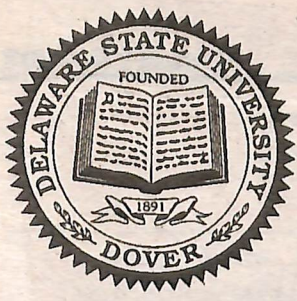


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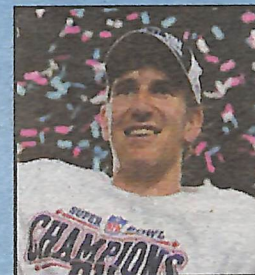
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Potential First Lady visits Del State

Ashlee Todd
Editor-In-Chief

History may have been made at Delaware State University on January 31, with a visit from Michelle Obama, wife of the first potential African American president Barack Obama. "I don't think as much around the symbolism of race as I do about what potentially can be done with a president who brings a whole different view of the world and perspective on life," Mrs. Obama said in an interview to the Hornet Newspaper minutes before she took the stage in DSU's English and Humanities Theater.

Standing before a mixed crowd of Del State family and the general public, Obama talked about her husband's character. "When he graduated from college he could've gone off to Wall Street, made a lot of money, but instead he became a community organizer."

Upon graduating from Columbia University, Barack Obama attended Harvard Law School, where he and his wife met.

Obama told the crowd of Barack's achievements, being at the top of his class while attending law school and thereafter making the transition from a civil rights lawyer and community organizer to winning a seat in the US Senate (2004). Representing Illinois, Obama is currently the only African American serving as a US Senator.

"What is clear to me is that America is ready for Barack



Michelle Obama on stage with The Student Government Association and The College Democrats

Obama for presidency right now. Not in four years or eight years, but right now," Michelle Obama said after weighing her husband's pros to the cons others have placed upon him regarding his lack of experience, race, and age.

She was not always fond of Barack's idea to be the next US president. "We'd just gotten out of a US Senate race, a race we weren't supposed to win, and to think that we were going to start this thing all over again. [It] was not of a great appeal to me," Mrs. Obama said in a Hornet interview of her initial reaction to her husband's decision to run for president. "Then I started to think about our kids [Malia, 9 and Sasha, 7] and all the kids in the world that need a better education and somebody who's going to prioritize healthcare. This is the kind of man I would want to lead our country, so let

me take off my selfish hat, roll up my sleeves and get to work."

In mid-afternoon, Michelle Obama spoke for 45 minutes on behalf of her spouse to the room full of listeners about their views on racism, standardized tests, and President Bush's 'No Child Left Behind' Act. "No Child Left Behind is strangling the life out of anything left in public education," she said. "If my future depended on standardized tests I wouldn't get there."

Senior Wendy Ward, president of DSU's Mass Comm. Society, agreed. "When we [students] took those exams it was on a trial basis, but to know that people have to still take them to graduate is ridiculous."

Obama encouraged all in attendance to become registered voters and take advantage of that opportunity, she also advised them to learn of politics

and world issues.

In a pool of diminishing candidates the duo is catching the attention of many on the Democratic side. "The Obamas would be strong representatives. She and him had the same upbringing that most Americans can relate to," said Maurice Johnson, president of DSU's Residential Hall Association.

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, wife of former President

Bill Clinton, are neck and neck for the Democrat spot in November's elections. With a black man running against a white woman to get their names on the ballot come fall, some would stereotypically think minorities would be rushing to the polls. During Michelle Obama's interview with the Hornet she said more times than not she comes across a young person who feels their vote does not count. "I say to them if Sinicism worked folks would be okay," Obama says, most minorities and young people are looking at a future that will be a mess and the problems Americans are deemed to face will not go away by giving up their seat at the table. "When you give up your seat at the table somebody else just comes and takes it and they take it with glee because then they say I can really move my

own agenda now that these young people don't care."

Obama told her seated audience a story of a 10-year-old girl she met at a small beauty salon in the South. Referring to the young girl as having an old soul, jokingly she mimicked her young friend. "She walked right up to me and said 'Mrs. Obama are you aware that if your husband wins this election he will be the first African American president?' " Obama answered the young woman with a "Yes" and asked her how that made her feel. The little girl proceeded to cry, saying it gave her hope.

"She [Michelle Obama] seems down to earth. She really wants to hear from the community," said Ward.

According to some professors and professionals, college bound minority females are said to be cursed by a "Triple Threat" theory. This theory says that it is three times harder for educated minority women to move along their career paths because they have three traits working against them: race, knowledge, and gender. "Don't see it as a 'Triple Threat' but a 'Triple Opportunity,'" Michelle Obama told the Hornet. "You're going to have to be smarter, you're going to have to work harder, you're going to have to be tougher than any of your colleagues."

As Obama's speech was coming to a close she drew the room of voters in deeper with talks of healthcare and the War in Iraq. The audience eagerly listened to Obama's views on

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Philosopher in Afrocentricity comes to DSU

Mia Ferarri
Contributing Writer

As Black History month approached, world renowned professor, Dr. Molefi Kete Asante spoke to a room full students and faculty Wednesday, January 30, in the MBNA Longwood Auditorium.

Professor in the Department of African American Studies at Temple University, Dr. Asante is possibly best known as the creator of the term *Afrocentricity*. The idea was motivated when Asante as a college student during the Civil Rights era, noticed the absence of the African presence in history, especially at the collegiate level. Asante has published 66 books and is the

founding editor of the Journal of Black Studies (1969). The passionate professor has also written more than 300 articles for both journals and magazines. His achievements do not stop there, he

created the first Ph.D. Program for African American studies in 1987 at Temple.

Dr. Asante attributed the enslavement of Africans, as one of the reasons of the lack of the black perspective from history. He focused his speech on the concept of slavery and the reasons that African American studies are important. "No other people have come as far as African American people in this



Dr. Molefi Kete Asante

country against such great odds," he said. Asante also talked about the will of unifying Africa into one nation.

"When it comes to African achievements" Asante said, "there is great disbelief." Both Euro-

peans and Americans stifled African voices and points of view. According to Asante, this is apparent in the lack of text books about Africa, written by African authors. Europeans found it difficult to believe the people they had enslaved were great thinkers, great philosophers, and great artists. There have always been foreigners who talked about Africa or told Africans what to say about their

history. It has only been since the protest's movements of young students in the 60's, in which Asante took part, that African American studies was brought into universities and African voices began to be heard. "We were tired of sitting in classes where it was assumed Africa had nothing to contribute to the world," said Asante.

Asante concluded by speaking about the unification of Africa into one nation, making it the largest nation in the world, with 53 states. Asante has been working with the leaders of African countries on how to make it possible, but there are several problems with the implementation of this project. While choosing a national language has been the most problematic, four national languages have been decided upon: Eng-

lish, French, Arabic, and Kiswahili.

The students and professors who attended the lecture were enthusiastic. Ms. June Porter, a DSU alumnus of the class of '79 said, "Dr. Asante has revolutionized the way we look at history and the scholarship of black people." She said, "As in the 60s black people fought in the streets to gain rights, today Mr. Asante is fighting to bring changes in the historical and academic education system."

Asante spoke most passionately about his work and believes the future of African American studies is going to be bright and that one day Africa will be able to put on the table all what it has to offer.

Some information gathered from: www.asante.net

New office locations

With the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center now officially closed for future demolition, the offices that once dwelled there have been moved between six interim locations: Delaware Hall, Thomason Building, Laws Hall and the Administration Building, Conrad Hall, and Grossley Hall.

In Delaware Hall:

Room 230- Student Workers Office
Room 231- Office for International Students
Room 232- Dr. Michael Casson, interim director of Office of Student Leadership and Activities
Room 235- Office of International Affairs
Room 236- Office of Student Leadership and Activities
Room 237- Intramural Sports and Events Coordinating

In the Thomason Building (lower level):

- The Hornet Newspaper Office
- (continued) Office of Student Leadership and Activities
- Student Government Association

In Laws Hall:

- Office of Judicial Affairs

In the Administration Building:

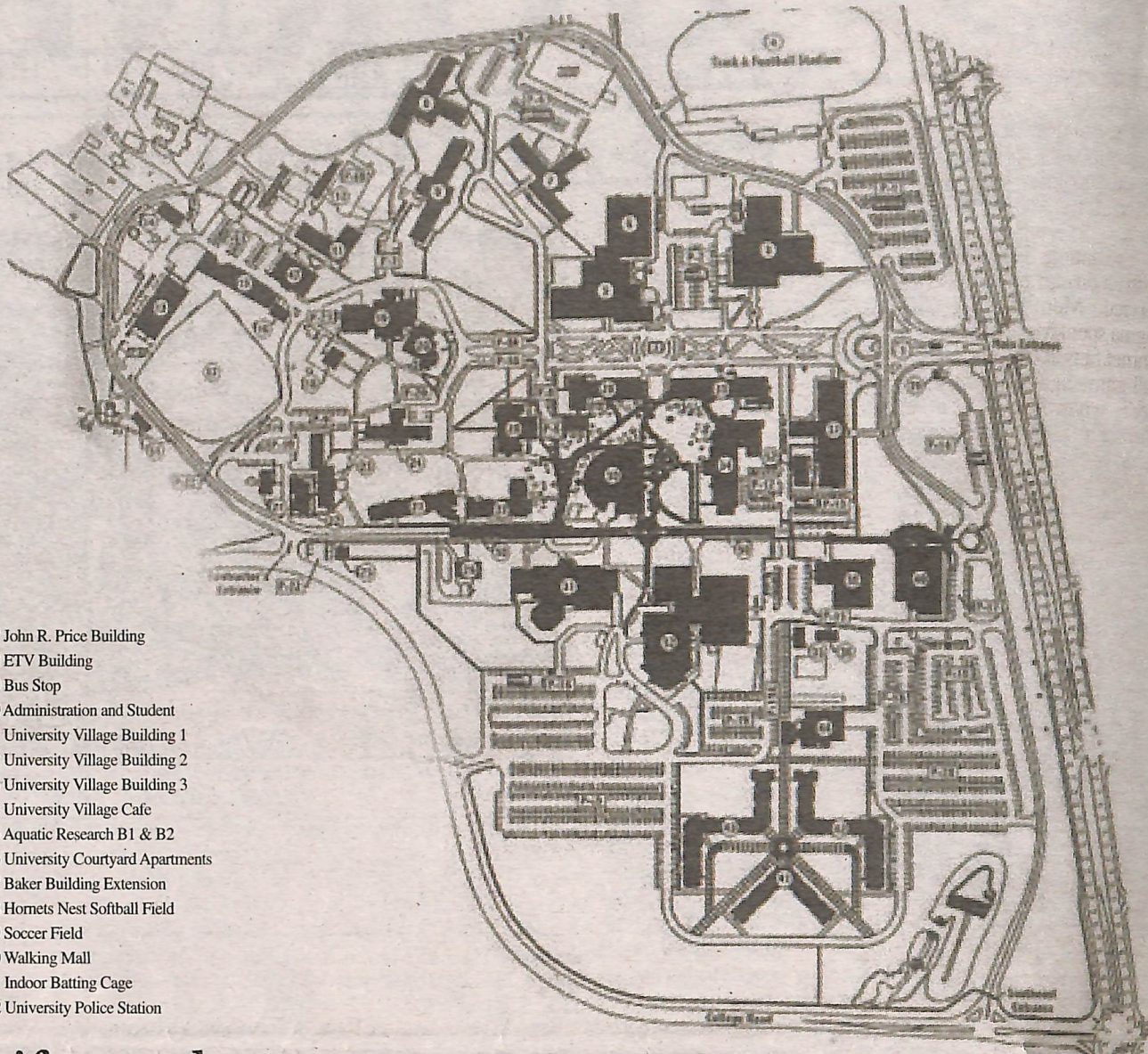
- Mr. Roger Summers, Vice President of Student Affairs

In Conrad Hall:

- Game room

In Grossley Hall:

- Career Services



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8 Meta V. Jenkins Hall
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the issues. "[You] can't get sick, don't get sick, not in this country, not now," Mrs. Obama said. The crowd laughed. According to Michelle Obama, her husband plans to provide some sort of healthcare to each American citizen. She also mentioned Barack was the only candidate in this presidential race who

voted against the War in Iraq.

Carlos Holmes, Director of News Services at Delaware State University said, "Michelle Obama represents her husband well. She has proved to be every bit as articulate, intelligent and experienced as the opponent's spouse. While she does not have the benefits of being on top in politics, she still is very well connected to the issues and chal-

lenges that we face in economy, family and education. She resonated that in her speech."

Before exiting the auditorium, Obama left her mark on DSU. She asked members of the audience to join them in the Obama campaign "Are you ready to stand with us and pray with us? Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and work with us?"

Reports from the town hall meeting

Jonathan Elam

Hornet Correspondent

The first Student Government Association town hall meeting of the New Year was held the night of January 24.

SGA emphasized that their focus points for this year are to be academically themed with educationally geared programs and the knowledge is wealth campaign, as well as professional development.

Topics on the evening's agenda consisted of the ski trip, Greek weeks, and SGA elections, various campus activities, and details on the new student center.

The annual Ski trip will take place at the Seven Springs Ski Resort in Pennsylvania. Activities include skiing, swimming, snow tubing, game room, skating, and more. The early bird special price is \$120 per person. A \$60 payment was due by February 1. After the first, the price will rise to \$150 per person. For late registration

there is a \$75 deposit minimum. All final payments are due by Friday, February 22. Payments are to be given to Mrs. Savage, located on the second floor in the Administration Building.

SGA President, Nikki Chappelle, explained students are receiving a value deal. With the total cost of trip including \$185 per person for hotel stay, transportation being \$6950 for three coach buses, a Security fee of \$3500 and a party room two-night cost at \$400, students are saving \$156.00.

Want to be apart of the SGA? Interest meetings will be held on March 4 and 5 in the Longwood Auditorium (MBNA 113) at 7pm.

Campaigning and SGA elections will take place April 1-11.

Also discussed was the re-vamping of the lottery system for basketball game tickets. The lottery system has been scrapped and there is now a "first come first serve" system in effect. The first 545 students who come for tickets are free of

charge. However, you must come at least an hour before the women's game. Only one ticket is allotted per student with Del State ID.

Mr. Matt Fortune, Director of Intramural Sports, shared with the students specifics of new student center. He said it will include two 85 ft. long basketball courts, a 1/10 of a mile long indoor track, two aerobic dance rooms, where martial arts will take place, and a 9,000 sq. ft. weight room.

A four lap lane, 10,000 sq. ft. pool for exclusive recreational purposes and volleyball nets will be another staple of the new center.

The student center will consist of three floors. The lobby will be two stories high. Included will be a restaurant, bookstore, the merging of mail center and copy center, convenient store, coffee and juice bar.

2009 is the projected date as of this time for the opening of these new facilities as each one will open at different times throughout the year.

Campus shooting update

Loy Azalia

Assistant Editor

Loyer Braden, the alleged shooter of the September 21, 2007 DSU shootings, was released on secured bail bond on December 21, 2007. Earlier on in the month Braden pleaded not guilty.

Since the shooting, the initial \$192,000 cash bail was lifted to a secured bail bond. A secured bond bail, allows

Braden to pay a portion of the initial cash bail.

After the death of 17-year-old Shalita Middleton, DSU freshman and cheerleader, the charges against Braden, 18, rose from attempted first degree murder to a second degree murder charge. He has also been charged with possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Braden will be on house arrest until his case is reviewed in January 2008. He must make daily phone calls to the

Delaware Department of Correction and report weekly to the DOC as well.

A physical altercation between Braden and another DSU student is believed to have been the cause behind the shootings Middleton and Nathaniel Pugh, who was hit in the ankle by one of the stray bullets. Middleton's internal injuries claimed her life on October 23, 2007. Nathaniel Pugh has recovered from his injuries.

If convicted Braden could face 15 years to life in prison.

Kappas Step Correct in the New Year

Loy Azalia

Assistant Editor

While many of us were recovering from the New Years

Eve festivities on January 31, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated competed in the 2008 Step Correct competition.

The National Greek Network Entertainment hosted the event, which all mem-

bers of the Divine Nine, including individual step teams, participated. The event took place at the Amazura Entertainment Complex in Jamaica, NY. Doors opened at 6pm and the show began at 7pm.

Brandon Addison, President of Kappa Alpha Psi, was one of three Hornets who performed in the competition alongside their fraternity brothers from another chapter. Ironically, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity brothers of Coppin State University, who also

performed at DSU's Homecoming 2007, came in first place. Kappa Alpha Psi came in third.

Addison reassured that Step Correct would only be one of several step competitions the chapter would be participating in this semester.

The fraternity will be involved in various community service programs, while remaining active on campus. Addison noted that the fraternity will be hosting an "Oldies but Goodies" Gospel Concert, which will include the DSU Concert Choir.

Sigma Takeover

Danyel Jones
Contributing Writer

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated celebrated the organization's 94th year of existence for a full week in late January.

The annual Sigma Week began with an on campus Sunday church service. Members of Phi Beta Sigma spent Monday evening with Hornet fans at DSU's home basketball game against North Carolina A&T, what they referred to as a *Blu Night Out*. Wednesday marked a first in the chapter's history; the young men hosted *From the Depths of Our Blu Souls*, a poetry night.

"We have never had a poetry night in past Sigma Weeks. This is definitely something new, something to bring the students out," said Sigma and Public Relations

major, Aaron "Blu" Hayes, "This poetry night is important to us because it is such a powerful form of expression. We use poetry in our everyday lives."

With candles lit and the crowd's undivided attention, student poets performed. "I love poetry. I've been writing poetry for about thirteen years now," says Marketing major and two year member of DSU's Spoken Word Artists United (SWAU) Sean Bowers, "What inspires me to write poetry are the ladies, I love the ladies."

Along with Del State's poets, artists from the University of Delaware's *Spit* also performed. "We found out about the Sigma's poetry night because we know some of them here so we came through to show love," said *Spit* member Amber a.k.a Karamel.

"We came up with the name of the event because everyone that

speaks, speaks from their heart...some actually speak deeper and speak from their soul. And a good title [for an event] always brings people out, so it just fit," said Sigma Billy Fountain.

Thursday's event, *Dinner for the Ladies* was a private, candle lit and intimate experience. The ladies of DSU were treated to a soul food dinner served by well-dressed Sigma men. With soft music surrounding the room, the Sigmas presented a dessert of strawberries, bananas and whipped cream to their dinner guests. "This was a great event. The females were fed and taken care of. Nice, clean fun," laughed Sigma and Airway Science major Marcus Changlee.

The guys ended their event-filled week with Friday's 2nd annual *Blu Ice Party*, an ice skating trip in Harrington, DE and Saturday's *Blu Jam Party*, a party in Memorial Hall.

Key arts and DSU celebrate Dr. King

Loy Azalia
Assistant Editor

The Key Arts Production ensemble creatively celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Thursday, January 17 in Delaware State's Education and Humanities Theatre.

The production, which was rightfully entitled "The Road to Freedom," was performed by Veronica Miniweather, Steven Wise and Teresa Williams. It depicted the harsh realities of the civil rights movement. The Philadelphia based production was comprised of a video presentation, as

Williams narrated the scenes. Miniweather and Wise, sung ballads, primarily Gospel songs, after every scene.

For over ten years, they have traveled across the tri-state area, as far as Maryland to perform. In such a critical time when the vote of every persons counts, this visual representation of the civil rights movement set out to inspire, but most importantly remind young African-American students not to forget the struggles of their ancestors. The performance team advocates and is committed to education.

The trio has performed for all age groups and grade levels. Wise emphasized the importance of the

performance, "To read it is one thing, but to see it is another."

Even though the performance was in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, Dr. King was also a player in a major game, which consisted of many all-stars, who were also highlighted throughout the performance.

Racial discrimination and inequality has paralyzed the U.S. for decades and has continued to haunt this nation, but performances such as this, help give understanding to a not so compromising society.

Though the attendance could have been greater, the audience still responded with the same amount of enthusiasm as if the EH Theatre was filled to capacity.

O.P.T.I.O.N.S.

Johnathan Elam
Hornet Correspondent

A new program is coming to Delaware State University entitled OPTIONS.

OPTIONS is the brainchild of DSU alum, Rayvon Hicks. Hicks graduated with the class of 2001 with a B.S. in Business Administration.

OPTIONS is a program designed to help students to understand how to utilize college for their best interest and build wealth, hence the name.

"The amount of options you have in life determines your success," said Hicks.

The inspiration for starting OPTIONS dates back to Hicks' college days.

While a student at DSU, Hicks felt he was gaining knowledge in his business and management courses, but not learning how to obtain and maintain wealth. "I felt like I wasn't learning how to build wealth," says Hicks.

Hicks decided to educate himself outside of college and become a professional on the subject of wealth building. From there he taught a course on campus, "Wealth 101," partly paying for his education with his teaching job.

"Our students are graduating with an immature mind state. They are not receiving a good return on their invest-

ment—their investment of college tuition they pay," Hicks said.

Hicks so passionately explains of a paradigm this generation of young people have of just obtaining a degree to get a job and settling for just that.

Hicks believes college students are ill-prepared for the "real world." Hicks' desire is to help students utilize college for their best interest.

He says the days of graduating from college, obtaining a degree, getting a job and banking on having a 401k and social security

will be no longer.

According to Hicks, the three economic class levels are diminishing to two groups as the middle

class is becoming extinct and there will only be those who have and those who have not.

Options is designed to educate on finances and investments. Some of the topics the group will discuss are real estate, interest rates, credit cards and loans.

Hicks is also CEO of Metropolitan Office Products, a company he started after graduating. He later partnered with fellow DSU alum Ahmed C. Hollingsworth to begin Hicks and Hollingsworth Real Estate Development, LLC.

For more information Rayvon Hicks can be contacted at rhicks@optionsedu.org.



Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Miss Black and Gold

Davina Hall



To the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, the Miss Black and Gold Pageant represents more than just pageant, but it strives to showcase the best qualified leaders of tomorrow. The history of the pageant dates back to 1976, in New York City at the National Alpha Convention. Miss Denise Smith was the first Miss Black and Gold crowned with the honorable title. Smith attended Georgia State University, in Atlanta Georgia. The pageant itself is sponsored directly through the Fraternity and serves as a token of appreciation to all those that have supported the Fraternity through its existence. The contestants are young ladies who are role models in their communities as well as leaders on their campus. In 1982 the pageant became one the primary national programs of Alpha conferences and has been ever since. This year's winner is Miss Davina Hall, Miss Black and Gold 2008. The 2007 Miss Black and Gold Pageant winner was current DSU Student Government Association President, Miss Nikki Chapple and the year before that it was current Miss DSU Tasha Askew. Truly, the pageant does select exceptional young ladies, who have continued to take leadership positions to the next level.



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College students a target for Identity Fraud

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Are you aware that as a college student you are a prime target for identity theft and identity fraud?

"They're not thinking of the dangers of the world around them," says Jay Foley, director of consumer and victim services at the Identity Theft Resource Center (bankrate.com)—in reference to the average college student—"They're still in the 'I am invincible' stage of their lives."

The trend tends to be young people do not think about issues such as identity fraud or theft as they live happy-go-lucky and carefree, often times they are not awakened or enlightened to such thinking until "bad luck" hits close to home or it is too late.

On October 18, 2007 a former Delaware State University student Destiny Boyd, was arrested by the Dover Police on charges of identity theft, theft of \$1000.00 or greater, unlawful use of a credit card, and forgery in the second degree, with eighty-four counts on three different charges counts, according to Lieutenant Jim Hosfelt of the Dover Police Department.

On December 17, 2007 Boyd pled guilty to four counts of the offenses in a plea agreement with the state.

According to court records, it states Boyd indeed admitted to taking without her consent, the credit card a coworker at TGI Fridays and charged of over \$1,000.00 in her name.

The unlawful use of the credit card took place at the Dover area business of T-Mobile, Acme, WalMart, Wawa, Speedmart, Michaels, Buffalo Wild Wings, Exxon, Sunoco, McKee Liquors, Target, Texas Roadhouse, Big Lots, Cedar Chase Apts. Lucky, Deb, and Applebees.

The total credit card charges come out to be \$2399.41, according to court documents.

Boyd is currently serving probation.

As college students pre-approved credit card applications come through the mail by the droves, the failure to dispose of an application properly could mean someone could forge your signature and obtaining a card in your name.

From time to time students may be offered free items from tables set up in exchange for filling out credit card applications, beware of these vendors. It could be a scam at work just to obtain personal information such as Social Security num-

bers, dates of birth, sex, and gender.

According to bankrate.com, forty-nine percent of college students receive credit card applications on a daily or weekly basis. Almost 30 percent of students throw out

the applications without destroying them. Nearly 30 percent of students rarely, if ever, reconcile their credit card and checking account balances. Forty-eight percent of students have had grades posted by Social Security number.

All of these factors make college students vulnerable to identity theft.

But, you do not have to live in fear.

The odds of becoming a victim can become greatly reduced with knowledge, awareness, and detection.

Becoming knowledgeable of where you place your wallet or purse at all times or at least having an idea. This can curb pick-pocketing.

Being aware of the information that you give out to others is also another step to take.

Do not be so quick to hand out sensitive information, such as your social security number, pin numbers, date of birth, sex, and gender. Identity thieves prey on these items for their enjoyment.

If you do notice charges made that look suspect you should contact your bank or the credit card company immediately and have them freeze your account of further usage until the issue is resolved.



News Briefs

Compiled by: Jonathan Elam

Local

'Delaware Week for the Animals' April 20-27

The Delaware leg of the Best Friends Animal Society, a national humane organization, will host the first Delaware Week for the Animals in April.

The statewide celebration during the week of April 19-27 will include guest speakers, shelter beautification, spaying and neutering, a call for attention for farm animals and a pet adoptions event at Killens Pond State Park.

About 12,000 homeless dogs and cats are put to death each year in Delaware shelters, according to event coordinator Patricia Haddock.

Animal enthusiasts alike are hoping the celebration will bring people to consciousness of the problem of homeless animals being euthanized and motivate people to help eliminate those living in horrid conditions like puppy mills.

National:

'Groundhog Predicts longer winter'

Prepare for an additional six more weeks of winter. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow Saturday, February 2.

Each year on February 2, thousands of people gather in the Punxsutawney, a town with a population of approximately 6100 people located 6500 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Tradition has been if the groundhog sees a shadow on the second of the month – the Christian holiday of Candlemas – winter will last another six weeks. If the groundhog does not see his shadow legend says spring will come early.

That was the forecast from Gen. Beauregard Lee, Punxsutawney Phil's counterpart in Lilburn, Ga. Beau did not see his shadow Saturday morning at the Yellow River Game Ranch.

It was the third year in a row the two groundhogs' predictions differed.

International:

'Chad rebels fight government force in capital'

The Capital of Chad was bombarded by hundreds of rebels Saturday, clashing with government troops and moving on the presidential palace after a three-day advance through the oil-producing central African nation, officials and witnesses said.

Chad's ambassador to Ethiopia said the capital had not fallen and that President Idriss Deby was "fine" in his palace. "The situation is under control," Ambassador Cherif Mahamat Zene told The Associated Press. "The head of state is fine in his palace ... It's true that there are some rebels who have entered the city, but to say the city has fallen is false."

Source: The News Journal

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ALL MAJORS ARE WELCOME!

February Preview: What's to come in the month of love!

Jasmine E. Thompson

Asst. Entertainment Editor

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Love is in the air
And tons of entertainment too!



Wow, it is February already! I am quite sure that "No One" would have guessed that the Writer's Strike would have lasted this long.

According to tvguide.com, "both the *New York Times* and the *AP* are reporting that the major roadblocks between the striking Writers Guild of America and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers have been eliminated." Hopefully, this strike will come to an end soon. Although the writers are still on strike, the Grammy's (February 10th) and the Oscars (February 24) will air.

Pop icon Mariah Carey is set to release her new single, "Touch My Body," on (February 19). The diva will be re-



leasing her new album this spring.

Ms. Jackson if you're nasty is back and the club-banger "Feedback," which is the lead single off her upcoming release *Discipline* (February 26), is climbing the charts. Speaking of "Feedback" little Janet, I mean



Janet Jackson

Ciara, is on the remix. The song sounds good, but according to SOHH.com, Jermaine Dupri said that Janet Jackson had nothing to do with the remix and that it was Ciara's idea. In addition, JD was pissed at SOHH because one of the staffers said "Janet's ship is sinking if she collaborated with Ciara." Dang SOHH, that was pretty "Low."

Ciara is definitely doing big things in the Great '08! She is starring in "Mama I Want To Sing" (Spring 2008) and she is on the remix of Missy Elliot's new single, "Ching A Ling," (the remix also features Jay-Z). As you already know, Missy is one of the most creative and unique artists out. She is so creative that "Ching A Ling" is the first ever-3D music video. The world pre-



miere was February 4 on MTV & BET.

For all you ladies, and gentlemen, who cannot get enough of J. Holiday, the sexy crooner has re-released his gold-selling LP, "Back of My Lac" (February 5). The deluxe edition features three brand new songs and all three of his videos ("Suffocate," "Bed," and "Be With Me"). Be on the look out for his fourth single which is on the deluxe edition entitled, "Sooner You Get To Love."



J. Holiday

Like the saying goes, the third time is a charm. Make sure you tune to VH-1 on February 11 to watch the premiere of *Flavor of Love*.

Based on the best-selling book by Candace Bushnell ("Sex and the City"), *Lipstick Jungle* (February 7) is NBC Network's sexiest new drama. The show follows three high-powered friends as they weather the ups and downs of lives lived at the top of their game.



home to here and made my All-Star squad from the students that attend Delaware State University."

Although the squad is fairly new to the DSU campus, they are planning to do a few events before the semester ends. So far, STARZ Extreme attended the organizational fair last semester and held a spades tournament. "We are looking to do things in the community. We have upcoming competitions and other events that will be held this semester."

Speaking of competitions, the squad has quite a few coming up. Their first big competition is on February 15, in Maryland at the Schwartz Center Complex. This will be their debut competition. The squad is working on getting a bus for students who want to attend. They will be competing up to June.

When asked what would STARZ Extreme bring to the DSU campus, Baker replied, "Excitement, a show that you never seen before. By us being a campus organization, we could give DSU a feel of excitement at a half time show or at any event."

Cheerleaders, the squad does have a few girls who are members of both.

Baker, an All-Star cheerleader prior to STARZ Extreme, always dreamed of starting his own All-Star squad that would compete. "I love to compete, that's what I want. Competing is my background, my heart, and my passion. So, I brought it from



Members of the S-T-A-R-Z Extreme cheerleading squad

Jasmine E. Thompson

Asst. Entertainment Editor

If you are someone who loves choreographed stunting, tumbling, jumping and dancing to customized music, then you are going to love STARZ Extreme.

Established in August 2007, STARZ Extreme is a competitive All-Star cheerleading squad based out of Dover, Delaware. Comprised of approximately 25 members, STARZ Extreme is making a mark in the world, being the only HBCU thus far with a competitive cheerleading squad.

As you may or may not know, STARZ Extreme is a lot different from the DSU Cheerleaders. "The DSU Cheerleaders are more so like spirit leaders as far as cheers, chants and leading on the crowd to help their team to victory. STARZ Extreme is an All-Star competitive squad, we don't do sideline, no "go-team-go." We are strictly competitive," says Eric Baker, DSU student and Captain of

Heath Ledger dies at 28

Compiled by: Danielle Scott



Heath Ledger

The Australian born actor, who earned an Academy Award nomination for his role as a gay ranch hand in *Brokeback Mountain*, was found dead in his fourth-floor apartment at 421 Broome Street in the SoHo district of New York City. He was 28.

Although Ledger starred in the Australian TV series *Sweat*, he got his big break in the movie *10 Things I Hate About You* (1999) opposite Julia Stiles, followed by the *The Patriot* (2000) and *A Knight's Tale* (2001). For the years to follow he starred in *Monster's Ball*, *The Four Feathers*, *Ned Kelly*, *The Order*, and *The Brothers Grimm*. In 2001, he won a ShowWest Award for the *Male Star of Tomorrow* based on his performance in *The Patriot* and worldwide release of *A Knight's Tale*. In 2003, he was named one of Australian GQ's Men of the Year.

Nevertheless it was his breakout role in the Oscar-winning western *Brokeback Mountain* (2005) that Ledger received "Best Actor of 2005." He also received a Golden Globe nomination for *Best Actor in a Drama* and an Academy Award nomination for *Best Actor* for this performance. It was on that movie's set that he met

Michelle Williams, his long term girlfriend and the mother of his first child.

In 2006, Ledger signed on to play the Joker in *A Dark Knight* (opens July 18) the sequel to Christopher Nolan's *Batman Begins* (2005). In 2007 he starred in the Bob Dylan biopic *I'm Not There*, along side stars Cate Blanchett and Julianne Moore.

At the time of death Ledger was cast to play in the production phased film *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, and working with Scottish writer/producer Allan Scott on an adaptation of *The Queen's Gambit* by Walter Tevis, in which he would have been credited as a director for the first time.

Reports claimed Ledger's body was found by his housekeeper and a massage therapist, who entered the bedroom to find him face down, nude, and unresponsive at the foot of his bed with sleeping pills on a nearby night table. Police said that they also found prescription medication in the bathroom. There were "no obvious signs" of suicide, nor did they suspect foul play.

An initial autopsy on January 23 proved inconclusive at determining Ledger's cause of death. The medical examiner's office stated it will take about 10 days to complete the investigation.

Sources: imdb.com, eonline.com

Straight off the Runway: The look for less

Raevyn Jones

Contributing Writer

Lately all the buzz in fashion seems to be leaning towards more expensive items. Well these items are not necessarily expensive, but let's face it-not everyone can afford the UGGs, quilted Chanel purses, Seven for all mankind jeans, and Ralph Lauren Polo shirts. If you cannot afford these looks, don't sweat it. You can be just as fly without spending the extra cash.

Most females go for UGG Boots in the winter because they are comfortable, can go with just about anything, and fashionable at the same time. However, the average cost of these boots is about \$120. For people who cannot afford UGG's, other retailers can give you the same type of boot just without the label. Steve Madden, an icon in the shoe industry, makes similar boots that retail at around \$80. Though they are not exactly UGG Boots, the colors and level of comfort are the same. Also people will not label your boots as "phony UGG's" because even though they are not UGG's, Steve Madden is still a respected designer brand.

Another look that has been in for the past few years is the quilted purses which are inspired from the designer *Coco Chanel's* collection. We all wish

we owned a Chanel purse, but with the average cost being around \$1600, this is just a dream for most of us. There are many stores who sell quilted purses that are genuine leather and have a high fashion look. *Bebe*, *Aldo*, *Nine West*, and *Nordstrom* are just a few retailers that offer classic bags of this sort.

When it comes to designer jeans like Seven for all Mankind, every girl wants a pair. Seven jeans are in high demand because all ladies know that when it comes to our curves the Sevens never lie. At around \$168 per pair, we all think it is worth it because sevens can make just about any figure look like it is the body of a goddess. Although Sevens are definitely worth the money, why spend all that cash when you can buy cheaper designer brands like *Lucky* and *Habitual* and get the same results.

One thing that will never go out of style with guys is the classic Ralph Lauren Polo shirt. The average cost for an authentic Polo shirt is around \$80. For guys who cannot afford to spend \$80 on just one shirt, stores like H&M have come to the rescue. You can buy a nice Polo-style shirt for about \$20.

When it comes to fashion one should always remember that it is not always about how much you spend. A true fashion fanatic can make a \$20 outfit look like it is worth a million bucks.

20 Questions

By Ghostwriter

1. Who got served at the non-Greek step show?
2. Did the Sigmas just have a week?
3. So do they think they're cool because they had the first week of the semester?
4. Is it just me, or was the blackout at the party the highlight of the whole week?
5. Did the money for the light bill go into SGA's pockets?
6. Who posted the cryptic notes about Sessoms around campus?
7. Are we going to see him on Maury more than we see him on campus?
8. When will students learn not to fight at campus events?
9. Do they want to yell 'I'm So Hood' from their neighborhoods?
10. Who's praying for a Valentine's Day event so they won't have to take their girl out?
11. Who's going to pretend the holiday doesn't exist so they won't have to admit they're single?
12. Who's tired of dancing to the same songs at every DSU event?
13. What ever happened to FTS?
14. Who had to buy new underwear because Destiny stole them?
15. How many people skipped class to see Michelle Obama, only to get turned away at the door?
16. Who's seeing big Changes in '08?
17. Who feels better about the elections now that the Obamas know Delaware exists?
18. Which seniors will be walking the grass come May?
19. How many will be watching graduation from the sidelines?
20. Why did it take the Hornet a whole month to come out with this issue?

Lil' Wayne gets busted...again

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The self-proclaimed "best rapper alive" just cannot catch a break. Dwayne Michael Carter, aka Lil' Wayne, was arrested on January 23 along with two others. Wayne's tour bus was stopped by border control agents near Yuma, Arizona. Officials stated that Wayne was carrying a .44 caliber pistol, approximately 29 grams of cocaine, 105 grams of marijuana, 41 grams of ecstasy, and \$22,000 in cash. He has since been released on a \$10,185 bail. According to Allhiphop.com, the DEA stated Lil' Wayne is facing serious felony charges including possession of dangerous drugs, possession of narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Lil Wayne

Although this may be Wayne's most serious case yet, he is no stranger to criminality. Carter's first arrest was on July 22, 2007 after a small pistol and marijuana was found in his tour bus in New York City. Thereafter, he was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and marijuana. Following that arrest, he was taken into custody once again on October 5, 2007 in Boise, Idaho. Officials said that Wayne was arrested on felony fugitive charges after Georgia officers accused Wayne of possessing a "controlled substance". This later proved to be nothing more than a mix-up and the fugitive charges were dropped.

After posting bail from his most recent battle with the law, Wayne rushed to his sold-out concert in Richmond, VA, where he was three hours late. Angry fans waited, while Wayne's flight was re-routed several times. He finally

Hip-Hop get's mixed in with steroids

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Lies permeate near the surface of most Hip Hop. No, that is not his real name. No, he did not sell all those guns, drugs, and in some cases women without prosecution; and in more cases than not, no, he/she won't be around next year. This unspoken dishonesty is ignored by most of the genre's fans, and in some cases actually makes the rappers who they are. We accept the lies we know are lies and in all actuality can not determine hood tales from fairytales. In Hip Hop, appearance is reality and recently, some of Hip Hop's biggest stars integrity is being questioned. About what, you ask? No not the fictitious crime capers or the plain tough talk, their actual appearance. And surprisingly, it has nothing to do with Michael Jackson or Lil' Kim.

According to the Albany Times Union, a former doctor from Queens nabbed in a nationwide steroids investigation was sentenced to 3 to 6 years in prison on January 13, 2007 for rubber-stamping hundreds of drug prescriptions for patients she never examined. What does this have to do with my favorite rapper/entertainer, you ask? Well for starters, Anna Maria Santi, 69, became the first person to plead guilty in connection with

a multi-state steroids investigation. This Probe uncovered widespread use of performance-enhancing drugs (i.e. steroids and human growth hormones) across the country, from NFL and professional baseball players to recording artists. Yes, you read that correctly, recording artists.

DID THEY USE STEROIDS?



Mary J. Blige



Wyclef Jean



50 Cent



Timbaland



Tyler Perry

The list of high profile Hip Hoppers was released and included 50 cent, Mary J. Blige, Wyclef Jean, Timbaland, and Tyler Perry. Each of the accused have not been arrested or indicted. In fact there very well may be no punishment because unlike writing a false prescription, taking the controversial substances is not illegal. Below are details about each of the accused as it was reported in the Albany Times Union.

50 Cent allegedly received shipments of steroids at his mansion in Farmington, Connecticut in July 2006. An order was mailed to his res-

idence under the name "Michael Jordan" and also at a residence on Oakmont Drive in Los Angeles. Steroids in his name were also mailed to the office of a Long Island chiropractor.

Mary J. Blige allegedly received multiple shipments from an Orlando pharmacy of Jentropin, a human growth hormone, and Oxandrolone, an anabolic steroid, in orders sent to her at the Beverly Hills Hotel, MGM Grand in Las Vegas, and Clay Gym in New York City between August 2005 and January 2007. At least one of the orders was mailed under the name "Marlo Stanfield," which is the character name of a drug kingpin on the Baltimore-based HBO crime drama "The Wire." (How gangster is that.)

Timbaland allegedly received shipments of human growth hormones and anabolic steroids between October 2005 and September 2006 at his Miami residence and at the office of a Long Island chiropractor.

Wyclef Jean allegedly received prescriptions in his name for human growth hormones and Oxandrolone, an anabolic steroid, shipped to the office of a Long Island chiropractor in August 2005.

Tyler Perry allegedly had prescriptions for anabolic steroids and growth hormones shipped in his name to his business and studio headquarters on Krog Street in Atlanta back in 2005 and 2006.

Entertainment Briefs

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Shawty Lo, artist and CEO of D4I Records, may have gotten himself into a little hot water recently over an interview with MTV where he said he paid for radio play. Shawty Lo stated,

"I was paying for radio everywhere. Once the song caught, other stations and everything started picking up, and that's when the label-they seen the BDS spins start going up- that's when they stepped in and put they radio folks on it. And now it's crazy."

This practice is called Payola, and although it was popular years ago, paying for radio play is illegal.

A Manhattan judge on Thursday (January 31) set a tentative date of February 25 for the start of **Remy Ma's** impending trial on charges of assault and witness tam-

pering according to a report from website TMZ.com. Remy is accused of shooting an acquaintance in a dispute over stolen money. This charge has also affected Remy's career because the NYPD has been shutting down her shows in NYC. The police consider Remy to be a security risk and have prevented her from performing at Hammerstein Ballroom and the Nokia Theatre in New York City. Remy also was denied her passport to do shows outside of the US, Remy said

"Most of the shows and stuff that I do I have to do without promoting it." She says, "Promotion is what brings the people so it's really hard. That's why I needed my passport so I can go overseas. I had a whole European tour set up but they denied that. I just want this trial to be over so I can get back to working."

Everybody's favorite TV dad, **Bill Cosby**, will be releasing a profanity free rap album titled *State of Emergency*. The actor, co-

median and philanthropist will address issues like proper parenting, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, Black-on-Black crime and the dropout rate in America's high schools.

Super Producer **Swizz Beatz** recently confirmed that he and the rest of the Ruff Ryders family are currently working on a new compilation album. "I'm bringing the Ruff Ryders back real major in '08. It's gonna be a lot of Ruff Ryders sh*t in '08. Not taking away from D-Block, not taking away from Bloodline. It's stamping the brand that started all this sh*t," said Swizz. Most of the original Ruff Ryders crew are expected to appear, including The Lox, Drag-On and DMX.

After 17 years on the air, **Montel Williams** and his talk show have been canceled. According to various outlets, the syndicated talk show's fate was reportedly sealed when a number of FOX-owned stations decided against renewing the show for another year. Show production will continue through the rest of this season, so new episodes should air for some time.

nally performed on-stage at 11:50am, after many fans had already left. In a video shown on BET.COM, Wayne states: "I just flew in 10 minutes ago, and I had to deal with a lot of bull, but I guess ya'll already knew that. I

want y'all to know that no one in here has anything to do with the attitude I got right now, but I'm going to try to get it together for ya'll."

Throughout his legal battles, Wayne always seems to show

love to his fans. Whether or not you concur with his "best rapper alive" title, you can definitely agree that his drama-filled lifestyle is enough to keep anybody entertained.

Blast from the Past: Black Entertainment History

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Entertainment Editor

Black history month is dedicated to the remembrance and appreciation of the people and events in African American history that paved the way for others today. Originally cited as *Negro History Week*, black history month was established in 1976 by African Americans for the study of African American life and history.

The world of entertainment today for African Americans has evolved more than ever solely due to our history. From written words on a blank page to international serenade, African Americans have made their mark in history. All while working behind, in and beyond the bonds of limits set before us. 'At Last' the world finally stood up and took notice that we were 'Unforgettable'. Here are just a few architects that wrote the blueprints to our success.



Sidney Poitier (1927-)

After he won the Academy Award for lead actor in 1963's *'Lilies of the Field,'* the Bahamas-born thespian was the first black man to win such an honor. Poitier, whose seminal film work includes dramas and comedies, started in theater during the 1940s and made his film debut in 1950's *'No Way Out.'* Knighted by British Par-

liament, Sir Sidney Poitier has many honors to his credit and including best-selling author for his 2001 memoir *'Measure of a Man.'* His role in *'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner'* blazed a trail in Hollywood by exploring taboo relationships between Black men and White women.

Lorraine Hansberry (1930 - 1965)

A Chicago native, Hansberry wrote *'A Raisin in the Sun'* while attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and working



on the staff of *Freedom* magazine. A huge success, it was the first play written by an African-American woman and produced on Broadway. Debuting in 1959, the story is based on her family's experiences growing up in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood. *'Sun'* was also the first play with a black director (Lloyd Richards) on Broadway.



Melvin Van Peebles (1932-)

With his gritty 1971 drama *'Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song,'* Melvin Van Peebles kicked open the door for black filmmakers in Hollywood. Considered the first 'blaxploitation' movie, *'Sweet Sweetback'* was written, produced, scored and directed by the Chicago native, who was also the film's star. A three-time Tony Award

nominee, Van Peebles' legacy is still going strong. He currently appears in the film *'Blackout'* and guest starred on the hit-sitcom *'Girlfriends.'* (Sony Pictures Classics)

Hattie McDaniel (1895 - 1952)

Won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role of Mammy in *Gone with the Wind*, (1939) citing her as the first African-American actress to win an Oscar. The Wichita, Kansas native was also a professional singer, stage actress, radio performer and television star. She was one of the most respected, and highly-paid performers amongst the African-American entertainment community.



Nat "King" Cole (1919 - 1965)

The first African-American artist to star in a radio show, the first to host a Network Television Show, and the first and one of the most beloved musicians, and composers.



Born Nathaniel Adams Cole in Montgomery Alabama his soft voice and broodingly romantic hits, such as "Unforgettable" and "Mona Lisa" made him an international superstar.

Frankie Lymon (1942 -1968)

As lead vocalist with the Teenagers, Frankie Lymon became the first black teenage singing idol. The group's success inspired the formation of a number of youthful black vocal groups, from the *Stu-dents* in the late '50s to the *Jackson Five* in the '60s. The group's sound influenced young singers such as *Ronnie Bennett* and *Diana Ross*. The hit song "Why Do Fools



Fall In Love" (1956) was the Teenagers biggest hit, and the title of the biographical flick starring Lorenz Tate, and Halle Berry.

Marvin Gaye (1939 -1984)

With a career that spanned the entire history of R&B, from the 1950's Doo Wop to the 1980's Soul, Marvin Gaye exemplified the maturation of romantic black pop into a sophisticated form spanning social and sexual politics; Marvin Gaye was one of the most consistent and enigmatic of the Motown hit-makers.



Etta James (1938-)

In the 1950's and '60s, Jamesetta Hawkins of Los Angeles, CA had her biggest success as a Blues and R&B singer. She is best known for her 1961 ballad "At Last", which has been deemed as a "timeless classic" and has been featured in many movies and television commercials since its release.



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College Bowl game roundup

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As advertised, the 2007-2008 college football season was as great as it has ever been. What stole the show were games not being decided until the very end, nationally ranked teams being upset every week, and players breaking extraordinary records. Once the bowl games were played, adrenaline rushed through both players and fans. Below are the BCS Bowl games from this year that featured the top teams in the country:

BCS National Championship:

#1 Ohio State University (OSU)

Buckeyes vs.

#2 Louisiana State University (LSU)

Tigers



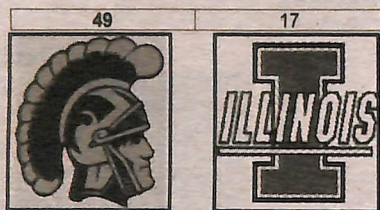
Coming into their second consecutive national championship game against a team from the mighty SEC Conference, the Ohio State Buckeyes figured things would be different this year going against the LSU Tigers in New Orleans. Once again, the Buckeyes were undersized and outmatched against a team that had a lot more athleticism and talent in every aspect of the game as they lost to LSU 38-24. Led by quarterback Matt Flynn, who threw for a game-high four touchdowns and 174 yards, the LSU offense looked unstoppable throughout most of the game. Also with contributions from wide receiver Early Doucet and running back Jacob Hester, the LSU offense seemed like they always had a step ahead on all of the Buckeye defenders. As for the LSU defense, they played extremely well with the exception of giving up 146 yards and one touchdown to Buckeye's RB, Chris Wells. All-American defensive tackle, Glen Dorsey, had a big game by recording six tackles and one sack. It looks like the Ohio State Buckeyes will have to go through another off-season with a sour taste in their mouths after losing two straight na-

tional championship games to two SEC Conference teams.

Rose Bowl:

#7 University of Southern California (USC) Trojans vs.

#13 Illinois Fighting Illini



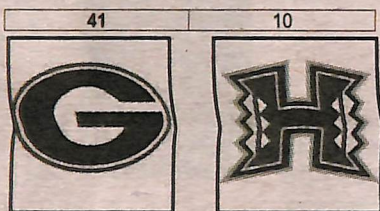
Coming into the Rose Bowl, many people believed the Trojans were a better team than the Fighting Illini because of the level of talent and experience they had over them. Unfortunately for Illinois, that was the case as they were blown out by a score of 41-10. The USC offense led by senior Quarterback John-David Booty, racked up a Rose Bowl record 633 yards against a young and inexperienced Illinois defense. Also Trojan freshman RB, Joe McKnight, finished the game with 170 rushing yards. As for the Fighting Illini, RB Rashard Mendenhall was the only bright spot on the offensive side of the ball finishing the game with 155 rushing yards and one touchdown.

Sugar Bowl:

#5 Georgia Bulldogs

vs.

#10 Hawaii Warriors



This game was over before it even started. The Georgia Bulldogs dominated all phases of the game by having players who were smarter, bigger, faster, and stronger than a Hawaii team who played one of the worst regular season schedules in the country. Led by QB Matthew Stafford and RB Knowshon Moreno, the Bulldog offense racked 334 total yards in the 41-10 victory. Also coming into the game, Hawaii's superstar Quarterback Colt Brennan, had to have the

best game of his life in order for his team to have a chance at winning, but the Georgia defense had other plans. The Bulldog defense sacked Brennan eight times and intercepted him four times to make this game a rout from the beginning.

Fiesta Bowl:

#4 Oklahoma Sooners

vs.

#9 West Virginia Mountaineers



Led by Quarterback Pat White and running back Noel Devine, the Mountaineers beat the Oklahoma Sooners 48-28. Coming into the game, the Sooners were the favorite to win this bowl. QB Pat White threw for 176 passing yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 150 yards. Devine finished the game to go along with Pat White's great game on ground with 108 yards and two touchdowns.

Orange Bowl:

#3 Virginia Tech Hokies

vs.

#8 Kansas Jayhawks



The Kansas Jayhawks pulled out a close 24-21 victory against the Virginia Tech Hokies, who came into this game as the favorite team to win. Despite winning the bulk of their games due to their offense, the Jayhawk defense stepped up big by forcing three Virginia Tech turnovers that led to 17 points. Kansas Quarterback Todd Reesing passed for a game-high 224 yards and one touchdown. As for Virginia Tech, RB Brandon Ore rushed for a game-high 123 yards and one touchdown.

DSU Sports Update

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Football



DSU Head Football Coach Al Lavan has been selected to coach in the American Heritage Bowl. Lavan and his staff along with seven seniors from the 2007 MEAC Champion team will be going to California to participate in the Navy and Marine Corps All-Star Classic where they will settle it at Cal-State Fullerton's field on January 26. Coach Lavan will

lead the Navy Northeast team, while cornerback Akeem Green, defensive lineman Kelly Rouse, linebacker Russell Reeves, offensive lineman Jeremy Breath, kicker Peter Gaertner, punter Josh Brite and tight end Jeff Postell all received invitations to play in the game which showcases the best senior HBCU football players in the country. The game will be showed on February 8 on ESPNU, which is a delayed time.

Equestrian

The DSU Equestrian team will be traveling to Auburn, Alabama to compete on January 26. Following that they will be in Fresno, California for the Fresno Tournament on February 16. Show support for the team as they go on the road and represent DSU.

McBride Invited to Combine

Senior Wide Receiver, Shaheer McBride, has been invited to the NFL Draft Combine. The Combine is scheduled for February 20-26 in Indianapolis. McBride is the first Hornet since 1992 to be invited to the Combine and the fifth player in Hornets football history. This comes off a season in which McBride became the all-time leader in

career receptions (201) and career receptions for yards (3,007). He is also tied for first with 33 touchdowns.

Bowling

The Bowling team finished seventh in the Holiday Bowling Jamboree this



DSU Bowling team

past December at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The DSU Bowling team reached a milestone earlier this season becoming the 8th ranked team in the nation poll in November. This passed a previous mark of 16th where they were ranked in 2006.

Sports Briefs

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Tennis



Justine Henin

Number one ranked Justine Henin loss to No. 5 Maria Sharapova 6-4, 6-0 bringing her 32-match win streak to an end. The win for Sharapova puts her in the semifinals for the Australian Open for the fourth straight year.

Hockey



John Ferguson

The Toronto Maple Leafs have fired their general manager, John Ferguson, because of his inability to lead the team out of last place in the Northeast Division. He has been replaced by Cliff Fletcher who will fill in on an interim basis. Fletcher received a 19 month contract and will work as a consultant after a new GM is hired.

Football



Tony Dungy

After much talk of a possible retirement for Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy, he has decided to stay with the team through at least the 2008 season. At this point, he will turn to the team over to Jim Caldwell, whom he has hand-picked to be successor. Dungy made the decision after spending a week talking to family, close friends and trusted colleagues.

Baseball



Octavio Dotel

The Chicago White Sox have signed right-hander Octavio Dotel to a two-year, \$11 million contract. The move was made in hopes of beefing up their bullpen, which was ranked one of the worst in baseball during the 2007 season. Dotel, 34, split time with the Kansas City Royals and Atlanta Braves last year. A shoulder injury limited him to 33 appearances and 30 2/3 innings.

Basketball



Trevor Ariza

The Los Angeles Lakers are having a hard time keeping players healthy as forward Trevor Ariza is now out for eight weeks due to a broken foot. Ariza suffered the injury on Sunday in practice. He now joins center Andrew Bynum on the sidelines. Bynum injured his knee cap on Jan. 13, and isn't expected back until mid-March. The Lakers have also been playing without center Chris Mihm and forward Vladimir Radmanovic. Mihm is out with a sore right Achilles tendon and Radmanovic is out with sprained right ankle. Both are expected back in a few weeks.



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Super Bowl XLII: Manning and Giants shock the world



Coming into Sunday's Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Arizona, many believed New York Giant's quarterback Eli Manning was not ready for the big stage. Many thought when it came to playing the position of quarterback properly; he was not close to his superstar older brother Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning.

Fans across the nation also, thought he would not be able to propel his underdog New York Giants to a victory against the then undefeated (18-0) New England Patriots. Well yesterday, Manning and the Giants proved the naysayers wrong as they upset the Patriots with a score of 17-14.

Perhaps the biggest play of the game took place with under 2 minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Patriots threw an all out blitz at Manning. During the play, linebacker patriots Adalius Thomas had Manning's shirt and tried to throw him to the ground. Manning ducked down and found a way to spin out of the sack, then set his feet and fired 32-yards down the

field. With the ball in the air, Giant's wide receiver David Tyree made one of the best catches of the NFL season, pinning the football against his helmet as he fell to the ground with New England safety Rodney Harrison trying to pry the ball loose.

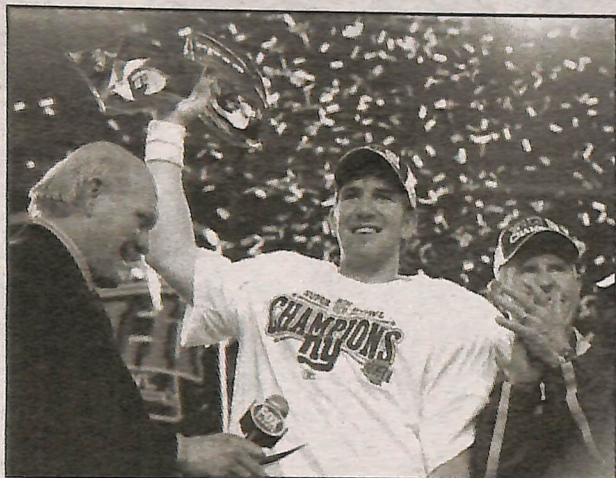
A few plays later, Manning saw

game going 19-of-34 for 255 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. Also, stepping up was the seldom used Tyree. He had one of the best games of his career, with three catches for 43 yards and a touchdown.

For the Patriots, 3-time Super Bowl winning quarterback Tom Brady had no time to throw the football. Despite throwing for 266 yards and a touchdown, he was hit almost every other pass attempt and was sacked six times; two by Giants defensive end Justin Tuck. Another big sack came on his final drive of the game. On second down he stepped up in his pocket and was drilled by Giant's defensive lineman Jay Alford.

With this upset the Giants win their third Super Bowl in the history of their franchise. The patriots lose out in the chance in joining the 1972 Miami Dolphins of being the only undefeated football team in NFL history.

Also in New York's victory, Manning has possibly created an identity of his own. After his gutty performance, the questioning across the country of his ability may have stopped and he may have jumped him into the elite NFL quarterback category



Giants quarterback Eli Manning hold up the Vince Lombardi trophy after winning the Super Bowl

one-on-one coverage between superstar wide receiver Plaxico Burress and Patriot's defensive back Ellis Hobbs. Burress gave Hobbs a little stutter step and raced pass him for the go ahead touchdown to make the score 17-14.

Despite not having eye popping numbers, Manning came up huge for his team to complete the upset over New England. Manning finished the

MLB dirty laundry aired in Mitchell Report

Jenn Dailey
Sports Editor

The world of major league baseball (MLB) has been on a rollercoaster ride for over a decade with allegations of steroid use being thrown left and right. Some of the best baseball players in the last decade have been the center of such allegations with only a few admitting steroid use.

For some of these players, their career and hopes of a future bid in the Hall of Fame have been shattered. On December 13, 2007 former Senator George Mitchell's 20-month investigation of steroid and drug use in baseball came to an end with the release of his "Mitchell Report." His work boiled down to a 409-page report which covers the history of the use of illegal performance-enhancing substances by baseball players. The report also included the effectiveness of the MLB Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment program.

The report named 88 players who have used some type of steroid or drug while they were playing baseball. Some of those players are still active, while others have been retired for years.

Only two active players were willing to be interviewed for the report, Toronto Blue Jays DH Frank Thomas and New York Yankees DH Jason Gi-

ambi. Giambi had previously admitted to steroid use. Sixty-eight former players were interviewed.

Kirk Radomski and Brian McNamee were also interviewed. Radomski is a former bat boy and clubhouse employee for the New York Mets. McNamee is a personal trainer who has worked with the likes of Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens and Chuck Knoblauch.

The list of 88 players included some of the best players of the last generation as well as players some fans may have never heard of. Some names of active players included in the list are Barry Bonds, Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens and Brian Roberts. Bonds has yet to comment on whether or not the information in the document is true. Pettitte admitted to using the human growth hormone twice to accelerate the recovery of an injury. Roberts claimed to have used steroids once early in his career.

Clemens has denied the accusations against him in the Mitchell Report. He has received the most amount of attention throughout the whole ordeal. He made an appearance on 60 Minutes in which he denied his former trainer, McNamee, had given him human growth hormones.

Two years ago, MLB Commissioner Bud Selig sat in front of Congress and said there was not a steroid problem in major league base

ball. Selig along with Donald Fehr,

the executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, are now admitting and taking responsibility of the use of performance-enhancing drugs that have defined the world of baseball over the past 13 years.

It has been an uphill battle attempting to bring the steroid era to an end. Since the players strike in 1994, the baseball industry has been surrounded with steroid use. Records have been broken but the records will forever be overshadowed by the possibility of drug use. It is the hopes of the parties involved that the game returns to one which is played off pure talent.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT TREVOR WELCHER

WELCHER A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Compiled by: Jenn Dailey

In the world of sports today, at times it can be hard to find an athlete that will put his team before himself. Putting up big stats and numbers in professional sports will get a player a big salary. Putting up big stats and numbers in college basketball could mean a possible future playing a sport professionally. Therefore, finding a player that will completely give themselves to their team is a breath of fresh air. Hornets freshman point guard Trevor Welcher is that breath.



Trevor Welcher

Welcher is a starter in his first year of Hornets basketball. He leads the team in assists (49) and steals (12). Yet, he says even if he was not starting, he would just be happy to contribute to the team. "It gets hard out there at times," said Welcher, "but if I can produce, I'm just glad to be put in the position."

Welcher comes to Del State from Augusta, Georgia where he played for the Academy of Richmond. He started playing the game of basketball at the tender age of two.

While also participating in other sports such as soccer and baseball, basketball is the game he loves. When he finished high school, he was in the top three in scoring and assists. He also kept above a 3.5 GPA. His efforts led to the school creating a scholarship in his name.

Welcher heavily researched Del State as he contemplated playing for the Hornets. His god-brother Darrin Shine, former Hornets star, told him Coach Greg Jackson was a good coach.

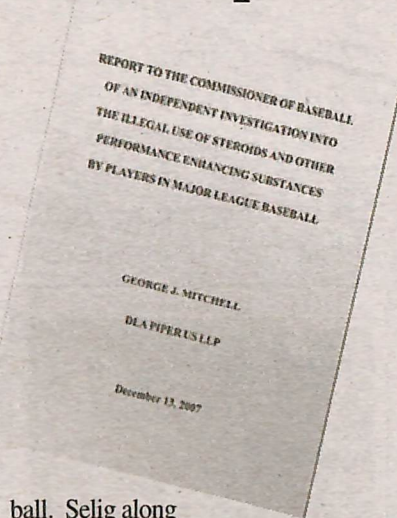
"When I first met Coach Jackson, he didn't even mention basketball. We talked about other stuff like church," said Welcher, "If he cares about you that much off the court, I could only imagine how much he cared on the court," Welcher said of his first meeting with Coach Jackson.

Coming into the season, Welcher was named as a captain on the team, which motivates him to step up and be a leader. He loves to pass the ball, stating it is his passion. "I want to put people in the position to score," said Welcher, "At my position you should never put yourself first. The team should always come before yourself."

While Welcher is playing for the Hornets, his goal is to win the MEAC Championship every year. He also thinks the team can go far in the NCAA Tournament. He believes if the team just does what the coaches tell them to do and have the right mindset they can win.

When he is not on the court, the Sports Management major likes to sing and dance. He enjoys having fun and meeting new people. After graduation he hopes to play ball professionally.

"It would be my dream to play in the NBA, but if I don't make it I would like to be an agent," said Welcher, "If I can't make it, I would stay in the field because of my love for the game and to help someone else get a shot."



Which candidate had your support at the polls on Super Tuesday?

Compiled by Phylicia Young



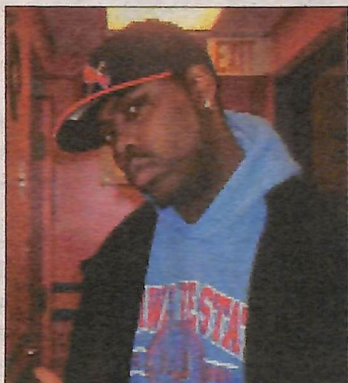
JANAE MAYFIELD, SOPHOMORE
PUBLIC RELATIONS

"It's really too early to tell. Either way I'm ready for the 'first,' whether it's a woman or a black man, I'm for it."



TYRONE BRYANT, SOPHOMORE
TV PRODUCTION

"Obama. It's time for an African American to run the White House."



SHARIF KING, JUNIOR
BROADCAST JOURNALISM

"Elect me for president."



NATALIE ROBBINS, SENIOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS

"Obama all the way!"



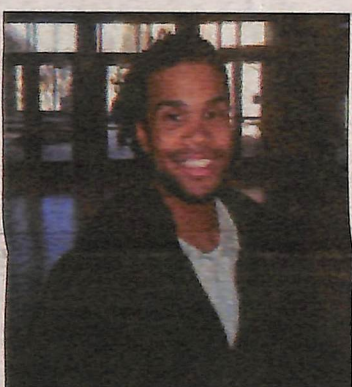
CHEMERA DRAKEFORD, SENIOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS

"Barack means 'many blessings' in Kiswahili. He definitely has my blessing! Obama all day!"



CANDICE SCOTT, JUNIOR
MUSIC EDUCATION

"It's too early to tell"



KEVIN GUYTON, SENIOR
MUSIC EDUCATION

"Obama has my support, most definitely. I feel as though the world is desperate for a change, and he can bring it."



IMANI BASHIR, SENIOR
MASS COMMUNICATIONS

"Obama, because out of all the candidates, he voices concerns for the people. He represents the people and what they truly want."



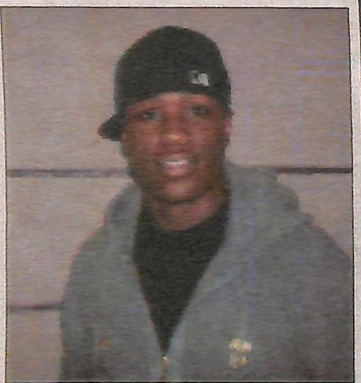
ONDRENA CLYBURN, JUNIOR
MASS COMMUNICATIONS

"Obama, because it's just time for a change!"



OKEZIE ONYEANSI
PRE-MED

"I don't vote, because in my neighborhood nothing is going to change, there will always be guns and drugs everywhere."



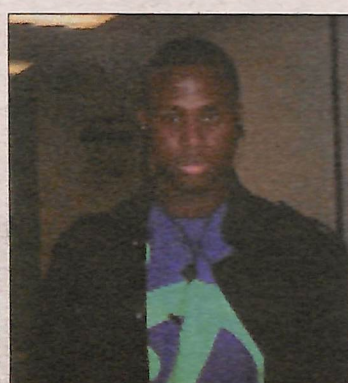
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"I support Obama. It's time for a change. Obama for '08!"



DAWNICKA WILLIAMS, SOPHOMORE
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"It's too early to tell"



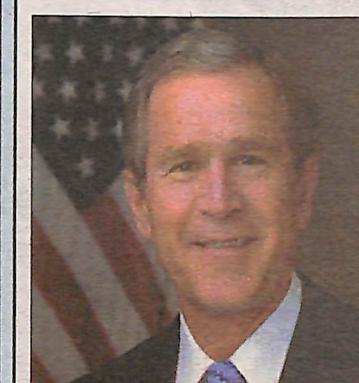
MATTHEW KAMARA, FRESHMAN
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"I support Hillary Clinton"



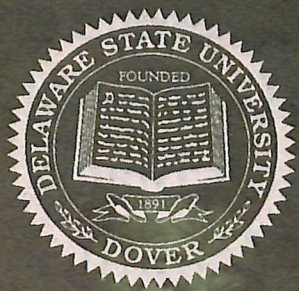
ERIC BAKER, JUNIOR
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"Both black candidates; Hillary AND Obama!"



GEORGE W. BUSH, FRESHMAN
UNDECIDED

"I don't know yet....but what i DO know is that too many OB/GYN's aren't able to practice their love with women all across the country!"



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Hornet Investigative Report

For Dr. Martin Drew and the dozens of students taking his English class, getting work done on campus earlier this month seemed impossible.

Student after student, Drew said, began complaining to him on January 29 about not being able to access the university printing network and were unable to complete class assignments.

The inability to use the system, Drew said, practically brought the school to its knees.

"Some students either walked to Staples, paid a fee to print out work, and others were charged by students on campus who had personal printers," said Drew a professor of English.

And students weren't the only ones affected.

"When students weren't able to print out the assignments and reports, I instructed the students to email their assignments to me, where I then printed them out from my printer at home," Drew said.

So what happened?

For more than a week the university's printing network was out of commission after school officials said a student worker committed an error while they were attempting to change the university's IP (internet protocol) address and caused access to the server to be lost.

Dr. Russell B. Merrill, the university's chief of Information Technology, said the state requested Delaware State University to change the IP address. An IP address is a unique address that computers use to communicate to each other on a network.

"It was a lack of communication," Merrill said.

Merrill also attributed the error and subsequent server loss to the new software and inexperience of student staffers saying they still have "a bit to learn."

"It's like making cookies and not putting enough flour in the dough," he said.

Jason Pilar, a History major, said the print problems were a major inconvenience.

"Usually at an institution of higher learning a problem is dealt with in twenty-four hours," Pilar said. "It is now nine days."

Dr. Abdul Salau said he was not aware of the problem until he came to school the morn-

ing of January 29 and wanted to print a quiz he had planned for three of his classes, but couldn't.

"It was very upsetting to me," he said. "Luckily I had a back up plan."

Other professors said they found out about the printing problems from their students and were not notified by university officials.

Dr. Renee Young, an associate professor in the English Department, was informed by one of her students that the printers were only supposed to be down for a day or two.

"It's an inconvenience to faculty and students," Young said. "They should have upgraded the system during the times we weren't in school, such as spring break or the winter break."

Young said the students claimed to have received a notification of the problem from the school. Something Merrill said did not happen for a number of reasons:

They didn't know it was going to happen. They thought it would be a quick fix.

They didn't think it was going to be a big problem.

They didn't think it would happen.

With the help of about a "dozen" people working to fix the problem, a week later students are once again able to print from the university network.

Carlos Holmes, Director of News Services, said he was unaware of any network printer problem and that his Administration Building office printer was working.

The Hornet attempted to obtain a comment from university President Dr. Allen Sessoms, but all questions were referred to Merrill.

Merrill would not disclose who on the staff was responsible for the error nor did he discuss the overall cost of the network failure.

Oluseyi Sofola, a senior Mass Communications student, said though the printing problems did not affect him much because he didn't have to use the school printers during the time the system was down, the university has a communications problem on its hands.

"I think it's irresponsible of DSU to go this long without fixing the printers," he said. "I've been reading in the paper about DSU's management issues, so they need to buckle up."

1950's time capsule open to the public

Loy Azalia

Assistant Editor

1950's Time Capsule open to the public

On February 21, Delaware State University's Founder's Day, a time capsule from the class of 1956-1957 was opened in Education and Humanities auditorium. The capsule was buried in the Multiple Purpose Building, which is now known as Memorial Hall, at its cornerstone before the building was demolished. Construction workers found the capsule while of the job. Inside the capsule was:

* A Bible from the Rev. Edwin Ellis, chaplain-in-residence.

University spokesperson

Carlos Holmes said of the monumental event in DSU history, "History tells you from which you came." The capsule will soon be on display to the viewing public.

In addition to the unveiling of the capsule, former Delaware State University president of the Agriculture

and Natural Resources, Dr. Ulysses S. Washington was honored. Dr. Washington made tremendous contributions to the department, including government based research projects amongst several other significant elements that made the department what it is today.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

WHAT WAS IN THE CAPSULE FROM THE 1950'S?

- Oct. 13, 1956 Homecoming Programs (2)
- A 1956 DSC Bulletin (publication)
- The May 26, 1957 edition of The Hornet newspaper
- A letter to Dr. Holland (sealed and yet unopened)
- A roster of faculty, staff and students for the 1956-57 school year
- A photo and roster list of the members of the Kent County Teachers' Association
- A 1956-57 DSC Catalog
- A Commencement Program, Baccalaureate Service Program, and a possible invitation.
- The written program for the May 25, 1957 Cornerstone Laying Program and Dr. Holland's remarks during that event.
- An envelop marked Board of Trustees
- Athletics statistics (two sets of documents)
- Graduation Roster of graduates from 1900 to 1957.

Delaware Governor signs off on Black History Month

Loy Azalia
Assistant Editor

On February 6, 2008, Governor Anne Minner, proclaimed it to be Black History Month in the state of Delaware. Governor Minner, explained that the African American contribution in the history of Delaware and nationally should be continuously observed.

The ceremony, begun with Minner, giving a brief history of Black History Month and the importance of the creator, Carter G. Woodson. Speakers also included, Calvin Christopher, Chair of Human Relations Commission, who stated that, "For with knowledge comes an understanding, with knowledge comes respect".

Also as an innocent and endearing means of entertainment, children from the Tender Hearts Learning Center, preschool class, recited an

original reading in honor of Black History Month, in respects to Martin Luther King Jr.

Along with the signing of the proclamation, Dr. Reba Hollingsworth was presented with the Governors Appreciation Award at the State of Delaware Archives.

The award is given to outstanding Delawareans that are proactive in preserving Delaware History.

Dr. Hollingsworth is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, and a DSU alumnus. At the ceremony Dr. Hollingsworth, recalled her second grade teacher, Emma G. Woodson, the niece of Carter G. Woodson whom she had the privilege of meeting.

When interviewed, Dr. Hollingsworth, advised DSU students not to dwell on the negative media attention that the school has been undergoing for some time. She also encourages students to concentrate on their college education.



Governor Minner

McCain and Obama sweep D.C. Metropolitan Area

Loy Azalia
Assistant Editor



Senator Barack Obama, took the lead for the first time after winning the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia primaries on Tuesday February 12, 2008. Barack Obama is with out a doubt the Democratic frontrunner.

Frontrunner Nominee, Senator John McCain, took the Republican nomination for the D.C. Metropolitan area and was recently endorsed by former President George W. Bush Sr.. Former Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney dropped out, giving McCain a clear lead ove Huckabee.

In order to help Clinton, maintain more of the young college votes, Chelsea Clinton recently became a permanent member in her mother's campaign for the White House.



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Black history play almost goes unnoticed

Anaya Wint
Contributing Writer

On February 14, 2008, Black History came to the stage. *Bourbon at the Border* premiered last week in the Education and Humanities Theater. A perfect statement to sum up the effect this play had, "[You're] not gonna go out the way you came in" said character Charlie.

Bourbon at the Border is a play by Pearl Cleage, a well-known playwright and novelist. The play was first performed in 1997 in Atlanta, Georgia and tells the story of 4 couples who are feeling the negative aftermath of the civil rights movement. Set in Detroit, Michigan during the '90s *Bourbon at the Border* follows a man, Charlie and his wife May who were victims of the Mississippi voter drive. We see how post-traumatic stress can destroy lives and how the African American fight for freedom in the '60s has left some people. An interesting plot with a surprising

ending this burst of Black history should have been the talk on and off the DSU campus, but that wasn't the case.

On opening night the play had fewer than 30 bodies in the audience and as for advertisements they should have been invisible because they were sparse around campus.

The cast included, Terrill Hodges (Charlie), Tynesha Hodge (May), Jaynay Johnson (Rosa), and Matt Chacko (Tyrone).

As many of us are aware, other play's that have been on DSU's campus have had advertisements all around campus and there was no way for you to miss them. The audience is constantly packed and if you're unaware that something occurred you can rest assure that someone you know will be able to inform you. Why wasn't this the case for *Bourbon at the Border*, a story that enlightens and empowers African American's during a month completely devoted to us?

Dr. Brown, the director of the play and a respected professor here at DSU, related that he wishes there would have been a lot more advertisements for this production

because of its significance. "We need to remember the '60's in its entirety. It's a decade that got us to where we are today" said Brown and he wasn't alone in his view. Janay Johnson a junior Psychology major, who played the promiscuous and outspoken Rosa in the play, was also disappointed in the lack of promotion for the play. "Dreamgirls was a very good play and it had a movie" Ms. Johnson professed, "but I think a play with such a deep plot and storyline should be just as important to this campus"

Nevertheless, the play was great. Mr. Brown said "We haven't got the best actors but they are good and they give their best account of the story." The cast performed as if the audience was packed and they had been doing this for years. "This is actually my acting debut" said Janay Johnson, "but having 3 actors who have experience really helped." The show went on lovely despite many obstacles and was greatly received. Tashi Chester, a sophomore said "Matt's (Tyrone) and Tanisha's (May) characters came alive to me I completely loved this play."

6 students + 6 months = Studies in Beijing

Sadayah Lateef
Contributing Writer

This year the Olympics will be held in Beijing, China, and six of DSU's own Mass Communications students may have the opportunity to complete an internship with the Olympics committee.

On February 15, DSU students Taj Shareef, Anita Jarman, Kandyce Peterson, Brittany Griffin, Ashley Cooper, and Kristin Hopkins left to attend the study abroad program at Beijing University for a six month period.

While in China, the students will continue to take courses within their major through DSU online via Blackboard. They will also study Chinese 1 and 2 at Beijing University. The Del State students will be competing with other students from different international study abroad programs for the same internship.

Even if they do not obtain this opportunity, they will keep busy through other events. Two students will have to research a particular sport and actually participate in

that sport to get a better understanding of it. Anita Jarman will be researching the sport of Tae Kwan Do. Others may work as publicists for student athletes at Beijing University, as well as write feature stories about different events. The students will also write a brief synopsis of their experience in China every week to be posted on the DSU web-

with DSU for not acknowledging these six students and their international studies. She says, "Besides the Mass Communications Department, Ms. Moore (Asst. Director of International Student Services and Scholars), and friends, we haven't been receiving any real recognition, not even a congratulations letter. I feel that they [administration] should be more supportive because we are representing them."

Jarman and Peterson said preparing for this trip was stressful and most of the preparation, such as the paperwork, had to be done by the students themselves. As far as financial aid, some students had to take out a loan to cover the rest of their expenses.

Dr. Skelcher, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Mr. Chelli, TV Production professor, accompanied the students on their fifteen hour flight. They stayed with the students for a week to help them get settled, and afterwards they were on their own.

This study abroad program was said by Mr. Chelli to be one of the first for such an extended period.

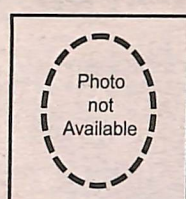
All the participants agreed more students should take advantage of the study abroad programs because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity.



Brittany Griffin



Kristin Hopkins



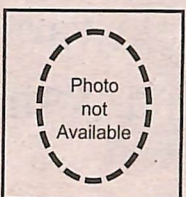
Ashley Cooper



Taj Shareef



Anita Jarman



Kandyce Cooper

site.

Several of the study abroad students are anxious about the journey they are about to partake. Shareef, a junior, says his only concern is, "grasping cultural differences."

Jarman expressed her dissatisfaction

being founded both in Indiana.

The week began with a Black relationship forum entitled, "We Need to Talk" in the Laws Hall lounge. A heated debate was unavoidable as topics on the stages of relationships ranged from mere puppy love to the "who should break up with who" phases. While the ladies in the room argued about why guys are afraid of commitment in college, the men rebutted that women are too clingy in college. Sophomore Chevon Mathews said "These [relationship] forums are always hilarious but insightful because you get to hear what the men of Delaware State University are

thinking while people air-out their relationship drama."

Tuesday evening heated up the week despite the cold and rainy weather. The "Cater 2 U" event for the ladies was nothing short of the name. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi escorted the ladies to their tables upon entry and later served them refreshments. When the ladies got their stomachs a little full, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi proceeded to feed some select ladies with strawberries covered with whipped cream and a shimmy that resembled a "Chip n Dales" performance. Wednesday the organizations hosted a

News Briefs

Compiled by: Johnathan Elam

Local

DELAWARE: "All three Delaware singers cut from "American Idol""
There will be no Delaware representation in the remaining "American Idol" competition.

None of Delaware's representatives were included in the top 24 singers when they were revealed on February 13 airing of.

Chris Watson, 20, of Dover; Jonathan Baines, 17, of Smyrna; and Zoltan Hall, 26, of New Castle, failed to make it to the next round.

According to The News Journal Watson said he had no regrets about his time on the televised singing competition.

"I didn't feel like I lost anything," he said. "A lot of people were crying, but it just opened a lot of doors for me."

Watson said he has fielded offers for modeling and small acting roles. The Delaware Technical & Community College student has begun recording songs with a Wilmington-based producer and hopes to cut his first album, something he's wanted to do since 10th grade.

National

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham underwent successful surgery to update a shunt that controls excess fluid in his brain, and was expected to remain in the hospital for several days.

Graham was listed in fair condition at Asheville's Mission Hospitals after the 28-minute procedure. "He's on a soft diet tonight, will be on a regular diet tomorrow and should be up and walking around," said Larry Ross, Graham's spokesman.

Dr. Ralph C. Loomis installed a new valve in the shunt, which can be programmed externally to maintain desired fluid levels and pressure.

"He was bright and alert and conscious immediately after surgery and called me by name," Loomis said in a statement.

In 2000, doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., installed a shunt that drains excessive fluid from the brain through a small tube. The tube runs down into the abdominal cavity, where the fluid is absorbed by his body. A recent checkup found the shunt was no longer adequately controlling the fluid in his brain.

Graham, 89, was hospitalized at Mission for nearly two weeks last year after experiencing intestinal bleeding caused by an arteriovenous malformation, a tangle of small blood vessels in the lining of the colon. He also has suffered from prostate cancer and macular degeneration.

Several of Graham's children, including daughters Anne and Ruth and son Franklin, were at the hospital with their father on Wednesday.

Graham has preached in person to more than 210 million people worldwide in a career spanning six decades. His crusade-based ministry packed stadiums with believers and put Graham in place to befriend every U.S. president since Harry Truman and become a confidant to many.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — Parliament cleared the way Feb. 13 for provincial elections this year that could give Sunnis a stronger voice and usher in vast changes to Iraq's power structure.

The vote is set for Oct. 1. This new law is one of the most sweeping reforms pushed by the Bush administration and signals that Iraq's politicians finally, if grudgingly, may be ready for small steps toward reconciliation.

Passage of benchmark reforms on healing the country's sectarian and ethnic rifts - along with a reduction in violence - were the primary goals of the 30,000-strong U.S. troop increase that President Bush ordered early last year.

Sources: delawareonline.com

OPTIONS meeting

will take place Wednesday, February 27 at 7 pm
in the MBNA Longwood Auditorium.

Guest speaker will be Lamont Jordan of the Oakland Raiders

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Greeks send love from Indiana

Anaya Wint
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Valentine's Day became a week long celebration thanks to the help of some Greek organizations. The 1st annual Indiana Love Week was held during the week of February 11, hosted by the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. along with the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Cleverly named Indiana Love due to this brother and sister collaboration

being founded both in Indiana.

The week began with a Black relationship forum entitled, "We Need to Talk" in the Laws Hall lounge. A heated debate was unavoidable as topics on the stages of relationships ranged from mere puppy love to the "who should break up with who" phases. While the ladies in the room argued about why guys are afraid of commitment in college, the men rebutted that women are too clingy in college. Sophomore Chevon Mathews said "These [relationship] forums are always hilarious but insightful because you get to hear what the men of Delaware State University are

thinking while people air-out their relationship drama."

Tuesday evening heated up the week despite the cold and rainy weather. The "Cater 2 U" event for the ladies was nothing short of the name. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi escorted the ladies to their tables upon entry and later served them refreshments. When the ladies got their stomachs a little full, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi proceeded to feed some select ladies with strawberries covered with whipped cream and a shimmy that resembled a "Chip n Dales" performance. Wednesday the organizations hosted a

movie night showing the heart-melting *Jason's Lyric* in the MBNA building.

Indiana Love Week came to an end Thursday evening with a social in Conrad Dining Hall. Not a "light's out" party like many of Delaware State's others, but the event still brought the love of Valentine's day together with the student bodies love of music to Conrad, finishing out a strong week. As for the week's creator Marea Munro, she felt the week was a great suc-

cess. "This week is very different, you barely see collaboration weeks, it's something new and the students respond very well to it." A point well taken by the look of the student support she received. When asked about next year's Indiana Love Week, Marea said "Next year Valentine's Day is on Friday so there will be an entire week of programs, especially a bigger party." Now that's more like it.

Alphas put campus on week long freeze

Johnathan Elam

Hornet Correspondent

The ice cold brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., froze the campus during the week of February 3-9. For seven straight days events were held for the student body hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Sunday - Super Bowl Party Evers Hall

Sunday kicked off the festivities with free pizza provided by the Alphas as they hosted a Super Bowl XLII party in the lounge of Medgar Evers Residence Hall. This kind gesture was a joint collaboration with the Evers Hall Council. Evers Hall lounge was packed without football loving students.

Monday - 'Friendly Dance Competition Spews into Fight'

Next stop was Memorial Hall for the 2nd annual non-Greek step show, a showcase for the student body to display their dance and stepping talents.

What started out as a friendly exhibition of fancy footwork went awry as what appeared to be a rivalry between two dance groups escalated into a fight, immediately ending the affair.

DJ Crazy T, Delaware State's own, served as the music man for the show, pumping tunes as New Image dance group performed.

Up next were the Conwell steppers who consisted of four men representing Conwell Residence Hall. Their routine brought originality to the competition, with a funny skit poking fun at their neighbor residence halls, followed by an old school *Kid 'n' Play* kick step move.

The Greeks displayed fellowship amongst brothers from different camps as Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, and Phi Beta Sigma came together for a friendly competitive stroll-off.

Lastly, TKO and Hidden Vanity came out to the sound of a public service announcement warning of crazy patients escaping an asylum, donned in straight jackets; the group completed what seemed to be a good routine until Baltimore club *Swing That* exploded through the speakers and someone literally attempted a swing.

"It was just friendly competition that got out of hand between two rivals," said Jason Pilar, president of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Tuesday - 'Powers of the People Panel Discussion'

On this night Alpha Phi Alpha hosted the 2nd annual 'Powers of the People' panel discussion in the MBNA Longwood auditorium. The panel was created to encourage the student body to come together and air-out campus, social, cultural, and political issues in an open-forum dialogue.

The lack of student involvement when it comes to educational functions and the reasoning behind it was addressed. High school preparation of leadership skills was also questioned.

"The transition of high school senior to freshman in college is not made effectively," says senior Luvinia Washington, a Social Work, major from Washington, D.C.

Host of the night E.J. Stewart shared contrary feelings as he drew from his personal experience as having the component to step up as a leader in college despite lacking the most adequate of

preparatory leadership keys in high school, pinning the problem more on a personal testament of self versus society.

A concern of whether Greeks portray a good example to the student body was discussed between the panel and the students.

Testaments of student body seeing schisms amongst the fraternities and sororities which put a bad taste in the mouths of once interested students were revealed.

Stewart and Marea Munro of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. emphasized that students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority should not let a few bad apples spoil the bunch or influence their decisions. They expressed, for year's, tradition amongst Greeks have been to have friendly competition and one may witness a little taunting or teasing. They said students should not take this to heart, it's all in love. Munro gave an account of the close relationships she has formed with sisters outside of her Sigma Gamma Rho family.

Mutual feelings of a much more needed feeling of unity on campus, especially amongst student-run organizations seemed to trouble students.

SGA president, Nikki Chapple recognized this issue and said that the antidote for this is continually rid the mentality of association of events, but implement a collaboration of the student body on projects. In other words curb the mentality of, "Oh this is an SGA event so I'll attend this or this is an Alpha event I don't want to be an Alpha so I'm not going to that," but to have all camps come together and help promote each other to spread this attitude across campus.

Freshman Business major Efa Cumberland said, "Tonight's meeting was interesting. It consisted of many different people with different opinions, debating about various issues without fighting. We learned about each other and listened to each opinion."

Thomas Pendleton, Jr., Management Information Systems major, agreed. He promoted a need for more meetings such as this one.



Members of the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha

Wednesday - 'Truth behind Relationships (part 2)'

The following night brought back 'The Truth behind Relationships part 2', the continuation of an open forum from last semester for both sexes to give their perspectives on topics pertaining to relationships.

There was a heavier turn out for this event being that it was held on food night in Conrad Hall.

Markus J.K. Johnson, an older member Alpha Phi Alpha, acted as moderator for the forum.

Johnson is currently working on his Ph.D is

physical therapy. In an interview with the Hornet it was evident the physical body is not all that he feels needs therapy. Johnson expressed his concern with the misconceptions the younger generations, especially the African American population, has about love and relationships—whether birthed through what is portrayed in the media or by hearsay.

"Being an older individual I have experienced things in the field of relationships and it is complicated. I think we have a generation right now that's very selfish when it comes to expressing feelings," says Johnson.

Thursday - 76ers Basketball Game

The gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha took a bus load of students to a 76ers game. According to sophomore Education major Shawn Black 50 lower level tickets were allotted on a first come first serve basis. "A good crowd came out to the game," said Blackshear.

Friday - Second Annual Club 1906

DJ Crazy T brought back oldies from the late 90's and early millennium with Nas's *Oochie Wally*, Nelly's *Hot in Here* in what was a warm up for Saturday night's party. The Price Building auditorium heated up quickly around 10 pm.

Kappa Alpha Psi seemed to be in the deepest representation. They made their presence known as they got their stroll on a few times. "It was a very nice event. It was something to get students involved," said Thomas Dunn, member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Saturday - 60th Anniversary Banquet

Saturday served as the grand finale for Alpha Phi Alpha week as their 60th Anniversary Banquet took place that evening and the Highway to Kemet: Traffic Jam party went down that night.

Alumni who graduated from 1950 through 2007—including the big brother that chartered the DSU chapter back in 1948—were in attendance at the Sheraton Hotel.

Former DSU president and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Dr. William DeLauder gave a speech at the ceremony, along with others who reminisced on their adventures while being apart of the fraternity.

"The event was a celebration of the past of Gamma Sigma while we anxiously look forward to the future. I am proud of the current members of the chapter and I was glad to come back to be apart of that historic night," said Michael Feeney, an alumni of DSU and member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Later that night was the Highway to Kemet: Traffic Jam Party held in the Memorial Hall gymnasium. Start time slated for 10 pm.

"The student body undermines the level of work that goes into these events, no one wants to charge anyone for anything but fees for security, for the DJ—it's stressful and then there's the fear of a fight," says E.J. Stewart, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

When asked about how she liked the party Naja Rogers, junior Fitness Promotions major said, "It's whack, it's corny."

Some students enjoyed themselves. "It was tight. The Alphas threw a good party. I wish it would've lasted until 2 am, it got shut down around 1:20 because fights started to break out," said freshman Information Technology major Chad Gray.

Warm getaways for upcoming break

Jasmine E. Thompson

Asst. Entertainment Editor

With below freezing temperatures and snow on the ground, it may be hard to believe that spring is only a month away (March 20). It is something about the word spring that gets college students excited. Is it because *spring* means that school is almost over? Or that *spring* means warmer weather? Or even better, it means **Spring Break** is approaching! Every year, thousands of college students look forward to this weeklong (some breaks are longer, some breaks are shorter depending on the college) vacation.

There are so many exciting and fun Spring Break locations to choose. During the month of March, most places in the US are still cold. However, some parts of the US are warm. So, before you plan your Spring Break vacation on an exotic non-domestic island many miles away from home, think about visiting a gorgeous paradise right here in the US.

P.S. - *The best part about vacationing in the US is that you do not need a passport! How cool is that?!*

Florida:
(Panama City, Miami, Orlando, Daytona Beach)



U.S. Virgin Islands:
(St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John)



As you already know, Florida is one of the top places to go for Spring Break. Whether you want to party non-stop in the beautiful city of *Miami*, enjoy the 27 miles of coastline with tons of beach activities in *Panama City*, or hit up the many themes parks in *Orlando*, you just cannot go wrong with planning a trip in the sunny state.

Warm weather, crystal-clear waters, culturally diverse people, and good cuisine pretty much sums up the sun-kissed islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. The US Virgin Islands is like a home away from home because you enjoy being in a vibrant tropical society that is a part of the United States.

Texas:
South
Padre Island

Located in the Lone Star State, South Padre Island is filled with tons of things to do. Here, you get the best of both worlds as you enjoy the beautiful wide beaches of Texas with the adventure of Mexico all in one.



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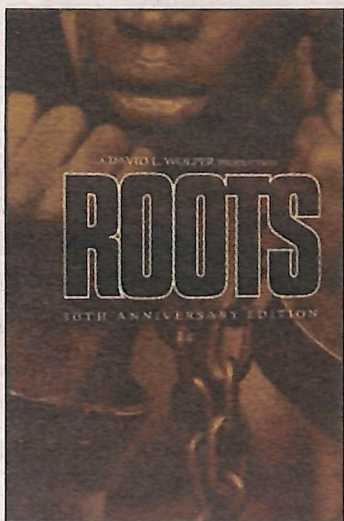
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10 Most Inspirational Black Movies

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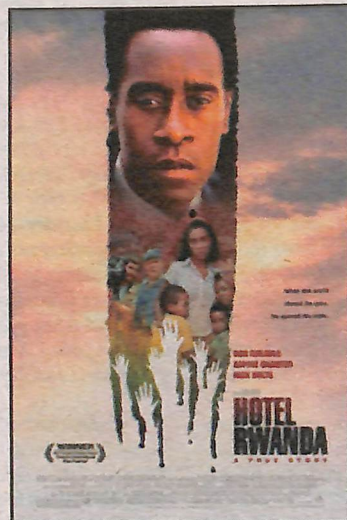


Roots

As the first black mini series, *Roots*, a visual anthology of Black history, captured on film, followed the main character Kunta Kinte, the ancestor of Alex Haley, journey from Africa to the Americas. The series followed Kinte, as he fought the enslavement process.

Malcolm X

Directed by Spike Lee, the autobiographical film highlights the life of civil rights advocate Malcolm X. Once again Lee uses the ever so talented Denzel Washington as he plays the prolific American leader. It is without question that *Malcolm X*, the film is one of the top Black films.

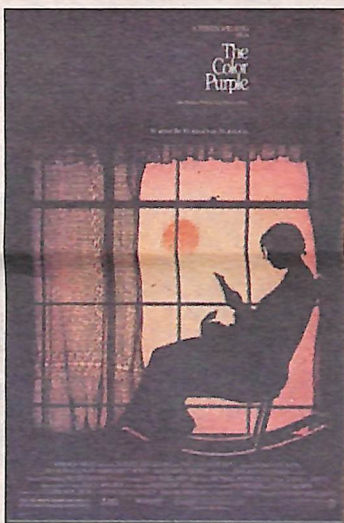
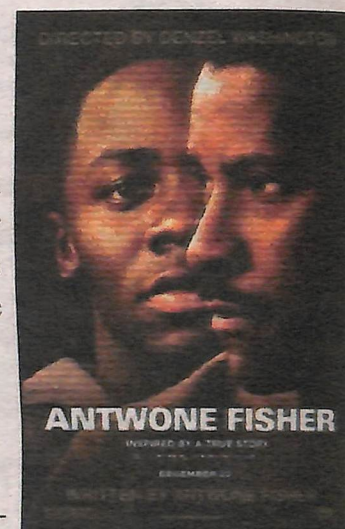


Hotel Rwanda

Don Cheadle plays the role of Paul Rusesabagina the Rwandese hero, who through his courageous and clever actions saved the lives of over 1,200 Tutsi's, during the 2004 genocide in Rwanda. Though Cheadle did not receive an Academy Award for his role, he did receive a nomination. *Hotel Rwanda* brings to reality, at the time, what the world ignored.

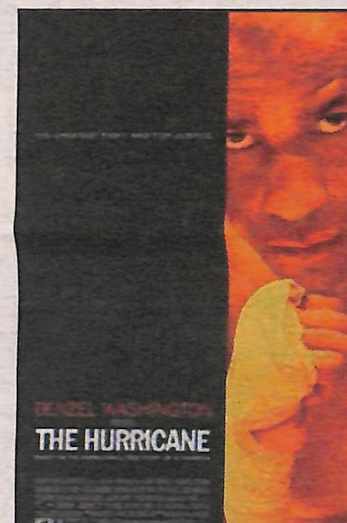
Antoine Fisher

Antoine Fisher was Denzel Washington's directorial debut and the then newcomer Derek Luke played the role of Antoine, a naval officer that had a traumatizing childhood. Subjects such as child molestation are touched in the 2003 film and surely were a blockbuster hit.



Color Purple

The recent Broadway smash, the *Color Purple*, made the line "I maybe black, I maybe ugly, but I'm here" resonate in the minds of fans alike. Whoopi Goldberg (Celie) plays the battered wife of Danny Glover (Mister) that struggles to find the beauty in her pain, with the help of specific characters. Steven Spielberg directed the film and experienced a lot of heat about capturing the deep African American flick.

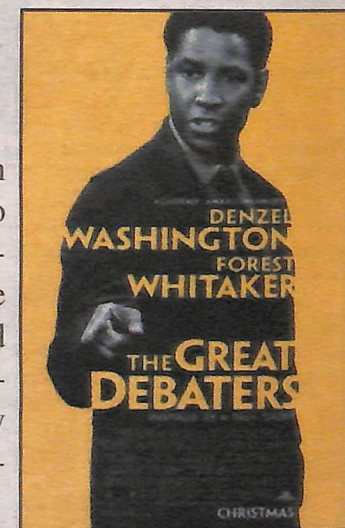


The Hurricane

The life of a potential middleweight champion, Rubin "Hurricane" Carter in the autobiographical film is brought to life, by Denzel Washington. Carter, was accused of murder, while attempting to claim the title. The film explores race relations in the judicial system in the 1960's.

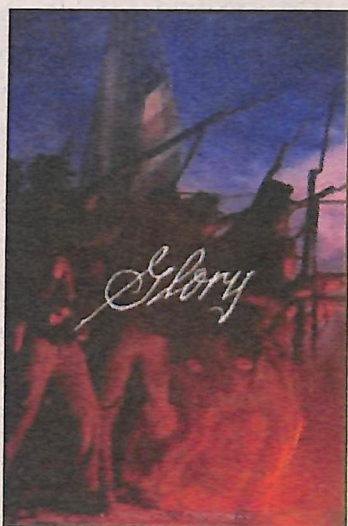
The Great Debaters

A Harpo Productions film was released on Christmas and became loved by those who watched. It illuminates the elements of perseverance and overcoming racial prejudice. The film highlights the trials of a nationally ranked debate team, from the Historically Black College, Wiley College. Forest Whitaker, Kimberly Elise along with several other actors do a fantastic job in the winter film.



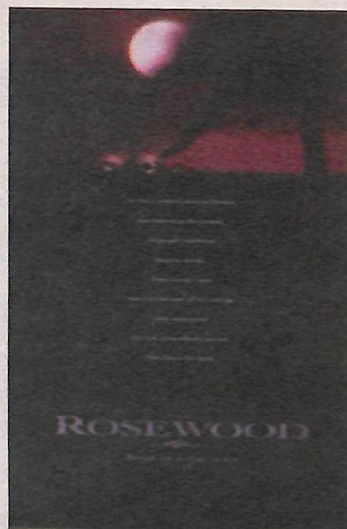
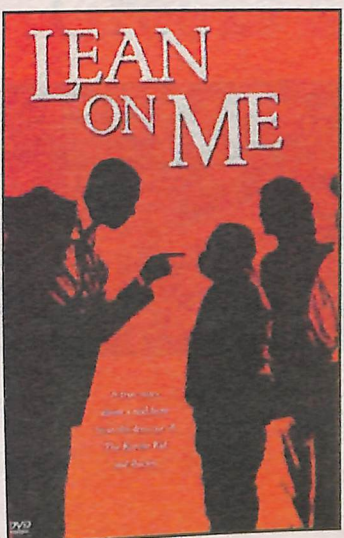
Glory

Without the American Civil War and the several African American men that fought in it, this list would not have existed. This 1989 war film, was based the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer regiment, which was comprised of nearly all African American men. It shows the power struggle within the U.S. Army from a different perspective. Morgan Freeman and Mathew Broderick are only a few of the star-studded cast.



Lean on Me

Joe Clark, was the principal of an inner-city high school, that was being threatened to be shut-down in New Jersey. *Lean on Me*, was released in 1989 and Morgan Freeman played the role Joe Clark. This loosely based autobiographical film explored the harsh realities of the inner-city school system in the United States.



Rosewood

The Rosewood Massacre that occurred in 1923 left the town in Florida devastated by the racial prejudice. One white woman's lies started the massacre as she accused a black man of raping her. John Singleton directed the film, that showed the town of Rosewood being burnt to the ground, by a lynch mob.

Jumper teleported to a life lesson

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Directed by Doug Liman (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, *The Bourne Identity*), *Jumper*, follows the story of David Rice (Max Thieriot) a shy, nerdy Ann Arbor, Michigan, teenager who accidentally discovers his ability to teleport. Abandoned by his mother (Diane Lane) at age five, and stuck at home with a moody, alcoholic dad (Michael Rooker), David escaped from his emotional troubles by daydreaming about his classmate, Millie (Anna Sophia Robb).

When he gets the courage to present his secret crush with a gift, a bully grabbed it and tossed it into a frozen lake. David made an impulsive decision to retrieve it, falling through the ice. Fighting for his life in the icy water, David discovers his teleporting superpowers. To his surprise, he quickly propelled into the local library-soaking wet.

The now extroverted teenager promptly learned he could walk through walls, and had the power visit multiple destinations around

the planet in a matter of seconds. David began using his powers for evil.

As an adult David (Hayden Christensen), while caught up in a love affair with Millie (Rachel Bilson) in Rome, met fellow 'Jumper' Griffin. (Jamie Bell). Griffin cautioned David about the dangers of the Paladins, a secret order led by Ronald (Samuel L. Jackson). Throughout the movie Ronald and fellow Paladin repeatedly tries to kill David, because to them 'Jumpers' were an abomination.

Adapted from the popular 1992 book by Steven Gould, "Jumper" is an 85-minute science-fiction exploration with a clear, evolving storyline. Among all the fights and breathtaking travels David learns a lesson of diversity. The ability of the director to insert the subject into such a contemporary and unreal world leads to a perfect fusion between entertainment and reflection. While enjoying the movie, the thought of the incapacity of humans being non-accepting to another's differences is firm in your mind.

Upcoming Concerts

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Contributing Writer

Jay and Mary give their hearts to the cities



Jay Z and Mary

As the end of the first quarter in the music industry approaches, many artists are teaming up with fellow performers to tour across the country. Frequent collaborators and long time friends, Jay-Z and Mary J. Blige have announced their "Heart of the City" tour, which will begin March 22. The king of hip-hop and queen of hip-hop soul will make their way across the east coast to major cities such as New York, Baltimore, Miami, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Many speculate this will be an amazing venue due to both artists'

longevity in the industry and the incredible chemistry amongst them, which was apparent on their first collaboration in 1996 on Jay-Z's *Can't Knock the Hustle*, off his well-known and respected *Reasonable Doubt* Album.

Kanye and friends glow in the west

Grammy Award winning artist Kanye West has a tour brewing. The "Glow" tour will begin April 16 in Seattle at the Key Arena. West's fellow producers-turned artists N.E.R.D., Rihanna and protégé Lupe Fiasco will tour the Mid-West and Western cities including Sacramento, San Diego, and Denver. West, Lupe, and N.E.R.D.'s Pharrell Williams have recently joined forces to create the group Child Rebel Soldier (CRS).

Their first song entitled *US Placers* appeared as a bonus track on West's album *Graduation*.



Kanye West

Alicia Keys will cross the country as she is

R&B songstress Alicia Keys will begin her "As I Am" tour April 19 in Hampton, VA. The 29-date event will hit major cities across the country, ending in June in New York City. Keys' tour will include American Idol winner Jordin Sparks. Keys' latest tour is in promotion to her *As I Am* album, which produced the Grammy winning single "No One".

Alicia Keys

Alicia Keys



Holiday and Songz do it for the ladies

J. Holiday and Trey Songz are sure keep the ladies entertained during their tour starting February 25. Both R&B crooners had successful albums at the close of 2007. They will perform at major

Student Spotlight: Tyrone "Boogie" Bryant

Compiled by Danyel Jones

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Tyrone 'Boogie' Bryant is a guy who knows something about music. This DSU sophomore Television Production major has indulged himself in the Hip Hop culture, releasing his debut album in 2007 entitled *Squad Deep Presents: "It's Not A Game,"* featuring his rap and business partner B. Easy.

"I have always loved Hip Hop, but I've been doing music for about three years now," says Boogie.

A New York native, Boogie has always been surrounded by Hip Hop. "I grew up on it [Hip Hop], listening to guys like Slick Rick, LL, Biggie and Tupac. I would definitely have to say that Tupac influenced me most. After a while, rap music just became a part of my life. Back-in-the-day, I used to entertain and MC at my church, anything to get some exposure."

Bryant, along with his friend B. Easy, began to receive a buzz via internet tycoons MySpace.com and Facebook.com with their hits "In Her Top 8" (an ode to MySpace users) and "Every time We Touch." "We definitely knew that MySpace would be a big vehicle to get our music out there for people to listen to and we've been getting great responses with all of the comments and downloads," says Boogie. "Other than posting music, we've also used our energetic stage shows in New York at 'open mic nights' to get people's attention."

Coming up on the horizon of his follow-up compellation album titled *Taking What's Ours*, which will feature Boogie, B. Easy and other Squad Deep artists, Boogie is set to have a listening party. "We definitely plan on having a listening party with the new album like we had with the first. We've already put out the first single off of the new album called "Strange Love" featuring Mone P. and we have been getting some really good feedback from people," said Boogie.

"Other groundwork we've been doing is hooking up with DJ's in New York. One in particular is DJ Spynfo. He's a top college DJ in New York," says Bryant.

"I really don't have a 'dream label' but I would want my dream label to be a company that can lead me on the right track to making music that people want to hear and let me do my own thing. I don't want to make music where I don't like it. I would never put out something that's garbage. But overall, to be picked up by a major label would mean a better opportunity for my family and my community. To provide for my mom and my sisters and to inspire someone from my neighborhood would mean a lot."

Boogie's new album *Taking What's Ours* will be released later this year.



Tyrone "Boogie" Bryant

cities across the U.S. closing on March 17 in Dallas.



Chesney serves up his own country grammar with fellow poets and pirates

For all of the country music lovers Kenny Chesney highly anticipated "Poets and Pirates" tour kicks off April 23 in South Carolina. Joining him on many of the bills will be the multi-platinum superstar Keith Urban. Also appearing on several dates will be three-time Entertainers of the Year Brooks & Dunn, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Sammy Hagar, platinum country rebels Big & Rich, newcomer Luke Bryan,



Kenny Chesney

Grammy-winning LeAnn Rimes and platinum progressive West Coast country star Gary Allan.

Van Halen rocks the stage

Rock fans everywhere are excited to see Rock band Van Halen reunite with the group's original singer David Lee Roth for their first tour together in more than 20 years. The 25-date trek begins on September 27 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and wraps up on December 11 in the Canadian city of Calgary. Key stops include Chicago (October 16, 18), New York City (November 13) and their native Los Angeles (November 20).



Van Halen

For more information, visit Ticketmaster.com.

R&B Lames

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Hornet Correspondent

What happened to R&B, not the slow-paced song in the club, real R&B? That since my baby left me; I can feel it in my soul R&B, that Luther, Marvin, and Gerald Levert R&B. With the new selection of crooners now, I would settle for Ronnie, Bobby, Ricky and Mike. Well maybe not Bobby, but you get my drift. R&B just is not what it used to be and no one seems to care.

It seems today rhythm and blues has turned into light rap. Artists have shifted from a variety of different varieties from: *squeaky clean*, *'churchy' soul*, to *bad boys*. Now it seems like almost every singer falls into the latter category. Even the content and the subject matter have drifted from love to lust. "Love don't live here anymore."

T-Pain did not start this trend, but he is probably the artist that has accomplished the most since the line between R&B and hip hop began to

fade. Is he singing or is he rapping? No matter if he is "buying you a drink", or telling you how "sprung" he is, the question remains the same. The dude is me plus a talk box. He makes great music, but in my soul, I cannot classify it as R&B.

How about R&B tough guys? Look at Trey Songz. This dude comes out rapping on the first single from his latest project, "Wonder Woman." Then in his second video ("Can't Help But Wait"), he is mean mugging and hiring working actors to punch in the face. At the same time in real life, he is leaping his 'someone please throw me a biscuit' behind into an audience to attack a fan with his humongous bodyguard. Does that say R&B to you? Even though he is a talented dude, he wants to be an 'R & B Thug,' we all know the last one went and 'gone country.'

Then there are the blow my afro in the wind after I just took my braids out boys, Lloyd and Omarion. These two suckers spend more time in the Mac store than their fans. I will give the boy Lloyd credit though; at

least his music is mildly entertaining. Well, at least I can tell it's a man singing the songs. Omarion and his baby hair is more concerned with the tightness of his jeans instead of the limitations of his voice. Well at least he has his 'I'm a man now' friend (Bow Wow) helping him to sell an album.

Last but certainly not least, we have the talented brothers who know their lane, Musiq, Ne-Yo, Chris Brown, and The Dream. These entertainers are all multi-talented and actually talk about something worth listening to. They all have their pros and cons, like Musiq's soul, out weighs his deceased eye, Chris Brown's dance moves make you forget about his strained voice and The Dream and Ne-Yo's lyrics make you forget about their lack of overall swag.

Win, lose or draw, male R&B is what it is and until the listeners try to change its state, it is going to remain the same. I don't want to end up sounding like Nas, but I have to, you all don't want an R & B Soulja Boy, right?

20 Questions

By Ghostwriter

1. Who's happy mid-terms are over?
2. Who didn't study for a midterm because they figured we would have a snow day?
3. Who's happy to see WDSU Radio throwing events again?
4. Who wants their technology fees reimbursed due to lack of internet and printing access?
5. And who would settle for their refund check?
6. Who cares about a new strength and conditioning center most of us can't even use?
7. Who is tired of people airing out their relationship problems on Facebook?
8. Should they just hit Tom up for his advice?
9. Does 08' Revamped mean Spring Bling without Rick Fontaine?
10. Or will the "King of Spring" scam DSU again?
11. What fellow HBCU got the whole Miss MEAC website shut down for cheating?
12. Were they hating because Tasha was leading in the votes?
13. What night clubber needs to be potty trained?
14. Which Greeks had the best week thus far?
15. Or were they both equally whack?
16. Who's proud of the Mass Comm. students for going to China?
17. Who's even happier to have a week off from Mr. Chelli?
18. Is Conrad the under 21 Extremes?
19. Why are some the adjuncts as young as the students?
20. Does this make the non-traditional students a little uncomfortable?

Top 5 hottest hood couples

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Hornet Correspondent

Jay z and Beyonce

The Hip Hop Oprah and Steedman have come a long way. From denying that their union even existed, yet appearing on each other's tracks, to showing up to awards shows together. The dude every man wants to be like and the chick everyone loves to hate are a match made in media heaven. Whether you call them 'Jayonce', 'Bey-Z' or pretty ugly, when mentioning hip hop couples they are on the top of everybody's lists



Nas and Kelis

When talking about these two, the first thing you think of is individuality. Miss Milkshake and 'Godson' are two in a million. The sophisticated rapper and the sexy in a strange way girl are always turning heads, even when



it's only for wearing his and her matching Ni*** shirts at the Grammy's.

Young Dro and Fantasia

These two talents from the dirty south looked through this industry of party and B.S. and found each other. The former American Idol and the dude in the "salamander sandals" caught most by surprise when they showed up at the Grammy's together, but fans of the rumors pages knew this was poppin' for a minute. Let's not rush them down the Isle, but that wedding would be more ghetto than a wet and wavy weave on a thick and nappy scalp.



Chris Brown and Rihanna

With his teeth in a mouth that does not close, and her forehead, we already should have enough to talk about with this couple. However, the strangest thing about this new couple is that you want it to work. Maybe its me and I see the early stages of Bobby and Whitney in the



works. We all saw this one before. Good singer and great dancer gets with the 'it girl' of the moment. Maybe it's a little reversed since he is squeaky clean and she has a little dirt on her shoulder, but you just can't wait for those fireworks to pop off

Reggie Bush and Kim Kardashian

Last time a USC running back got with a pretty fair-skinned young lady, OJ hired Johnny and the glove did not fit. (Ironically Kim's father worked on the football starts trial also) Reggie is the football star that makes the girls swoon and Kim is famous for nothing except having a sex-tape with Brandy's little brother. One man's (or in her case multiple men) trash is another man's wifey. They kiss in public and we eat it up. Not like Ray J, but its all relative.



Honorable mention

Superhead and Eddie Winslow- They would have made the list, except no one even cares to call them by there real names

Entertainment Briefs

Compiled by: Wendy Ward

Girlfriends- After eight seasons of following the ups and downs of four African American L.A. women and their adventures in love, careers, marriage and children the longest-running live-action comedy on the CW network (formally known as UPN) is coming to an end. During its run the self-proclaimed African American Sex and the City won a handful of NAACP Image Awards, including Best Actress for star Tracee Ellis Ross (Joan Clayton), several BET Comedy Awards and was nominated for a Primetime Emmy.

Nelly- Multi-platinum rapper Nelly has announced plans to expand his fashion portfolio by re-launching Troop Clothing. The late 80's fashion line popularized by such rap veterans as LL Cool J will now be the target of the new generation. Created in the Bronx, NY in 1986 the apparel and footwear line is credited as being one of hip-hop's first clothing brands. Nelly first re-introduced Troop Clothing to fans during a performance at the 2007 BET Hip-Hop Awards. This will mark the second brand for Nelly, following his already successful ladies clothing line, Apple Bottoms.

50 Cent- A judge has ordered 50 Cent to pay an undisclosed sum to a man who says he was roughed up by the rapper's security team outside of a jewelry shop in New York. Jim Alcorn is currently the Deputy Photo Assignment Editor for the New York Post, filed the lawsuit against 50 in 2003. Alcorn claimed he was trying to snap photos of the rap star, who'd just bought an \$18,000 watch, when he was knocked down to the ground by 50's muscle crew. Alcorn rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was treated for injuries to his neck and jaw.

Music Legends- Some of the biggest names in American music or their estates are suing Universal Music Group Inc. for more than \$6 million, claiming the company has been cheating them out of royalties for years. The plaintiffs include Patti Page, and the estates of Count Basie, Sarah Vaughan, Woody Herman, Les Brown, Benny Goodman and the Mills Brothers. The lawsuit, filed late Thursday in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, says Universal Music and one of its subsidiaries have "pervasively and systematically breached" agreements with the artists by using accounting tricks since at least 1998. The lawsuit seeks at least \$6.07 million plus attorneys' fees and punitive damages.

DOG the Bounty Hunter- Celebrity bounty hunter Duane "Dog" Chapman is set to return to television after his reality TV show was pulled from the air three months ago in a controversy over his use of a racial slur, cable channel A&E said on Tuesday. A&E took the popular show, "Dog the Bounty Hunter," off its schedule last November after a private phone call in which Chapman, an ex-con, used an offensive term to describe his son Tucker's black girlfriend hit the Internet. Since the incident a teary Chapman apologized repeatedly on television and to the African American community after the tape was made public and promised to make amends. An A&E spokesperson states that "Since the premise of 'Dog The Bounty Hunter' is about second chances - we have decided to give him one."

Grand Opening of Strength and Conditioning Center

Shane Rumley

Hornet Correspondent

The brand new strength and conditioning center will officially make its debut during a ribbon cutting ceremony on campus on March 1 at 1pm next to the Memorial Hall gymnasium.

In attendance at the ceremony will be Delaware State University President Dr. Allen Sessoms, Director of Athletics Rick Costello, Hornet student-athletes, and members of the Hornet coaching staff. They will give remarks on the new center and the future of hornet athletics, followed by a tour of the facility.

The new state of the art 17,000 square ft center was completed near the end of last semester. It includes a large workout area, laundry room, equipment and ticket areas, offices for conditioning coaches and locker rooms for men's and women's

basketball players.

The completion of this center is part one of the three part process of upgrading a few venues on campus. Next will be the new and improved DSU wellness center for students.



train and condition the current athletes that are participating in athletics at DSU.

Junior DSU Football player Kevin Conner said of the new strength center, "It has a lot of new equipment that we will benefit more from. We have the proper equipment that most big schools have, so we can compete!"

Freshman runner Kendra Mayers said, "I like the new center. Basically, it's helping out our team and it has all the equipment we need. I think our track team has gotten a lot stronger since working out in there."

Taking place after the ribbon cutting ceremony is DSU basketball Alumni Day doubleheader between the Hornets and Morgan State. The Lady Hornets will play their game against the Bears of Morgan State University at 2 pm followed by the men at 4 pm.

According to Costello, the new center may help attract not only recruits but highly touted Division 1 athletes that are interested in transferring to Delaware State University. He also pointed out that not only will the strength center entice athletes to attend DSU but it will help to

Athletes celebrate sports day

Marlon Osborne

Hornet Correspondent

On Saturday February 9, Dover area middle and high school girls visited Delaware State University to participate in the National Girls & Women in Sports Day. The day allowed the girls to gain an overview of life as a college athlete. The young ladies got the opportunity to shadow some of DSU's women athletes, as they toured the facilities and attended the women's basketball game versus Hampton.

During halftime the young ladies competed in a relay race

while wearing DSU basketball apparel, and participated in a free-throw challenge during a first half timeout. They received free t-shirts for their participation and the crowd seemed pleased to have them in attendance. Not to mention they picked a good day to attend the basketball games as both the men and women teams won.

National Girls & Women in Sports Day is celebrated as the anniversary for Title 9. DSU's head volleyball coach Renee Arnold says, "This could create role models for young ladies in the community, and it also can get them interested in college."

On Wednesday February 6, Coach Arnold and the DSU Vol-

leyball team visited Smyrna Middle School.

Michelle Potter, an 8th grader at Central Middle School attended Saturday's events. "I've had a pretty good day, the students have done a great job of explaining different things to us," she said.

On the student's side of things Erica Tajchman, a freshman volleyball player said, "Playing sports can create a healthy lifestyle for students. I think women's sports are progressing each year."

February 9 belonged to every female athlete throughout the country as it celebrated how long women's sports have come over the years.

Sports Briefs

By Clarence Varnado

NASCAR (February 12)

NASCAR drivers Kurt Busch and Tony Stewart have been put on probation for the first six races by NASCAR officials for their on-track altercations that occurred during practice for the Budweiser Shootout on February 8. Those probations begin on February 13 as practice will begin for the Daytona 500. According to NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Poston, the drivers were disciplined for the on-track portion of their clash, when the drivers deliberately used their cars as battering rams. This year, NASCAR officials are putting their foot down letting the other drivers know that they need to show more latitude or there will be some severe consequences.

Women's College Basketball (February 11)

A rematch of last year's NCAA Women's National Championship was one of controversy as the Tennessee Lady Volunteers beat the Rutgers Lady Scarlet Knights 59-58. With 0.2 seconds left in the game, Tennessee was trailing 58-57. Nicky Anosike grabbed an offensive rebound but was then grabbed by Rutgers Kia Vaughn from behind. Unclear whether the foul had come before time expired, the Rutgers bench began to celebrate, but officials reviewed the play and determined that the foul had been committed just before the buzzer. The foul allowed for Anosike to make two free throws giving the Volunteers the win.

Men's College Basketball

On the men's side it was a Big East Rivalry showdown between the Villanova Wildcats and the Georgetown Hoyas. Just like the women's game it was defense battle as both teams went through scoring droughts but in the end it was Hoyas who came out on top 55-53. The score was tied at 53 when Georgetown's Jonathan Wallace was dribbling the ball 70 feet from the basket when he heard the whistle with less than a second left. The "nudging foul" was a bump from Villanova's Corey Stokes, the 48th foul called in a frustrating, stop-and-start game. Wallace hit both free throws with one-tenth of a second on the clock to give the Hoyas a victory.

Lottery System Changes to Cater to Students

Shane Rumley

Hornet Correspondent

Late last year, Athletic Director Rick Costello and the Hornet athletics department proposed a lottery system in order to bring in some additional revenue to the department. Recently, the lottery system has undergone some alterations to accommodate Del State students.

Delaware State University's Student Government Association met with Costello a few weeks ago and voiced their opinions on the plan. They suggested to Costello the plan should be revised because many students were not benefiting from the lottery. This was evident when both parties saw that the attendance numbers were not as high as expected to be for the first two MEAC conference home basketball games on January 19 and 21 against Norfolk State and North Carolina

A&T University.

Costello and SGA came to a compromise for the revision of the lottery system. Admission to the basketball games run off of a "first come first served" system. The first 575 DSU students can now enter through the side door by the DSU plots. They are advised to get to the game at least 15 minutes before the men's game. This cuts down on the people walking in and out of the gym when the game is officially underway.

"We tried to create a ticket plan for basketball that would meet everyone's needs. We knew going into the plan wasn't perfect and we may have to tinker it because of the uniqueness of Delaware State University," said Costello, "What's unique is the small gym size which holds 1600 seats for a program that has been so successful for both men and women's basketball. I still think it's a good plan, we will continue to revise it to find out where everybody is sitting and we can also figure out a

quality ticketing policy."

According to Costello, the original purpose of the lottery system was to communicate a basketball seating policy in advance and maximize revenue to sell tickets in Memorial Gym. So far the Hornet athletics are successful in their accomplishment by already surpassing the sales of last year's season. This feat has been completed with four more home games still to go in this current basketball season.

Hornets Still in Chase

Jenn Dailey
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team came into the season with a fresh new look. Expectations were high for the team even though senior Roy Bright was the only returning starter. Yet, for some there were doubts the team could succeed without the likes of Jahsha Bluntt and Darin Shine on the court leading the team.

The beginning of the season was plagued with losses to teams such as the University of Southern California. Then when conference play began, the team's inconsistent play led to a 5-3 start in the MEAC. For some, it seemed this year's Hornet team wouldn't be as great as past teams.

How things can change over a course of a weekend. The Hornets proved they were a team to be reckoned with after sweeping Hampton and Howard. The team now has an overall record of 10-12 and their 7-3 record has them tied for third place in the MEAC

with Hampton.

The Hornets 67-58 win against Hampton was a big win for the team, keeping them in the race for the MEAC Regular Season Championship. DSU had four of their players finish the game in

78.6% from the floor in the first half. Howard never stood a chance as the Hornets started the game with a 37-3 run. Bright led the team with 26 points. Johnson once again finished in double figures with 13 points.

The Hornets have six games remaining in the season but they have proven they are a team that should not be overlooked. The Hornets have a tough road ahead as they will play second place Norfolk State on February 16 and first place Morgan State on March 1. If the team continues to play well



double figures. Roy Bright led the team with 18 points. Frisco Sandridge and Joe Dickens contributed 12 points while Donald Johnson added 13.

In the 81-55 win against Howard, the Hornets showed how powerful they can play on offense.

The team shot a season-high

and win, they could bring home another conference championship.

Once the team hits the MEAC Tournament in March, other teams better watch out. They are hungry for a MEAC Tournament Championship and if they get on a hot streak, they may be unstoppable.

NFC Tops AFC 42-30 in Pro Bowl

Ben Bullock
Hornet Correspondent

Coming into the 2008 Pro Bowl game, the team to win the bowl was the AFC because of their overwhelming talent over the so-called weak NFC. Once the second half of the game began, that was definitely not the case. The NFC proved to be the stronger team winning 42-30 over the AFC.

In the first half between both teams, there was a record 48 points scored. The scoring starting off with Colts QB Peyton Manning completing passes to Chiefs TE Tony Gonzalez on a 25 and 31 yard completion. The drive was capped off with a one-yard touchdown run by Charger FB Lorenzo Neal. As for the NFC's first drive of the game, Cowboys QB Tony Romo led the team to a touchdown from Cardinals WR Larry Fitzgerald.

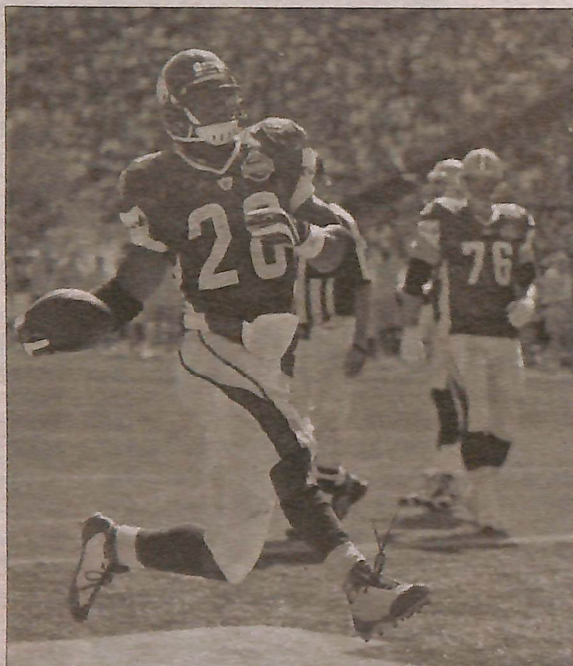
For the NFC, the shining stars were Cowboys All-Pro WR

Terrell Owens and astonishing Minnesota Vikings rookie RB Adrian Peterson. Owens, coming off one of his best seasons, had a game-high eight catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns. One touchdown came

Year, Peterson, he finished with a game-high 129 rushing yards and two touchdowns. This was the first of more than 100 yards since Marshall Faulk had 180 and Chris Warren added 127 in 1995. Peterson's efforts on the field led to him being awarded the MVP trophy. Peterson joined Marshall Faulk as the only two rookies to ever win the Pro Bowl MVP award.

As for the AFC, the bright spot was second-year All-Pro defensive back, Antonio Cromartie who finished the game with game-high two interceptions, but none of them were returned for a touchdown. QB Peyton Manning led all quarterbacks with 147 yards, while TE Tony Gonzalez led all AFC receivers in receiving yardage with 79.

On a more higher and serious note, Redskins players TE Chris Cooley, T Chris Samuels, and P Ethan Albright all honored their former teammate, S Sean Taylor, by wearing his #21 throughout the entire game.



Starting running back, Adrian Peterson from Minnesota Vikings scores a touchdown

from his current QB Tony Romo and the other came from his former and demised QB from his playing days in San Francisco, Jeff Garcia. As for the Offensive Rookie of the

Sports Update

Compiled by Jenn Dailey

Football

DSU Football coach Al Lavan guided the Northeast All-Star team past the Southwest All-Star (24-7) team in the American Heritage Bowl on January 26. Peter Gaertner kicked a 39-yard field goal in the game. Other members of the Hornets team to be invited to the game were CB Akeem Green, MLB Russell Reeves, OG Jeremy Breath, TE Jeff Postell, DE Kelly Rouse, and P Josh Brite.

Coach Al Lavan and senior linebacker Russell Reeves were honored at the Washington, DC Pigskin Club Black Tie Banquet last Friday. Lavan received the Talmadge L. "Marse" Hill Award for leading the Hornets to a school best 10-2 season and their first playoff appearance. Reeves was given the Cato W. Adams Award as the MEAC MVP. He finished the season 93 tackles, one interception, seven pass breakups, five sacks, four forced fumbles and one safety.

Equestrian

The equestrian team lost to Auburn 13-5 last weekend. Elizabeth Tuttle won MVP Honors for in Hunt Seat in Equitation on the Flat.

Bowling

The Bowling team finished seventh in the Holiday Bowling Jamboree this past December at Farleigh Dickinson University. The DSU Bowling team reached a milestone earlier this season, becoming the 8th ranked team in the nation poll in November. This passed a previous mark of 16th, where they were ranked in 2006.

McBride Invited to Combine

Senior Wide Receiver, Shaheer McBride, has been invited to the NFL Draft Combine. The Combine is scheduled for February 20-26 in Indianapolis. McBride is the first Hornet since 1992 to be invited to the combine and the fifth player in Hornets football history to be invited. This comes off a season in which McBride became the all-time leader in career receptions (201) and career receptions for yards (3,007). He is also tied for first with 33 touchdowns.

Bowling

The Lady Hornets are once again ranked nationally according to the National Tenpins Coaches Association Poll. They are tied with Minnesota State for 10th in the country. The rankings choose the top 20 teams. Under first-year head coach Kim Terrell, the team is 64-26. Against Top 20 teams, the team has 15 wins. This is the third straight month the Hornets were ranked in the top 10 in the poll.

Wrestling

The wrestling team fell to the Virginia Military Institute on February 13 after winning three of seven contests in the match. However, three forfeits helped lead to the team's 39-12 loss. With the loss, the Hornets fall to 1-12-1 in dual meets this season. The three winners for the Hornets were Kyle Skinner, Brandon Gardner and Shawn Nowrey. The team's forfeits came in the following weight classes: 125, 141 and 149.

Women's Basketball

For the third time this season, Thea Littlepage has been picked as the MEAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week. In the three games the Hornets played against UMES, Hampton and Morgan, Littlepage recorded eight blocks, four steals and 19 rebounds. Littlepage is currently ranked fourth in the MEAC with 39 blocks.

The Lady Hornets went 7-2 in the MEAC North competition at Hampton University on the weekend of January 19. They improved their record to 47-17 overall and 23-4 in the MEAC North. Freshman Angela Reynolds led the way with a team-high 214.

Men's Indoor Track

The men's indoor 4x800 meter relay team shattered a school record at the Collegiate New Balance Invitational last weekend. Duke Mack, Chris Walker, Daeshon Davidson, and Donte' Holmes finished the course with a time of 7:36.36. Their time was good enough to place them in second behind Connecticut (7:35.0). The time is not only a new school record but it qualified the team for the IC4A championships next month. The time is also expected to rank in the top 10 in the nation for this season.

Women's Track

Two of Delaware State's Lady Hornets finished in the top 10 at the New Balance Collegiate last weekend. Nekisha Franklin ran a season-best in the 200-meter with a 23.96 second run putting her in 5th of the qualifying round. She finished in 10th place in the finals with a time of 24.22 seconds. Kendra Mayers finished in 8th place of the long jump with a leap of 5.76 meters.

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All-Star weekend more than just a game

Jenn Dailey
Sports Editor

The 57th Annual NBA All-Star Game took place this past weekend at the New Orleans Arena. The game was full of glam and big shots as the Eastern Conference breezed past the Western Conference 134-128.

For All-Star games in the past, the weekend has been about slam dunk contests and high scoring. This year's game was unlike the rest with the efforts by the NBA in the community overshadowing the game.

In 2006, the NBA decided to host the 2008 All-Star game in New Orleans. It's been a few years since Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans. To this day, New Orleans is still rebuilding. Last weekend, the NBA took part in several charitable activities for the city.

Throughout the four day fiasco, members and players like Kobe Bryant and Commissioner David Stern could be seen painting and nailing pieces of wood together. They were bringing smiles to the faces of New Orleans residents with their generosity. Players have been working behind the scenes, helping to rebuild New Orleans for a while but their work was highlighted over the weekend.

"I think because of this weekend, it's been more spotlighted because of All-Star Weekend," said

Hornets' coach Byron Scott who coached the Western Conference All-Stars. "But this has been going on for a while. The players have been very, very involved. I thought this weekend was terrific because you get to see them on a different level, away from basketball. And again, it really shows how much the NBA does care about the city of New Orleans.

The weekend was full of events along with the community work, but on February 17 the NBA got down to business. The game was full of lead

changes as there were 78 fast breaks, 42 of which came from the Eastern Conference. The Eastern Conference All-Stars took the lead for good in the last minutes of the game with the help of the Boston Celtics' Ray Allen.

Allen came off the bench and scored 28 points to help give the Eastern Conference the 134-128 win over the Western Conference All-Stars but lost the MVP award to LeBron James. James won the MVP

award because of his 27 points, 8 rebounds and 9 assists.

For the Western Conference, three players scored a team-high 18 points: Portland's Brandon Roy, Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire and Denver's Carmelo Anthony. First year All-Star and New Orleans point guard Chris Paul also put on a show for his home crowd with 16 points and 14 assists. He was also 7 for 14 from the field with four steals and only committed two turnovers.

Paul is in his second year as a player and he has been the

face of a revived New Orleans Hornets franchise. He has also been considered a symbol of the comeback effort in the city. Since Paul arrived in New Orleans from Wake Forest University he has lent a hand in helping the community and he was touched by the events which took place over All-Star weekend.

"The way the NBA reached out to the community would be something I think I'll never forget," said Paul.



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Woman's basketball update

Marlon Osborne
Hornet Correspondent

With the end of the season approaching, the Lady Hornets are .500 sitting at 12-12 in mid-February. They are 7-3 in the MEAC and they are playing for a MEAC Tournament title shot. The Lady Hornets are in a four way tie with UMES, Hampton and Coppin State for second place in the conference as North Carolina A&T sits at the top with an undefeated 10-0 record.

If the tournament started tomorrow, the Lady Hornets would be in a pretty good position but if they run the table through the end of the season, they would be in ideal position. DSU's team is deeper this year, they lead the league in scoring defense so they are almost never out of any game. Last month head coach Ed Davis got

his 300th victory and the club has been playing inspired basketball. They have won their last two games putting them in the four way tie. This season the defense has been the staple once again, as the Lady Hornets have a plus five turnover ratio.

"How our season goes depends on Raquel Collier and Katreem Palmer," said Coach Davis. "The MEAC is wide open, everybody came back equal. North Carolina A&T is the frontrunner but after that the 2nd seed is up for grabs" Coach Davis stated. When asked about his depth Coach Davis says "I think we have depth but we need more consistent depth, I think we tend to relax the last four to five minutes of the game and we can't do that."

Collier and Palmer average 12.6 ppg and 10.5 ppg respectively, being two of the more experienced players on the team. Junior guard Keyhana Wakefield leads the team in as-

sist and has been an excellent addition giving the Lady Hornets energy and toughness. Jameka Smith is leading the team in steals again this season and is resuming her reputation as one of the best defenders in the MEAC. Thea Littlepage has been the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week multiple times this season, her presence in the post and her rebounding makes her one of the unsung heroes on this team as she is one of the better post defenders in the conference.

The MEAC Tournament starts March 10, there are six games remaining on the regular season schedule, these six games can put DSU in the position to get the number two seed and play an easier schedule to the MEAC Championship Game. Key games would be at North Carolina A&T on February 18 and the regular season finale versus UMES on March 6 at Memorial Hall.

Top free agency MLB signings

Jenn Dailey
Sports Editor

For baseball fans, the middle of February is a sign of hope. This is the time where major league baseball players begin showing up to spring training.

Yet for the management aspect of baseball, this is not a time in when owners and general managers can return to work from a winter vacation. Nope, the management teams for each baseball club have been hard at work throughout the winter dealing with free agency and trades.

This year was huge for baseball players and free agency. The free agency pool of players was dry this year with it being rare and far in between to find great players to sign. Here is a list of the top ten players ESPN ranked prior to free agency and where they ended up:

Alex Rodriguez

A-Rod was a spectacle during the off-season; with his agent Scott Boras demanded an outrageous contract from the New York Yankees. After much speculation that Rodriguez may not be able to return after Boras' antics, the Yankees finally agreed to a contract with A-Rod. The 2007 American League (AL) MVP penned a 10-year, \$275 million contract with the Yankees.



AL and earned him the 2007 AL Silver Slugger Award. He will return to the Yankees this year after signing a 4-year, \$52.4 million contract.

Mike Lowell

Lowell was a player many teams were after this winter after he was named the MVP of the World Series. Yet to many teams disdain, he resigned with the Boston Red Sox. The 33-year old penned a 3-year, \$37.5 million contract.



Barry Bonds

Bonds had a so-so year last year. Although he became the All-Time Home Run King, his numbers were dismal. He hit .276 with 28 home runs and 66 RBI's. He is currently facing charges for perjury and recent re-

ports state he tested positive the year he became the single season home run king. The San Francisco Giants released Bonds and no other team has signed him at this point.



Andy Pettitte

Another Yankee is in the top free agency signings. Pettitte had a decent year with the Yankees in 2007. He finished the year with a record of 15-9 and a 4.05 ERA. He signed a 1-year, \$16 million contract with the Yankees.



Francisco Cordero

Cordero was one of the top closers in all of baseball last year. He finished the year with 44 saves and was ranked 2nd in the National League (NL) in saves. During the off-season, he left the Milwaukee Brewers for the Cincinnati Reds. Cordero signed a 4-year, \$46 million contract with the Reds.



Andruw Jones

Jones had the worst year of his career in 2007. In his final year with the Atlanta Braves, he batted .222 with 26 home runs and 94 RBI's. However, his defensive skills helped land him a 2-year, \$36.2 million contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.



Mariano Rivera

Rivera had an off year, finishing 8th in the saves in the AL with 30. Yet the Yankees resigned him anyway to a 3-year, \$45 million contract.



Jose Guillen

Guillen was a great player for the Seattle Mariners last year, batting .290 with 23 home runs and 99 RBI's. He decided to go with a change of season penning a 3-year, \$36 million contract with the Kansas City Royals.



Kosuke Fukudome

The outfielder is the product of Japanese baseball and is entering his first year of MLB. He signed with the Chicago Cubs. His contract is for 4 years and \$48 million.

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Which African American has inspired you the most?

Compiled by Jaynay Johnson & Renee Rogers



JUSTIN BOWNS, JUNIOR
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

"Martin Luther King Jr. was about the movement for us to get treated better and respected."



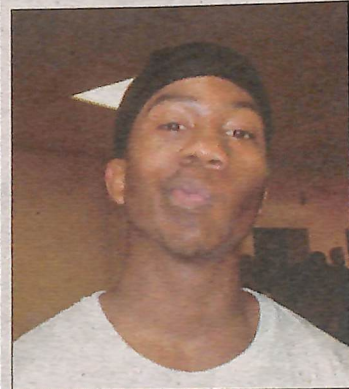
DARYL BREWTON, SOPHOMORE
SPORTS MANAGEMENT

"Barack Obama."



TAHITIANA WHITE, FRESHMAN
FASHION MERCHANDISING

"Madame CJ Walker because she invented the perm."



CHARLES KEITT, FRESHMAN
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"Charles Drew because he helped young people transfer blood."



LAKEYA DUNLAP, SOPHOMORE
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

"Madame CJ Walker."



KALONNO MULL, SOPHOMORE
NUTRITION

"Rosa Parks because she made a choice and continues to inspire me to hold my ground through any diversity."



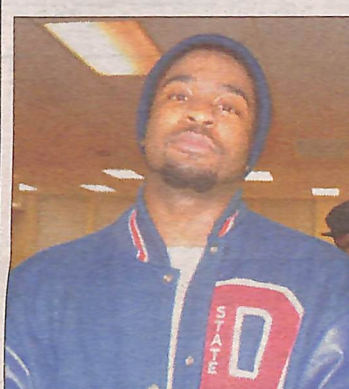
JASMINE BAKER, FRESHMAN
ZOOLOGIST

"Frederick Douglas because he was always motivated and it keeps me moving through my life."



JEREL BROWN, FRESHMAN
SPORTS MEDICINE

"Malcom X because he wanted to get the thing done by any means."



JEROME STRUM, JUNIOR
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"MLK, guess we wouldn't be in school if it wasn't for him."



IESHA DAVIS, FRESHMAN
BROADCAST JOURNALISM

"Obama."



DAVINA HALL, SOPHOMORE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"Oprah Winfrey. She is a very powerful woman and also one of the richest women in the world."



GABRIEL HINES, FRESHMAN
MASS COMMUNICATION

"Muhammad Ali."



TYE LOVE, SOPHOMORE
PRINT JOURNALISM/HISTORY

"Dorothy Dandridge. Her life was tragic. However, in the face of racism she became a legend."



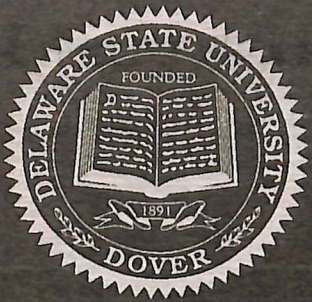
ANDRE HENRY, JUNIOR
ACCOUNTING

"Carter G. Woodson. He was a very hard working man and because of him we celebrate Black History Month."



BESSIE COLEMAN
AVIATION

"First Black woman to be a licensed pilot."



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Sophomore Class

Eric A. Green

Desired Office: President
Classification: Freshman
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Bronx, NY
Cumulative GPA: 4.0
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Accounting & Finance Club
Platform: "If elected, I hope to enhance the accreditation of the school through the Sophomore Class by creating more activities and enhancing student life on campus."



Barbara Samia Offer

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Freshman
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Cumulative GPA: 3.43
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Freshmen Class Treasurer
Platform: "I plan to be an encouragement to my class. Our school is in need of inspiration. I plan to bring pride, professionalism, and purpose back to Delaware State University. Being the person that I am, I am willing to make the difference."



Griffin Blake

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Freshman
Major: Business Education
Hometown: Forestville, MD
Cumulative GPA: 2.85
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "I plan to make Delaware State a fun productive school for all students."



Monniquer Williams-Peacock

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Freshman
Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Temple Hills, MD
Cumulative GPA: 3.38
Professional Affiliations: WDSU Radio
Campus Activities: Radio Personality
Platform: "As Vice President, I will make it my duty to promote well being & student life/awareness as enjoyable as I can."



Jazmine Singletary *

Desired Office: Corresponding Secretary
Classification: Freshman
Major: Business Management
Hometown: Washington, D.C.
Cumulative GPA: 2.70
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: n/a



Senior Class

Kylea Woodley*

Desired Office: President
Classification: Junior
Major: Family and Consumer Sciences
Hometown: Coatesville, PA
Cumulative GPA: 3.6
Professional Affiliations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Big Brother Big Sister of America
Campus Activities: Cheerleading, Junior Class Corresponding Secretary, President Sisters Circle, Fashion Merchandising Club
Platform: "As Senior Class President, I would make sure the 2008-2009 school year will be remembered. To my freshman and sophomores, you are the future of this institution, so I find it important for us to bridge the gap between the classes. I would like to start a mentoring program where you can have people to talk to who have climbed the mountains you are just now approaching. To my future senior class, we will have an amazing senior class trip. Senior year is a very expensive time so I want to fundraise and put the proceeds towards our all inclusive trip. Lastly to my student body as a whole, I want to help in bringing back school spirit! We need more pep rallies, more programs where we can get to know each other, and we need unity. I look forward to serving as your 2008-2009 Senior Class President."



Tanisha Pollard*

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Junior
Major: Community Health
Hometown: Lawnside, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.30
Professional Affiliations: NAACP
Campus Activities: Hall Council Secretary, Miss Junior, Xpressions Fashion Club, Resident Assistant
Platform: "As Senior Class Vice President I will work to make senior year an eventful and memorable one; taking in all concerns and questions from students so that their voices



Kimberley London*

Desired Office: Corresponding Secretary
Classification: Junior
Major: Social Work
Hometown: Trenton, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.08
Professional Affiliations: Big Brother, Big Sister
Campus Activities: Corresponding secretary for social work club, Resident Assistant
Platform: "As corresponding secretary I guarantee that the students will receive all the information that is going on, on campus. I will help and answer any questions the students may have."



* candidate is uncontested.

Junior Class

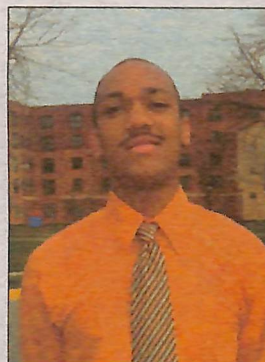
Lisa White

Desired Office: President
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Criminal Justice/ Sociology
Hometown: Capitol Heights, MD
Cumulative GPA: 3.36
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Sophomore Class Vice-President, English tutor
Platform: "To uphold the image of greatness for 2010 is to provide great leadership, service, and activities for all. As junior class president, I intend to turn great things into greatness and turn greatness into a better opportunity and future for us all."



Kareem Ingram

Desired Office: President
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Camden, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.00
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "My platform is to unite the campus and decrease the violence."



Davina Hall*

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Camden, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Miss Sophomore 2007-2008, Miss Black & Gold 2008-2009, Sister Circle
Platform: "To be a liaison between the Junior Class and the Administration, because if you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."



Angelica Patrick*

Desired Office: Corresponding Secretary
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Nursing
Hometown: Union, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 2.55
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Vice President of Laws Hall 2006-2007, SGA Street Team
Platform: "As Corresponding Secretary, I guarantee that the students will receive all the information that is happening on campus. I will help answer any questions the students may have."



Men's Council



Takeem Ragland

Desired Office: President
Classification: Junior
Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Millville, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Resident Assistant, Peer Counselor
Platform: "To further progress the development and growth of the males on campus, as well as the general DSU population."



Andre Henry

Desired Office: President
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Camden, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 2.6
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: Track & Field Team, Resident Assistant
Platform: "Representation through demonstration. I plan to demonstrate manhood in order to make change amongst the men of DSU. We need the iron qualities that go with true manhood. We need the positive virtues of resolution, of courage of indomitable will, of power to do without shrinking the rough work that must always be done."



Sharif King*

Desired Office: Correspondent Secretary
Classification: Junior
Major: Broadcast Journalism
Hometown: Harlem, NY
Cumulative GPA: 3.0
Professional Affiliations: Apprentice of "Sway" from MTV, G-Unit College Rep
Campus Activities: WDSU Radio
Platform: "The Revival" - "I will make a change throughout the campus to bring back the campus spirit, in areas such as School Spirit, Student Development, Sports, Campus activities, etc. I want to focus on helping men to set examples."

College Representatives



Kathleen Charlot

Desired Office: College of Business Rep
Classification: Freshman
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Dover, DE
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Professional Affiliations: NABA, Options Club, Horner Community Outreach
Campus Activities: Accounting Finance Club, Horner Community Outreach
Platform: "As a representative, I plan to conduct myself in the utmost respectful fashion in order to represent the Horner name to the best of my ability."



Milton McCoy Gardner

Desired Office: College of Business Rep
Classification: Freshman
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Bowie, MD
Cumulative GPA: 3.2
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "I plan to represent The School of Business, but more importantly Delaware State University properly."



Troy Miles III

Desired Office: College of Business Rep
Classification: Freshman
Major: Information Systems
Hometown: Bowie, MD
Cumulative GPA: 3.71
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "As a college representative, I plan on making a change on Delaware State's Campus."



Carlyn Harry*

Desired Office: College of Agriculture & Related Sciences
Classification: Junior
Major: Nutrition
Hometown: Bear, DE
Cumulative GPA: 2.6
Professional Affiliations: Volunteer at the YMCA and Great Minds Daycare
Campus Activities: Summer Bridge Mentor, Sigma Alpha Pi
Platform: "If elected College Representative, my hope is to reach out and be the voice of my fellow Delaware State University students."



Shanelle Clay*

Desired Office: College of Education & Humanities
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Landover, MD
Cumulative GPA: 2.8
Professional Affiliations: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., NPHC, Ronald McNair Scholar Program, Big Brother, Big Sister
Campus Activities: Xpressions Fashion Club, Sister to Sister Mentoring program, DSU Diehards
Platform: n/a

SGA Awareness



Darice Owens*

Desired Office: SGA Awareness Committee
Classification: Freshman
Major: Early Childhood Education
Hometown: Newark, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 2.8
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "To inform and to get students more involved on campus and during events."



Tanjanyca Hillard*

Desired Office: SGA Awareness Committee
Classification: Freshman
Major: Social Work
Hometown: Washington, D.C.
Cumulative GPA: 2.6
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "To get more students involved on campus"

**candidate is uncontested*

Women's Senate

Marea Munro

Desired Office: President
Classification: Senior
Major: Print Journalism
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
Cumulative GPA: 2.70
Professional Affiliations: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., National Pan-Hellenic Council
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "Our purpose is to cultivate the progress of womanhood and diversity. We are 'A New Beginning in the Voice of Women'."



Amber Martin

Desired Office: President
Classification: Junior
Major: Finance & Banking
Hometown: N/A
Cumulative GPA: 3.70
Professional Affiliations: Achievement Program
Campus Activities: Ronald McNair Achievement Program, DSU Gospel Choir
Platform: "As women's senate president I plan to encourage academic scholarship, promote involvement in our campus and local communities, and make women from all backgrounds, despite negative experiences that may have tarnished the representation of women at DSU, I want to show the community that we are women of intelligence, integrity and elegance."



Anastasia Stallworth

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Dover, DE
Cumulative GPA: 3.00
Professional Affiliations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Campus Activities: Delaware State University Cheerleader
Platform: "To cultivate the progress of womanhood and diversity."



Stephanie Amogbe

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Freshman
Major: Mass Communication/Public Relations
Hometown: Newark, DE
Cumulative GPA: 3.15
Professional Affiliations: Secretary of Richards-Lavon & Finger P.A.
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "I plan to be a common voice of communication for the student body while providing a source of leadership. I also want to be seen as a student, using my position to connect with the student on a personal level."



Duante Williams*

Desired Office: Treasurer
Classification: Junior
Major: Social Work
Hometown: Northampton, CT
Cumulative GPA: 2.80
Professional Affiliations: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., National Pan-Hellenic Council
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "Cultivating the progress of womanhood and diversity."



Raeshawn Horry

Desired Office: Recording Secretary
Classification: Freshman
Major: Broadcast Journalism
Hometown: Bronx, NY
Cumulative GPA: 3.80
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: N/A
Platform: "I would like to become recording secretary of women's senate. As recording secretary I will assist my committee with planning campus events that will uplift and educate the women on our campus."



Ednesa Henson

Desired Office: Recording Secretary
Classification: Junior
Major: Middle Level Education
Hometown: Annapolis, MD
Cumulative GPA: N/A
Professional Affiliations: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Campus Activities: N/A
Platform: "Cultivating the progress of womanhood and diversity."



Chevon Matthews*

Desired Office: Corresponding Secretary
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Sociology
Hometown: Landover, MD
Cumulative GPA: 2.75
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: Peer Tutor, WENI Radio
Platform: "Cultivating the progress of womanhood and diversity."

Residence Hall Association



George Brown*

Desired Office: RHA President
Classification: Freshman
Major: Airway Science
Hometown: Williamsport, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.6
Professional Affiliations: Civil Air Patrol
Campus Activities: President of Tubman Hall
Platform: "To perfect the view of the residence hall on our campus."



Dejah Moore

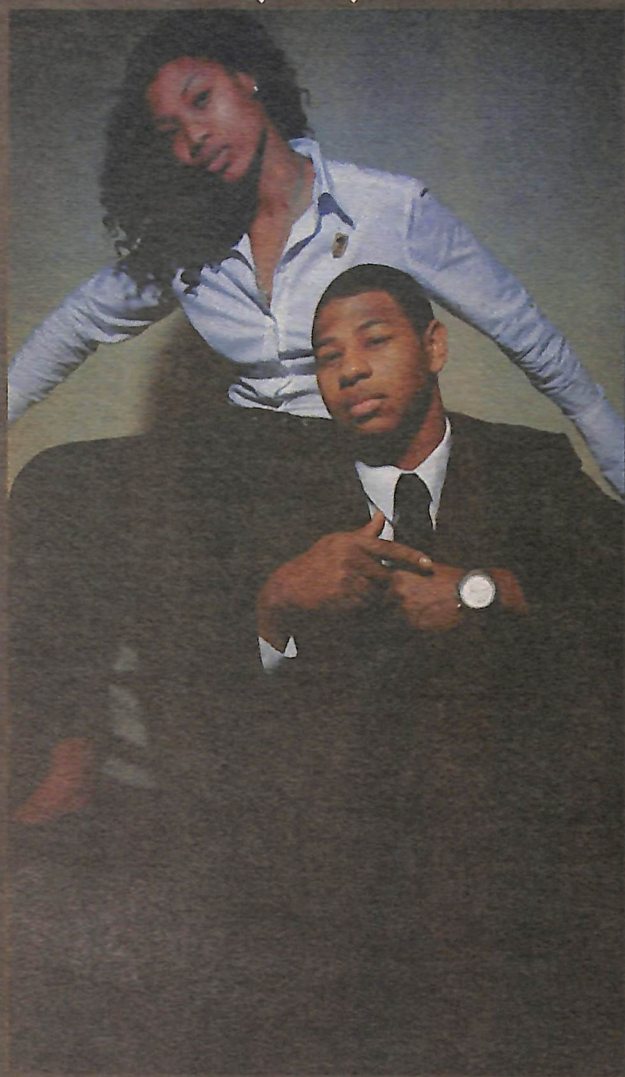
Desired Office: RHA Vice President
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology/Criminal Justice
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
Cumulative GPA: 3.10
Professional Affiliations: Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Campus Activities: Women Freshman student worker, McNair Scholars, Xpressions Fashion Club, Criminal Justice Sociology Recording Secretary
Platform: "If elected Vice President of RHA, my hope is to give the student body of Delaware State university an active voice in campus living."

Vacant SGA Positions

- Executive Recording Secretary
- Mr. Senior
- Mr. Junior
- Senior Class Recording Secretary
- Junior Class Treasurer
- Junior Class Recording Secretary
- Men's Council Treasurer
- RHA Treasurer
- RHA Recording Secretary
- RHA Corresponding Secretary

The Executive Council

"The (Re)Birth"



Danyel Jones (left)

Desired Office: President
Classification: Junior
Major: Print Journalism with minor in Theatre
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Cumulative GPA: 2.8
Professional Affiliations: Heart and Soul Magazine and Hip Hop.com
Campus Activities: SGA Junior Class President, Hornet Newspaper correspondent
Platform: "Completely focused on providing the DSU student body with the best possible opportunity to be heard and shine. The ReBirth is the "Definition of Leadership."

Roger Phillips (right)

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Junior
Major: Television Production
Hometown: New Castle, DE
Cumulative GPA: 2.85
Professional Affiliations: Read Aloud Delaware and United States Army
Campus Activities: Peer Mentor, Mr. Mass Communications, Resident Advisor
Platform: "I am here to turn up the volume on student voices."

Latoya Johnson*

Desired Office: Recording Secretary
Classification: Junior
Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Cumulative GPA: 2.8
Professional Affiliations: n/a
Campus Activities: n/a
Platform: "n/a"



G.R.O.W.T.H.



Jayson Powell (right)

Desired Office: President
Classification: Junior
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Wilmington, DE
Cumulative GPA: 2.98
Professional Affiliations: Student Government Association
Campus Activities: Royal Court and Marketing Club
Platform: "As SGA President I will not only be a strong leader for my fellow peers, but I will be the voice that will guide my fellow student body forward as DSU continues to progress as a University."

Maurice Johnson II (left)

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Junior
Major: Marketing and Sports Management
Hometown: Bridgeton, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.36
Professional Affiliations: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Campus Activities: NPHC, Sports Management club, President of RHA and president of Men's Council
Platform: As SGA Vice President, I plan to implement various elements that were not present here on DSU's campus. As well as keep traditional or successful programs, leadership ideas and community service.

"The Green Light"



Ibrahim Kamara (left)

Desired Office: President
Classification: Junior
Major: Business Economics/Public Relations
Hometown: African Native, Philly
Cumulative GPA: 2.9
Professional Affiliations: Residential Advisor/Public Relations, Mr. ISA, Chief of Staff of Sexual and Alcohol Awareness, Chief Financial Advisor of Tree Investment
Platform: "To seek out input on issues relating to the student body and actively represent those issues and concerns."

Sharee Bails (right)

Desired Office: Vice President
Classification: Junior
Major: Special Education and Psychology
Hometown: Jersey City, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 2.9
Professional Affiliations: Big Sister, Big Brother
Campus Activities: Xpression Fashion Club, Miss Residence Life 2007-2008, SGA chief of staff 2007-2008
Platform: "To seek out input on issues relating to the student body and actively represent those issues and concerns."

Desyree Colon

Desired Office: Treasurer
Classification: Junior
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
Cumulative GPA: 2.94
Professional Affiliations: Correctional Officer, State Trooper
Campus Activities: SGA Street Team, Criminal Justice Club
Platform: "To encourage all students to come out and enjoy their stay at Delaware State university at special events. I also plan to use the money wisely as well as raise money so that we would have funds to support activities we would like to have at the school."



* candidate is uncontested.

Miss DSU

Danielle Gunter-Ward

Desired Office: Miss DSU
Classification: Junior
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
Hometown: Willingboro, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.67
Professional Affiliations: MANRRS, Alpha Chi Honor Society, Residential Education, Academic Support
Campus Activities: Miss Sophomore 2006-2007
Platform: "To continue to be a role model to youth, young women in particular, as an elevated representing my community."



Trisha Hunter

Desired Office: Miss DSU
Classification: Junior
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Hamden, CT
Cumulative GPA: 3.53
Professional Affiliations: Kappa Delta Phi
Campus Activities: DSU Marching Band, Miss University Courtyard, Limitless Fashion Club
Platform: "When elected Miss DSU my main goal would be to reunite our student body and to make our campus positive and safe."



Ciara Lawton

Desired Office: Miss DSU
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Military
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Professional Affiliations: Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society
Campus Activities: Jumpstart Program, Miss Freshman, Mentor for Summer Bridge, Head Mentor for accelerated Program, Active Minds, Peer counselor, Psychology Club
Platform: "Once elected into office my plan of action will be to instill selfless service to all students, faculty, and staff. I will promote unity by continuing to implement programs such as sisterhood for the greater good. I will also continue to be positive mentor and encourage all students to take personal responsibility for their actions good, bad, or indifferent."



Brittany Pace

Desired Office: Miss DSU
Classification: Junior
Major: Early Childhood Education
Hometown: Upper Marlboro, MD
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Professional Affiliations: National Association for the Education of Young Children, Council for Exceptional Children
Campus Activities: Kappa Delta Pi, Ronald E. McNair Scholar
Platform: "A great leader's courage to fulfill a vision comes from passion, not position. I have a strong desire to represent Delaware State University with dignity and respect. I believe we can make change through unity. Together we can strengthen our community with effective programming and the understanding of the leadership we possess."



Mr. DSU

Brandon Addison

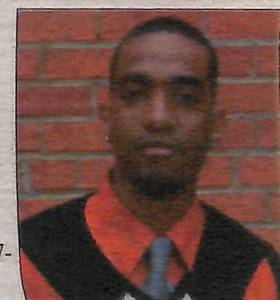
Desired Office: Mr. DSU
Classification: Junior
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Queens, NY
Cumulative GPA: 3.45
Professional Affiliations: US Army, YMCA, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Campus Activities: Gospel Choir, Concert Choir, Conwell Executive



Platform: "When in office I will empower the student body on campus by displaying the needed qualities of nobility, integrity, as well as in scholastics. My goals will include changing the community perspective of how African American students are, by having outreach programs and social programs."

Deon R. Williams

Desired Office: Mr. DSU
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Dover, DE
Cumulative GPA: 3.25
Professional Affiliations: Strategic Planning Committee, Financial Aid 2007-2008
Campus Activities: Mr. Psychology 2007-2008, AMP



Platform: "To increase the student participation and awareness on the campus. Progress and advocacy are the goals, and focused leadership is the instrument of change. Individual accountability, delegation, and collective responsibility from the pillars of leadership to enhance Delaware State University and its community."

Miss Senior

Cynthia Garber

Desired Office: Miss Senior
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Hollis, NY
Cumulative GPA: 2.84
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: Resident Assistant and University Choir
Platform: "Helping seniors make a stand for a better tomorrow."



Sade L. Plenty

Desired Office: Miss Senior
Classification: Junior
Major: Community Health
Hometown: Jersey City, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.18
Professional Affiliations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Campus Activities: Active minds, Limitless Fashion Club, Mentor for Summer Bridge Program, Big sister little with Women Senate
Platform: "If I was elected for Miss Senior for the 2008-2009 school year, I plan to show leadership while being a positive role model on campus. I want to serve as a strong black woman for my fellow student body by making this one campus, one family, one DSU."



Miss Sophomore

Aliah Francis*

Desired Office: Miss Sophomore
Classification: Freshman
Major: Mass Communications
Hometown: Irvington, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.4
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: N/A
Platform: "If elected, I will be a positive role model for incoming freshmen and show my fellow classmates and the school as a whole what being miss sophomore embodies which is upholding leadership and representing the young ladies of the sophomore class with dignity, poise and pride."



Miss Junior

Kashiya Lester

Desired Office: Miss Junior
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Broadcast Journalism
Hometown: Wilmington, DE
Cumulative GPA: 3.7
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: Mass Comm Society, Radio Street team, SGA street team, Hornets Community Outreach, Radio show
Platform: "My desire is to be the best representation I can be for my class. I am truly proud of my class and I WILL do my class proud. It's important that the incoming junior class has a representative to reach out on its behalf. Representing my class is a true passion of mine. I WILL do any and everything I can do in this position."



Crysta Tilghman

Desired Office: Miss Junior
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Wilmington, DE
Cumulative GPA: 3.0
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: Fashion Theory, Sociology Club
Platform: "As Miss Junior, my goals and aspirations for the student body is to supply a collective voice and vision for my fellow Hornets. To achieve this I will serve as a positive role model for all females while bridging the gap within the female community."



Mr. Sophomore

Ebube Oriji

Desired Office: Mr. Sophomore
Classification: Freshman
Major: Business Management
Hometown: Trenton, NJ
Cumulative GPA: 3.0
Professional Affiliations: N/A
Campus Activities: Mr. Evers, ISA, College Democrats, Hornet Community Outreach Club
Platform: "To maintain our class connection as we transition into our Junior year, and to be the voice on behalf of the Junior class."



One step closer to crowning king and queen

Johnathan Elam
Hornet Correspondent

The 2008-2009 Mr. and Miss Delaware State University pageant held in the Education & Humanities Building on April 6 proved to be a classy affair.

With a mild turnout, the start time slated for 7:00 pm was pushed back a little later with curtains opening at approximately 7:30 pm.

The night's emcee, current Miss Senior Shanqua Ramsey, introduced current Mr. and Miss DSU Foster Sellers and Tasha Askew to the audience along with the '08-'09 candidates for Mr. and Miss DSU as they performed a choreographed piece.

The competition consisted of four components: oratory, talent, evening wear, and lastly question and answer.

The candidates introduced themselves and a quote they live by or campaign plan. Current '07-'08 Mr. Senior Brandon Addison, Mr. DSU candidate, exclaimed his plan is to implement programs to counter the "negative connotation" that is attached to the university.

Deon Williams, a Junior Psychology major and second candidate for Mr. DSU said that his honesty, academic integrity, and dependability qualified him for the position.

Danielle Gunter-Ward, a junior Biology major, knows that faith and hope are the keys to life.

Tricia Hunter, Elementary Education major lives by the words of Maya Angelou's *Phenomenal Woman*.

Ciara Lawton, Psychology major and Criminal Justice minor, lives by Proverbs 23:7 "As a person thinks in his heart so he will become."

Brittany Pace, Education major, lives and breathes the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moment of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy."

Mr. DSU candidates started off the oratory portion. Posed with the topic, "Historically Black Colleges and University's, the cornerstones of African American History and culture, Black males the catalysts for survival of these great institutions." Brandon Addison spoke of the origin of HBCU's and precedence they held at a time when very little opportunity for education of blacks existed.

Addison's counterpart, Deon Williams, dialogued on the second Merrill Land Grant Act of 1890 which put in effect law that states using fed land grant funds must make the school open to both whites and blacks or allocate money for segregated black colleges to serve as alternative to white schools. Williams spoke of the mass of important men in history who are products of HBCU's including Martin Luther King, W.E.B. Dubois, and Booker T. See "Pageant" Page 11

Revamped Men's Council/ Women's Senate voting process

Jonathan Elam
Hornet Correspondent

Due to a lack of participation in candidates in this year's election race for Women's Senate and Men's Council a new approach has been implemented in determining winners.

In previous years Men's Council and Women's Senate candidates that have run as a team of five running on one ticket as president, vice president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer.

That is not the case this year. Selection of positions will be based on an individual vote for each position rather than a collective vote for the entire group.

This process is not a fresh idea just newly implemented as it is the protocol of the Student Government Association Preamble.

Since Men's Council and Women's Senate are under SGA they follow their constitution preamble which states that the election of officers of SGA shall be by individual with the exception of president and vice president (see article 6 sec. 1 desu.edu). Women's Council and Men's Council fall under Residential Education for funding.

Section 7: states if an individual is uncontested they are automatically elected to office.

Loy Azalia
Assistant Editor

Elimination process for Miss DSU pageant questioned

than a few points.

The selection of Miss DSU has intricate procedures, so they would be properly followed. Ms. Terry Coleman, Chairperson of the Miss DSU Advisory Committee, created a Miss DSU handbook for all the crowned queens.

"I was an advisor for a few queens in '89, '90 and felt a need for a handbook," Ms. Coleman stated.

When asked about changes being made to the elimination process, Ms. Coleman was not in agreement of the idea.

Each contestant has to be screened, making sure they're academically in good standing. Then they are interviewed by the committee and asked a series of questions pertaining to the position. Following they are scored accordingly depending on their performance. The scores from the interview will then later be included into the judges scores.

Though Chapelle feels very strongly about abolishing the entire elimination process, current Miss DSU, Tasha

Ayana Wint
Contributing Writer

The Laughing Truth

talking gay man, and an insane war veteran, to talking wigs, "The Colored Museum" delivered drama, tragedy, comedy and the blunt truth.

There is no doubt that the African American race has a history of oppression and disparity, but it is one with richer history in achievements. Why can't we laugh at the extreme changes in African American hair over the centuries? Like the perm, the afro and the "heri curl." And how black theater is extremely repetitive with its "Mama on the Couch Play's," with its gospel music soundtrack and "good-for-nothing" men?

If anyone understands the many faces of African American people, it is Reverend Shirley Brown, director of Delaware State University's production of *The Colored Museum* and DSU professor. "The African American race is made up of a complex group of people, therefore there is no way we can be stereotyped," said Reverend Brown "that's the significance of the play for me and I hope the audience sees that."

An audience who was not familiar

Zetas reward fellow students for scholarship

In the spirit of celebrating outstanding scholarship of their fellow students, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. sponsored an essay contest earlier this semester. Participants were asked to write about what scholarship meant to them and how their definition played a role in their everyday lives. Though the Zeta ladies were competent that, they could properly choose a winner for the competition, they thought it only fair to get the assistance of Delaware State University literature professor, Dr. Joe Amaoko.

The members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. held a formal ceremony in the Education and Humanities building to reward the winners: Kristen Caldwell, a freshman Criminal Justice major and Christina Friday, a sen-



Members of Zeta Phi Beta with Dr. Amaoko and winners of the competition

chance to team with candidates who may be more popular, gain popularity with the candidates and receive a better chance of winning," says Horry.

Andre Harry, President Men's Council candidate shares a difference of opinion,

"I don't really agree with it. I feel it takes away from the team concept and coming together to work as a team, but at the same time I know positions have to be filled. I'd rather have con-

Askew, feels that portion of the pageant should remain the same.

"They [panel] choose the top competent candidate and all pageants have a preliminary stage," commented Miss DSU Tasha Askew.

Ms. Askew also mentioned that most pageants with more than three contestants have eliminations.

Alternatives were discussed by the SGA executive five and Miss DSU, including having a student on the pageant panel. Also, weighing the student vote more than the pageant vote in the selection of Miss DSU.

According to Ms. Coleman, in order to have a student on the panel the decision would have to be made by Judicial Student Affairs.

As of now, the elimination process will continue on during the pageants until mandated by a higher authority. Concerns about the pageant still linger.

"On Sunday, after campaigning and spending a lot of money, a person will be embarrassed," said Nikki Chapelle.

with the play and a cast who was not at first either is one of the many reasons that plays such as *The Colored Museum* exist. Former Delaware State University student Marquette Shaw, a young man very familiar to the EH Theater's stage, had never heard of the play but now loves it. "At first it may seem as just comedy, but you have to listen beneath the laughter for the soul of the play" he said, which is what happened to sophomore Chavonne Wilson. "The play was very funny. I laughed so much I missed the point, but I had someone explain it, so now I get it a little better," said Wilson.

The Colored Museum is an important play for everyone to see because it is factual and gives a lesson to every culture. It allows you to laugh at some of the more unique aspects of African American culture you might not be comfortable with, while exposing you to those harsh realities. The African American race, as any other cultures of the world is more than just its history, and a lot more than its stereotypes. It is a combination of all that and then some.

ior Psychology major, TeShanna Hanley, member of Zeta Phi Beta, began by thanking the two participants for taking pride in their academic endeavors and encouraged them to continue to work towards their dreams. The winners were presented with gift certificates to the university's book store to assist them with the purchase of their books for future classes and school supplies.

"It's so good to see an organization on campus take the education of others this seriously. It would be nice to see other groups follow in these footsteps to support their peers. I am happy I could help to pick the win-

Takeem Ragland, President Men's Council candidate proves to be a fan of the selection process.

"It allows more creativity as now you have to run as an individual. I think it allows creativity, it will be better as it brings individuals together."

When asking Chapelle if this process will continue in the future she said it depends on if there continues to be a lack of team members as well as the level of participation.

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Bad Boy Presents: Day 26

Ebony McIntosh
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Day 26
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It has been a long time coming for the men of Day 26, but all their sweat and tears have definitely paid off. Chosen on the 26 of August, 2007 in front of millions of viewers on MTV's hit reality show *Making the Band 4*, Day 26 represents the day five celebrity hopefuls, Brian Andrews, Mike McCluney, Qwanell Mosley (aka "Q"), Robert Curry, and Willie Taylor became instant stars.

Recorded in just three weeks, the self-titled LP proved the guys could grasp the challenge of completing a successful album along with label mates Danity Kane and Donnie, all living under one roof.

The highly anticipated album was executive produced by P. Diddy and featured production by Mario Winans, The Runners, and multiple Grammy Award-winner Bryan Michael Cox. According

to the groups Myspace page, DAY 26 gives R&B fans what they've been missing: seamless, soulful, sincere harmonies and emotional, sexy, straight-up banging songs. According to Q, posted on the groups Myspace page "There hasn't been a really strong male vocal group since the 90's and that's what our vibe is. To bring back that sound."

Each band member brings a different element to each song. The sounds of Day 26 have been compared to hit boy bands 112, N' Sync, and Jagged Edge. The dynamic sound of the first single entitled "Got Me Going," produced by singer/producer Mario Winans, sparked the airwaves ever since the video premiered on MTV. It was the number one requested song on FM radio last week.

Day 26 consist of 14 tracks; a combination of up-tempo beats that will get the adrenalin rushing, along with ballads to set the mood. One track in particular that



will surely put you in the mood is "Co-Star" We both know what will go down on tonight// you've been teasing until the time was right/ So let go/ It's your show// All I wanna do is co-star. Another stand out track is "Silly Love" this easygoing song has a vibe to it. "Since you've

Been Gone" is sure to make you want to give your broken relationship another chance at reconciliation. What is a male R&B album without an apologetic song?

I'm feeling most of the songs on the album with the exception of the track "Ain't Going." The song seemed a bit out of touch when it came to its lyrics and vibe. In my opinion, it has to grow on you.

Overall Day 26 is a top of the line album that you can put on repeat and never get tired of it, which is exactly what the industry needs.

I give Day 26 4 Hornets.

The First Black Supermodel

Danielle Scott
Entertainment Editor

Donyale Luna (1945-1979) was the first black supermodel, cover girl and the first model of ethnic origin to appear on *Vogue*, appearing on the March 1966 issue.

Born Peggy Anne Freeman, January 1, 1945 to Peggy Nathaniel Freeman in Detroit, Michigan her father, who was reportedly abusive, was murdered when she was 18. The heritage of the model is very vague despite the parentage declared on her birth certificate; she insisted that her biological father was a man with the surname Luna and that her mother was of Mexican decent. According to *afrobella.com* in the mid 1960s, a relative described Luna as being "a very weird child, even from birth, living in a wonderland, a dream." Although her mother encouraged her to become a nurse, she followed her own path and became a model.

After meeting photographer David McCabe, she left the Motor City behind for a new life in New York to pursue a career in modeling. After the January 1965 sketch of her appeared on the cover of Harper's Bazaar photographer Richard Avedon signed Luna to an exclusive contract to photograph her. A *Time* magazine article published on April 1, 1966, entitled "The Luna Year", described the dramatically thin and tall (6'

2") model with the hallmark bright blue contact lenses and occasional blonde wig as "a new heavenly body who, because of her striking singularity, promises to remain on high for many a season. Donyale Luna, as she calls herself, is unquestionably the hottest model in Europe at the moment. She is only 20, a Negro, hails from Detroit, and is not to be missed."

In 1966, she became the first African American model to appear on the cover of *Vogue* magazine, a photograph in which she covered her whole face with her hand, except for her boldly outlined eye. Reportedly, that shot was chosen to not offend the magazine's regular readership. In 1967, mannequin manufacturer Adel Rootstein created a mannequin in Luna's image, a follow-up to her famous model Twiggy mannequin of 1966.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, Luna appeared in several films produced by Andy Warhol (including *Camp*) and Federico Fellini (*Fellini Satyricon*). She also appeared in *The Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus*, the Otto Preminger comedy *Skidoo* (in



Donyale Luna

which she was featured as the mistress of God, who was portrayed by Groucho Marx), and the British documentary *Tonite Let's All Make Love in London*.

Self-hatred, drug abuse and lack of professionalism became the downfall of this young model/actor. According to Donyaleluna. tripod.com when asked whether her appear-

ances in Hollywood films would benefit the cause of black actresses, Luna replied, "If it brings about more jobs for Mexicans, Chinese, Indians, Negroes, groovy. It could be good, it could be bad. I couldn't care less." Fellow model Beverly Johnson described Luna in a 1975 New York Times article as, "not wearing shoes in the winter or summer. Ask her where she's from — Mars? She went up and down the runways on her hands and knees. She didn't show up for bookings. She didn't have a hard time she made it hard for herself." It was stated in numerous reports Luna became uneasy when asked about her heritage.

In 1979, Donyale Luna died of a drug overdose (LSD) in Rome. She is survived by her daughter Dream whom she had with Italian Playboy photographer Luigi Cazzaniga.

Beanie Sigel sentenced 3 months in jail

Laquan James
Hornet Correspondent

Philadelphia rapper Beanie Sigel will be spending three months in the slammer for violating the terms of his probation. The rapper, first sentenced on drug and weapons charges in 2004, was back in federal court on March 28 over a third vi-

olation of his supervised release. According to *Sohh.com* authorities said the rapper (born Dwight Grant) gave a bogus urine sample to probation officers on February 29, and five other times that month, he tested positive for the anxiety medication Xanax and the highly addictive pain pill Percocet.

The rapper told the judge he was an addict and had suffered a relapse when he was sent to a halfway house in January. Sigel, ordered to serve the first six

months of his then 18 months of supervised release in the halfway house. U.S. District Judge R. Barclay Surrick sentenced Sigel to three months jail and an additional year of supervised release, which he will serve in a drug-treatment program.

Sigel blamed the relapse on the financial pressure he is under, facing losing his home because he is unable to travel outside of the state to perform, which was the entertainers major source of income.

20 Questions

By Ghostwriter

1. Who throws an 80's party for kids born after '89?
2. Who still goes to parties in the gym?
3. Aren't you just having so much fun this year?
4. Couldn't you tell I was just being sarcastic?
5. Who knows the 30 year old student who chills on campus?
6. Shouldn't he just stop clowning and stand up straight?
7. If you really want change, shouldn't you just vote for Obama?
8. How many male groupies did Bilal really have?
9. How many people had to Google Bilal before paying to go see him in Conrad?
10. When will they realize DSU is not wrestle mania?
11. Don't we have a spring homecoming at the end of the month?
12. Is the SGA Street team idea is not working out?
13. Who is the guy that mooned everybody in Conrad?
14. Why is Mr. Senior running for Mr. DSU?
15. Why are the people on the 5+ year plan running for office?
16. How many people had to call MAACO after driving to last weeks party?
17. Who is the girl walking around with the fire engine red mohawk?
18. Which potential SGA President and VP duo used flower pots as part of their campaign?
19. And isn't that one of the worst advertising strategies you've seen?
20. Shouldn't every DSU student make it a priority go out and vote on April 11?

A Pregnant Man?

Danielle Scott
Entertainment Editor

Strange but true a transgender man told Oprah recently that he is five months pregnant.

"I opted not to do anything with my reproductive organs because I wanted to have a child one day," he told the talk show host.

Beatie, 34, who lives in Oregon, was born a woman but decided to become a man 10 years ago. He began taking testosterone treatments and had

breast surgery to remove glands and flatten his chest. His wife Nancy, who also appeared on the show, told Oprah the couple's roles will not change once the baby is born. "He's going to be the father and I'm going to be the mother," she said.

The couple is legally married and Beatie is recognized under state law as a man.

The two said they decided to go public with the pregnancy because they wanted to control the way the news got out.



Thomas Beatie

Attributed to www.abcnews.com

According to the terms of his release, Beans cannot leave the state. The rapper faced his first two probation violations after he took an unauthorized trip to Atlantic City, NJ, and associating himself with a convicted felon.

His Lawyer stated that he only "gets

14 cents on the dollar for every CD that is sold, and that is only after the record companies get their money off the top." Beans said, "I'm losing everything because of this situation." But he did admit that his own actions had placed him in this situation.

Sean Levert dies at 39

Danielle Scott
Entertainment Editor

Singer Sean Levert, younger brother of the late Gerald Levert and son of O'Jays' lead singer Eddie Levert, died Sunday, March 30 at age 39. The entertainer collapsed in his cell while serving a jail term at the Cuyahoga County Jail in Cleveland, Ohio. He was taken to Lutheran Hospital, where he was pronounced dead less than an hour later.

The performer's death came just 16 months after his brother, R&B star Gerald Levert, died at age 40 from an accidental mix of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

"There are no words that can express what we are feeling today. There is no song that can capture the loss that we have in our hearts," the family said in a statement. "But we are humbly overwhelmed by the generous outpouring of love, condolences and support from the many friends, fans and admirers of our son Sean. At this very difficult time, we thank you for your prayers and hope

you will understand our need for privacy."

According to numerous reports an autopsy the following day was inconclusive however, no immediate cause of death was determined. Powell Caesar, a representative for the Cuyahoga County's coroner's office, told reporters.

There was no evidence of foul play or trauma.

Warden Kevin McDonough told reporters earlier that week Levert had been sick and guards were observing him at the jail's regular cellblock because he had been acting strangely. Warden McDonough claims Levert cooperated with staff and "went willingly" when he was taken from his cell to have his wrists bound and feet shackled.

The Cuyahoga County coroner reported that there were no signs of physical trauma on Levert's body and his death is not considered suspicious.



Sean Levert is the second son of Eddie Levert to pass away

He is believed to have suffered from high blood pressure, but jail officials claim they were unaware of any health condition he may have had.

Sean was a member of the popular '80's R&B group LeVert, along with his brother Gerald and cousin Marc Gordon. Their

hits included "Baby I'm Ready," "(Pop, Pop, Pop, Pop) Goes My Mind" and the 1988 Grammy nominated "Casanova." The group later disbanded after the lead singer, Gerald Levert, decided to pursue a solo career.

Sean, who released the solo album *The Other Side* in 1995, was in talks of reuniting the LeVert trio with a new member who would replace Gerald.

Sean Levert was sentenced last week to 22 months in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, jail for failing to pay \$85,000 in child support for his three children.

Biggie lives on through biopic

Raevyn Jones
Contributing Writer

The great voices of the past will soon be heard again, only this time on the big screen. Next year's proposed box office smashes will indeed be biographical films.

Exploring the 1950s musical era Cadillac Records chronicles the life of a Jewish Immigrant, Leonard Chess, and his brother Phillip as they relocated to Chicago from Poland in 1928 and started the legendary Chess Records. At one time, the label was home to R&B greats as Muddy Waters, Etta James and Chuck Berry. They were also the first company to record a then teenaged gospel singing Aretha Franklin. Leonard Chess, who was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987, scouted the South, checking out the various blues scenes and selling records from the

back of his Cadillac.

Written and directed by Darnell Martin, the upcoming film stars Adrien Brody as Lenord Chess, Cedric the Entertainer as Willie Dixon, Columbus Short as Little Walter and Jeffrey Wright as Muddy Waters. Beyonce Knowles, who co-executive produced the film, will star as Etta James.

It looks as if the late Notorious B.I.G. has not left his fans just yet. The rapper's biopic is set to be released on January 16, 2009. Filming is taking place in Biggie's hometown of New York City. Written by Reggie Rock Bythewood and Biggie's long-time friend Cheo Hodari Cooker, the



Jamal "Gravy" Woolard as the Notorious B.I.G.

film chronicles the life and death story of Christopher Wallace a.k.a. the Notorious B.I.G., who came straight out of Brooklyn to take the rap world by storm.

The film, which is directed by George Tillman

Jr., reportedly stars some of the industries greatest. Veteran actress Angela Bassett is set to star as the rapper's mother Voletta Wallace. Actor Jamie Hector will reportedly star as the rapper's best friend Damien "D-Rock" Butler. Other actors include Derek Luke, Blake-Young Fountain, Julia Pace-Mitchell, and Jamal "Gravy" Woolard as the Notorious B.I.G.

TI and Remy Ma face jail time

Gregory Dale
Contributing Writer

The constant relationship with hip-hop and criminality continues to plague artists of the genre. Rapper T.I. pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges including two machine guns and possession of an unregistered firearm. On March 27, the 27-year-old rapper/actor was scheduled to be sentenced 1-year from the date.

During the year he awaits his sentencing, T.I., born Clifford Harris, is required to serve 1,500 community service hours. He will spend a majority of the time speaking to "at-risk youth", encouraging them to obey the law, and avoid the same wrong decisions he made in his lifetime. In addition,

T.I. received a \$10,000 fine and was ordered to remain on house arrest, which he has been doing since his posted bail in October. If T.I. fails to meet the agreement he had with his judge, he faces up to 57 months in prison. Also, if the judge does not believe that he has not accepted responsibility for his actions; he could have an additional 40 months, totaling to be 97 months. While on house arrest he is completing his sixth studio album, titled *Paper Trail*.

Former Terror Squad Rapper Remy Ma was convicted on four charges of assault on March 27. Remy Ma, born Remy Smith, faces up to 25 years in jail. The Bronx native has been standing on trial since March 10 from an incident that dated back to July 2007. Allegedly, Remy was in a dis-

pute with her friend, Makeda Barnes-Joseph over \$3000.

Barnes-Joseph spent three weeks in the hospital resulting from the dispute that left her with two gunshot wounds to the abdomen. Remy's attorney, Ivan Fisher, argued that the shooting was accidental and was supported by Barnes-



Joseph's previous testimony. On the other hand, Assistant Manhattan District Attorney Michael McIntosh ar-



gued that the shooting was the result of the rapper's decision to load her .45 caliber firearm and go into Joseph's car.

Despite Remy Ma's sentence, her apparent wedding arrangements with fellow New York rap artist, Papoose, are still in effect. Papoose and Remy have moved their marriage plans from a yacht to prison, as they prepare for the ceremony on April 27. They intend to fight the conviction avidly, while Pa-

poose urges the judge to give "the least sentence possible."

According to Sohh.com over the weekend following her conviction, the Grammy nominated rapper pleaded with fans on her Myspace page to send nice letters about her in hopes of receiving a reduced sentence.

"Please write letters about how Remy and her music has positively affected you, influenced you, inspired you, etc... in hopes that the judge will be lenient in Remy's upcoming sentencing," the note read.

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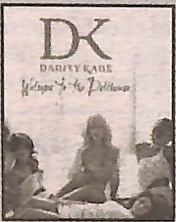
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Laurence Fishburne- According to BET.com, Fishburne is set to play the late first Black Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in the one-man stage play *Thurgood*. Thurgood Marshall was a key lawyer in arguing public school desegregation for the 1954 federal court case of Brown vs. Board of Education. Currently, Fishburne plays a Vegas casino enforcer in the film *21*.



Ludacris- According to AllHipHop.com, the rap star and Motley Crue drummer along with Pamela Anderson's ex Tommy Lee will star in the Discovery Channel's new eco-friendly network PlanetGreen reality show. *Battleground Earth* will be featured on the new station set to launch on June 4 to over 50 million homes. The entertainers will take a 10 date bus tour across the country with various celebrities, with the challenge of being as eco-friendly as possible.



Danity Kane- Allegedly skipped out on a free concert in Phoenix. The highly publicized 101.5 Jamz "Free Fun in the Sun Concert" with Danity Kane was scheduled for Friday March 28. A day before the scheduled event, allegedly a Bad Boy/Atlantic Records representative called the radio station and informed the program director of the group's cancellation due to an illness. However, not only did the platinum selling artists attend an album release party on Oprah and at Crimson Nightclub in Hollywood that night, but they were video tapped partying at the Bellagio in Vegas.



Woody Allen- sued the American Apparel Inc. for \$10 million claiming the clothing company wrongfully used an image of him from his 1977 Best Picture Oscar winner for a billboard and online advertising campaign. According to TMZ, the 72-year-old filmmaker contends that he never lends himself to endorsements of commercial products or services in the United States and therefore the ads are "especially egregious and damaging." The movie still utilized in the ad, which has shown up on billboards in New York and Los Angeles, is taken from a scene in which Allen's character, Alvy Singer, imagines himself as a Hasidic Jew.

Former DSU star attempts to live his dream

Shane Rumley
AssistSports Editor

Wondering where former Delaware State University basketball star Jahsha Bluntt is doing with his life? Right now he is currently playing for Sioux Falls, South Dakota Sky Force in the National Basketball Association Developmental League (NBA D-League).

The NBA D-League is the farm system by the NBA. This league is usually filled with former NBA draft picks that haven't reached their potential yet or the top players around the country who weren't drafted by any NBA team.

It is designed for players to refine their skills and eventually getting called up to D-League's team's affiliate professional franchises. Bluntt's team, the Sky Force, is affiliated by the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats.

While at DSU, Bluntt finished his collegiate career as the Hornets third all-time career scorer with 1,721 career points. He was named the MEAC Player of the Year in 2006 and 2007 and selected to the

MEAC All-Tournament Team in 2006 and 2007. He also helped the Hornets to an impressive 46-8 regular season MEAC record and three consecutive MEAC Regular season championships.

During his time playing for the Hornets, Bluntt was known for his deadly three-point shooting and his athleticism for finishing with exciting

dunks. He finished the 2006-07 campaign with 15.4 points per game and 4.8 per game rebound average. He also led the team in steals with 39. In his four year career, Bluntt started 107 of 129 games played and his career average is 13.3 points per game.

After graduating from DSU, Bluntt went to play basketball overseas in Paris, France then later on in Turkey from August to No-



Bluntt playing against Duke in historic NCAA tournament in 2005

vember. He then got a call from his agent that the D-League wanted Bluntt to play. He made his debut for the Iowa Energy who is affiliated with Miami Heat and the Chicago Bulls of the NBA. Then in January, he was moved to the Sioux Falls Sky Force who is currently number # 1 team in the D-League.

About being in Sioux Falls, Bluntt said, "There is pretty much nothing to do in South Dakota. We pretty much work out, practice, and then go home and chill. It keeps me focused though; there aren't any distractions out here except for the bad weather. All we do is practice, practice, practice, which is fine with me, because I'm trying to be the best that I can be and possibly make it to the next level, which is the NBA."

Former Hornet pitcher given another chance

Jenn Dailey
Sports Editor

It is the hopes of many college athletes to become professional athletes in the respective sport they love. Some spend years after their graduation from college to make it to the big time. One of the Hornets former athletes now has a chance at reaching their dreams.

Shawn Phillips graduate from Delaware State in 2004 and four years later he is taking that next step towards playing in Major League Baseball. Phillips, a pitcher, has signed a contract with the Florida

Marlins to play with the Greensboro Grasshoppers in North Carolina. The Grasshoppers are a Class-A minor league affiliate of the Marlins.

Phillips is a native of Delaware, where he was an all-state at Laurel High School. He pitched for the Hornets from 2002-2004. In just his three years of playing for the Hornets, he went down as one of the best in the history of the team. He is the career leader in strikeouts with 281, innings pitched with 308.2, complete games with 18 and



Shawn Phillips

shutouts with 5.

He was drafted in the 2004 Major League Baseball draft by the Texas Rangers. For two years he pitched in the Rangers organization. Plagued by arm injuries, he needed to have reconstructive surgery. After recovering from the surgery, he started to pitch again in independent baseball leagues. This is where major league clubs took notice of Phillips, leading to his signing with the Marlins.

Final Four makes history

Shane Rumley
AssistSports Editor

For the first time in NCAA Basketball history, the Men's 2008 Final Four in San Antonio, TX will feature four No. 1 seeded basketball teams from the tournament. The UCLA Bruins, UNC Tarheels, Kansas Jayhawks, and the Memphis Tigers round out arguably the strongest Final Four field in history.

The Final Four 2008 in San Antonio, TX will be held from April 5-7. The winner of both semi-final basketball games plays for the NCAA Men's Basketball National Championship on April 7th. The tip-off is scheduled at 9:11pm EDT. The

games will be televised on CBS - the home of college hoops.

These teams have accomplished things that have never been done by a group of teams. All four teams are champions of their individual conferences, regular season and tournament.

Also, all the teams are riding a double-digit winning streak into San Antonio; Memphis and Kansas 11 straight, UCLA 14, North Carolina 15.

In the beginning of the season, all four teams that have been at the forefront all season; were the top four in



the preseason AP and ESPN/USA Today polls. Even ESPN.com's preseason panel of analysts saw this coming in November: Nine out of 10 picked one of the remaining four to win the national title.

In the following games left, the Bruin's freshman sensation Kevin Love and junior point guard Darren Collison of UCLA will battle against the athletic lineup of Memphis Tigers. The Tigers have a freshman sensation of their own at point guard (Derrick Rose). They also have a bunch of talented players such as Joey Dorsey, Chris Douglas-Roberts, and Robert Dozier which should cause an up

Sports Briefs

By Clarence Varnado III

International Soccer (March 31)



Hugo Sanchez, of the men's Mexico soccer team, was fired two weeks after El Tri was eliminated from Olympic qualifying. The Mexican soccer federation dismissed Sanchez for his failure to deliver on promises of regional titles and an Olympic medal. Sanchez had

been on the job for 16 months and 33 games. Sanchez's team was tarnished by failing to qualify for the Beijing Summer Olympics, losing to United States in the Gold Cup final last year, and suffering losses to regional minnows such as Honduras and Guatemala. Before taking the helm, Sanchez was on a four-year campaign to become manager of Mexico, repeatedly criticizing his predecessor Ricardo La Volpe and promising to make the team a world champion.

Softball (March 28)

There's an old saying, "All good things must come to an end." For the U.S. softball team, they will be remembered for their longest winning streak. The U.S. Olympic team had a 185-game winning streak in pre-Olympic exhibitions before their 1-0 loss to Virginia Tech at the pre-Olympic exhibition game in Oklahoma City. Virginia Tech's Angela Tischer pitched a no-hitter to end the streak. It was the American team's first loss in a pre-Olympic exhibition since May 3, 1996. During that span, the U.S. team outscored opponents 1,475-24. Tischer struck out 10 and allowed one baserunner on a one-out walk to Kelly Kretschman in the second inning. The Hokies scored their only run in the second inning off Jennie Finch, one of 12 players on the U.S. squad that won gold at the 2004 Athens Games.

F1 Racing (March 30)

Antron Brown became the first driver in NHRA history to win races in Pro Stock Motorcycle and Top Fuel, beating Larry Dixon in the Top Fuel final Sunday. The race was held at the O'Reilly NHRA Spring Nationals in Battown, Texas. Brown, who also joined J.R. Todd as the only black Top Fuel winners, followed Del Worsham (Funny Car), Greg Anderson (Pro Stock) and Matt Smith (Pro Stock Motorcycle) into the winner's circle at the fourth of 24 races in the series. Brown, a 16-time winner in Pro Stock Motorcycle before making the jump to the 7,000-horsepower Top Fuel class this year, sped past Dixon in a terrific final to finish in first.



tempo good game.

In the Kansas vs. UNC game, it will be a perimeter match up of the Tar heels Ty Lawson, Wayne Ellington, and Danny Green versus Russell Robinson, Mario Chalmers and Bran-

don Rush of the JayHawks. Also, a big heavyweight battle will be against All-American Tar Heel player Tyler Hansborough vs. Jayhawks big men Darnell Jackson and Darrell Arthur.

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WDSU wins at BCR

WDSU Radio brought home to DSU two awards from this year's Black College Radio Convention in Atlanta.

Going into the competition, five WDSU staff members held a spot on the internet-based ballot. Those nominated were: LaQuan James (Station Manager of the Year), Danielle Scott (Programming Director of the Year), Ashlee Todd (News and Public Affairs Director of the Year), Jasmine Thompson (Music Director of the Year) and Robbin Marshall (On-Air Personality of the Year).

To claim a win, each contestant had to have the most votes online by the March deadline. By popular vote, LaQuan James and Jasmine Thompson walked away from the awards banquet on April 5 with trophies in hands.

James humbly thanked the staff members who witnessed his win, after placing his trophy on top of the table where he was seated with his peers. "I left the trophy behind on purpose. I thank all of those who helped make this win happen. I'm just the head, but you guys [WDSU personnel] are the body. Without you there is no station. This award goes to us as a whole."

Thompson gracefully accepted her award, thanking the Lord, her mother, and radio station advisor Mrs. Ava Perrine.

WDSU Radio thanks all of those who supported them through out the BCR competition.



Jasmine Thompson recieving the award to Music Director of the Year



Laquan James recieving the award for Station Manager of the year

Pageant/One eliminated, five aspiring kings and queens remain

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Washington. The ladies of the night spoke of HBCU'S protectors of our legacy and heritage.

Judges serving on panel were former Miss DSU Mrs. Dawn Jones, Star Fuentes of Kent & Sussex counseling services, Council Woman Sophia Russell of Dover, and professors Mr. Kimeu Boynton and Dr. Emerard Cornwall

Best talent went to Ciara Lawton who played *Stand by Me* on the clarinet in tribute to her late grandfather with a tear jerking slide presentation in conjunction with her performance. "At first I was very nervous, but once I got started I was fine," Lawton said.

Best oratory went to Tricia Hunter, who was eliminated from the voting process later in the competition.

"It was definitely a tough competition, everybody brought their max," said Gunter-Ward.

Ciara Lawton, Danielle Ward, and Brittany Pace will continue on in the competition for Miss DSU '08-'09 as both Brandon Addison and Deon

Williams automatically move on in competing for Mr. DSU.

Askew commented that from this point on remaining candidates should campaign hard, continuing to network and "represent themselves as themselves."

"It feels amazing to be moving on. Hopefully the students are as excited about it as I am," says Pace.

Lawton expressed she felt her hard work paid off and is elated she can continue in the competition.

Ward said, "I am so relieved I was just glad that I went out there and did what I could and it prevailed."

When asked how she felt about tonight's competition Tasha Askew said, "I felt like it was a fabulous



Mr. and Miss DSU 2007-2008



Trisha Hunter won for best oratory



Ciara Lawton won for best talent

show, a few glitches, but it came out great. I think all the candidates did great."

A letter from Miss DSU

To my Hornet Family,

I was once told, "Tall trees catch much wind." During my reign as Miss Delaware State University, this saying has been nothing short of true. Over the past week, it has been brought to my attention that some Hornets would like to know why there is an elimination process in the annual Miss Delaware State University pageant. As the reigning Queen, I feel this is my place to address the issue so that the entire Hornet family may understand.



Tasha Askew

Over the past years, there has been an elimination process in the Miss DSU pageant if there are more than three contestants. This brings the election ballot to the three most **competent** candidates. The elimination takes place pageant night and is conducted by a panelist of administration and community leaders that score each contestant's oratory, talent, question and answer, and overall poise and presentation. After the pageant, and elimination if there is one, the students go on to make the final vote of who will be Delaware State's next Queen. So the question is, why is it that administration has a say in who is eliminated during the pageant?

For those of you who are familiar with the world of pageantry, you know that there are preliminaries in every pageant; Miss Universe, Miss America, even Miss Black USA. Let's face it, not all contestants move to the next round, only those that are deemed competent and ready based on the judging criteria. Not to say that all candidates are not qualified, but not all candidates pass the preliminary round with flying colors. Take the United States election process. Clearly, Obama and Clinton will not be on the final Presidential ballot. Similarly, it is simply a preliminary process to weed out the most proficient candidate.

In the past, eliminations were not always a part of the pageant process. However, experience and trial proved that the position was previously won off of a popularity vote. However, the most popular young lady was not always the most articulate, poised, and humbled Queen. As Miss Delaware State University it is mandated that the Queen participate in several national pageants and conferences that represent the university and are **EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE**. Thus one can see why a thorough Queen is highly prized.

In any event, the administration has some say in who is chosen as Queen simply because Miss DSU not only represents the student body but she also represents the university. She is the premier image of the university. However, ultimately, the decision is up to the students. Think about it: If this institution was your company, wouldn't you want a say in who is representing you?

Nevertheless, in the future amends may be made to include students on the pageant panel, as was posed this year, but rejected by a member of the Student Government Association. I hope everyone has a greater understanding of this practice and if additional information is needed, please don't hesitate to ask me. It has been a blessing and a sincere pleasure to serve as your Queen.

Best of luck in the future,
Tasha Askew
Miss Delaware State University 2007-2008

ELECTION WEEK

Come out to support your FAVORITE candidate!

SPEECH Night
Wednesday, April 9th
7pm
MBNA Auditorium

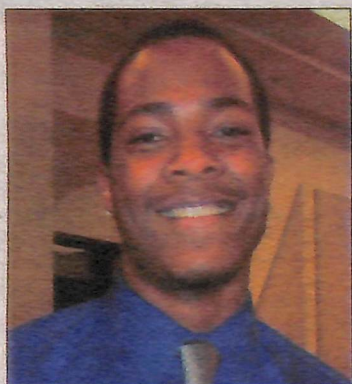
DEBATE Night
Thursday, April 10th
7pm
MBNA Auditorium

ELECTION DAY
Friday, April 11th
10am-5pm
MBNA Auditorium
DSU I.D. Required

"SGA Block Party"
Saturday, April 12th
1pm-5pm
Outside the Village Cafe

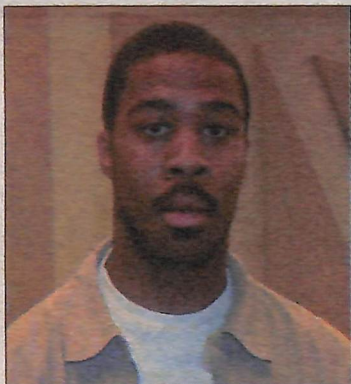
WHAT QUALITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEW SGA OFFICIERS?

COMPILED BY JAYNAY JOHNSON AND RENEE ROGERS



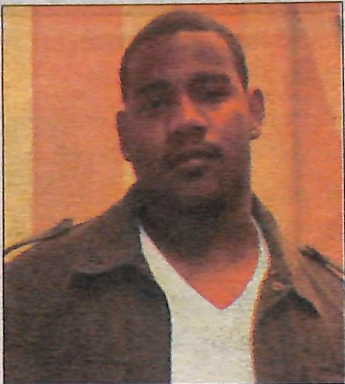
JUSTIN WILLIAMS
FRESHMAN, PRE-VETERINARY
SCIENCE

"LEADERSHIP!"



DEVIN LEE
FRESHMAN, BUSINESS

"Take more action and
step up."



ALEX MCCALL
FRESHMAN, SOCIAL WORK

"Leadership, persistence,
intelligence."



CHINAGMERM ONUEGBU
JUNIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

"Involvement, dedica-
tion, intelligence, great
representation, candor,
self-respect."



PORSCH ROGERS
JUNIOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"Leadership, positive atti-
tude, more interaction
with student body."



SHYLA SURRATTE
JUNIOR, SOCIAL WORK

"The new officers should
practice what they
preach & get Sessoms
more involved with his
school."



WHITNEY HILL
JUNIOR, ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION

"Leadership and the
drive to make a differ-
ence."



SHAVONA MCKINNEY
JUNIOR, SOCIAL WORK

"Take students voice
into consideration and
increase communication
with the student body."



JASON BROWN
SOPHOMORE, SPORTS
MANAGEMENT

"Stay committed to
what they say."



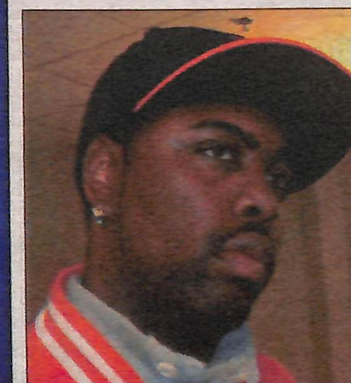
KATRINA HARRISON
JUNIOR, NURSING

"I would like all SGA offi-
cers with honesty, intelli-
gence and enough courage
to be the voice of the stu-
dent body."



ASHLEY PASCHALL
JUNIOR, SOCIAL WORK

"Interaction with the
students &
L-E-A-D-E-R-S-H-I-P!"



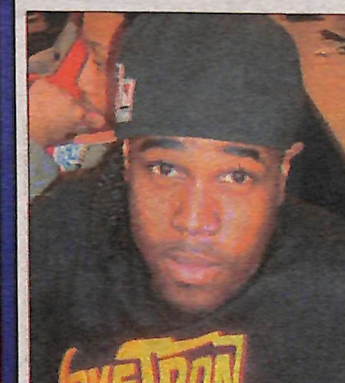
SHARIF KING
JUNIOR, BROADCAST
JOURNALISM

"Bring back the unity,
the school spirit and
celebrate me being
celeb."



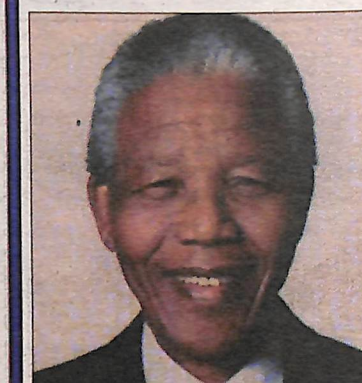
RAESHAWN HORRY
FRESHMAN, NURSING

"I would love to see of-
ficers that are dedi-
cated, motivated, and
organized."



ANTOINE COOPER
SENIOR, TV PRODUCTION

"Someone who is dedi-
cated and willing to
make a change as
SGA."



NELSON MANDELA
SOUTH AFRICAN
PRESIDENT

"Management is doing
things right; leader-
ship is doing the right
things"

