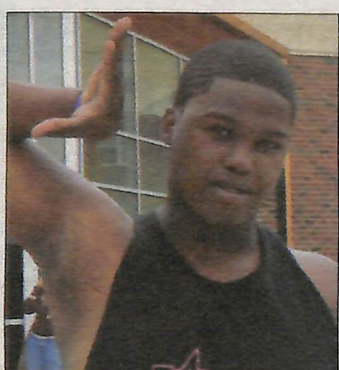
What are your expectations for the upcoming school year?

Compiled by Shanequa Ramsey



DEIRDRE JOHNSON,
SENIOR
SOCIAL WORK

"I think it's going to be great, because it's my last year, and I hope it's a fun and exciting year."



MAURICE JOHNSON,
JUNIOR
SPORTS SCIENCE

"Good, because we got the right people in the right positions, and because there's more Que's on the yard."



ROGER PHILLIPS,
JUNIOR
TELEVISION PRODUCTION

"I expect a wonderful semester by the new Student Government Association staff."



CHRIS CHEATHAM,
JUNIOR
CHEMISTRY

"I expect a good school year, because there are alot of changes, and people will eventually adapt to them."



ANGELIQUE WILLIAMS,
SENIOR
PSYCHOLOGY

"With all the changes, I expect a safe and peaceful school year."



CATHERINE BARTHOLOMEW,
FRESHMAN
JOURNALISM

"I expect a good school year, because i'm going to learn new things."



KAREN ROBINSON,
FRESHMAN
BROADCAST JOURNALISM

"I expect to be reaching my goals, and I expect a prosperous school year, because I'm in a new environment."



ERICA TAJCHMAN,
FRESHMAN
PREMED/BIOLOGY

"I expect to have fun and do well. I think the football team will do good this year."



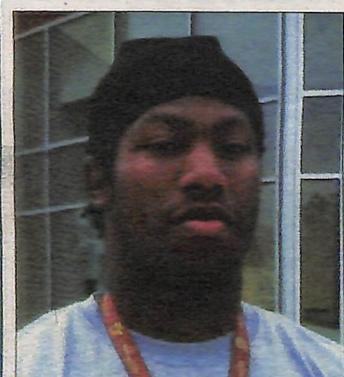
DANIELLE MILLER,
SOPHOMORE
BUSINESS

"I expect to win our soccer conference title and go to the NCAA's."



CALI JACKSON,
SOPHOMORE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"I expect that all DSU sports will do really well, and it will be a fun environment."



JASON RANDALL,
SOPHOMORE
ACCOUNTING

"I expect the football team is going to the MEAC, and winning the championship."



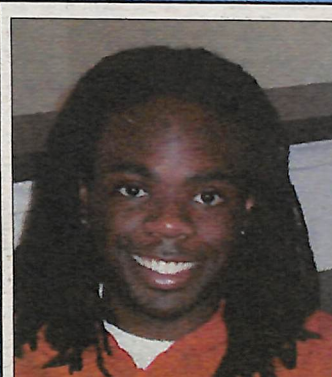
SAMUEL OKUNUBI,
SENIOR
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"I expect new exciting things on campus. I just hope for the best."



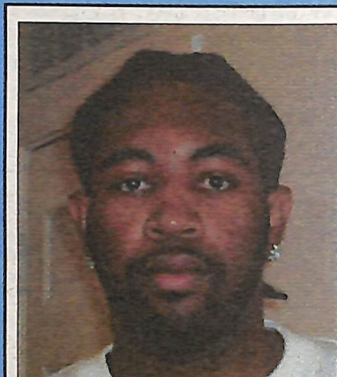
TURQUOISE FIRZGERALD,
FRESHMAN
BROADCAST JOURNALISM

"I want to exceed my own expectations and goals. I expect at the school year to be fun with alot to learn."



TYLIE SHIDER,
JUNIOR
BROADCAST JOURNALISM

"I expect this school year to be a new beginning, with more interesting events each semester."



ARNOLD PATTON,
JUNIOR
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

"Hopefully it will be good because they're charging us with all that money."

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DSU celebrates life at Remembrance Service

Loy Azalia
Asst. News Editor

There was a sense of moral obligation to be at attendance in the Education and Humanities auditorium at 5pm the evening of Tuesday August 28. Nearly one month has passed since the DSU community found out about the ill-fated tragedy, but one week ago, paying respects to Dashon Harvey, Terrance Aerial, and Iofemi Hightower became bitter-sweet.

The Remembrance Service for the three DSU students was organized by the SGA as the primary program to promote their Stop the Violence Campaign 2007, for Welcome Back Week.

"I was calm when I walked in, but when the families walked in, I got a sense of reality, of what the DSU community lost," said junior Psychology major LaToya Waples.

As the media began positioning their cameras, tripods and other electronic devices, the 1855 gospel hymn written by Joseph M. Scriven, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," sprung up from the piano, while campus

police, Dover Police, and the Dover Fire Marshal patrolled the area.

Suited up to marching band perfection, The Approaching Storm, entered in unison prepared to perform. When the Band promptly tuned their instruments the crowd waited patiently in quiet anticipation, as the press section became irritated with lack of power outlets. Boxes of tissues were placed strategically on the back paneling, by the Counseling Services Department. Due to the auditorium being filled to capacity, people waiting

ultly, and DSU students. Amongst the students, former SGA president Ira Daniel was also present. "I thought it was great the university took the time to acknowledge the students, I had to come to show my support," Daniel stated.

Prayer was given by Bishop Bruce V. Parham Sr. Shortly following the prayer Dr. Claibourne D. Smith, Chairman, of the DSU Board of Trustees said a few words, "We hope to see Natasha walking on campus" as he expressed his enthusiasm for the return of

important for the family members to see administrators here; it shows that they really care."

One of the most favorable speeches, which was apparent from the applause and standing ovation the crowd gave, was by SGA president Nikki Chappel. During her speech, Chappel used such phrases as "Personal sacrifice makes a better tomorrow" and "time is replaced by everlasting life," that only made the already electrified crowd, more engaged.

Musical selections were angelically sung by

and Iofemi that caters to students in financial need, from New Jersey.

Mr. and Miss DSU then began to honor the families with plaques that were presented to them on behalf of the SGA and Administration. James Harvey, father of Dashon Harvey, stood firm and positive throughout his homily, especially when he made sure to declare the importance of DSU students at the university. "You students are stars as well. Let's not let these shining stars die out." Mr. Harvey was not shy to say that his son chose bad judgment, when picking a place to hangout on the night of the misfortune.

Mr. Aerial, father of Natasha Aerial and stepfather to Terrance Aerial, asked that parents keep their children safe. In a written statement from Renee

Tucker, (who did not attend the service), mother of Terrance and Natasha Aerial, stated her support in the creation of a law that will enforce that bail only be cash, when dealing with illegal aliens, in regards to those who committed the crime. Tucker also would like that the law be named "T.J.'s Law" in remembrance of her son. The mother of Iofemi Hightower was over-

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The parents of Dashon Harvey, Iofemi Hightower, and Terrance Aerial (not pictured) were presented with plaques at ceremony by DSU President Allen Sessoms and SGA President Nikki Chapple



outside were asked to relocate to the MBNA Longwood Auditorium.

The families of the students were escorted into the auditorium by the ushering SGA members to reserved seating. Ms. L. Germain Scott-Cheatham, the executive Director of Admissions, opened the service with a warm series of greetings in which she recognized the audience. The audience included the families of the slain students, state representatives, fac-

Natasha Aerial.

President Dr. Allen L. Sessoms maintained the praises to the students, emphasizing their active participation in campus events. "These students were role models for their community." Sessoms also made it a point to explain DSU is a safe institution where students may pursue their dreams. Sterling Hatcher, a Television Production major, also found the presence of administrators' necessary. "It's

Jay Howard- Brock and Erin Wilkerson in a two song performance.

Daryn Moore, the SGA treasurer and member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Psi Epsilon Chapter, briefly described the effects of the tragedy on the fraternity. "It was an opportunity to give back to the community." The fraternity started a Relief Fund which assisted with funeral expenses. A Memorial Scholarship was also created in honor of the Dashon, Terrance,

Polow Da Don protests strong black women

LaQuan James
Ent. Correspondent

The self proclaimed "Prince of white girls", Polow Da Don (born Polow-Freache Jamal Fincher Jones), is riding his production credits straight to the top of the industry. After producing hits for Fergie, Ludacris, and protégé Rich Boy, Polow is garnering different types of attention these days with some racial and gender related comments that was made in an Allhiphop.com interview. When questioned about being the self-proclaimed "king of white girls" Polow's response shocked most readers. "Just the 'King of the White Girls' I ain't self proclaimed but I run with it. [Laughs] There was a stage in my life where I went crazy with dating white women. I have nothing against black women, but they're raised differently. White women are raised to respect and serve their men. Black women are taught to question [their men]. Black women look at submission as being weak. White women look at submission as being a woman. And anyone who has a problem with this statement is ignorant. Just look at the divine order: it goes God, man, woman, child," said Polow.

After days of controversy, Polow followed up the previous interview with interesting comments. When questioned on his preference of white women over black he said, "Really, I date all types of women. It was a stage in my life when I started dating a lot of white women that was just

a stage in my life. Right now, I date girls I like. I don't base it off of any shade or color when I meet a girl now. They linked my comments about the Black family and Black women with the 'King of the White Girls' and [the fact that] I dated White girls. That's where it all went wrong. So when I was comparing Black women to White women that has zero to do with me dating White women. What I was saying was factual though. Ladies and gentlemen agreed. n****s and b*****s got mad," he continued with, "When I make strong opinions and comments like this, you're going to have people that go crazy, and you're going to have other people that say, 'He's right.' So my point is, anybody with a strong opinion, or strong words, or when you say something racial, it's an emotional thing. Black women are very emotional. Black people are very emotional. So when you're talking about a race, it's going to be emotional, it's going to be mixed views."

Not even the epitome of black womanhood, Oprah Winfrey was spared by Mr. "every chick should have a picture of my d**k on there wall." While explaining his opinion that black women resisted in treating black men as an equal or a support system he added "Take somebody like Oprah (Winfrey). To me Oprah is a bad example. To me Oprah being titled as the most powerful Black woman in America, and she doesn't have a man... To me that's sending a bad signal to all young Black women. That's saying the most powerful Black woman in

America didn't need a man. You tell me that's a role model." When questioned on the lack of black leaders, Polow simply stated "Why are there no Black leaders? The s**t is by design. It's hard to have a Black leader because the old people don't respect the young people, and the young people don't respect the old. The men don't respect the women, and the women don't respect the men. So how can a person lead all these people who are confused?"

Polow also made it clear as to why it seemed that he was giving the business to the ladies, especially black ladies on these issues. "First of all, Americans getting divorced almost doubles any other country. That's a problem within itself. Now Black women, or Black families I should say, almost all end in divorce. Now, a woman, to me, can either hold that together or she can let it go. Most men don't know how to be men anymore, because most of them come from the brunt of their mothers, with no father there. That woman can't teach them how to be a man. So he not being a man now is just him coming from a background that he's unfortunate. So now, nine times out of ten, he's going to have a certain way; and if you come from that same kind of background, nine times out of ten, ya'll are going to fail as a couple. But it's going to take the Black women to turn it around. So that's why I come at the Black women first. Just like if I want to have all the hoes on the block and be a pimp, I got to get all the women's backing first. Then I can

Memorial/Remembrance service for DSU Shining Stars

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whelmed by the service and asked her sister to speak in her place, in which she conveyed her gratification and joy about the DSU community coming together.

Just as the Remembrance Service was coming to a close, a student swiftly ran on stage and handed a cell phone to Ms. Cheatham. At first it seemed to be completely scripted, but the outcome was possibly if not the most memorable portion of the service. On the phone, was the happy and extremely optimistic Natasha Aerial. Despite the fact that Aerial is expected to be recovering she greeted the audience with an energetic, "Whats up Del State?" The audience erupted in applause. She proceeded to thank

and ask the audience for prayers.

Bishop Parham closed the Remembrance Service with beyond words of encouragement and food for thought, but the most impact was left by DSU students, to culminate the end to a beautiful beginning. "The impact was just crazy. It was a good vibe, it was something everybody needed to hear," said Nursing major Timothy Hockett.

By appreciating the present, the past is honored, it is fair to say that the Remembrance Service successfully accomplished that concept and DSU's three shining stars will always be remembered.

get all the dudes to come to any party I want them to come to. Look at strip clubs. You take all the women out of strip clubs and see how popular the strip club becomes. You tell women to stop dating dope dealers and you'll see how cool dealing dope becomes."

Whether you love, hate or respect Polow for his comments, you must admit that it takes courage for someone to say exactly how they feel, especially under all the scrutiny of being a celebrity and even worse, the dreaded hip hopper. These days with Nas not being allowed to do charity because of his lyrics and hip hop getting the blame for everything from Don Imus, to dog fighting, should you really be upset because a young black man spoke his opinions? A closed mouth doesn't get fed, and if you don't get your daily intake of knowledge, you will starve.

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"The Stinging Truth"

Singleton hits elderly woman with SUV

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Oscar-nominated director John Singleton was involved in a fatal car accident that claimed the life of Constance Russell, 57. According to TMZ, the LAPD has confirmed that around 8pm on August 24, Singleton was driving his 2001 Lexus SUV on an unspecified Los Angeles street when Russell jaywalked in front of the car and was struck. Russell was not at the crosswalk when the accident occurred.

Singleton, 39, immediately stopped his car and waited for the ambulance, and police to arrive. Russell was transported to a nearby hospital, where she died the following morning. The police

investigation of the incident indicated that the Oscar-nominated director was not speeding or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the accident, and will not be cited for any violation. "Mr. Singleton stopped and identified himself as required by law and was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol," Officer Jason Lee told the Associated Press. Singleton was questioned then released. The LAPD has concluded that Russell's death was the result of a "very, very unfortunate accident."

Singleton, whose debut film, 1991's "Boyz n the Hood," earned him two Oscar nominations, is also cited as the director of "Poetic Justice." "Higher



John Singleton

Learning," "Rosewood," "Four Brothers," "Shaft," "2 Fast 2 Furious," "Hustle & Flow," "Black Snake Moan" and the just-released "Illegal Tender." According to cinematic.com his next film will be a drama called "Tulia" starring Halle Berry, Columbus Short, and Billy Bob Thornton.

Back in December 2006 singer-actress Brandy Norwood was involved in a fatal car accident that claimed the life of Awatef Aboudihaj, 38. The married mother of two was taken to Holy Cross Hospital in critical condition and died the next day. Norwood was reportedly driving her 2007 Land Rover on Los Angeles' 405 Freeway the morn-

ing of December 30, 2006, according to a report, Brandy hadn't noticed traffic had slowed in front of her and her vehicle struck a 2005 Toyota, causing the Toyota to strike another vehicle before sliding sideways and impacting the center divider. Brandy was reportedly uninjured. She was not arrested and there was reportedly no evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved. No charges were made, although the California Highway Patrol (CHP) recommended to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office that Brandy be charged with a misdemeanor charge of vehicular manslaughter, which carries maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$1,000. This goes to show, when driving you are not driving for yourself, but for everyone around you.

TRUTH OR RUMOR?

Compiled by: Jasmine E. Thompson

Is rapper Foxy Brown pregnant?

RUMOR

The Brooklyn bombshell may be many things, but pregnant is definitely not one. The jailed Foxy is currently at Rikers Island. She was locked up for probation violations after allegedly lying to police about her identity and allegedly attacking a neighbor with her Blackberry phone. According to Allhiphop.com, an insider at the facility based this on the fact that inside the Women's House on Rikers, there is a special ward for people that are with child. If Foxy is expecting, she would have been in that ward. The source also stated that Foxy attempted to get leniency from the judge and failed.

Does Toni Braxton have breast cancer?

RUMOR

What a disturbing rumor. Ms. Braxton does not have breast cancer. She stated: "There has been a rumor circulating that I have been diagnosed with breast cancer. After feeling something uncomfortable in my left breast, I went in for a screening. I was very fortunate that they did not find anything and I am in great health. However, I encourage women to take their annual tests and suggest precautions to prevent this disease that continues to affect so many women."

Good for her!

Is 50 Cent rooting for Hillary Clinton to win next year's election?

TRUTH

According to bet.com, 50 Cent tells Rap Up Magazine that he is rooting for Hillary Clinton to win next year's election. He stated:

"I'd like to see Hillary Clinton be president. It would be nice to see a woman be the actual president. This is a way for us to have Bill Clinton be president again, and he did a great job during his term."

Did Ne-Yo give away Britney Spears' music to lead Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger?

TRUTH

According to bet.com, in a recent interview with TV/radio host Ryan Seacrest, Ne-Yo stated that he and Britney Spears had worked on music together, but things changed due to her many troubles. He said his calls weren't returned so he decided to give the music away to Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger. Ne-Yo said Britney's reps were angered by his decision. He responded by saying, "They never cut me a check."

DSU Soccer loses in Home opener

Jenn Dailey
Asst. Sports Editor

The Lady Hornets Soccer team fell 3-0 in their home opener Friday against Marshall University. This brings the Hornets record on the season to 0-1.

The Thundering Herd started scoring early in the game, scoring a goal in the second minute of the game. Marshall's Jessica Jennings kicked the shot past DSU goal keeper Courtney Haas after a free kick.

The ball continued to go back and forth between the team's two sides of the field for majority of the first half. Del State had three chances to score after falling behind at the beginning of the game. DSU's Cali Jackson had two chances to score but each time Marshall's goal

keeper Liz Orton was able to stop both shots.

The Thundering Herd added onto their lead in the 35th minute of the game. Marshall's Mollie Lee scored from the 12 yard line with an assist by Ali Lizotte to make the score 0-2. The Hornets ended the half behind 0-2.

Coming into the second half, the Hornets put up a fight hoping to make a comeback. Marshall was able to score again in the 85th minute Lizotte scored off a free kick from Kassie Hollman. This brought the score to 0-3. In the end, the young Hornets team loss by a score of 0-3.

The Hornets goal keeper Haas finished the game with five saves. Marshall's goal keeper Orton had four saves in the team's shutout.

The Lady Hornets soccer team returns to play on Friday, Sept 7 at home against Florida Gulf Coast.

Hornets beat nationally ranked Coastal Carolina in nail biter

Shane Rumley
Sports Editor

With a new season came newly acquired respect as the Delaware State Hornet football team defeated the Division I-AA 23rd ranked Coastal Carolina University Chanticleers 23-18. The

game turned into a nail biter towards the end. During the last drive with no timeouts left, Coastal Carolina drove the field to score a possible game winning touchdown. The Hornets defense

stopped them and time expired as the Hornets won their first game of the 2007 season.

In his debut with Delaware State, newly acquired running back Kareem Jones showed that he possibly will do more than carry the load after the graduation of Emmanuel Marc. He torched the Chanticleer run defense for 171 yards on 24 carries. The highlight of carries came in the first quarter when he gave Hornets the lead after breaking a 63 yard touchdown run. On special teams, he also chipped in with 74 yard kickoff return in the first half.

games.

As for other first round match-ups in the Western Conference, the San Antonio Silver Stars and

On Kareem Jones' performance, head coach Al Lavan said, "I wasn't sure of what Kareem's endurance would be because he came here late. I didn't expect to see him on as many plays and didn't expect him to run as much as he did."

Quarterback Vashon Winton returned to the starting lineup after a bro-

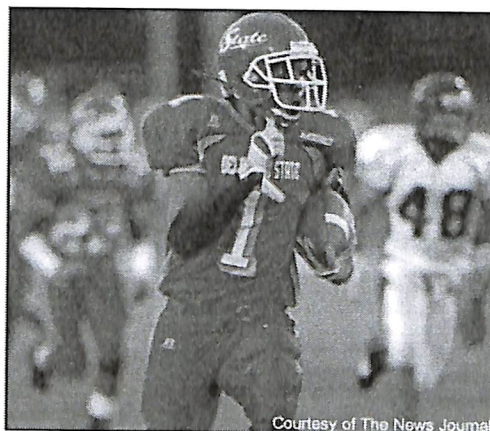
Russell Reeves stepped up and turned in superb game with 12 tackles and 1 sack. Also attributing to the defense was the play of the DSU secondary. They did a great job of containing Coastal Carolina's All-American wideout Jerome Simpson. Secondary teammates Akeem Green, Lamont Kennard, Brandon

Hudson, Ryan Robinson, B J Conley, and Reggie McCoy all contributed to putting forth a solid effort defensively. Green also had one of the biggest plays of the night when picking off a pass in the end zone which killed one of Coastal Carolina's drives in the red zone.

One thing that stood out was the perseverance of the

new safety McCoy. The transfer from Syracuse did a nice job of overcoming a bone-crunching blindside hit and continuing to play a good game at safety. Not a lot of people would have shaken that hit off.

The Hornet's next game will be against MEAC conference rival Florida A&M University on Saturday, September 8 in Tallahassee Florida. With beating a team the caliber of Coastal Carolina, no team in the MEAC conference should present the Hornets with too much of a problem to take care of.



Courtesy of The News Journal
Hornets receiver Shaheer McBride

ken leg last year. During the game Winton made a few big plays with his arm. Most of his passes dropped into the hands of wide out Shaheer McBride as he had 4 catches for 84 yards and two touchdowns. McBride's first touchdown was amazing how he out leaped the defender, "Mossed," and raced to the end zone to put the Hornets up 13-6. His second touchdown came on the following drive as Winton threw McBride a 10 yard fade on the corner of the end zone to increase the lead to 20-6.

Defense linebacker

the Sacramento Monarchs squared off in a 2 vs. 3 match-up. The Silver Stars lead by Becky Hammon beat the

Monarchs in three games to claim their spot in the Western Conference Finals against the Phoenix Mercury.

WNBA Playoffs update

Ben Bullock
Hornet Correspondent

The first round of the 2007 WNBA Playoffs have come and gone. The biggest story was

the defending champs, Detroit Shock, almost ended their chance to repeat as champs against their first round opponent the New York Liberty. Great performances from Cheryl Ford and Katie Smith allowed the Shock to triumph over the Liberty in Game 3 in a double overtime thriller and advance to the

Eastern Conference Finals.

As for the other first round series in the Eastern Conference, the Indian Fever led by Tamicka Cummings triumphed over the Connecticut Sun in three games and will now face the Shock in this year's Eastern Conference Finals, which plans to be a good one.

In the Western Conference, the Phoenix Mercury and the Seattle Storm squared off in 1 vs. 4 match-up. The Mercury, lead by Diana Taurasi, proved that the Storm was no match for them by sweeping them in two

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Suspect arrested in campus shooting

Jenn Dailey
Sports Editor



Campus shooting
suspect Loyer Braden

Two freshman Delaware State University students were shot early Friday morning, putting DSU on television networks across the nation just a few months after the massacre last April at Virginia Tech. Chief of Police James Overton stated at a press conference held at the university last Friday that the incident began at the Village Café.

Roughly between 12 midnight and 1 am, a group of 8-10 students left the Village Café and went their separate ways. Later some of the same students ended up in the pedestrian mall between Grossley Hall and Memorial Hall. It is believed that at 12:45 am, a gun was produced within the group of students. At this time, 4-6 shots were fired. A 17-year-old male student was shot in the foot while a female student, 17, was shot twice, once in the abdominal area.

"This was an isolated incident. The office of student affairs, resident advisors, resident directors, the area coordinator... they make a great team," said

Amir Mohammadi, Vice President of Student Affairs and University Operations, "We assured the students that we would be here all hours of the day and night. We reassured them that they are safe."

Freshman Monnique Williams-Peacock heard the shots from the Village Café. "I had just seen Nathaniel in the café. I gave him a hug and he left," said Williams-Peacock, "I left later. When I stepped outside I heard three gunshots but didn't really pay it any mind because it wasn't close to me."

Delaware State University Police were contacted at 12:54 am and were informed of the shooting. When police arrived at the crime scene, they found the wounded students. Director of News Services Carlos Holmes said the female student, Shalita Middleton, was found on the southwest corner of Memorial Hall. The male student, Nathaniel Pugh, was found by the sorority/fraternity plot area. Both students were transported to local hospitals.

Pugh is listed as being in stable condition. Middleton, a DSU cheerleader, is listed as being in serious condition. At this point in time, both are still hospitalized. "She's a sweetie and it's really, really sad that she has to suffer because of people's irresponsibility and

immaturity," said teammate Kylea Woodley.

At the same time as the campus police were notified of the incident, Residential Education and Student Affairs were informed of the situation. The staff was directed to inform their residents and to ask them to stay in their dorms. Timely warning notifications were posted throughout the morning initially informing students of the incident and then to inform them of a campus lock down and the cancellation of classes that Friday afternoon.

A joint investigation began taking place between DSU Police and the Dover Police Department. Additional help came in the form of the Delaware State Police, the Greenwood Police, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshals Office, the State Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and from Advanced Inc., which is the school's video surveillance technology supplier.

Throughout the weekend, they interviewed several students and were able to identify two persons of interests. As of Friday, one

suspect had been located and brought in for questioning.

On Monday, September 24, an arrest was made. Loyer Braden, 18, of East Orange, New Jersey was arrested in connection with the shooting incident. He was arrested in his dorm, Conwell Hall. Braden, a DSU freshman, was charged with one count each of attempted murder first-degree, assault first-degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and reckless endangering. After the arrest, Braden was arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover. He was committed to a Delaware prison in default of a \$75,000 secured bond.

At this point, the motive is unknown. There is a possibility of more arrests to come as the investigation is ongoing.

Suggestions of a the feud between Washington D.C. and the New York/New Jersey area have run wild. Director of News Services, Carlos Holmes, stated this was not a statement made despite the fact that papers are running the story. "As the weekend progressed we were more focused on trying to find out who did it," said Holmes.

Whether or not the fight sprung from a separation between two cities, SGA President Nikki Chapple said the SGA will no longer be representing

separate cities at events anymore. "There will be no more repping cities at events or calling out cities," she said, "We need to take away that mentality from the students."

Delaware State University received much acclaim for their quick response in getting the word out to the students. Initially the shootings were compared to that of the Virginia Tech shootings which killed 32 students; Holmes says there was never a point in which the school thought as if this could be a repeat of the Virginia Tech incident.

"I don't think it makes the campus feel less safe because anything can happen, it can happen at any school," said Williams-Peacock, "Maybe there should be more safety, but people are still going to find a way to move their way around it and break the rules."

Senior Addison Wright disagrees instead believing the university is not safe. "There are so many open areas on this campus," he said. Wright believes anyone can walk on campus at any given time. "We had a lockdown for two days but people could park over here for race week," said Wright, "There were no identifications checked anything could've happened with all those people on campus and there would've been no one to blame."

"Something happened that shouldn't have happened," said President Allen Sessoms, "We're trying to understand it and why it happened and hopefully be able to prevent it from happening in the future."



President Allen Sessoms and Chief Overton speak to the media over the weekend on the development of the investigation

Diddy Drama: Porter fed up

Raevyn Jones
Ent. Correspondent

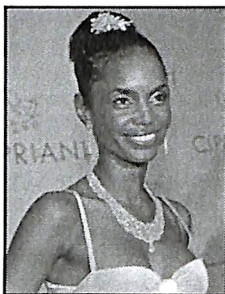
First came the shocking news that Kim Porter and Diddy (Sean Combs) had ended their twelve year relationship for good, next the question was why they broke up- or did they? Now after almost three months of dead silence, Kim is lashing out at Diddy. Kim who once said, "As Black women we sacrifice and stand by our man through thick and thin," is now singing a completely different tune.

We all thought they broke up because Kim was just tired of his flirtatious ways with other females, but no one expected how juicy the break-up would really be. Not only has Diddy been linked to another woman, Sarah Chapman, the two have a child together. The child was confirmed in July 2007 when Diddy's lawyers requested a DNA test and the results came back positive. After hearing the news Kim decided enough was enough.

According to Porter she was never angry that Combs was disloyal because he is not the first man who has cheated.

Kim credits her anger to the fact that Diddy was not man enough to tell her that he may have had a baby with another woman. Porter said that if she did not understand as a woman, she would have understood as a friend.

Many speculate why Kim



Kim Porter



Diddy

decided to end the relationship for good after all the drama their relationship has overcome. From Diddy's relationship with Jennifer Lopez to his reported fling with Sienna Miller, we all believed Kim was just a down chick. Kim said the fact that she is now the mother of girls she is on a whole different page because she has to set an example for her daughters.

In the October 2007 issue of Essence Magazine, Porter was asked if there would be a possible reconciliation and she said, "Absolutely not, what he did was so wack I can't even respect him." Kim cleaned out their 21-room

mansion, took three cars, the kids and moved into a home in Calabasas, CA.

When Kim was asked about the other child she said, "Our son has two beautiful sisters, he ain't thinking about that other one. Trust me when I tell you. I don't play that."

Kim told the magazine the fact that the other woman knew that Diddy was in a relationship is what revoked her pass.

Porter still believes in love and family but she feels good about her decision. She is now

focusing on her acting career. Kim says her peace of mind, quality of life, home and happiness mean everything to her. She says, "Those things are way more important to me than living with the father of my kids." How ironic years ago Diddy's first son's [Justin] mother stylist Misa Hylton-Brim allegedly made similar public allegations about Porter accusing her of being the primary reason their relationship ended. After dating for 12 years Combs never made any attempts on tying the knot with is model baby mama [Porter] of 3, is that the real reason she got fed up?

Resident Evil: Extinction

Jasmine Thompson
Asst. Ent. Editor

Alice (Milla Jovovich), the zombie fighting heroine is back with the third installment in the popular videogame-based franchise, Resident Evil: Extinction. Debuting at No. 1 in box office, this horror, action-packed sequel will have you on the edge of your seat.

Now stronger than ever because of biogenic experimentation, Alice travels the Nevada desert on her motorcycle, with hopes of bringing down the Umbrella Corporation led by the evil Albert Wesker (Jason O'Mara) and head researcher Dr. Isaacs (Ian Glen). Meanwhile, Dr. Isaacs is working hard in his underground laboratory trying to clone Alice because her blood holds the key to domesticating the infected creatures.

The infamous T-virus that infected the Hive and Raccoon City has surfaced again, killing just about everyone and everything in its path. Alice joins forces again with Carlos Olivera (Oded Fehr) and L.J.

(Mike Epps), along with newcomers Claire (Ali Larter), K-Mart (Spencer Locke) and Nurse Betty (Ashanti), just to name a few. Together, they try to eliminate the deadly virus that threatens to make every human being undead.

Flesh-hungry zombies, killer crows, and horrifying immortals that you couldn't even imagine in your worst nightmares, Resident Evil: Extinction is by far one of the goriest movies of this year. Suspense from start to finish, there is never a time that you get bored with the flick, however, you

may be a little confused if you didn't see the last two Resident Evils. Most of the real action takes place in Sin City, Las Vegas.

Overall, the plot of the movie is interesting and cohesive. The fight scenes would have been great minus the excessive blood splatter. True horror fans will enjoy this movie however, others like myself, may think the flick has too much violence.

I give Resident Evil: Extinction 3 out of 5 Hornets.



Milla Jovovich returns as 'Alice'

DSU Sports Update

Shane Rumley
Asst. Sports Editor

Volleyball

The DSU volleyball team won its first match of the season against LaSalle University September 18. This brings the Lady Hornets record of the year to 1-14. Leading the charge for the Lady Hornets were Ayana Dyette with 22 kills and 12 digs, while freshman Erica Tajchman had a career-high 21 kills to lead the

Hornets. Five Delaware State players reached double figures in digs. Senior Laura Huculak had 17; Tajchman and Sarah Wheatcroft each collected 11 digs. The Hornets had a season high 65 digs in the contest. Huculak also had a career high 59 assists. Delaware State returns to action on September 26 against Lafayette in Memorial Hall.

Soccer

The Lady Hornets soccer team battled to a scoreless tie with Virginia Military Institute

in a double overtime contest at Alumni Stadium on September 19. It marks the first scoreless tie in the six year history of the DSU soccer program. This brings the Hornets record on the season to 2-4-1. Hornet goalie Courtney Haas recorded six saves to earn his first career shutout.

Equestrian

The Delaware State Hornets Equestrian Team opened their second season of competition with a meet against the University of

Georgia on September 23. The Lady Hornets fell 13-7 to Georgia losing three of four competitions. DSU's own Elizabeth Tuttle won Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the Equitation Over Fences event.

Football

The Hornet football team will travel to Hampton University and battle the Pirates for their second MEAC conference game. Hampton enters the game with a 3-0 record and ranked 12th among Division 1-AA football team. The Hornets enter the game (2-1) and (1-0) in their conference.

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Why are many yelling 'Free Jena' 6?

Jasmine E. Thompson
Asst. Entertainment Editor

A black student asks permission from the school administration if he could sit under the tree commonly referred to as "the white tree," where only white students sit during breaks. The school administration said he could sit wherever he wanted so he sat under the tree. The following day, three hangman's nooses in the school colors, hung from "the white tree." This story may sound like one that reads from a history textbook during the Jim Crow Era, a time when segregation was legalized, but it isn't. The Jena 6 is the story of modern day injustice and racism.

There were several incidents that lead up to Jena 6, including the aforementioned one earlier, which took place in the small, rural town named Jena in central Louisiana, September 2006. The principal recommended that the three white students responsible for the nooses be expelled from

school but the board overruled his decision and agreed on a three-day suspension instead.

Displeased by the decision that was made, the black student body protested the nothing "punishment" and sat under "the white tree." That same day, the District Attorney visited Jena High School for an impromptu assembly with back-up law enforcement. It was reported that the DA threatened the silent black students who were sitting under the tree, saying if they did not stop making a fuss about the "innocent prank... I can be your best friend or your worst enemy. I can take away your lives with a stroke of my pen." The school was on lockdown for the rest of that week.

"The first mistake was treating the nooses incident as a prank. I think incidents like these have a tendency to escalate so you have to act strongly enough so that it does not es-

calate. Obviously, the black students viewed this incident as "a slap on the wrist." You need a zero tolerance policy," said Nancy Charron, a DSU Print Journalism professor.



The infamous "white tree," where three nooses were hung the day after a black male sat under it.

On November 30, 2006, a fire burned down the main academic building of the high school. Still to this day, this incident is unresolved.

The next night, December 1, a group of white students at a "white party" beat a black student.

On December 2, at a con-

venience store, the black student who was beaten up the night before, along with his friends, ran into one of the white students who beat him. A fight broke out and the

white student went to his vehicle to get his shotgun. The black students wrestled the shotgun away from him, brought it to the police department, and told them what happened but were later arrested for stealing the gun. Meanwhile, the white student was not charged.

That Monday, December 4, Justin Barker, a white student, was attacked at school by a group of black students for taunting them with racial slurs and verbally supporting the nooses that hung on "the white tree." He also supported the white students who beat up the black student at the party. Barker was treated at a local

hospital and released that same day. That evening, he attended a social gathering.

Six black students, who were immediately expelled from Jena High School, were also arrested for beating Barker and were charged with attempted second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, which carried maximum sentences of up to 100 years in prison. The students are:

Robert Bailey Junior, 17: bail was set at \$138,000

Theo Shaw, 17: bail was set at \$130,000 (charges were recently reduced to aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy)

Carvin Jones, 18: bail was set at \$100,000 (charges were recently reduced to aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy)

Bryant Purvis, 17: bail was set at \$70,000

Mychal Bell, 16: bail was set at \$90,000 (was charged as an adult but charges were reduced similarly and he was found guilty)

There are also undisclosed

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Housing an ever growing problem at DSU

Loy Azalia
Asst. News Editor

Being a successful college student consists of many elements, but one that is extremely vital to the college experience, is the living environment. When the 2007 spring semester approached its end, some students who anticipated living in the University Village for the 2007-2008 academic, school year were unable to do just that.

It is rumored that the University Village was overbooked since June 2007 and had a massive waiting list. In order for a facility to be defined as overbooked, the acceptance of reservations for accommodations has to exceed capacity. According to

the University Village, the waiting list varied throughout the summer, but at one time there were more than 60 students on the list. This became a major concern for students, as their housing accommodations were not guar-



anteed.

The University Village was well aware of the high demand to live in their Suite/Apartment style housing. A letter was sent out concerning the matter and each student

on the waiting list was promptly notified. Shortly after rooms were being filled they prepared to transfer the students to the other site, the University Courtyard. Ms. Juanita Brown, the leasing manager said that flyers were posted and students had ample time to reserve a room. "They knew ahead of time and we accommodated them at the Courtyard," Brown commented.

Physics major, Charity Haynes is a resident in one of the three University Village buildings. She turned in her application a few weeks past the

deadline and received notice of her room in early August. "I was not sure of my status, so I made reservations to move into Warren Franklin." Though Haynes was given a

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Village Cafe' open later

Latiya Griffin
News Editor

Local Dover restaurants are getting a run for their money from DSU. Thanks to Mr. Amir Mohammadi, Vice President of Finance and Administration, students no longer have to travel off campus late at night to grab a bite to eat.

Mohammadi developed a new contract along with Thompson Hospitality to extend the hours in the cafe for students to eat. "After consulting with students, I learned that students weren't eating because of late classes or leaving campus after 1am to get something to eat. I became worried about their safety." The cafe is now open from 8pm to 3am where students can use flex dollars, debit or cash to purchase chicken wings, fries, cheesesteaks, burgers and fish sandwich combos. "The food is better and the extended hours are great for students who can't

make it during regular hours," says Reedell Nowell, a sophomore Aeronautical Engineering major.

Mohammadi also said that at first, Thompson Hospitality did not think the extended hours were a good idea because of the cost. According to statistics 69 percent of students at DSU do not eat in the cafe; this disturbed Mohammadi. "With the new partnership, students are allowed to eat anytime they want and offers flexibility. This will keep students safe on campus which is the University's goal and objective to have them well fed. At this point, we're doing our jobs."

Brandon Reeves, senior Sports Science major, seems to think differently. "I am not satisfied with the food and a lot of people are going to get fat because of the late night hours. I'm mad that the cafe is opened later than the library."

Flex dollars are no longer being accepted in Conrad Hall, which caused a lot of confusion and frustration amongst students. "I want flex

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Housing/Waiting list continues to grow at the University Village and Courtyard

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room, she still felt that the room was not up to par, but made sure that building maintenance fixed the problems to her satisfaction.

Unlike its sister site, the University Courtyard, usually houses upperclassmen and grad students. The apartment complex is an independent living establishment. Shannon Booker, Assistant Property Manager and DSU alumnus, affirmed that there was no overbooking crisis, when asked about the matter, "There is no overbooking problem. We had an accurate room count and an accurate student count." Booker added that the primary focus of the University Courtyard was to provide a safe living and learning environment for their residents.

Naja Rogers, Fitness Promotion major, was transferred to the University Courtyard, as a result of no vacancies in the University Village. "They are unorganized, I gave my information in on time and other people got into the Village, even when they turned in their applications past the deadline," Rogers said. She also noted that her apartment in the University Courtyard has many deficiencies, such as a broken garbage disposal and a door that does not lock properly.

As of September 5, 2007, five people remain on the waiting list. Although some students are unsatisfied with the treatment of the waiting list, contrary to that, the University Village urges students to get applications in early to avoid such inconveniences in the future.

Budget deficit does not stop Homecoming

Loy Azalia
Sports Editor

As Homecoming week approaches, the anticipation of a fun, safe, and exciting sequence of events, for the Homecoming 2007 continues to heighten.

SGA president Nikki Chapelle said of this year's Homecoming week, "As of now the theme is Old School Meets New School, but it is subject to change."

Clint Saunders, CEO of MIH Entertainment, will be promoting all of the events, except the Homecoming fashion show. Chapelle pointed out that in the past Saunders has kept them surprised and applauded him for doing a good job.

Although it is a new school year, SGA still has to deal with the aftermath of the previous SGA, who left them in the hole with a budget deficit of over \$40,000, according to SGA treasure Daryn Moore. "Well as many know we had to cover up the deficit that was left by last year's SGA so that was money we never got to touch from the jump. We have already made great strides to have an accurate and balanced budget that allows us to provide students with plenty of exciting activities," Moore said.

Homecoming week will begin on Sunday October 14 through Saturday October 20 with events including the

Gospel Show, Mr. /Miss DSU Coronation, the Fashion Show, Comedy Show, Step Show, Pep Rally/Concert, leading into the football game and ending with the Homecoming party.

"As my first Homecoming, I want a different experience. I want to see something new," said Chris Wimberley, freshmen class president.

Upper class DSU students are still optimistic about the week. Senior Tony Thorne suggested that more activities happen throughout the course of each day during the week, rather than just at night. "I usually have fun during Homecoming, but all I want is a good comedy show."

For the main event, our DSU Hornets will go head to head with the Morgan State Bears, for the Homecoming football game.

According to SGA President Nikki Chapple, three artists have been confirmed to appear at this year's Homecoming concert, consisting of two Hip Hop artists and one R&B artist. "We got some of the top artists right now," Chapple said. Unfortunately the names could not be disclosed, but they will be announced on September 20 along with the other Homecoming events. It has been rumored that this year's Homecoming concert would be held at Alumni Stadium. "The concert will not be outside, it's just a rumor," said Chapple.

The Fashion Show will be collaboration with all the fash-

Jena/6 African American males arrested and imprisoned in Jena, LA

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charges against an unidentified minor; these young men are known as Jena 6.

Bell remains in jail from December 2006 until his trial because his family was unable to post the \$90,000 bond. Shaw also remains in jail until his family can raise the money for his bond.

The white student who was beaten at the convenience store was later arrested for bringing a hunting rifle loaded with bullets onto a high school campus and was released on \$5,000 bond. The white man who beat up the black minor at the party was arrested and charged with battery.

An all-white jury convicted

Bell guilty of second-degree battery and conspiracy June 2007. Recently, a judge dismissed Bell's conspiracy charge. Bell, who was a star football player when he was

arrested, could face up to 22 years in prison. He will be sentenced on September 20.

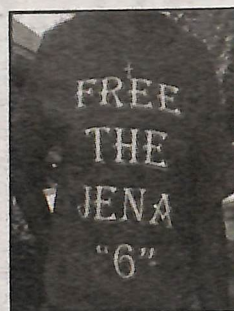
LaShana T. Walters, junior double major TV Production and Management said, "The charges are ridiculous. This shows that racism is still very prominent. Blacks can't turn a blind eye; we have to step up!"

When asked about his views on the incident, Rob Marshall, a sophomore Mass Communications major said, "I think the way the Jena 6 are being treated is wrong. The

three white students that hung the nooses on the tree should have been kicked out of school for the year."

Just recently, the superintendent of the central Louisiana school district stated a t-shirt in support of the Jena 6 students was just too disruptive after nine students wore "Free the Jena 6" t-shirts at Jena High School.

On September 20, 2007, radio personality/author Michael Baisden along with comedian George Wilborn, national celebrities, and thousands of loyal listeners will march on the Jena Courthouse to demand justice for Mychal Bell, one of the black teenagers awaiting sentencing in the Jena 6 Case. More than 1 million people are expected to wear black as they unite in one voice with one message to declare that unequal justice is just not acceptable.



The shirt supporting the Jena 6

News Briefs

By Ghostwriter

CASTLE DONINGTON, England (AP) - Kate and Gerry McCann, the two alleged suspects in the disappearance of their daughter, returned home to Britain. Both parents are "heartbroken" to be returning home without four-year-old Madeleine. Madeleine McCann disappeared during a family vacation in Portugal in May of 2007.

Baghdad, Iraq- Sheik Jamal al- Sudani lead a group of volunteers to collect and bury the hundreds of unclaimed dead every month and giving them a proper burial. Many bodies of the slain victims have never been claimed because some are mangled, charred, or unidentifiable.

SYRACUSE, N.Y.- On September 10, a retired Delaware priest was sentenced to 60 days in jail and six years of probation for sexually molesting a teenage boy over a period of approximately four years. Judge Kate Rosenthal originally planned to give Reverend Francis G. DeLuca probation, but quickly changed her mind after reading a letter from the victim's mother. DeLuca faced a maximum of two years for five counts. He pleaded guilty to all misdemeanors.

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dollars to go back into Conrad because there is a limited selection in the [Village] café. I like the fact that they are open late, but the food is not the same quality as in Conrad," says Tyshiek Covington, sophomore Psychology major.

"Flex dollars could not be done in both the café and Conrad Hall because of the infrastructure. The café is more accessible and offers more parking than Conrad. Rather than have students go to Conrad, they can go to the Village café. This will change the logistics by being wiser and using prudent judgment," Mohammadi explained.

The decision to extend hours in the café was not made overnight, according to Mohammadi, the idea for extended hours has been in the workings for over one year. In times past, flex dollars was an option with meal plans, but now 100 dollars comes with every meal plan. Unfortunately, the monies do not roll over and cannot be credited to students' accounts. "If you don't use them you lose them," says Mohammadi. Flex can also be used on the weekends but only between the hours of 8pm to 3am.

Carlos Holmes, Director of News Services, believes with Mohammadi's financial back-

ground, he knows how to best serve the student population and he knows how to save the University money in the most cost effective way. "This new idea allows the University to have more money to spend on things useful for the student population. I am 100 percent confident that he (Mohammadi) has the students' best interest," says Holmes.

If students are not satisfied with the quality of food served between 8pm to 3am students can email their concerns to amohammadi@desu.edu.

Having students utilize their flex dollars helps students save money; Mohammadi echoed this remark.

ion groups on campus, Fashion Theory, Limitless, and Xpressions. "I think it's great that all the fashion groups can come together," said junior Psychology major Dejah Moore.

The homecoming party is expected to be a safe and fun experience. For this party

there will be two separate lines for men and women, in two different locations. The ticket prices are still being discussed and students will be able to find out about them at the homecoming announcements.

Homecoming Week 2007 is just around the corner, and it

will surely be a time to show Hornet pride. "Expect nothing but the best, but all of DSU should look forward to an exciting year and an even better Homecoming from The Legacy this school year," said Daryn Moore.

Ladies of Hip Hop breaking the law

Laquan James
Hornet Correspondent

The urban art form known as hip hop music is a world filled with egos, bravados, and sometimes all too real harsh realities. Misdemeanors happen on a fairly regular basis to the likes of Busta Rhymes, Snoop Dogg, and DMX. But a trend that is in an upswing in the hip hop community are the ladies posing for mug shots more than their male counter parts.

The days of Dana Owens proclaiming herself as a Queen is over. Salt N Pepa's in talks about coming out of retirement, do you want to see them "Shooping"? I know I don't, well maybe Salt, but that is beside the point. The new crop of emcees are spending more time in central bookings than in your store shelves. The revolving door of ladies taking their turn in front of the judge is alarming because of the small number of female spitters. Go ahead, try and name a female rapper with out a case pending or a recent brush with the law. We can start at the top of the totem pole and work our way down, they have all been bad girls.



Lil Kim- She probably should be the person credited with starting the trend. Born Kimberly Jones, Kim notoriously perjured herself and was sentenced to one year in the big house. After emerging from incarceration Kim is not herself anymore. She has not released any new material since September 2005. Hope may be on the horizon because she is featured on Keyshia Cole's smash

hit *Let it go*.

Foxy Brown- Inga "Foxy Brown" Marchand has had a trying few years here. First off, some lady had the audacity to ask her to pay for her manicure, and then she lost a catfight with Jacki-O. Real tragedy struck in December 2005 when she was forced out of the booth after being diagnosed with sudden hearing loss, derailing her comeback attempt. Her hearing came back, but so did the law, recently Fox Boogie was arrested for the third time while on probation she reportedly smacked her neighbor with her blackberry. Foxy did not pass go at a hearing on August 22 and the Ill Na Na was sent directly to jail. The bad news just keeps on coming because on September 7 she was sentenced to one year in prison.



Remy Martin- The former first lady of the Terror Squad (born Remy Smith) is as hardcore a female rapper can get. Her gruff voice and witty wordplay put her as the uncontested queen of hardcore. But in July, a scene fresh out of one of her verses transpired in the streets of NYC. Remy allegedly shot and wounded an associate of over 15 years over two stacks. Remy was released on a \$250,000 bond and was

charged with attempted murder, assault, and criminal weapon possession. She pleaded not guilty and is awaiting her day in court.

Eve- Not even hip hop's glamour girl could escape those flashing red and blue lights. The former Ruff Ryder and sitcom star, born Eve Jeffers, was busted for a DUI bust April 26 Eve was arrested due to suspicion of driving under the influence after she crashed her silver Maserati into a divider on Hollywood Boulevard. After posting a \$30,000 bond Eve was released and thereafter pleaded no contest to the charges. Eve was told she must wear an alcohol-detecting ankle bracelet for 45 days after she pleaded no contest to drunk driving in a Los Angeles court room. This is the same monitoring device that Lindsay Lohan out smarted. The rapper must also attend 10 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, a three-month alcohol education program and appear in court to verify that she is using the alcohol detection monitor.



BET: Bad Entertainment Television?

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What happened to Black Entertainment Television's (BET) programming? You would expect a station that touts itself Black Entertainment television would hold itself to high standards, but BET is the epitome of pitiful television. With poorly produced shows like "Take the Cake" and "Hot Ghetto Mess," it's an embarrassment.

The network was founded by Robert L. Johnson, a former cable industry lobbyist, in 1979. Johnson's idea was to promote a media enterprise geared towards African Americans. Initially the network had a two-hour Friday night block airing on the USA Network from 11 pm to 1 am (EST). The programming was mostly older movies and music videos. This created an outlet for an untouched market in the blossoming cable industry, African-Americans. In 1980, BET invested \$1 million for the production of Black collegiate sporting events and expanded an hour. That November, BET added two half-hour shows, *Black Showcase* and *The Bobby Jones Gospel Show* (which is still on the air today). On June 26, 1983, BET premiered *Video Soul*, a music video series hosted by popular D.C. DJ Donnie Simpson, one of the first marquee series on the network. The show was created after MTV refused to play videos by most African American musicians. On October 1, 1983, after finding additional funding courtesy of Home Box Office (HBO), BET launched a full 24-hour schedule with a viewership of 7.6 million cable subscribers. Other concluded popular musical shows to be remembered include *Planet Groove*, *Caribbean Rhythms*, *Video Vibrations*, *Cita World*, *Midnight Love*, and *Video LP*.

Whatever happened to newsworthy programming? Such as *Teen Summit*, a youth show that dealt with the everyday issues of teens and attempted to bring them into a positive, uplifting light and motivate the teen viewers. Various hosts have appeared on the show throughout the years, including Ananda Lewis, Dajour, Gabrielle Dennis, and Adimu. The show premiered on September 16, 1989 and ended in 2003. The student Center, another teen oriented broad-

cast that helped college bound students pick the right school, and achieve success in college. The show was hosted by Julissa Bermudez. BET Nightly News, the major newscast on the network. The newscast covered national and international news stories from a black perspective. After four years the program was replaced by hourly updates and news briefs.

Rap City seems to be the only long-run musical program that stayed true for all these years and is surviving after the continuous replacement of hosts. The show exclusively showcases hip hop music videos, and features interviews and freestyles from popular rappers, and often has guest DJs serve as co-hosts. At one point Rap City also included videos from up and coming underground rappers. Among notable previous hosts of the show are Chris Thomas, Hans Dobson, Prince Dejour, Joe Clair, Leslie Segar (Big Lez), and Big Tigger.

It seems as if BET's popular and informal programming was replaced by garbage and mediocre hosts after Bob Johnson sold the network to Viacom for \$3 Billion, making him the richest African-American on the planet until surrendering the title to Oprah Winfrey. 106 and Park (commonly referred to as the fake TRL) is slowly losing its battle with viewers. The once ever so popular 90 minute countdown show was once entertaining when aired in 2000 when it was actually taped on E106 Street and Park Ave. in Harlem, NY. The original hosts AJ Calloway and Free made the show something worth coming home after school to catch. After hosting the show for five years both hosts left the show due to disputes with executives. The two was replaced with Big Tigger and Julissa. The chemistry between those two was minimal. However the chemistry between the current hosts Rocsi and Terrence seems forceful. Not even a new set can keep viewers from changing the channel.

In 2005, Johnson turned over the titles of President and Chief Operating Officer of BET to Debra L. Lee, a former BET Vice President. This is when BET really became the black replica of its sister station MTV, how ironic both networks are owned by Viacom.

Many prominent media critics, including Public Enemy rapper Chuck

D, journalist George Curry, writer Keith Boykin, film maker Spike Lee, and cartoonist Aaron McGruder (Boondocks), have protested BET's programming and actions. A common programming complaint is the lack of programming focus on public affairs in the black community. The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) gave the network thumbs down at the 2007 conference. Criticized on February 7, 2006, BET opted not to air the entire live coverage of the civil rights pioneer Coretta Scott King's funeral, but instead continued with its regular musical broadcast. The channel has also been scrutinized by members of the black community who feel the network perpetuates harmful black stereotypes by primarily airing broadcast that often have materialistic, violent and sexual themes. The song "Read a Book" recently had two of the nation's largest newspapers, The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times jump on the bandwagon of accusing the network of playing up to the most vile racial stereotypes about African Americans. BET's new lineup of ridiculous misguided broadcast include *Hot Ghetto Mess*, *Socially Offensive Behavior*, and *Hell Date*, failed to prove protestors wrong, before the premier of *Hot Ghetto Mess* State, Farm Insurance and Home Depot pulled their advertisements.

BET has been criticized by some Christian evangelicals not primarily for music videos, but for its morning religious lineup. Each morning, BET broadcasts evangelical TV shows; hosts include Robert Tilton, Don Stewart, and Peter Popoff, who have been criticized for their "money-brings-miracles theology" and who have had spats with the law.

With all the success and controversy over its content, the once significant network has spawned a few smaller competitors aiming toward the entertainment of African-Americans. Although some like NUE TV (New Urban Entertainment Television) had little success, others like TV One and Black Family Channel (formerly NBC) have thrived and succeeded, mostly by eschewing BET's music-based programming for more family-oriented fare. However, these networks are mostly watched by older African-Americans and BET continues to be mostly watched by the youth.

Programming Comparison



Total Request Live
Cribs
Bevis and Butthead
Boiling Points
MTV Video Music Awards
The Real World
Making the Band



106 & Park
This is How I'm Living
Hey Monie!
Socially Offensive Behavior
BET Awards
College Hill
Blowing Up! Fatty Koo

Marsha! Marsha! Marsha!

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Many may know her as the "songstress" from the groundbreaking duo, *Floetry*. Others may know her as the Grammy Award winner who has written tracks for pop legend Michael Jackson and neo-soul artist Jill Scott. Her name is Marsha Ambrosius and soon the world will know her as Ms. Marsha, or should I say Miss Ambrosius if you're nasty.

Fresh off the *Floetry Remixed Tour* with newcomer Emily King, Marsha was one of the performers for this year's Welcome Back Concert.

"I'm 'bout to be dolo (solo) for a minute," said Marsha. For those you did not know, the group formerly known as *Floetry* was reformed with MTV2 vee-jay/Sirius radio personality/poet Amanda Diva who joined Marsha to form the new group, *Floetry Remixed*. Natalie Stewart, the "floacist" of the original *Floetry* left the group at the end of their *Flo'ology Tour* back in December 2006, wanting to focus solely on her solo career.

Marsha is currently signed to Dr. Dre's Aftermath Records as a solo artist.

"*Floetry Remixed* was just for that tour. We're going to do a couple of other things but for now I'm concentrating on being solo."

"I'm happy with it," said Marsha referring to her album, which will be released soon. The first single off her solo debut album is set to be released at the end of this month. "We are drafting a

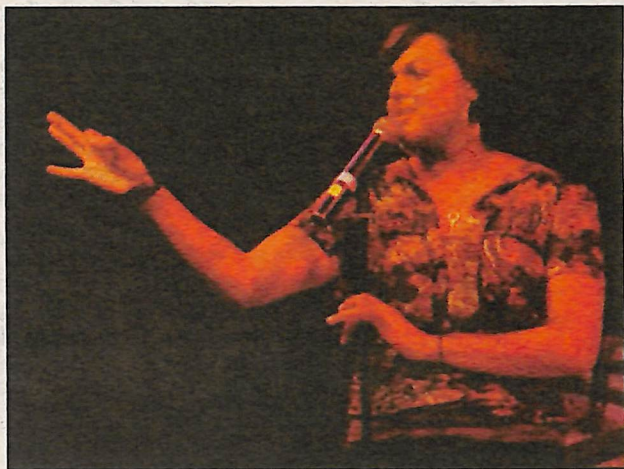
whether that track will be featured on Marsha's album, but there is still a possibility. "Dr. Dre is on one and I might have Eminem on another."

She did write for her album, all of it to be correct. "...Not intentionally but when it's your own album, it's your story. I have a solo project up next so I feel it's necessary to get my story out."

When asked if there were any artists that she would like to collaborate with, she said, "I like working with anything (referring to anyone), when it just comes out and the time is right. I might sound corny but that's how music happens, when it's supposed to be."

Marsha has worked with many artists. When asked how she got to work with pop icon Justin Timberlake she said, "I happened to be at the right place at the right time. Timbaland heard 'Say Yes' and did a remix to that. Then he happened to be in Philly doing the string arrangements for 'Cry Me a River' and needed a hook for the background and he was like 'Oh, you'll be good for that.' As far as working with Michael Jackson, it was just because she had the demo for 'Butterflies' for *Floetry's* album.

Be on the look out for Marsha's solo project coming soon. Make sure you check her out at www.myspace.com/marshaambrosius



Marsha Ambrosius, "The Songstress" of *Floetry*



Marsha serenades DSU student Kevin Guyton

video."

As far as collaborations, she had the opportunity to do a single with singer Alicia Keys. "There is one track with Alicia Keys that I absolutely love but I think they're using it for her album." It is still unclear

R. Kelly Trial: Conspiracy or luck?

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One month ago, R&B singer R. Kelly's trial date was set; at least that is what we thought. Cook County judge Vincent Michael Gaughan's decided on September 4 that the child-pornography criminal case against R. Kelly, 40, which has been pending for five years, will not be going to trial on September 17, 2007 after all. Shauna Boliker, the lead prosecutor on the case, recently gave birth to a baby

boy. According to the Chicago Sun-Times, Gaughan's media liaison Terry Sullivan said Boliker "is not able to proceed at this time" because of doctor's orders. This makes the third coincidental medial mishap.

What is really going on here? How ironic the pre-trial phase has lasted longer than other child-pornography trials, which usually begin within a year or two of charges being filed. The controversial trial, which Kells was indicted for in 2002, has a long history of setbacks, including Kelly's emergency surgery for a busted appendix in February, and when Judge

Gaughan fell off a ladder, causing multiple fractures, last summer. When he returned, Gaughan presided over the trial of now-convicted Brown's Chicken killer Juan Luna.

According to the Sun-Times other sources attributed the latest delay to lawyers' wrangling over expert witnesses the prosecutors want to call. The case has been plagued by delays from the beginning, with the defense and prosecution blaming each other. According to Blackamericaweb.com Kelly's spokesman Allan Mayer says he was told the

trial could get under way early this summer. "But," he added, "I've been told early in the summer" for the past three years now. Kelly's lawyer's may figure that the delays have worked in their client's favor, and not only because they've given him the chance to keep working and making millions. R. Kelly has had six best-selling albums, three nationwide tours, a multitude of hits and awards, he even managed to feud with Jay-Z since he was accused. Not to mention the countless other celebrity trials that took place including Michael Jackson's molestation case which begun and ended during Kelly's indict-

ment. Lil Kim even went to jail and came home.

Prosecutors charged Kelly in 2002 with making a 26-minute videotape in which he appears to be having sex with an underage girl. Kelly pleaded not guilty. The girl, allegedly 14 on the tape, is now 22 and has denied she is the one who appears.

Per a gag order, neither side was permitted to comment on this new delay, the latest in a long series of postponements. If Kelly is convicted of the charges, he faces a prison term of up to 15 years and a fine of up to \$100,000. The trial is set to date sometime in the spring 2008.

20 Questions

By Ghostwriter

1. Why is the café open later than every club in Delaware?
2. And who's getting fly to stand up in there?
3. Who thinks they can dance now that they know the Soulja Boy?
4. What Hornet got swatted at the Wesley party?
5. Why are so many guys on campus running around with V-neck shirts on, showing off their cleavage?
6. Isn't it harder to tell what state runs DSU this year?
7. Don't we know for sure that it's not Delaware?
8. Wouldn't R. Kelly have a field day between Laws, Tubman, and Jenkins?
9. Has the SGA Vice President learned the Alma Mater yet, or is he still working on the Pledge of Allegiance?
10. Since when did the Village and the Courtyard turn into WWE?
11. Who's demanding a recount from last year's SGA elections?
12. Since when were Deans the deciding factor of what classes you take?
13. And why does it matter when the university makes money off the added classes anyway?
14. Who thought the neo-soul concert didn't have enough soul?
15. Is it becoming a DSU tradition to boo comedians off stage?
16. Or was he trippin' when he started imitating Robocop?
17. What were the females of DSU thinking when they considered fashion to be maternity clothes and stripper boots?
18. Who's ID card still won't allow them to eat in the café?
19. And why are they so jealous when all everybody's eating is chicken with feathers hanging from it?
20. Who's mad there are no flex dollars in Conrad?

The latest in Entertainment

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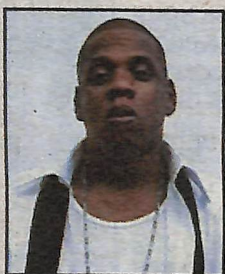
Usher and Tameka

Usher is no longer an eligible bachelor. On September 1, the R&B heartthrob wed Tameka Foster for the second time after a private ceremony on August 3. The wedding took place at a 16th century style French resort outside Atlanta. Approximately 200 people attended the wedding. However his mother/ex-manager did not.



Sean Kingston

According to Hip Hop sources the "suicidal" **Sean Kingston** lies just like the rest of us. He is bragging to people he landed the role of the late Biggie Smalls in the upcoming movie chronicling the rappers life. In all actuality, Kingston just auditioned for the role along with thousands of others. Casting is still open and they even have casting calls on the internet.



Jay-Z

Shawn "**Jay-Z**" Carter is continuing to make major moves in his business ventures. As he revealed in a recent press conference, the entrepreneur will open up the 3rd of his co-owned 40/40 Sports Clubs on December 20 at the new Palazzo resort in Las Vegas.

Jay-Z already co-owns 40/40 clubs in NYC and Atlantic City, but word is the Vegas club will be the largest. Beyonce was all smiles as Jay-Z gave his brief speech and according to Robin Leach's blog, Jay-Z hinted at possible nuptials. Even though he laughed when told he was in the wedding capital of the world, the rapper and record mogul refused to reveal when he's going to tie the knot with his superstar singer girlfriend.

"All I'll say is that it will be soon and that means sooner rather than later. Now if the hotel here can throw in a big ring and the honeymoon suite we could go off right now," said Jay-Z.



Ciara

It looks like three out of the four explicit photographs of **Ciara and 50 Cent** circulating on the net are counterfeit. According to Concreteloop.com the other three, are of a look-a-like model. "What 50 did was beyond low class. We tried to help him stir up some publicity by shooting some provocative shots and that s**t turned into something disgusting," said an insider of Ciara's camp. "I promise you that Ciara would never take photos like that with him ... It looks like [50 Cent] hired some stripper and make her up to look like Ciara." According to the insider, Ciara's furious over 50's latest publicity stunt. Ciara's pal explained, "Whatever relationship that they had before is officially over now... Ciara called him up and let him know exactly how disgusted she was with him and she didn't hold back her tongue either."



Foxy Brown

Foxy Brown was sentenced Friday to one year in jail for violating probation that stemmed from a fight with two manicurists in a New York City nail salon three years ago. "I'm not going to give you any more chances," Criminal Court Judge Melissa Jackson told the 28-year-old rapper. "I hope you turn your life around and never again have to stand in a court of law." Probation department officials asked for the hearing after Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, was arrested August 14 in Brooklyn on charges of assaulting Arlene Raymond, 25. Brown was accused of hitting the woman with a cell phone on July 30 when the pair fought over the music volume from Brown's car stereo.



Beyonce

Verbal diarrhea is just flowing these days.

First **Beyonce** put her foot in her mouth in an interview with Latina Magazine, the "bootylicious" diva talked about how she "wishes" she were a Latin. The question was:

Latina: What's one thing that you'd like to tell your Latina

fans?

B: I would thank them for embracing me. I did radio (promotions) this morning for hours and hours and I noticed a big difference between speaking to all of the Latino stations and speaking to the pop stations or the other stations. With the Latino stations, there was so much love and everyone is so genuine. I'm just jealous that I wasn't born Latina. I wish I had been because the culture is so beautiful. I'm very grateful Latinos are embracing me.



Rihanna

Next her professional "mini-me" **Rihanna** told In-Style magazine "Good skin is sexy because it's summer! You want to have good skin and be blond and all that good stuff." What's wrong with being born African American again?

Artist Spotlight: Emily King

Danyel Jones

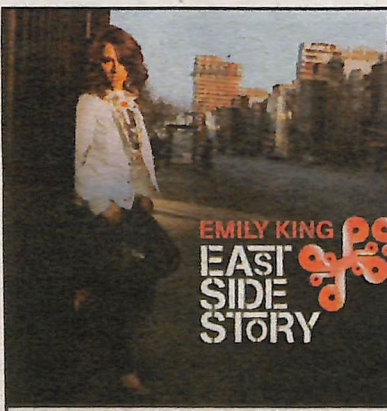
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One of the hottest, new artists to emerge from the streets of New York City is J-Records fresh-face Emily King. With just the right eclectic mix of Pop, Jazz, Soul, R&B, and Funk, this vibrant twenty-one year old satisfies the masses.

Born Emily Cowings early-on, she was immersed in music; the daughter of international jazz duo, Marion Cowings and Kim

Kalesti both she and her brother Alex Cowings were always exposed to music, especially jazz and classical sounds during their childhood. "My family, our culture is music, it's our religion," says King. Emily always knew exactly what she wanted to do, "I had a hard time in school," says King. "I already knew what I wanted to do, so I was like, let me get started."

At age 16, King got her GED, and she started writing songs. The first song that she completed, "Business Man" - a commentary on heartless capitalists - is a central moment on East



Emily King

Side Story. After performing the local folk club circuit at noted venues like Bitter End, and CBGB's Gallery in NYC, King met producer Chucky Thomp-

son, of Bad Boy Entertainment's famed Hitman studio team who had recorded smashes with the likes of the Notorious B.I.G and Mary J. Blige. Soon after, this young singer quickly caught the attention of surrounding DJ's and radio stations. King's first recording single entitled "Walk in My Shoes" quickly gained spins which grabbed the attention of music industry heavy-weight Clive Davis of J Records, known for launching the careers of superstars like Whitney Houston and Alicia Keys. Most recently, King has gone on the road with Neo-

soul singer John Legend and has been opening for Floetry on the "Floetry-Remixed Tour" this past summer

Her major label debut East Side Story chronicles her life as she lives it courtesy of co-producing and co-writing all of the songs on the album. "Writing can be therapeutic...it opens up your mind to a lot of things," she says. "It allows you to be another person, to see things through different eyes."

Emily King's East Side Story hits stores later this year.

Wilder and reserves spark win against FAMU

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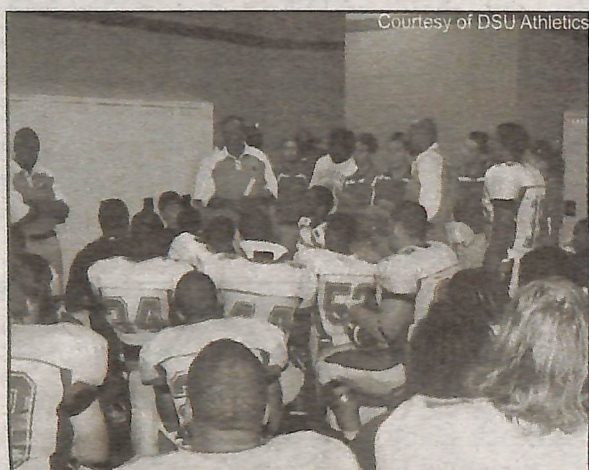
With another big special team's play and key reserves stepping up for injured stars, the Hornets football team won its MEAC conference opener against Florida A&M University Rattlers 20-7. The game took place in Tallahassee, Florida at Bragg Stadium in front of 14,327 spectators. The game was a defensive struggle until Hornet's Coach Derek Hall's special teams unit once again came up with a huge play in the game.

The action got started with a blocked punt by junior defensive lineman Alimayo Wilder. The ball was recovered by the Hornets at the 1 yard line. Two plays later, quarterback Vashon Winton hit receiver Shaheer McBride with an 11 yard slant over the middle for his third touchdown of the season. Starting running back Kareem Jones was replaced by junior Chris Strothers because of a strained right knee suffered in the Coastal Carolina game. Strothers did a nice job of filling in by producing a total of 108 yards including six catches for 73 yards.

During the second half, Shaheer McBride injured his



Courtesy of The News Journal
Florida A&M quarterback dragged down DSU Hornet Keola Asuega



Courtesy of DSU Athletics
Coach Al Lavan talks to our Hornets after the victory against the FAMU Rattlers

shoulder after fighting for additional yardage after a catch in the third quarter. Back up wide receiver William Griggs replaced McBride in the lineup as the Hornets drove down field. Once they entered the red zone

(opposing 20 yard line), Winton threw a 19 yard strike to Griggs for his first touchdown of his career and Winton's second touchdown pass of the day to increase the score to 17-7.

On getting an opportunity to play on the scoring drive Griggs said, "Shaheer told me at halftime to be ready. When the opportunity came I made sure I was ready to step up. That's what we practice for."

The defense put together another solid effort against the Rattlers offense. The front seven was putting constant pressure on quarterback Albert

Chester III. Ron Spinner and Keuola Asuega received their first sacks of the season. Also junior linebacker Jackie Watkins played well against the run. In the secondary starting corners Akeem Green and Lamont Kennard each had eight tackles and limited big plays throughout the evening. Kennard had a big play in the fourth when intercepting Chester's pass and stifling a drive.

This win increases the Hornets record to (2-0) on the season and (1-0) in the MEAC conference. Their next game will be September 15 against Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

DSU Volleyball remains winless in loss to UD

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The Lady Hornets Volleyball team fell to the University of Delaware Blue Hens 0-3 (22-30, 24-30, 17-30) September 4 in the 2007 season opener. With the loss, the Hornets fall to 0-8 and remain winless on the season.

Del State opened up the first game with a 4-1 lead. Minutes later Delaware took the lead and the momentum scoring 14 of the next 18 points. The Hornets

never regained the lead and lost 22-30. In the second game, Del State opened up a 15-12 lead only to let the lead slip away.

After tying with the Hornets at 17-17, the Blue Hens pulled away and won 24-30. During the final game, the Hornets fell behind quick and were never closer than six points to Delaware. They lost the third and final game 17-30.

Ayana Dyette led DSU with 12 kills while Cassandra Joyner and Sarah Wheatcroft contributed 7 kills. Kinga Muszynski finished the game with a team-high 11 digs.

Colleen Walsh was one of three University of Delaware players to finish the game in double digits for kills. She was credited with 15 kills and was followed by Katie Dennehy with 10 and Michelle

Lalonde with 10 kills. Kelly Gibson led the team in digs with twelve.

"We need to pick it up and become more of a disciplined team," said Head Coach Renee Arnold, "We need to get that first win and it's something we're going to work on all week."

Arnold believes the team must become more fluent with their movement and footwork. She said the offense is pretty good as far as blocks and hit but it is the defense they must improve.

"Our strength is our hitting, serving and blocking. Our

weakness is our defense," said starter Dyette, "We need to keep practicing and become more disciplined. Having heart is important. You have to



Courtesy of DSU Athletics
Hornet Volleyball player Ayana Dyette gets ready to spike

want it."

According to Coach Arnold, the team's goal this year is to be in the MEAC finals and to be the champions. They would also like to beat every team in the MEAC they play, both times they play them.

Before they get into a conference championship game they must win their first game. "It's a lot of pressure going into the games. It's like you try and not think about it but it's always in the back of your mind," said starter Laura Huculak, "We need to get this win for the morale of the team."

The volleyball team will return home on September 18 for a match against LaSalle

As a result of this, the team is in somewhat of a rebuilding mode.

"I'm really not focused on what happened last year," said Wright, "The only thing that I'm focused on is the task at hand which is taking the steps to rebuild this program."

"I like him a lot. He's a down to earth guy who is going to push us," said wrestler Kyle Skinner, "He's a young coach who can actually physically wrestle with us and show us some moves we might not know already."

The current team consists of 15 total players, including 10 freshmen. Coach Wright speaks very highly of his 10 incoming freshmen. "This freshmen class we have coming this year, are overall great kids that have a winning atti-

tude and all about the team first."

In previous years, the Athletic Department has done little to nothing to help the wrestling program, but to Coach Wright, it seems things have changed drastically. "Actually it has been the complete opposite," said Wright, "The Athletic Department is doing a great job by showing love and support towards everything we are trying to do around here."

Now with Coach Wright at the helms of Del State's wrestling squad, it seems that the program is on its way up. With positive attitudes, great team play, and good coaching, the wrestling team should reach their goal in being the best team they can be now and in the near future.

New wrestling coach with new mindset

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In the past five years, the Delaware State University Hornets wrestling team has gone through nothing but turmoil and inconsistency with coaching changes, loss of recruits, transfers, and lack of support from the Athletic Department, but with new head coach, Reggie Wright, things are bound to change.

Wright, hailing from Maywood, Illinois, says one of the main reasons he came here was because he felt this was an opportunity of a lifetime. "By being the only HBCU wrestling coach in the whole country, I feel that it can progress me to be the best coach I can be," said Wright, "Also, the community support here is so tremendous and in-

credible."

Sophomore wrestler Matt Cathell said, "I'll say he is a very nice guy. I like him better than last year's coach because he was more of a yeller

and stubborn kind of guy but Coach Wright is a guy who can relate to us and he's a little bit more laid back, which fits my style of coaching."

As for the expectations for this upcoming season, Wright expects his team to not only excel on the mat but also in the classroom as well. "During my tenure here, I expect each

one of my players to graduate, have better GPA's than they have had in the past, and be professional."

When it comes to the actual wrestling part, Wright expects

his team to come together as a team. They need to peak at the right time when it matters. He also expects guys to qualify for the tournament.

At the end of last year's season, the wrestling team lost their head coach, players decided to transfer, and a lot of incoming recruits decided not to come due to the coaching change.



Courtesy of Carlos Holmes and DSU Athletics
New DSU Wrestling Coach Reggie Wright (left) and Director of Athletics Chuck Bell

NFL Preview 2007

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This year in the NFL it is a lot of new faces in new places, and some surprising things have taken place. Randy Moss and Donte Stallworth have taken their game up to New England and Nate Clements got signed to the richest cornerback contract in the history of the League. Michael Vick will not play this year and Byron Leftwich who was a top 10 pick in the 2003 Draft was released by the Jaguars.

Here are some players to watch out for:

Stephen Jackson RB
St. Louis Rams:

Jackson has vowed to break the all-yards from scrimmage record this season which is 2500 yards. If he can stay healthy it is highly possible.

LaDanian Tomlinson RB
San Diego Chargers:

He was Mr. Everything last year and it seems that he does something new and exciting every season.

Kellen Winslow TE
Cleveland Browns:

Second full season this year and he was spectacular last year in a very stagnant offense, he could have 100 catches.

Matt Schaub QB
Houston Texans:

This is what Schaub and the entire sports world has been waiting on, is he good or is he really just a back up?

Vince Young QB
Tennessee Titans:

Sophomore season and this may be his break out year. Is he really the next great one?

Tony Romo QB
Dallas Cowboys:

Is Romo the future for the Cowboys? He had a good year last year and made the pro bowl but is a conference championship or Super Bowl in reach with him at the helm?

Adrian Peterson RB
Minnesota Vikings:

During the pre-season he was arguably the best rookie, but can he stay healthy and how long before he takes over the starting role?

Vernon Davis TE
San Francisco 49ers:

Athletically he is the real deal, he got hurt mid-season last year but this year could be his break out year.

Teams to watch out for:

Indianapolis Colts: They lost a lot on defense but they are the defending champs until someone proves other wise: Remember though, they do have

Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne.

New England Patriots: Tom Brady has two receivers that are actually a threat, a great defense and Bill Belichick still may be the best coach in the entire League.

Denver

Broncos: Year two for Jay Cutler and with the addition of Travis Henry and Dre' Bly they now have a proven running back and two shutdown corners. Who will even try to throw it 25 times on them?

Chicago Bears: They are the defending NFC champs, and the defense is still the best in the NFC. They made it to the Super Bowl last year with an average quarterback, but this is the final straw for Rex Grossman can he really play?

New Orleans Saints: Last year they were one game or a nice day in Chicago away from the Super Bowl, so who's to say they can't go this year with the same team? They have arguably the best offense in the NFC.

Carolina Panthers: They now have another receiver with size in Dwayne Jarrett that compliments Steve Smith, but the key is can they stay healthy? If they can they can compete in the NFC every year. With Steve on your team you can always put points on the board.

MLB Pennant Race heating up

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It's the Hunt for October. It's the race for the Fall Classic. It's the third week of September which can only mean it's play-off time for Major League Baseball. Play-offs start in October and it's a dog fight as baseball teams are racing towards a play-off berth.

Although nobody has clinched yet, there are only a few tight races in the majors. Here's a rundown of the divisions and the teams to watch out for:

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST:

The Red Sox are in first place with the best record in baseball at 86-56. The New York Yankees are 6.5 games back of the Red Sox. The Yankees third baseman A-Rod is hot, but will it be enough to overcome inconsistencies of the team. The Red Sox will win the division, but if the Yankees win the wild card spot, they are always a force to be reckoned with in the play-offs.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CENTRAL: The Cleveland Indians are in first place despite predictions they would crack under pressure. Their record of 81-60 gives them a 5 game lead over the Detroit Tigers. At the All-Star Break, fans and analysts predicted Detroit would overcome Cleveland by the end of the season. Cleveland's season ends with them playing weaker teams so as long as they do not lose any series, they will be play-off bound.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST:

This division is pretty much decided as the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim have a 9 game lead over the Seattle Mariners. After a dismal start for Seattle, they made a play-off run after the All-Star break. Unfortunately, a recent 1-9 run has left them in the Angel's dust. The Mariners would need a miracle to overcome the Angels and win the division.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILDCARD:

There are basically four teams that have a shot at the American League Wildcard. The Yankees are in the lead over Detroit by three games. Seattle is in third place only four games back of the Yankees despite only their bad play. Toronto is just barely hanging on while they are 6.5 games back. The team that has the best run over the last few weeks will obviously win the wild card spot. Based on recent play, Detroit or New York will win the wild card team. Both teams should be feared once they are in the play-offs.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST:

The Mets have a 6 game lead over the Phillies and a 7.5 game lead over the Braves. Most would believe that this division is set with the Mets being the obvious winner. If it was not for the inconsistent play of the Phillies this race would be much closer if not the other way around. The Mets will win the division, but if the Phillies make the playoffs, other teams better watch out for them.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CENTRAL:

This is one of just two divisions which have no clear cut winner. The Chicago Cubs and Milwaukee Brewers are tied for first place while the St. Louis Cardinals are only one game back. At this point every team is less than ten games back of first place. The two-team tied for first are only two games over the .500 mark. This is a weak division therefore it doesn't really matter who wins because none of the teams really deserve to make a run for the World Series.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST:

This division is also still up in the air. Four teams are still in the race. Going into the third week in September, the Arizona Diamondbacks have a two game lead over the San Diego Padres. The Los Angeles Dodgers are 4.5 games back of Arizona. Plus, the Colorado Rockies are only 5 games back of first place. For the past few years, this division has been like a yo-yo going into the last few weeks. You never really know who is going to finish on top until the last few games so it should be an interesting ending.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WILD CARD:

The National League wild card race is close as several teams are still in it. The top three teams are all coming from the national league west. San Diego, Los Angeles and Colorado are the top three teams in the wild card race. The Phillies follow Colorado in fourth place although just a week ago they were tied for first. There are plenty of other teams still in the wild card race, but my guess is the spot will go to who doesn't win the NL West.

Sports Briefs

Compiled by: Clarence Varnado III

Lady Hornets Bowling

Lady Hornets head bowling Coach Kim Terrell recently competed in U.S. Women's Open on August 13-16, an event that features 132 competitors from the best women bowlers in the world in 32 games. Terrell was a professional bowler from Antioch, California prior to her accomplishments at Delaware State University. Kim was one of the 16 quarterfinalists to advance to a televised event on September 16 in a single elimination bracket. The televised event will air for five straight Sundays on ESPN beginning at 1pm. During the single elimination bracket, four players will appear on each of the first four telecasts and battle for a spot in a live televised final on October 14 at 1pm.

Lady Hornets Soccer

For the second straight game the Lady Hornets soccer team was shut out at home, this time at the hands of Florida Gulf Coast University with the score of 4-0. The Lady Eagles from Fort Myers, Florida were led by sophomore Amber McCall and freshman Lindsey Hall who each scored two goals a piece to secure the win for the Lady Eagles. The defending United Soccer Conference Champion Lady Hornets had been outscored by their opponents 7-0 in the first two games of the season as they fall to 0-2 on the year while Florida Gulf Coast University of the Atlantic Sun Conference improves to 3-0 on the year. The Lady Hornets four game home stand continues when they play host Cleveland State University on September 9 and conclude the home stand with Molloy College on September 11.

Men's Cross Country

It has been a very good start for the Hornets Men's Cross Country team. On September 1, Sean Guy led the Hornet's team to a 3rd place finish at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) Lid-Lifter Invitational. Sean Guy was first finisher among Delaware State's group to finish 10th while his teammates Andre McDonald and Chris Walker placed 11th and 12th respectively. Aaron Baldwin, Michael Taylor, Doug Purnell, and Randy Smith finished 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th. Then on September 8, DSU only ran with five runners and made a remarkable 8th place finish at the Towson Invitational. The Hornets were led by sophomore Andre McDonald who was the top finisher by running the five mile course in 29 minutes and 19 seconds. Andre's teammates, Aaron Baldwin and Sean Guy ran times of 32 minutes and 15 seconds, and 32 minutes and 16 seconds respectively. The Hornets will be at the University of Delaware on September 15 for their next meet in Newark, Delaware.

Lady Hornets Volleyball

The Lady Hornet's volleyball team attempted to earn their first win of the season when they entered the Harvard University tournament. Unfortunately, in the first game of the tournament, Harvard, led by Lauren Mahon and Kathryn McKinley, sent the Lady Hornets to their ninth straight defeat by the score of 3-0. Ayana Dyette and Erica Tajchman led the Lady Hornets (0-9) with eight kills each while Kinga Muszynski had a team high eight digs. Kill percentage was the key of game as Harvard posted a 30% kill percentage (46 kills/16 errors/98 attempts) while the Lady Hornets had a 10% kill percentage (27 kills/26 errors/102 attempts). The Harvard tournament continues on the weekend of September 14 the Lady Hornets will be at the Yale Tournament when they play Yale, Stanford and Penn State.

Lady Hornets Cross Country

Delaware State runners, Cuquie Melville and Mallory Ross, had strong showings at the Towson Invitational Cross Country meet on September 8. Melville showed her leadership capabilities by finishing the 5000 meter course with a time of 21 minutes and 13 seconds while her teammate Ross trailed close behind finishing with a time of 21 minutes and 23 seconds. Mallory did extremely well considering she missed the entire 2007 Outdoor Track season due to a stress fracture. The Hornets will be in action again next week at the University of Delaware on September 15. Last year, Ross and Melville were Cross Country All-MEAC selections for their top 15 place finishes in the 2006 MEAC Championships. Sophomore Ashley Johnson also contributed to the team with a time of 23 minutes and 56 seconds. The Lady Hornets finished 9th overall, and 4th out of the MEAC schools.

Find out more at : www.dsuhornets.com

How do you feel about the dining hours?

Compiled by Phylicia Young



CYNTHIA GARBER, JUNIOR
PSYCHOLOGY

"It's ridiculous and foolish. I want my flex dollars back!"



LUCENDA FREEMAN, SENIOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"I think that it's stupid to have to pay for a meal plan when I have a kitchen in the Village, and we can't even use Flex in Conrad"



EBONY MCINTOSH, JUNIOR
PRINT JOURNALISM

"It causes too much commotion for it to be open that late."



ASHLEY LARKIN, SENIOR
VISUAL ARTS

"It's good, because when people have late classes, they can still catch dinner."



LASHANA WALTERS, JUNIOR
TV PRODUCTION

"I wanna keep an open mind, see how it goes. Hopefully it works out in the future, because it doesn't seem to be working right now."



MORRIS RYDER, SOPHOMORE
TV PRODUCTION

"I miss Conrad, I miss the hours, but I met a whole lot of people"



ZIKIA HARRIS, SENIOR
ENGLISH

"I think Conrad will lose a lot of money, because the café does not have a lot of variety."



DONNELL HILL, SENIOR
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"I think that the hours are good for students that can't afford to buy fast food."



PAULA PIERRE-LOUIS, JUNIOR
BIOLOGY

"I think it's ridiculous. I think Conrad should have been open till 3 because I think they have way better options than the café"



J.D. RODGERS, SOPHOMORE
PSYCHOLOGY

"It's not helpful at all. It just forces the freshmen in Evers and Jenkins to walk further for a late night snack."



CHERRISSE YARDE, SOPHOMORE
NURSING

"It's inconvenient! Conrad closes too early and we can't use flex dollars anymore...that's crazy!"



NICHOLLE YOUNG, JUNIOR
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"I feel as though it is more convenient for those that live in the Village for the café, but for those who live on the other side of campus, it might be inconvenient. You can't please everyone"



ASHLEY BURGESS, JUNIOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS

"I feel disgusted that I can not use my flex dollars in Conrad now. What if I need to grab a quick meal? I can't, because mostly everything is not under \$4.00!"



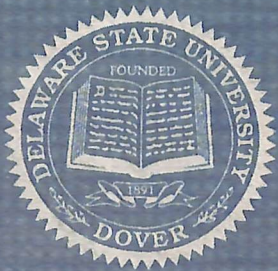
CEAIRA BETHEA, SENIOR
SOCIAL WORK

"It's too much, first Checkers closes at 7:00, now we are only allowed to use flex in the café. Wow, what's next?!"



LAUREN WHITFIELD, FRESHMAN
UNDECIDED

"I think that it's unfair, because the café does not have a bigger variety as it does in Conrad. Another reason is also because Conrad is closer, so it would be more convenient"



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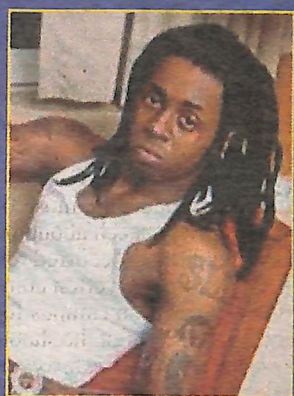


DSU

HOMEcoming 2007

PREVIEW

The 2007 Homecoming Concert Lineup



Lil Wayne - This man may be having one of the biggest years in hip hop. All throughout the year, the self professed "best rapper alive" has been all over the radio. Stealing the show on countless tracks including Fat Joe's *Make it Rain*, and DJ Khaled's *We Takin' Over*, maybe the young money millionaire knows what he is talking about. While not guest featuring on other artists tracks this year, he found the time to drop a bunch of mix-tapes including the double disc *The Drought* and record material for his highly anticipated album *The Carter 3*.



Swizz Beats - What do you do when you conquer the ultra competitive hip hop game? According to Swizzy, you drop a hot album rapping to your own \$100,000 beats. The ruff riding CEO of Full Surface had the whole country moving to his infectious singles *It's Me Snitches* and *Money In The Bank*. DSU watch out because the one man band man has his sites set on Homecoming 2007.

T.I. - This man calls himself The King and people

are starting to believe him. After dropping four solo albums, re-leasing his childhood friend Young Dro's album to moderate success and dabbling into acting with ATL; Tip is in the upper echelon of not only rappers, but all of popular music. Fresh off the *Scream Tour* with Ciara and soon to be back on the big screen with Denzel Washington in *American Gangster*, The King of Grand Hustles next stop will be in Memorial Hall.



J. Holiday - From the time his hit song *Bed* hit the air waves, people have been asking who is J. Holiday. The DC native has quickly built a fan base and slowly but surely is allowing his fans into his world. Braids are played, but not as played as his new album *Bac of My Lac*.



The 2007 Homecoming Gospel Concert Line Up



J. Moss - A third of the hit-making production team PAJAM, J. Moss has wrote and produced for some of the biggest artists in both Gospel and secular music (Hezekiah Walker, N'SYNC, Michelle Williams, Kelly Price.) One of the hottest producers in Gospel music, J. Moss will definitely bring down the house at this year's Homecoming.

Notable Songs

"We Must Praise"
"Jump, Jump"
"I'm Not Perfect"

21:03 - Discovered by PAJAM (Paul "pda" Allen, J. Moss and Walter Kearney), 21:03 is a new generation of Contemporary Gospel. This Detroit trio (Jorel Quinn, Torrence Greene, and Evin Martin) will show DSU their vision, which is to establish an inspirational movement within the Christian Gospel market.



Also coming to the Gospel Concert...



Donald Ashley and
The New Millenium

Notable Songs

"I'm Sorry"
"Don't Say No"
"Sweet Spirit"

Homecoming Week Schedule

Sunday, October 14, 2007
Homecoming Gospel Concert
E. H. Theater
Start Time: 7pm-9pm

Monday, October 15, 2007
Mr. & Miss Delaware State University Coronation
E.H. Theater
Show Time: 6pm -9pm

Tuesday, October 16, 2007
Homecoming Fashion Show
E.H. Theater
Show Time: 7pm-10pm

Wednesday, October 17, 2007
Homecoming Comedy Show
E.H. Theater
Show Time: 7pm-10pm

Thursday, October 18, 2007
Homecoming Step Show
Memorial Hall Gym
Show Time: 7pm-10pm

Friday, October 19, 2007
Homecoming Concert
Memorial Hall Gym
Show Time: 10pm- 2am

Saturday, October 20, 2007
Homecoming Party- Memorial Hall
Start Time: 10pm-2am

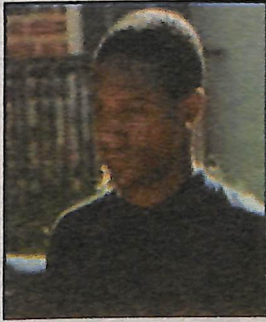
Preferred ticket times and Location:
Cashier's Office & Alumni Stadium
Monday-Wednesday 10:30am-4:30pm
Thursday-Friday 9am-7pm

Shooting victims still in recovery

Loy Azalia
Asst. News Editor

Delaware State University's response to the on campus shooting that occurred on September 21, involving one suspect and two victims, has been receiving much praise. This was the first on campus shooting since the Virginia Tech tragedy last spring. There have been recent updates concerning the matter.

The two freshmen students who were shot, Nathaniel Pugh III and Shalita Middleton remain hospitalized. The D.C. natives are still experiencing different medical conditions, as of October 3, according to Carlos



Shooter Loyer D. Braden

Holmes, the university spokesperson. Middleton's injuries are still very serious. Out of respect of the young lady's parents, Holmes was unable to go into detail of the extent of her injuries. Pugh's injuries are not life threatening, but the effects of the gunshot to his leg will make it challenging for him to walk.

Junior Biology major, Yinka Adepoju said, "I think that the university responded in a timely manner, but I didn't like that the school knew who the shooter was and that he was on campus."

On September 28, there was a preliminary hearing held for the alleged shooter, Loyer D. Braden. The judge agreed that there was enough evidence for probable cause and the case

From administration to department changes thus far in the first semester of the 2007/2008 fiscal school year, Delaware State University students have been slapped with a handful of revised rules and regulations. The most popular change and seemingly most unfavorable, at least as far as the student body is concerned, is the university managing the Courtyard and Village apartments. Residents residing in both of the once Ambling owned apartment complexes were told about the change in management, to what seemed to turn into a lecture, at a meeting on September 25 in the EH auditorium.

"Delaware State is making a lot of changes, but they have a long way to go and it hurts that the students don't really care, but we need the faculty to get more involved anyway," said junior Deborah Ajao.

It became apparent that the meeting did not quite accomplish the alleged topic at hand, but as predicted by many students the meeting became more of a reprimand. Dr. Amir Mohammadi, Vice President of Finance and Administration said, "We are transitioning from the private management to the Delaware State Housing Foundation to man-

Loy Azalia
Asst. News Editor

University takeover: Ambling gets the boot

age the Village and the Courtyard."

DSU and Ambling have been involved in a long legal battle, which the university inevitably won. Security and safety became the primary concern for the university and the reason for the change. Dr. Amir Mohammadi explained the university's concern about the DSU community's safety in another interview. "The University recognized the need for providing better safety and security for students in both the Courtyard and the Village."



He also clarified the issue of the current leases and "new rules." "We will be upholding the leases that students signed. The rules include 0% tolerance, no drinking, no pets, and no long term guests." In other words, all that is stated in the Ambling leases will be strictly enforced.

When asked about how exactly the university will be monitoring unauthorized guests, Mohammadi mentioned that rewards will be offered if anyone has any information about unauthorized guests that may be a threat to the entire DSU community.

Senior Management major Samuel Okunbi, who is now an RA in the Village, commented on the new change in management. "It's

different. It will be challenging to deal with the residents regarding the new visitation rules."

During the meeting several people were introduced and most of whom gave a brief speech about the recent shooting that occurred on campus. Chief James Overton commended the students on campus for their behavior the night of the shooting. "We can keep you as safe as you want to be," Overton said. Amongst the panel of speakers was Ron Williams, Director of Residential Education. During his introduction a irritated audience erupted in a series of "boo's," that appeared to displease the panel of speakers.

As of now twenty-three students that used to be known as Community Assistants are now referred to as

Resident Assistants, just as in the traditional resident halls. The RA's are undergoing a rigorous and continuous training as described by Dr. Mohammadi. Though no immediate changes have been noticeable, Mohammadi states that they will be "applying new rules uniformly."

"I was looking for something new but just got repeated information," said junior Community Health major Ashley Rollocks.

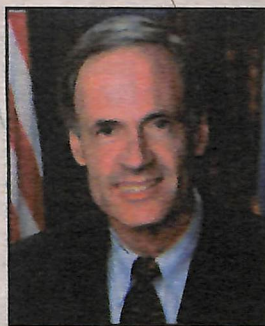
Del State students have expressed that it will be interesting to see the gradual changes that will be implemented by the university, but hopefully these changes will not come as a surprise to them as a student body.

Senator Carper gives back

Latiya Griffin
Campus News Editor

For some college students financial aid and other expenses can sometimes get in the way of a student concentrating on a successful school year; However, financial burdens may soon become a thing of the past for students enrolled in the 2008-2009 school year.

Senator Tom Carper visited Delaware State University in mid-September with an early morning press conference in the University's Administration Building. Carper knowing the struggles that students often face in college was a strong supporter of The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, which was recently passed by Pres-



Tom Carper

ident Bush.

Carper injected billions of dollars for Delaware Higher Education which totaled in the amount of \$3.1

million dollars in additional financial aid monies for state-owned schools such as The University of Delaware and DSU. "The monies affect the Pell Grant, which a great deal of our students currently has in their awarded financial aid monies. DSU tends to get more disadvantaged students than UD and we welcome any opportunities for our students," says Carlos Holmes, DSU's Director of News Services.

In addition to this, the bill not only gives more opportunities to students, it also is a historic increase in need-based grants for students nationwide, better repayment options that cap a borrower's monthly payment based on income, loan forgiveness for borrowers entering

public service jobs, protection for working students by not penalizing their earnings and matching grants to states to improve college access.

The same process for these monies applies to students who will apply for the Pell Grant next year. "The \$3.2 million dollars is not a limitless fund, when the money runs out, we will try our best to spread out the monies," says Holmes.

Approximately 85% of DSU students receive some form of financial aid.

Senator Carper served in numerous positions of authorities from 1983 to present-day. Two highlighted positions includes Governor of Delaware from 1993-2000 and the State Treasurer of Delaware. During his tenure as Governor, he signed the legislation to change DSU from college status to university status. Carper values higher education and visits DSU regularly. "Anyone who is a congressman has a relationship with DSU. Some governors spend more time visiting DSU than others," Holmes replied.

has been moved to the Superior Court. The bond for Braden was increased from \$75,000 to \$92,000. To Holmes' knowledge, Braden might still be in jail and he does not know if he has publicly admitted to being the shooter.

Though the media attention that

the incident received has died down, the idea of a potential "turf war" was definitely perpetuated. The "turf war" notion was actually brought on by students who were interviewed following the shooting. Having not been there to witness the altercation, the student body did not know the ac-

tual story and since both students were from D.C., it was easy for such accusations to be made and rumors spread.

"I feel the university reacted pretty quickly, but the students are still acting the same; like nothing changed," said senior Roy Bright.

DSU students invade Homecoming thanks to Junior Class Talent Show

LaTavia Conner
Copy Editor

In hopes of becoming the opening act for the Homecoming concert, students auditioned for the talent show hosted by the Junior Class. The talent show was held in the MLK Auditorium on October 6 at 7pm. This was no ordinary show; the talent competed for the spot to open up for the Homecoming artists such as J. Holiday, Lil Wayne, Swizz Beats, and T.I. Not only was there competition for performing at the Homecoming concert, but there were also students who competed to host the show.

The talent show started with the first of the four hopeful hosts, Renegade. He had the crowd hype and ready for the show to kick off. He started by telling the audience contestants will be judged on talent, delivery, response and performance.

F.M.O. (Four Mics is Over) was up first. These two young men performed an original piece "It's Showtime" from their album off of Varsity Records. F.M.O. said they choose their group name because there were four men in the group but only two go to Del State. The crowd took well to their performance, and they had a nice ovation afterwards.

Following was a dance group by the name of Free and Aroc. They moved to the beat of Chris Brown's "Kiss." The crowd sung along while watching their every dance moves. "I think the crowd really liked our performance," said Darren Freeman, member of Free and Aroc.

Renegade came back out to announce his last performer before the next host took over. New Money took the stage. The two young men did two original pieces: a mixture of rap and R&B.

There was a short intermission and DJ Force 1 played a few mixes until the show was ready to resume.

It was now time to turn the show over hosts Ebony "Lady Locs" and Congo. The duo had the crowd going, with their energy and laughter. They shouted out the fraternities and sororities along with classifications. Students were excited to rep whatever category they fell under.

Asia B and Kristen were up next to run the show. They were extremely hype and had a few surprises of their own. Before they brought out any more talents, they had a little dance contest. The winner of the contest won free tickets to the Homecoming step show, courtesy of Asia and Kristen. There were only guys at first, and then came two ladies. The ladies won the contest but come to find out, they were from Lincoln University. DSU students began to show school spirit with the DSU chant.

At this point of the talent show, it was time for the next talent. Asia and Kristen announced the next performers, Anonymous. Their music was different from everyone else's, but catchy. Lead singer, Kevin Guyton, had a full band behind him, consisting of horns, drums, and keyboards. The crowd seemed to like the unique piece they performed. The tempo went from fast to slow; ending his part of the show with Anthony Hamilton's "Can't Let Go." The ladies went wild.

Donald "Scooby Walker" was then handed the mic and took it home with a gospel piece. Kevin was pleased with his performance, "I wanted to show that there is more than one kind of people out there," said Guyton, "there is more than just Hip-Hop."

Khadija Tall was next to compete for the Homecoming spot. This talented young freshman performed Usher's "Bedtime." Khadija said she thought it would be a good experience for her freshman year to open the Homecoming concert.

The last host was on his way to the stage. Theo came ready and prepared to get the crowd jumping. Theo shouted out hometowns and classifications. He did a great job at keeping the crowd's attention.

The last act in the competition was

Con-Hell. These freshmen were wonderful dancers and had everyone up from their seats from the beginning to the end. The crowd could not believe their eyes because of their wild moves and robotic imitations.

DSU's very own Doe Starz were the special guest performers of the night. They were not in the competition but they still brought the noise as if they were trying to bring home the win. Doe Starz performed their hit "In da Mirror."

The Junior Class officers tallied up votes. The winner of the talent part of the show was dancers Con-Hell. Jason Brown, freshman and member of Con-Hell kept it real with why they decided to do the show, "We didn't have enough money so we thought we would have a better chance of going if we showed our talent."

"Good experience, I want to thank the judges for picking us, I want to thank God, the fans, Jersey, New Image and Conwell," said John Brown, freshman and member of Con-Hell.

Ebony and Congo won to host the Homecoming concert.

"I am very excited, this is just a beginning for me," said Ebony "Lady Locs" Wright, "I plan to bring comedy, hypness, entertainment as well as organization."

Asia B and Kristen did not win to host the Homecoming concert but the Junior Class officers are allowing them the host the step show because of their outgoing attitudes and way with the crowd.

"I think the show had a nice turnout, the Junior Class did a nice job," said Tashisha Pollard, Miss Junior.

Yaniece Spencer, a junior stated that she liked how they gave everyone an opportunity to host the Homecoming concert.

"I was very pleased; excited and nervous at first because no one was really there but people started to show up and it started to come together more," said Danyel Jones, Junior Class President.

Jones acknowledged the SGA and O.S.L.A for helping with this event, "They made it happen."

She also is very happy with the winners, "I have faith in them, Eb and Congo are great, they have great stage presence and nice chemistry," said Jones "they came separate but decided to team up, and the performers YEAH."

All the money that was raised will be going towards the Junior Class to host more events.

Congratulations to the winners.



Two members of "Con-Hell" dance group

Jasmine E. Thompson
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Following the protest that brought thousands of people to the small town of Jena, Louisiana with hopes of serving justice for the "Jena 6," Mychal Bell was released from custody last month.

Bell, who is one of the six teens who was convicted of beating a White classmate last year, was freed on \$45,000 bail after the prosecutor an-

nounced that he would discard adult charges against him.

Dr. Stephen Ayers, who was a stranger to Bell at that time, posted \$5,400, the required 12 percent bond set by a judge. Ayers, who lives approximately 135 miles away from Jena, was motivated to help after a patient whose feet were hurting because of the march gave him a report on the event in which he did not attend. According to floridatoday.com, Ayers stated, "I was concerned about what was going on up there. I thought the district attorney was a bit harsh in his treatment of Mr. Bell. I really thought

it was overkill."

Bell was the only one of the Jena 6 who was still behind bars. His bond previously was set at \$90,000 and he was being charged as an adult.

A district judge earlier last month tossed out Bell's conviction for conspiracy to commit second-degree battery, stating the matter should have been handled in juvenile court, which is what many protesters wanted to happen all along.

Although the 17-year-old was released from jail, his case is far from over. Bell still faces trial in juvenile court in December.

1957 or 2007: Racism is still alive in America

Incidents that took place following the Jena Six

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana- The FBI is reviewing a white supremacist Web site that purports to list the addresses of five of the six black teenagers accused of beating a white student in Jena and "essentially called for their lynching." (AP)

HIGH POINT, N.C. - Police investigated an incident in which students and faculty said four nooses were hung from a tree at Andrews High School the morning after the Jena Six rally in Louisiana. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA, Louisiana- Less than 40 miles southwest of Jena, police arrested Jeremiah Munsen, 18, with contributing to the delinquency of a minor — a reference to the 16-year-old passenger. Munsen also was charged with driving while intoxicated and inciting to riot, who were driving a red pickup truck the night of the rally in Jena with two nooses hanging off the back, repeatedly passing groups of demonstrators who were waiting for buses back to their home states. (CNN)

Deadly rash claimed to be a rumor by Health Services

Maréa Munro
Contributing Writer

Rumors were spread around campus in September about rashes, skin diseases and spider bites. Although there have not been any campus notifications or actual deaths, students have been questioning the validity of these stories, as well as any risks there may be by living on campus. When first interviewed in mid-September, Nurse Practitioner Michelle Fisher in the Student Health Center was surprised to hear about all of these different rumors circulating around campus. Mrs. Fisher cleared up all misconceptions.

"There are many infectious diseases that can pose a health risk in communities," said Mrs. Fischer, "The Student Health Center staff works diligently to stay informed of

communicable diseases in the surrounding communities and to identify disease patterns on this campus.

We receive health alerts from the Delaware Division of Public Health and collaborate with the local medical community to ensure that we are doing every thing possible to promote a healthy campus community."

"I was asked if I was aware of any infectious diseases on this campus that could cause a rash and can lead to death. I was informed that this was a concern of students on campus, and I was asked to investigate it," said Fisher, "There have been a few students treated for insect bites, which is not uncommon at this time of year. The Health Center also had cases of strep throat, sinus infections, and the common cold."

"We have not seen cases of infectious diseases that might place other students at imminent risk, nor have

we been informed by the local public health department (Delaware Division of Public Health) of any recent outbreaks," Fisher explained, "In addition, a prominent medical representative within our local community has also been contacted regarding this issue and he has also reaffirmed there is no increase in infections or community alerts of an infectious disease within our residents."

It is not unusual at the beginning of every school year that there are viruses and infections within all school settings and every effort is made to educate the local community and to ensure their health and well being. If any student has a concern about disease processes feel free to contact the Student Health Center at 857-6393, their health care provider, or the local public health department. (Delaware Division of Public Health, Bureau of Epidemiology at 744-4541).

Speeding a priority for Campus Police

Maréa Munro
Contributing Writer

Since the start of the fall semester three car accidents have been reported on campus, two involving parked cars. According to Chief of Police, James Overton, the biggest speeding time on campus is in the afternoon when most students are walking to and from class. Lieutenant Thomas and Chief Overton stress the importance of driving the legal speed limit of 15 miles per hour (mph).

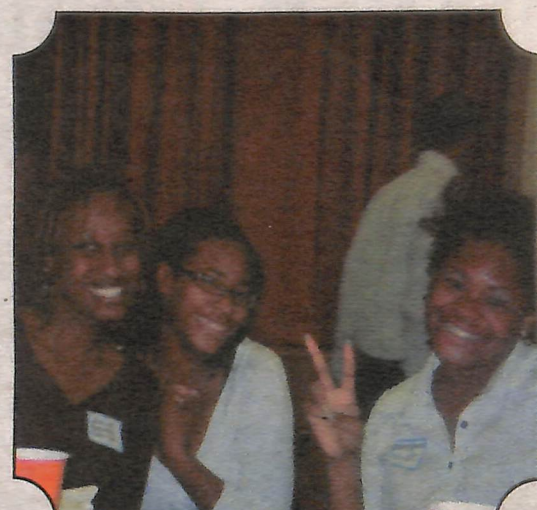
To monitor the speed limit, DSU campus police use LIDAR (*Light Detection and Ranging*), a visual remote sensing technology that measures properties of scattered light to find range and/or other information of a distant target. LIDAR is more accurate than radar, in a way that it can specifically pick out which car is actually speeding. "Day or not, we are out there on patrol," Chief Overton explained, "We do a lot of patrolling on Mondays, which is when many students and faculty are returning to campus. We do it to set the tone for the rest of the week."

Last October, a survey was conducted on campus speeding. Contrary to the belief that students are mainly targeted, 45% of the violators were faculty and staff. The other 55% were students. Since using LIDAR, accident rates on campus have gone down. Campus police also use Speed Notification Trail, which is moved from different places on campus periodically. In a recent survey, 3 out of 15 students said that since their start at DSU, they have received at least one speeding ticket. 7 out of the same 15 students had no previous knowledge of what the speed limit was.

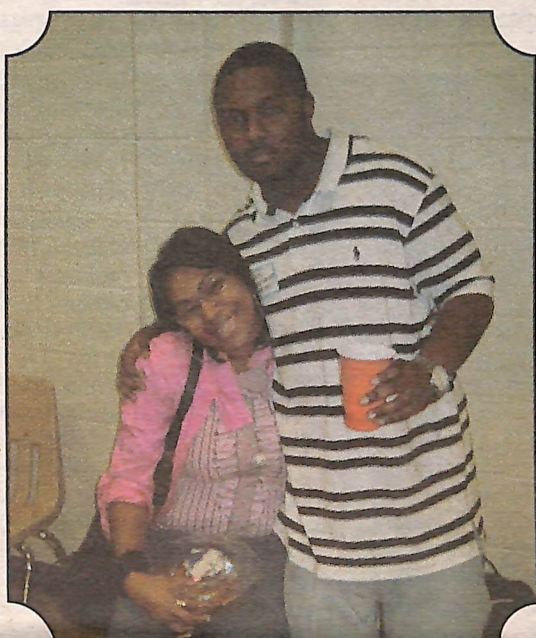
WDSU Radio Celebrates their 30th Anniversary



On airs and former staff come together to celebrate and have fun



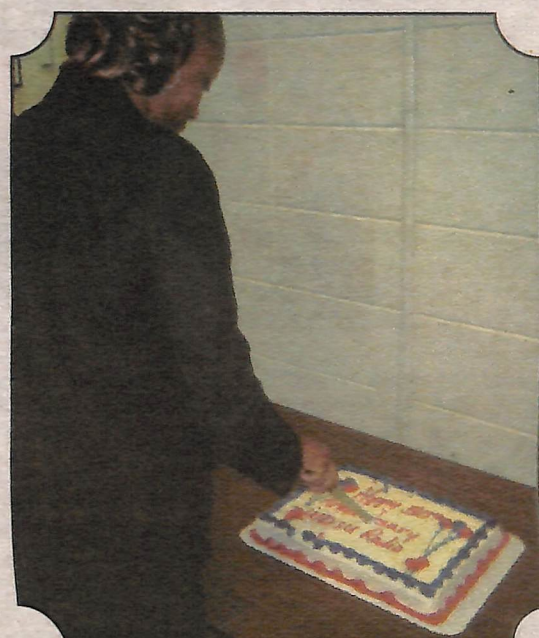
New on-airs join WDSU Radio to celebrate the past, present, and future



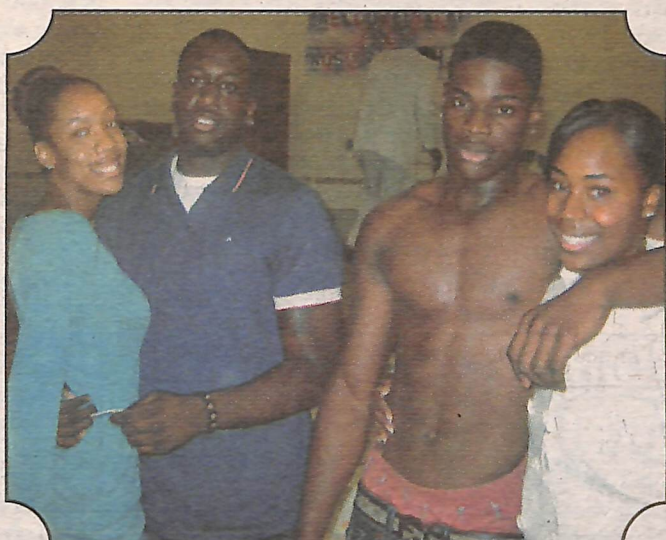
Former station manager James Howe comes back for the anniversary dinner



DSU Alum Jeanel Lofland represents the past WDSU radio with the present WDSU radio staff



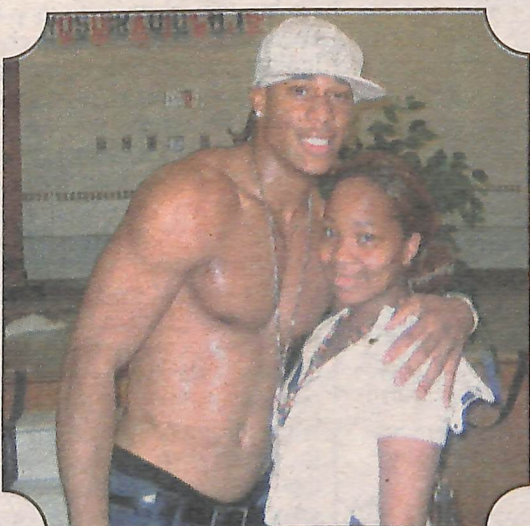
Ms. Lofland cuts the anniversary cake



These bachelors came out with forks and put on a show for the ladies before being bought



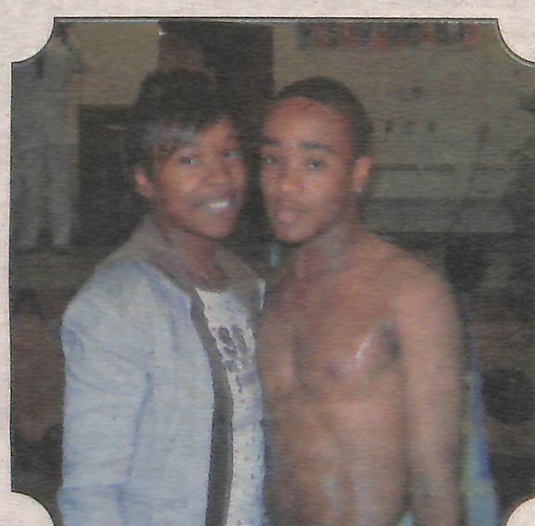
With a combination of \$200, these two women became the highest bidders of the night, buying 4 members of Kappa Alpha Psi



It was all fun and water games at the auction when this bachelor poured water all over himself



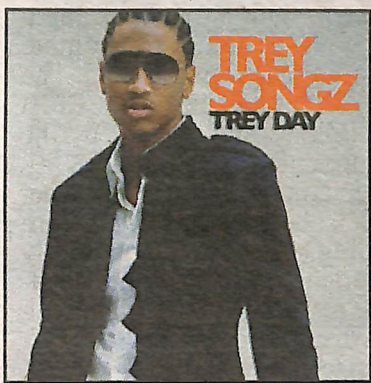
A mix of WDSU radio on airs and staff members at the 30th Anniversary dinner



An oiled up bachelor and his date

R&B Titans sing it out

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Trey Day
Trey Songz



After several push back dates, the wait is finally over. Dubbed "The Prince of VA," the long-awaited sophomore release from Trey Songz entitled *Trey Day* is here.

Unlike his debut album *I Gotta Make It*, *Trey Day*'s music is very contemporary like the edgy, technology enhanced Danjahandz-produced "Wonder Women," which was the first single off the LP.

Trey decides to switch things up, adding a bit of rapping to some of the tracks on the album including the bassy "Long Gone Missing," *So I blaze out the house/ in a rage out the house/ Shawty got a sharp tongue/ So she spits blades out her mouth.*

Sex, sex, and more sex pretty much sums up most of the songs on *Trey Day*, which is a plus for those sex-crazed fans of his. On the snap-music inspired, "No Clothes On," the heartthrob gets kinky, *I can picture you with no clothes on/ Girl I gotta have it/ I'm attracted/ The way you dancing and looking back it.* The mid-tempo "Sex for Yo Stereo," sounds like a song that could have been on R.Kelly's *Tp-2.com* LP.

On "Last Time," the prince slows it down with the aid of producer Bryan Michael Cox. Trey sounds great on the nice, mellow but straight-to-the point track.

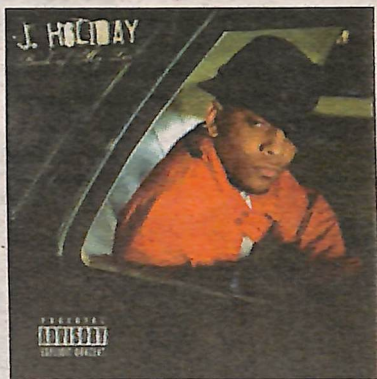
It is enjoyable to listen to Trey sing the metaphoric "Grub On," which was produced and penned by R&B genius R. Kelly, Trey's idol. He sounds very much like Mr. Kelly in his younger days on this freaky song. This track without a doubt is a winner however; it could have been even better if Trey had made it his *own* and not sound so much like the Pied Piper.

The infectious "Fly Together" featuring Dip Set's Jim Jones will definitely have you bopping your head to the catchy beat and hook. This song is one of the highlights of the album. It reminds you of their first song together "Summer With Miami" which was on Jones' LP "Harlem: Diary of a Summer."

"Can't Help But Wait," his second single off *Trey Day* which is climbing up the charts, adds that extra charm to the album just for the ladies who can't get enough of

Trey's alluring vocals.

While some artists suffer from the infamous "sophomore jinx," *Trey Day* is far from the plague. Though, I prefer to hear Mr. Songz sing and not rap. My philosophy is "if it works, don't fix it." He should just stick to what works for him and that is of course, singing. Other than a few tracks on the album that I'm not too fond of which includes "Store Run," *Trey Day* is a good buy. *Trey Day* proves that he is here to stay.



Back of My Lac
J. Holiday



So you may not remember his debut single, the Rodney Jerkins produced "Be with Me." However, I am sure you are very familiar with J. Holiday's summer lovemaking anthem "Bed," which had rappers Chingy and Fabolous, not to mention pop twins Nina Sky; all featuring their verses on the smash hit's numerous remixes.

The D.C.-bred crooner develops the art of storytelling on his debut release *Back of My Lac*. The LP opens with a hard beat on the album's title track with J. singing, *This is for my pimps/ This is for my hustlas/ Diamond in the back lac driving mother******, making it very clear that he is as *real* as any other dude in the 'hood. On this

same track, he sings about being fatherless, *"I grew up in a house with my mother/ I didn't have my punk-ass father 'cause he felt it was his time to move on."*

On "Thug Commandments," he gives some good words from the wise telling the do's and don'ts in the ghetto. The song keeps your interest, especially being that it is coming from the mouth of a preacher's son.

Street enough for the fellas to relate but sweet enough to sing the ladies to "bed," J. Holiday does a great job in balancing the likes of both audiences. "Fatal," a slow jam, reminds you of those good ol' 90's R&B songs about a man missing his girl, *I miss you/ everyday you're gone/ it's killing me to be without you/ I can't make it alone/ baby can we work it out.* "Suffocate," J.'s third release is also on the album and is currently receiving airplay.

Although J. is a newcomer, tracks like "Fallen" inform listeners that he is a fan of old school R&B/ Soul legends Marvin Gaye and Donny Hathaway.

One of the highlights of the album is the soulful "Without You." The production of the song is great, especially with the horns and string arrangements, adding just enough flavor to the dreamy track that's about J. trying to make things like they use to be with his love that is no longer in his life.

Overall, *Back of My Lac* is a good album. It gives true R&B fans the anticipation that real R&B is making a comeback. With the exception of a few songs including "Ghetto" and "Good for Each Other," the LP by far is not a bad listen. The tracks' music never carries J's vocals because he proves that he can hold his own. With a swagger that many R&B artists lack and stories that many can identify with, he's shown that he is a genuine artist. I would not mind listening to more stories from the "back of his lac" a second time around.

Hip Hop vs. America

Gregory Dale
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Hip-Hop and controversy has always gone hand-in-hand since rap's early years. Emcees are constantly put under scrutiny by not just music fans, but America as a whole. Black Entertainment Television (BET) decided to push the envelope and take an in-depth look into today's constant battle that hip-hop leaders and their followers fight on a daily basis. The three-part series is entitled *Hip-Hop vs. America*. The first episode debuted September 25, featuring a panel

of various hip-hop artists including: Nelly, T.I., Chuck D., Master P., MC Lyte, and Mike Jones. The debate also featured numerous leaders from the black community including: Reverend Al Sharpton, Cheryl Keyes, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Stanley Crouch, and Diane Weathers. BET's own Toure' and Jeff Johnson hosted the show and raised topics open for discussion amongst the panel.

The opening discussion was hip hop's relationship with criminality. In this segment, rappers Nelly and T.I. discussed their justification of criminalizing themes existent in rap music. While they raised valid points, other members of the panel quickly refuted their ideas. On the contrasting side, Stanley Crouch, writer for the New York Daily News, challenged that black artists of the past changed the focus of the negativity that was involved in the

urban communities. Therefore, rappers should not dwell on issues that they have witnessed in a glorifying matter; they should rather focus on uplifting the black community. Proceeding with that heated debate, the focus shifted over to the misogynistic treatment of African American women in rap videos. This debate focused on Nelly's infamous "Tip-drill" video. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson questioned Nelly's motive for making this video so sexually explicit. Nelly argued his point by stating that this was something originally intended for an adult audience that aired at an appropriate time for the material.

Part two of the series aired on September 26.

In this segment, host Jeff Johnson opened the floor to the panel to discuss rap music being created for a monetary gain rather than doing it out of creativity. Writer Nelson George said he believes that it is the record



Host Jeff Johnson with Nelly
Dr. Michael Eric Dyson & T.I.

company executives' ideas of what the artist's music should be about to sell records. Following that discussion, former video vixen Melyssa Ford told her story as a rising "video model." *She said she pursued a career as a video girl to make extra money while she was in school.* She now believes that there are young women who actually aspire to become video girls. Concluding this segment, the panel discussed what it will take to make a positive change in hip-hop. Many of the artists agreed that although hip-hop has definitely progressed over the years, it was still a lot of work to be done.

The third and final segment aired exclusively on BET On Blast, which is the network's broadband channel available on BET.com. This segment began with discussing the contrasting ideas of the civil rights generation and the hip-hop generation. Members of the panel agreed that there is an obvious gap between the two generations. Additional topics that were discussed included negative images in hip-hop over-powering the positive, blaming hip-hop for America's problems, old school hip-hop vs. new school hip-hop, and the infamous "N" word. Concluding the series, hosts Jeff and Toure' thanked the panel and the audience for their participation in the discussion.

Hip-Hop vs. America was apparently well received among fans of the music. The message board available on BET.com garnered many comments from viewers of the show who further expounded on the ideas discussed in the series, while raising new questions open for debate. While it is safe to say that hip-hop definitely has some growing to do, many fans of the music found it very enlightening to discuss the culture's current state.

Just in time for Homecoming: "The Truth about Fashion"

By: Raevyn Jones

Over the past few years we have continued to re-invent ourselves as far as fashion goes. One of the most important things we must keep in mind about fashion is to try our best to maintain our own style. No matter how you look at it trends come and go but style is forever or in the words of Coco Chanel, *"Fashion fades but style will forever remain the same."* Wearing bold colors and even attempting to find merchandise in every type of store whether expensive or inexpensive can also be a plus, you don't have to wear True Religions jeans to be fashionable. Fashion is a way of life and as young people we should always dare to be different because life is just too short to blend in.

Fashion Don'ts

1. Never wear a million shades of the same color, it gives people the idea that you tried too hard but it shows that you failed miserably. This may also make someone dizzy as they pass you.
2. Screen tees with phrases like "Whose your Daddy?" and "I'm so Gangster" logos just give people the idea that you have no class.
3. More than two bracelets on one arm is going a little overboard. It causes you to be over-accessorized and not to mention all the noise it makes.
4. Gold and Silver together is a huge fashion crime. Never attempt this because it's a huge clash, not to mention it's just not a good look.
5. Hair colors like green, blue, pink, purple etc. are for high-school students. College students should go for a more professional look. Rainbow hair is for the birds.
6. Guys please stop with the pants that show your boxers, just like you do not want to see our thongs hanging out; females do not want to see your bug's bunny drawers.

Fashion Do's

1. High waist jeans are a good look this year. They are moderately priced and make any figure look nice.
2. Wearing all black is a plus because it makes it much easier to accessorize. All black can make any accessory stand out.
3. Huge tops go great with skinny jeans and a platform pump is a cute look- not too casual but just slightly dressed up.
4. Showing less skin is definitely a fashion do right now. It gives people something to think about.
5. Printed dresses with stockings and pumps give off a high fashion look.
6. Leopard and Zebra prints with other colored shoes besides red make your ensemble unique.

The Kingdom: An Oscar winner

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The Kingdom

Starring Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner



Upon watching the trailer for Universal Pictures new release *The Kingdom*, some (including myself) sarcastically thought "Oh great, another terrorist movie." Still, those same movie goers (again, including myself) flooded the United Artists theater in Philadelphia for the advanced screening. The theater echoed with gasps and jaws dropped as *The Kingdom* hit its audience with continuous action scenes and grade "A" acting. Jamie Foxx (Special agent Ronald Fleury), Jennifer Gardner (Special agent Janet Mayers), Jason Bateman (playing Adam Leavitt), and Chris Cooper (Special agent Grant Sykes) make up an elite team of FBI agents sent to hunt down the mastermind behind a bombing of an American compound in Riyadh, the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The strategic bombing took the lives of over 100 American

civilians, including FBI's leading man in Saudi Arabia Special agent Francis Manner (Kyle Chandler), who was a dear friend to both Fleury and Mayers.

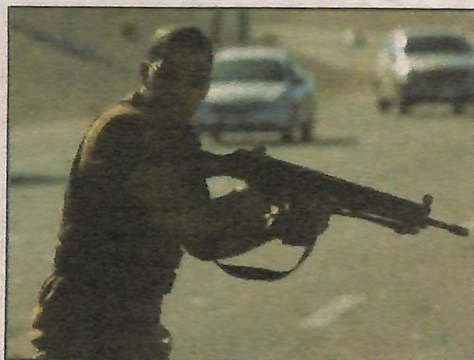
Ignoring the disapproval of the higher ranked FBI members,

Fleury's determination allowed him, along with his team, to gain entrance into the Middle Eastern country to investigate the murders in only a week's time.

Discrimination and territorial rights put a halt on the team's investigation tactics when they were constantly watched and told what they could not do. After spending a couple days together the team befriended Colonel Faris Al Ghazi (Ashraf Barhom), who was sent to act as their babysitter. The investigation moved forward when they worked together, as evidence literally appeared right before their eyes.

Foxx's comedic background lightened up the drama in each scene, pulling the other actors into the fun. Jokes flew throughout the film's 110 minutes.

The audience grabbed the edge of their seats as they watched terrorists snatch Leavitt out of the team's truck after running them off the



Jaimie Foxx as Special Agent Ronald Fleury in "The Kingdom"



Jason Bateman as Adam Leavitt, who gets kidnapped by terrorists

The subliminal message closing out the film will have you leaving the theater with a different mindset then when you arrived.

The Kingdom was inspired by bombings at the Riyadh compound on May 12, 2003 and a Khabar

side of a busy highway. The team including Al Ghazi fought for his life in a Saudi Arabian neighborhood, with the battle ending with another dying.

housing complex on June 26, 1996 in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Director Peter Berg and Writer Michael Cernahan captured the feel of both tragic events

in this film.

The Kingdom grossed close to \$17.6 million its opening weekend, ranking at No. 2 in US and Canadian box offices. I predict Oscars for the director all the way down to the extras.

I give *The Kingdom* 5 out of 5 Hornets.

Jay-Z inspired to create American Gangster

Laquan James

Hornet Correspondent

What do you do once you conquer the rap game as an artist, and executive, and you retire from rapping, build up a half a billion dollar fortune, and UN-retire only to retire again? Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter, the reigning president of Def Jam, has done all of the previously mentioned and has taken the time to try something that he has never embarked on in his career, a concept album.

American Gangster is an album inspired by the film of the same name starring Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe and rappers T.I., RZA, and Common. The film tells the story of Frank Lucas, a notorious Harlem drug kingpin who quietly amassed a fortune and built up a street reputation that rivaled the Mafia. After a screening of the film due out in November, Jay said that his creative juices were flowing. He stated that he recorded seven songs in two weeks. In an interview with The New York Times, Carter explained how the film resonated with him. Watching that film,

it brought back all these memories," he said. "It took me back to those emotions."

The album, expected to be more street than his last LP is going to take him back to his roots as a hustler and bridge the gap between the life journeys that took him from that point to



an executive. Hov does not apologize for his last effort which some labeled as a failure "Jay doesn't live in Brooklyn any more," he said.

A line from a song titled "Pray" brings this transition point home by saying "Mind state of a gangster from the 40's/ meet business mind of

Motown's Berry Gordy." Jay also addresses more subjects than just "trap raping," on "no hook" Jay brings up his relationship with his father, a relationship that some in the urban community can at least loosely relate to, he spits "Poor me Dad was gone/ finally got my Dad back/liver bad/ he wouldn't live long/ it snatched my Dad back."

The first single off of American Gangsta entitled "Blue Magic," the first new solo song in close to a year, Jay borrows a 1980s flow and enlist super producer Pharrell on the beat and hook. Jay spits lines like "Everybody wanna bring the 80s back that's Ok cuz that's where they made me at."

With the fourth quarter underway, the Mike Jordan of the rap recordings is aiming to make an impact with this concept album release. Aligned with a movie with such star power and seemingly with nothing to lose, look out for these creative juices to spill out in a record store sooner than most people expected. President Carter put the project best when he stated "its out-of-body experiences at this point." On November 2nd, we will all find out what that experience is.

Entertianment Briefs

Compiled by: Danielle Scott



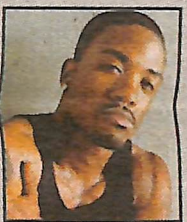
R. Kelly

R. Kelly-With his child pornography trial's start date nowhere in sight, R. Kelly is doing what any artist with an album to promote would do, taking his show on the road. The beleaguered crooner has tapped fellow R&B heartthrobs J. Holiday and Ne-Yo as the openers for his upcoming fall tour. The 39-date tour is expected to kick off November 14 in Columbus, Ga. before wrapping up January 21 in Hampton, Va. According to *Billboard.com*, Kelly had to obtain the court's permission to tour due to his pending trial in Chicago. The last time Kelly hit the road was back in early 2006 for his Light It Up Tour.



Beanie Sigel

Beanie Sigel-surrendered to police October 8 on charges of theft and unauthorized use of an automobile, he allegedly failed to return a rental car for over a month. According to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Sigel (born Dwight Grant) whose license is suspended - rented a 2007 Nissan Altima from a Payless Rental Car service in Philadelphia on July 23. The car was due back to Payless on August 13, but police claim Sigel never returned the car. While Payless continued to charge Sigel's credit card for holding on to the car, the company reported the vehicle stolen on September 6. "Apparently there was some misunderstanding when it was to be returned or whether or not payment was continuing to be made," said Sigel's attorney Fortunato Perri, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "We're now working out a time for him to surrender on Monday [October 8]." The Altima was returned to the dealership last week, just as police went to arrest Sigel at his home outside of Philadelphia.



Ray-J

Ray-J-It looks like Brandy's brother is looking to make a quick buck after a failed attempt at a musical career. Allegedly he is writing a tell-all-book about his "sexcapades" with over 1,100 women. If you did not already know, Ray J has been linked to numerous women including: Karrine Steffans, Lil Kim, Whitney Houston and Kim Kardashian. One question though, would you purchase it or just wait for the snippets to be released online, like his porn debut.



Bob Marley

Bob Marley-Rare footage of the late icon will be featured in a winter theatrical release of the Marley family documentary, "Africa Unite." The film follows three generations of the Marley's as they take their first trip to Ethiopia for a concert commemorating what would have been the late reggae icon's 60th birthday. Arranged by his widow, Rita Marley, the 12-hour concert attracted 300,000 people. Actor Danny Glover is the executive producer of the documentary.



Lil Wayne

Lil Wayne- was arrested in Boise, Idaho on a felony fugitive charge after authorities in Georgia accused him of possessing a controlled substance, authorities said. The 25-year-old rapper, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., was arrested after his Friday concert at Qwest Arena and booked into the Ada County Jail. Because of the type of charge, he was not eligible for bond and probably would not get out to make it to his scheduled Saturday night [October 6] concert. According to the Associated Press after his arrest, the jail was bombarded with dozens of angry phone calls from fans, concert promoters and others, said a jail deputy who did not want her name to be used because of the public uproar. Carter is scheduled to be formally charged Tuesday and will be asked then if he plans to waive his extradition to Georgia, the deputy said. Carter was previously arrested in 2005 on drug charges. Let's see if he makes it to DSU's Homecoming.

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"The Stinging Truth"

Halo 3 torches the competition

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The Master Chief is back. In only 24 hours, Halo 3 earned 170 million dollars. According to Washingtonpost.com, Microsoft announced the news on September 26, one day after its release.

Halo 3 was the most pre-ordered title ever, selling more than 500,000 games before it hit shelves (according to Yahoo.com).

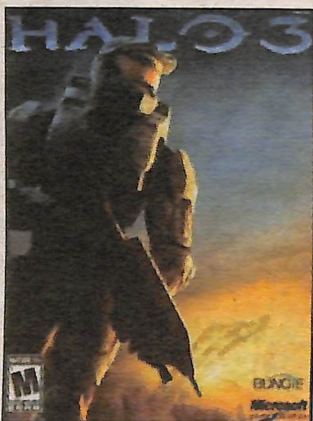
However, Halo developer Bungie Studios is no stranger to trampling over their competitors. When Halo 2 was released November 10, 2004 the company sold more games in one day than their rival Grand Theft Auto San Andreas sold in a week. At the time, Halo 2 grossed 125 million dollars opening day, selling 340,000 units.

For those unaware, Halo is a first person shooter that follows Spartan soldier Master Chief and his fight against alien groups the Flood and the Covenant. Campaign mode in Halo has always entertained; however, the main staple of the series has been their multiplayer mode. Microsoft service Xbox Live allows up to 16 players (two teams of eight on eight) to play online and prove who is the better group.

"It's so competitive," remarked 20-year-old Jesse Trump of New Jersey, in response to why he likes the franchise so much. He was one of the 25 plus Halo fans in line at Super Wal-

Mart on opening night after 12:00 am. The Wesley College student said he had been waiting in line since 11:30 pm. The sophomores favorite weapons were the Battle Rifle from Halo 2 and the Pistol from Halo one. He goes by the online alias "Battle Rifle Beastmaster3drf."

It may be the most anticipated game ever, but does it excite Playstation fans? According to gamer Scott Harman it does. Nearly five minutes after speaking with Jesse Trump, I stumbled upon the 21-year-old from Brooklyn, Connecticut while he was



carrying a fresh copy of Halo 3 in hand. Harman was a newcomer to Microsoft, who dropped 60 bucks on the epic Halo title. "What made you want to buy Halo 3?" I asked. "I'm new to Microsoft. Well, I'm in the Air Force, I'm going to get deployed to Iraq on the fourth of November so..." said Harman. Scott

told me that he was a big Playstation fan and enjoyed titles such as football game Madden 06 and rpg (role playing game) Final Fantasy VII.

Hence, Halo 3 is definitely worth the hype. With the new addition of beautiful graphics, four player co-op, and weapons such as the Flame thrower, Spiker, and Bubble shield, Bungie has carefully crafted a game that even Sony Playstation fans can appreciate. Quite honestly, Halo 3 has been receiving more media attention than rap artists Kanye West and 50 Cent. Which should be expected, since Microsoft has a \$170 million worth of reasons why they should be the center of media conversation.

End of the year musical bangers

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Whoever thought of the idea to promote a fake musical feud to sell records started an epidemic amongst today's hottest acts. Now that the 50 Cent and Kanye West fiasco is over hip hop artists are dropping albums like hotcakes. With the second hip hop "clash of the titans," two months after the first according to Sohh.com, Nas' greatest hits collection will go head-to-head with Jay-Z's new concept album, American Gangster, on November 6. The Queens rapper's compilation will feature 12 of the top tracks from his eight solo albums, as well as two new songs, including "Less Than An Hour," a collaboration with Gnarls Barkley's Cee-Lo Green. American Gangster is Jay-Z's musical interpretation of the movie by the same name, which stars Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe

which premieres on November 2.

To clear up the misconception of Mariah Carey and Mary J. Blige's fake titans clash, according to Sohh.com; a label rep for Carey, who is signed to Island/Def Jam, has confirmed the songstress' eleventh studio album (untitled as of yet) will drop on November 20, while Blige's *Growing Pains* is actually scheduled for release on November 27 via Geffen. Both Def Jam and Geffen are under the Universal Music umbrella. The only thing interesting about this is both women's last albums were extremely successful. Mariah's *The Emancipation of Mimi* was the top selling album of 2005, and Mary J. Blige's *The Breakthrough* was her most successful album to date.

The killer bees are back. 8 *Diagrams*, Wu-Tang Clan's first album in six years, is set to be released on December 4. Originally set for November 13 the album was pushed back to clear the first-ever Beatles sample for the lead single off the LP.

20 Questions

By Ghostwriter

1. Is it just me, or does Homecoming this year seem like a joke?
2. How many more times will Smokey attend a Del State comedy show and perform the same comedy skit?
3. Why is it Midterm week and people still aren't showing up to class?
4. Why was dog food served at Food Night?
5. And who was dumb enough to eat it?
6. Who's ready to hear frats rep less of themselves and more of their programs?
7. Are the Diehards Bloods or Crips?
8. Who got sold for \$1.25 at the male auction?
9. And was he worth it?
10. Will Lil' Wayne remember any of his lyrics when he hits the stage, or will his mind be on his court date?
11. Don't you get the feeling that J. Holiday won't be famous by the next holiday?
12. Why are they holding auditions for the Homecoming Fashion Show?
13. Was DSU's own fashion groups not good enough?
14. Aren't you glad that the football team is on a good roll?
15. Right now, don't they seem like they could beat the Eagles?
16. Does the SGA Vice President remind you of a mix between Farnsworth Bentley and William from "Girlfriends"?
17. Who painted the material on Bethune-Cookman's mascot?
18. Was it the "Black girl with the golden hair"?
19. Why were male DSU students sneaking into the male auction?
20. Who's afraid the special guest for the Homecoming Concert will be B. Smith and his Jersey entourage?

UPCOMING ALBUMS

November 13
Nelly's *Brass Knuckles*
Ja Rule's *The Mirror*

November 20
Lil Wayne's *The Carter III*

December 4
Saigon
The Greatest Story Never Told
Wyclef
The Carnival II: Memoirs of an Immigrant
Styles P
Super Gangster, Extraordinary Gentleman

December 11
Bow Wow and Omarion's *Face Off*

December 18
Lil Wayne's *The Carter III*

The Wu-Beatles merger is called "The Heart Gently Weeps." According to the Wu's myspace.com page, the Staten Island, NY natives clarified their previous claim, saying that they only "replayed" a portion of the Fab Four song "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and did not actually sample it. "We did not sample the Beatles; rather we did an interpolation of the classic

George Harrison composition 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps.' In a historic collaboration, Dhani Harrison, son of George and friend to the RZA, played guitar on the song and he helped secure the reuse license. Also appearing on the song is John Frusciante, guitar player for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Erykah Badu singing the chorus."

New lottery system put in for DSU basketball games

Shane Rumley
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With a new season comes a new policy from the athletic department that will be big news to Delaware State University basketball fans. On October 28 at 12 pm a student lottery will be held for season tickets to men and women's basketball games this season.

This event will take place in the Ticket Office located in the new strength center between the outdoor basketball courts and Evers hall. There will be a "first come first served process" that 545 students will receive season tickets for the upcoming Hornet basketball season.

According to Athletic Director Rick Costello, the purpose of this ordeal is to communicate basketball searing policy in advance and maximize revenue to sell tickets in Memorial Gym.

With Memorial Hall only having 1,614 seats, Costello and the Athletic Department are forced to only let 545

students into Hornet basketball home games in order to make a profit off the basketball games. Last year he noted the school made around a dismal \$27,000. With this new system, he feels he could possibly get around \$70,000 and put more money into the Athletic Department.

This lottery should also stop the problem last year of the home games being too crowded for students and outsiders of Delaware State to enter. Many students and outsiders were turned away from the door because of the capacity. After the lottery for tickets, there will be a set group of students who can go to the games with IDs needing to be present. Entering the games will no longer require a ticket.

"When we did the research of the big time college arenas around the country, 20-25% of their arena was dedicated to a student section. Our section will be approximately 38%," said Costello, "If a student is not fortunate to win the lottery of season tickets, they will get an opportunity to buy season tickets for \$75, weighting which means almost \$3.41 a game. If

they don't want to buy a season's worth of tickets they will also have an opportunity to get single game tickets for \$5 unless the game is sold out."

SGA Treasurer, Daryn Moore, understands why the policy is being formed even if students do not agree. "At the end of the day the main goal is to make money. I know a lot of people on campus may not like this new policy, but I understand why it has to be done," said Moore, "They are trying to bring money into the Athletic Department. People must realize that it's a business, you have to make decisions like this to be successful."

With the new plan, 545 students will be permitted to attend a home game which is 34% of the attendance for a capacity crowd. The band will be allowed to have 75 people. The home and visiting teams will get 27% of the tickets to give to the players' families, coaches, recruits, and SA's. The final 35% of the tickets will be available for sale to the public, where most of the money will be made. Other universities that have used the lottery system have been Maryland, Penn State, Louisville, Wisconsin, and Florida.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

SAVITRE BACHOO

BACHOO'S STAR SHINES BRIGHT

Compiled by: Shane Rumley

Coming to Alumni Stadium this season will give you not only a chance to see the MEAC Conference leading Delaware State University football team, but one of the bright stars in the Lady Hornets future for soccer.



Savitre Bachoo

Come meet the talented midfielder Savitre Bachoo. The 19-year-old Bachoo hails from Toronto, Canada where she attended Notre Dame Secondary School. Last year, she arrived in Dover to get an education and help the soccer program.

Delaware State University was one of the few schools to offer her a scholarship coming out of high school. According to Bachoo, she received a lack of scholarship offers due to a surgery she had on her knee during her junior year at Notre Dame. When Delaware State made their attempt to land the Toronto native, the coaches told her that she would help jumpstart the rebuilding process.

During her debut with DSU last season, Bachoo appeared in all 18 games and was tied for ninth in the United Soccer Conference with five goals. She was also the leader on the Hornets with 11 points and 21 shots on goal (.525 SOG %).

Coming into her sophomore year, she is carrying a heavy work load as she is a Nursing major at DSU. So far, she has proved to be up to the task by excelling on and off the field by making the Dean's List both semesters of her freshman year.

Entering the season, Bachoo's expectations were for the DSU soccer team to do much better than last year and to build on their style of play. She feels this is a young team but has met the expectations she envisioned.

"Sav is a great asset to the team because she is a great athlete and she has great foot control," said teammate Brittany Griffin, "She is also very good with the girls and adds a little diversity to the team."

Away from the soccer field and the classroom, Bachoo likes to hang out with her friends on the soccer team and go shopping. One thing she noted that she likes that many people can not identify with is her love for Techno-music.

When asked if she was not playing soccer here at DSU what she would be doing, she said, "I would probably be a Nursing student in Canada and playing soccer only for recreation, but my dream goal was always to move to the states and work as a nurse down south."

Hornets defense dominates in win over BCU

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After stumbling through the first half, the Delaware State Hornets defeated Bethune Cookman 24-10. This brings the Hornets record to 4-1, 3-0 in the MEAC while the Wildcats fall to 2-4, 0-4 in the MEAC.

The Hornets defense was stinging Bethune-Cookman throughout the entire game. The defense opened the game up without allowing a single point in the first quarter and ended the game without allowing a score in the fourth quarter. The Hornet defense held the Wildcats to ten points, one touchdown in the second quarter and a field goal in the third.

With the Delaware State offense having moved the chains only one time in the first half, senior Wide Receiver Shaheer McBride paved the way for the Hornets offense in the second half by catching 4 passes for 91 yards and a pair of touchdowns, which all came at a much needed time for the Hornets.

The Wildcats came into the game 0-3 in the MEAC, looking to snap a six game conference losing streak dating back to last season. On the other hand, the Hornets had hopes of keeping their undefeated record within the MEAC intact.

The game was a defensive struggle



Defensive back Brandon Hudson

wrap up the first half, leaving the two teams tied 7-7.

Bethune-Cookman started the second half off with a field goal, but the Hornets would answer in the third quarter with a field goal by Peter Gaertner and a 37-yard touchdown pass from Winton to McBride. The Hornets would seal their victory with an impressive 24 yard touchdown catch by McBride over two Bethune-Cookman defenders with 5:57 left on the game clock.

"He didn't attack it, I saw the opportunity, so I grabbed it," said McBride about the play.

Although the Hornets finished the game victorious, Bethune Cookman played hard until the final down. The Wildcats finished the game with 27 rushing attempts for 175 rushing yards and one touchdown.

"They said he'd keep it a lot, but I didn't know he'd keep that much," Tyrone Hurst said.

The Hornets will look to take their 4-1 record to North Carolina A&T next week. For Delaware State, the game will be another "work day."

"We have to play hard and treat every opponent like we are playing a championship game," Hurst said.

McBride reiterated that the team must not take their opponent lightly. "We are looking for a win, but we can't be lackadaisical. We will be ready."



Mike Meloney defends Larrone Moore against a Bethune-Cookman player

on both sides until Wildcats Quarterback, Jimmie Russell, found the end zone from the three yard line with 8:34 left in the second quarter. After a fumble recovery by Jackie Watkins on Bethune's attempted handoff exchange, Vashon Winton dove into the end zone from the one yard line to

Conversations stay at a halt for a UD vs. DSU game

Ben Bullock

Hornet Correspondent

Recently, talks between the University of Delaware Blue Hens and the Delaware State University Hornets football programs were reintroduced about a possibility of the teams playing in the future.

Never in the history of the two programs have the Blue Hens and the Hornets played each other on a football field. This is somewhat a shock because both programs are Division I-AA schools. DSU and UD have played each other in sports such as baseball and volleyball, but never in football.

Del State's Athletic Director Rick Costello has expressed his opinion on why DSU has not played UD in football during each school's history. "The University of Delaware just does not want to play us," said Costello, "I think it has already been documented that we are interested in playing UD and they know we want to play them."

Costello said UD's Athletic Director Edgar Johnson has shown no interest in having a single conversation about playing each other in a football game. Johnson could not be reached for comment.

He also thinks UD is scared they may lose respect around the college football world because they are seen as the best football team in the state of Delaware. If the Blue Hens were to lose to the Hornets, they could lose

that respect as well as some recruits. "I also feel that race could be one of the issues why they don't want to play us because we are an HBCU and they are a predominantly white school," said Costello.

As for actually playing UD in the near future, Costello feels that it is very possible that it could happen.

"The athletic director over at UD says they have flexibility in their schedule in the near future and I know for a fact that we do, so it is pretty much

crush them," said sophomore Defensive Back Stan Banks.

Junior defensive lineman, Joe Melton, says that if DSU were to play UD, it would be a good opportunity for the school. "By us probably playing UD, it would be the beginning of a great in-state rival and I know we will be very hyped up for that because we have never played them."

Sophomore wide receiver, John Newman, feels that UD is somewhat intimidated by DSU. "UD is scared of us because we always want to play them and they always

come up with some lame excuse on why they don't want to play us."

Costello also brought up a good point about how UD plays non-scholarship teams and Division II teams all the time and how they cannot see why they would not want to play DSU when they are in the same division.

"By UD playing teams such as Monmouth and West Chester, who are both Division II teams, I cannot really understand why they would not want to play us when they play each of those teams every year," said Costello.

"By DSU and UD getting together for a football game, I think it would give the state some great exposure nationally," said Costello, "it would be a wonderful in-state rivalry between the two main universities in Delaware, and it would be great for the students that currently attend each school and also the alumni."



Poll Question

What do you feel is the reason University of Delaware has not scheduled Delaware State University in a football game in their history of playing?

Out of 60 random students

50% of students say intimidation

25% of students say racism

25% of students say another reason

50/50."

"Contracts are a really big part in this equation because DSU and UD have to come to a mutual agreement on certain financial things," Costello stressed was the biggest factor in playing UD in the future.

Some of the DSU football players feel that playing against UD would be great for their collegiate careers. "If we were to play UD, I think we would

DSU Sports Update

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Lady Hornets Volleyball

September 29, 2007



Lady Hornet gets ready to spike at UMES

DSU earned their first ever two game winning streak of the year when they defeated Robert Morris and Saint Francis in the UMES/Comfort Inn Classic. During the win against Robert Morris, the Lady Hornets (3-16) won the first two sets even though Robert Morris forced the fourth game. Del State finished them off in the fourth game to secure the win.

Four Lady Hornets had double figures in digs led by Ayana Dyette (23 kills). She and her teammate Erica Tajchman led the Hornets with 15 kills each in the victory while Sarah

Wheatcroft led DSU with 24 assists. In the St. Francis match, the Lady Hornets earned a hard fought three set sweep led by Dyette's 17 kills and nine digs. Tajchman contributed 10 kills and 13 digs. Dyette and Cassandra Joyner were named to the UMES/Comfort Inn Classic All-Tournament Team.

Delaware State University freshman outside hitter Erica Tajchman earned her second consecutive MEAC Volleyball Rookie-of-the-Week award. Tajchman recorded 49 kills (.172 attack percentage) and 42 digs in a 2-2 week for the Hornets.

Lady Hornets Soccer

September 30, 2007



DSU soccer player in St Peter's game

For the fifth time this season, the defending United Soccer Conference Division Champion Lady Hornets soccer team was shut out. This time it

was on the road at the hands of St. Peter's College by the score of 2-0. The Lady Peahens (1-7) from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) in Jersey City, New Jersey were led by Kyle Marsh's first goal in the 10th minute and Katelyn Matousek's second goal eight minutes later to earn their first win of the season. The only positive sides for the Lady Hornets (2-5-1) during the shutout was Jori Victory's four shots on goal and Lean Hontz's two shots on goal. St. Peter's goalie Rebecca Gibbs made nine saves to earn the shutout.

Hornets Football

The Delaware State Hornets are back in the national polls after last Saturday's 27-14 win over No. 13 Hampton. All three FCS Polls have ranked the Hornets with the Sports Network ranking the team the highest at No. 20. The SportingNews.com (AGS) have the Hornets ranked No. 23, but coaches have them at No. 21.

This is the highest ranking for a DSU team since the 1992 season under Coach Bill Collick, when they were ranked 17th after the seventh week of the season.

Courtesy of dsuhornets.com

Women's track coach gets promotion

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Coach Candy Young-Sanders

Candy Young-Sanders will be having a busy semester as of this fall. She received a promotion, where not only will she be head of the women's track teams but she is now designated as Interim Assistant to the Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator.

Her new job title helps make sure that the university is in compliance with Title 9, which makes sure it's equal or close in the amounts of male athletes and female athletes. That is why sports such as the Women's Equestrian team were added to DSU's athletic program.

Justine Wilcot, full-time employee for the Athletic Department and Game Tyme operations, said "I feel she is well deserving of the title. She is not biased; she does

what is best for the Athletic Department."

"I thought it was an honor to have such a position," said Young-Sanders, "and my second reaction was if Rick [Costello] was sure he wanted to bring me along."

According to Athletic Director Rick Costello, Young-Sanders got the position because of an opening; she takes over for former administrator Andrea Broussard who the department decided to part with and go in a different direction. Broussard was in the position for two years.

Costello said Young-Sanders is a very talented coach with great experience and a lot to offer. "I am happy to work with her," said Costello, "This is not a position, this is a designation."

Taking the job on will bring on new responsibilities as she will have to juggle the position along with being head coach of the women's track and cross country teams. "My athletes are very mature athletically and academically," said Young-Sanders, "As a result, it won't affect my responsibilities with my new job. At the same time, track is my number one priority and Rick knows that."

Athletics looks to help non-profit organizations

Marlon Osborne

Hornet Correspondent

Delaware State University is the home of 18 collegiate sports. These sports include football all the way down to the equestrian team. With that, there are a lot of sports that need to be catered too. Unfortunately, some sports do not receive equal funding.

Most fans, students and alumni lean towards the revenue or profit sports, such as football and basketball. No one has reason to complain or be concerned when it comes to football and basketball due to their winning ways. The success of both of those teams generates money for the school as well as the non-revenue sports or Olympic sports programs.

Athletic Director Rick Costello says he intends on taking the proper steps to make DSU the best athletic department in the MEAC. "Our motto here is student's first, athletes second," said Costello. That motto is what motivated 77 students to become MEAC Scholar Athletes last year.

"We have a commitment to excellence here," said Costello, "and its 18 sports but we are one team."

The media does focus more on football and basketball more so than any other sports but Costello says that he sees the potential for the whole athletic program to get that same type of exposure, citing that time can help this whole situation.

Softball Coach Jeff Savage says his biggest fight is the weather. "How can we get this many fans or that many fans to come out in 45 degree weather," said Savage, "and sometimes the times aren't geared for the average fan to attend."

Through all of this Coach Savage says that he really likes where the athletic program is headed. "Over the next five years if we can convince the fans and Alumni that we are worth investing in," said Savage, "I think that we can be in a really good spot"

Wrestling is another sport that falls under the Olympic or non-revenue category. DSU has a new wrestling coach and the program is looking for a fresh start.

"I think if we felt people cared or were definitely involved that we would be more committed and motivated about being the best and beating the best," said wrestler Sidney Johnson. He also added that he thinks that the team will be really good in two years or so.

Fellow wrestling team member Josh McGregor feels that it is fair that the football and basketball team get a lot of media attention because they bring in more money, but at times it can still be unfair.

"At the same times it is still unfair to those who work just as hard but don't get any attention because they play a certain sport," said McGregor.

Equestrian team member Kamerra Brown believes the teams could be doing more to promote themselves. "Maybe this is the result of some sports not promoting themselves as much as football and basketball," said Brown. She says that she still uses this as motivation though. When the football team gets publicity as well as the basketball team it makes the University look good and each sport is a big part of the athletic department non-revenue or revenue. College sports are the most exciting sports you can find across America. There should be a team approach and DSU has that mindset, and that can only make DSU athletics better.

Cross Country teams aim for top of MEAC

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Women's Cross Country

Women's cross country coach Candy Young-Sanders is entering her second year as head coach and the Lady Hornets season is looking very bright. Coming into the season, the team set expectations and goals to finish in the top 5 in the MEAC.

"My goal is to place in the Top 3 of the MEAC and the top 15 overall," said senior Cuquie Melville, "and I also want to get our time under 18 minutes." Melville is currently ranked 19th in the MEAC.

This year Coach Young-Sanders is competing with six seniors which gives her team plenty of experience. She believes the strength of the team is their preparation for the competitions which will also help them later on in indoor and outdoor track.

"The team is building their endurance and a team unity," said Coach Young-Sanders, "Cohesion is being formed."

Just like any other team, there is a weakness the team must work on and that is a lack of long distance runners. "We have more 800 m, middle distance runners competing," said Coach Young-Sanders, "We're trying to bring in longer distance runners."

She explained the school losses a

lot of long distant prospect to in-state rival, University of Delaware.

"The whole team has really picked it up this year. Everyone has really improved," said senior runner Mallory Ross, "We're growing. It's a process. You pick up where you left off last year and you work from there."

Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team is currently ranked in the top 3 in the MEAC and they have no plans of losing their spot in the top 3. They are currently joined in the top by Coppin State and North Carolina A&T.

Head Coach Duane Henry has a large number of returning runners which has proved to be a strength for the team. Unfortunately, the team has not been able to practice on grass which is the playing field for cross country.

"We've had to use creativity by doing things such as running hills," said Coach Henry, "This helps to stimulate actual meet situation and is excellent training."

Coach Henry also expressed areas of improvement consisting of getting faster in running time. This means

the runners need to drop two to three minutes off their times. Health and longevity for the runners was another point of emphasis.

"The strategy is to use the runners in variation," said Coach Henry, "This is being implemented to prevent burnouts of the athletes, which has happened in the past."

Expectations and goals consist of staying in the top three of the MEAC conference which will prove a challenge as DSU faces Kenyan competition from the opposition. Historically Kenyan runners are premier in completions.



Top finisher
Andre McDonald

Captains Chris Walker and Randy Smith are both optimistic about the season.

"We're training for the MEAC Championship," said Walker, "I feel with the young guys on the team we should have a pretty good showing."

"As a captain I feel great about our team. There is a team unity that we haven't had in the past two seasons," said Smith, "Our goal is just to work hard and to be champions is our number one priority."

For more information check out www.dsuhornets.com

Sports Briefs

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NFL

So far in the NFL there have been a few surprises and disappointments. The biggest shock of the season so far is the 1-3 San Diego Chargers. After firing their whole coaching staff last season, which made the Chargers the best team in the AFC record wise last year, the Chargers hired Norv Turner who has a losing record as a head coach.

Meanwhile Brett Favre is breaking records and has Green Bay sitting at 4-0 while the Cleveland Browns and Oakland Raiders are 2-2. The Bengals, Bears and Eagles are 1-3, while the Rams and Saints are winless so far. The Cowboys and the Patriots are lighting up their competition and that has them both sitting at 4-0 right now. The Colts are the Colts as they are 4-0 as well.

MLB

In Baseball, the Mets historic meltdown costs them the division, and the playoffs to a hot Phillies team. Yet the Mets still plan on bringing manager Willie Randolph back next year. The Colorado Rockies also made the playoffs this year. The Yankees made the wild card as expected but last years champs the St. Louis Cardinals did not even come close and many wonder if manager Tony LaRussa is coming back. Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett finished the season with 20 wins which proved to be very huge for the Sox. The playoffs have tipped off already, stay tuned as playoff baseball is like no other sport.

BOXING

In Boxing, Jermain Taylor is no longer undefeated. He lost his belt to Kelly Pavlik. He came close to knocking Pavlik out in the second round but Pavlik rallied to knock Taylor out in the seventh round, improving his record to 32-0 with 29 KO's and giving Taylor the first professional loss of his career. In December, the big showdown between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Ricky Hatton will take place, be sure to tune into HBO as the countdown to Mayweather-Hatton will be aired each Sunday night leading up to the big fight in November.

DSU still riding with the Equestrian program

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Sports Editor

The equestrian team is rolling into their second season with new coaches and several new faces on the team.

Head Coach Jennifer Ridgely came into a program which had been built from the ground up. She arrived midway through their season in February with only five girls on the team and no facility to really call their home.

With the second season already underway, the team now has 18 girls available for competition. Moreover, their facility *Magical Acres* was recently bought in a silent auction by the father of Assistant Coach Kimberly Melnick.

"This will be big for us because now it's in the Del State family," said Ridgely, "it's owned by someone who only has the program in their best interest."

Ridgely said the team will lease out the facility. By having their own facility, it will allow the school to recruit more riders.

As far as the team is concerned, Ridgely said the team has improved just by sheer numbers. The team went from having only five girls to 18 girls that can compete. This will make the team stronger and better.



Coach Jennifer Ridgely with DSU's Western Equestrian Riders

"We were able to recruit several more girls who have competed at the highest rank of competition," said Ridgely, "Competing at this level will not be difficult for them because they are quality players."

Melnick officially became the assistant coach on July 16 but she already loves the girls on the team. "All the girls want to do more," said

Melnick, "They always want to learn and try something new and different."

The team has participated in one match this season. They lost to Georgia 13-7 on September 23. However, Ridgely said the girls played extremely well. Georgia has won the NCAA Championship four years in a row. The Lady Hornets were underdogs, but yet performed well enough for Elizabeth Tuttle to leave with the MVP for Equitation over Fences which was a major upset.

Ridgely said the team's strength is their English riders. They need to improve on their Western riders. They have been recruiting heavily and plan on bringing in two new Western riders in the

spring.

"Our goal is to have 60 girls," said Ridgely, "and then we will have huge success in about three years."

For the season, Ridgely hopes to win half of the ten competitions which they will participate in.

The Lady Hornets return to action on October 27 at the Baylor Tournament in Waco, Texas.

College football update

Ben Bullock

Hornet Correspondent

With it being five weeks into the 2007 college football season, the biggest story is the performance of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are a whopping 0-5, with losses to the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, Penn State Nittany Lions, Michigan Wolverines, Michigan State Spartans, and the Purdue Boilermakers. This is the first time in school history that they have started with a 0-5 record.

The probable cause for this start by Notre Dame is because of their horrible play by their defense and the inconsistent play at the quarterback position. In the first five games, Notre Dame's defense has not showed the ability to stop anybody by giving up large amounts of points, passing yardage, and rushing yardage. Not to mention, Notre Dame's offense is as bad as their defense.

In the past five games the Irish have played they have only scored five offensive touchdowns, three passing and two rushing. Plus, the quarterback position, which is currently held by heralded freshman Jimmy Clausen, is somewhat of a question mark because he has not shown (nor has anybody else) the ability to move the offense and score points. Might I add, the schedule is not looking too good for the Fighting Irish. Notre Dame's next three games are against UCLA (4-1),

No. 7 Boston College (5-0), and No. 2 USC (4-0).

Another surprise this season has been the inconsistent play of the Michigan Wolverines, who began their season with the biggest college football upset in history with a loss at home to a D-1AA team, the Appalachian State Mountaineers. After that loss, it dropped the Wolverines from the fifth ranking in the country to being unranked. This was the first time in college football history that a team had been ranked in the Top 5 one week, and then were unranked the next.

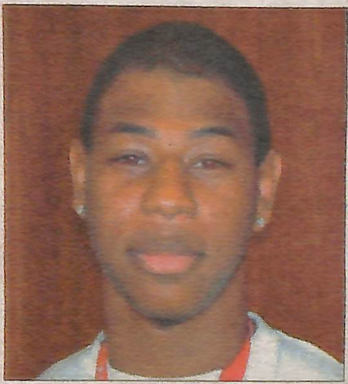
The bleeding continued into Week 2 at home when the Wolverines were blown out by the Oregon Ducks and lost their senior quarterback, Chad Henne, due to a knee injury. But in Michigan's last two games, they have showed signs of life with wins against Notre Dame and then ranked No. 10 Penn State lead by senior RB Mike Hart and freshman QB Ryan Mallet.

As for the rest of the teams in the country, the USC Trojans and LSU Tigers have lived up to exceptions so far this year by beating every team they have played this year. As for the rest of the teams this past weekend, nine of the Top 25 teams went down.

The Florida Gators, Oklahoma Sooners, Texas Longhorns, West Virginia Mountaineers, Rutgers, Oregon Ducks, Clemson Tigers, Penn State Nittany Lions, and the Alabama Crimson Tide all lost this past weekend, showing that every Saturday in college football is always a crazy one.

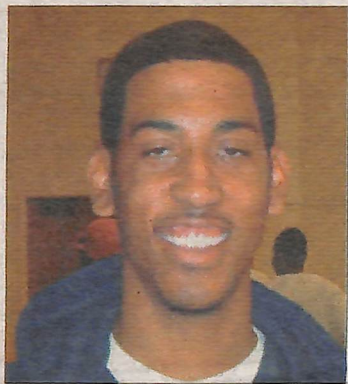
Who do you want to be the special guest at the Homecoming Concert?

Compiled by Phylicia Young



ROGER PHILLIPS, JUNIOR
T.V PRODUCTION

"I want it to be Mr. West"



DARYL BREWTON, SOPHMORE
SPORTS MANAGEMENT

"Cassidy"



RASHIA TYSON, JUNIOR
FINANCE & BANKING

"50 Cent"



SHAREE BAILS
SPECIAL EDUCATION, JUNIOR

"Johnta Austin is not famous but very unknown"



TIMMARA GOODEN, SOPHMORE
PHYSICS

"Kanye West or Janet Jackson"



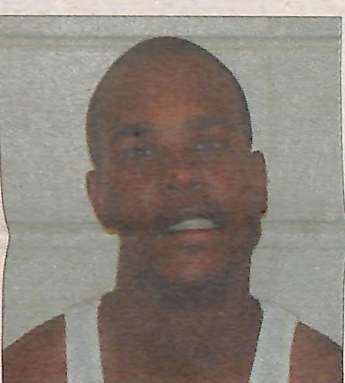
TANISHA POLLARD, JUNIOR
COMMUNITY HEALTH

"My girl B (Beyoncé) or Keyshia Cole her CD is oh so hot."



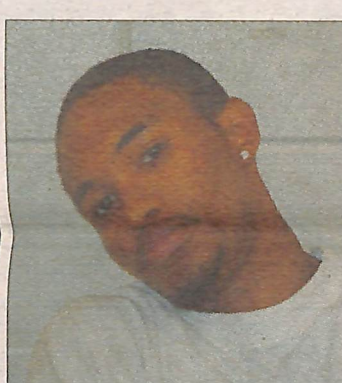
DAVINA HALL, SOPHMORE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"I want the Special Guest to be Keyshia Cole because her new album is 'FIRE'."



TYREE EVANS, FRESHMAN
MASS COMMUNICATIONS

"I would like Oschino because he is the most underrated rapper in Philly."



JAMES PRESSLEY, SOPHMORE
ENGINEERING

"I want Justin Timberlake because I like his whole album and he is the most soulful white boy."



RYAN CONGO, SOPHMORE
BUSINESS/ ENGINEERING

"I would like Trey Songz because he knows how to put on a show."



ROCHELLE WHITE, JUNIOR
SOCIAL WORK

"I would like to see T-Pain. I think he is hot right now and he is in every song."



ASHLEY PASCHALL, JUNIOR
SOCIAL WORK

"It would be nice to have Beyonce. She does a really good show."



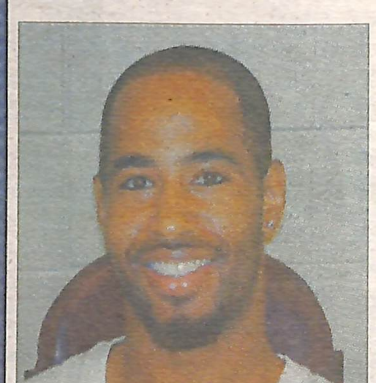
ROB MARSHALL, SOPHMORE
RADIO PRODUCTION

"I would like to see Big Rob as a guest artist cause he holds it down everytime, but if we can't get him then Kanye will be alright."



FOSTER SELLERS, SENIOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"I would like for Janet Jackson as the special guest."



JAYSON POWELL, JUNIOR
MARKETING

"I want Mya to be the special guest so I can take her out after the show."

