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Omar Tyree Visits DSU

By: Sadiqa Glenn

Author Omar Tyree was the guest of honor at the Poetry Slam on Thursday January 23 in Longwood Auditorium. The evening, sponsored by "The Commission" and the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, had a successful turnout of over 200 students.

Before the guest of honor spoke, some of Delaware State University's best poets took center stage and expressed themselves through spoken word. Many of the poems were about personal experiences, relationships, and politics.

Two women who are DSU Alumni were a part of the program. "Stackhouse," a 1993 graduate, was the M.C. for the evening, and shared some of her poetry in between acts. Dianne Bogle, a 1997 graduate, recited one of her poems entitled "Look at me."

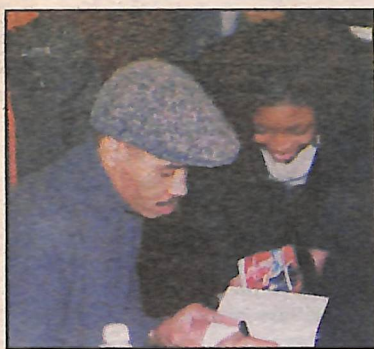
Omar Tyree was the final act of the evening and he performed pieces off his album, "Rising Up!" The crowd nodded their heads as he spoke to the rhythms of jazz-inspired and hip-hop beats.

Omar Tyree, known mostly for his books including *Flyy Girl*, *Do Right Man*, and *Single Mom*, calls himself the Urban Griot.

His advice for aspiring writers is "keep doing it." "If you want to write you got to have a whole lot of material," say Tyree.

He also adds, "You got to write religiously with no fanfare...It's a whole lot of work."

After the program ended, Omar Tyree stayed to sign books and answer any questions.



Omar Tyree signing a copy of "Fly Girl" for Hornet Correspondent, Taryn Edmonds.

DSU Idol: Going to Hollywood or Hollyhood



The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma after an entertaining edition of "DSU Idol."

By: Tiffanie A. Claude

Perhaps one of the most talked about events of Phi Beta Sigma week was the first edition of 'DSU Idol.' A copy-cat version of FOX's 'American Idol' was hosted by Sigma's Christopher Brown and Josh Abrams.

The evening of Wednesday, January 29 began with 23 contestants and concluded with 14 continuing to the next round with hopes of winning \$500. The judges for the night included Jovan Parker, Teresa Dickson and

Tommy Adams.

There were a few contestants that were DSU Hollywood material, and some that were DSU Hollywood comedy, such as Maryland's own, Juicy, who sang the alphabet. Keisha Johnson, a.k.a. Ernestine Chambers, sang *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, but the judges did not advance her to the second round.

As seen before in past talent shows, contestant Kimberly does have a voice, but Whitney was not her best, maybe she should continue to sing her originals.

We first saw him in the café at open mic night and his second appearance was at *DSU Idol*. Known as Vanilla, he sang an original piece while playing the piano. The crowd really enjoyed his true talent after a few horrible acts.

What's really good with Omar Jones from Queens singing *Where I Wanna Be*? I'm not sure if anyone knows where he wants to be, but I know where he'll never be...HOLLYWOOD! One of the judges told

him he sounds like he was singing in the shower. I feel sorry for third floor Conwell hall residents. Poor Arthur! DSU students just don't appreciate his talent, though he tries, but the crowd always thinks he is a comedian instead of a singer. The judges saw no beauty in his song, as 'Paula Abdul' (Teresa) congratulated the audience for singing the song better than the *DSU Idol* prospect.

Besides all of the comedy at *DSU Idol* there was true talent. Jason Smith who sang 'Slow Jam' and LaKeisha York who sang 'That Name' by Yolanda Adams are examples of what Hollywood could sound like if given the right opportunity.

To clear up any confusion when Keisha Smith and Theoni Lee sang 'Nobody's Suppose To Be Here' by Deborah Cox, Theoni came on stage only to be a background singer. Keisha was not trying to hog the mic, as many thought. The judges gave Theoni an opportunity to sing and advanced both singers to the next round as separate acts.

Remember Amanda Thompson? She first began to sing a gospel song, then began a poem? At the time, she was not feeling the song and chose to do a poem. The judges said they couldn't understand how she was going to sing gospel, then go and talk about how deep her walls were. Amanda informed the judges that she was not talking about the inner walls between her legs, rather her walls inside educated mind. Maybe we as students need to broaden our horizons and know that there is life besides sex!

The other contestants who advanced were the soulful singing Church (Kevin Spence), Delta Sigma Theta's Ebony, Jeanine Maynard, and rappers, Kay Hock, Blaze, and Young Tex.

After speaking with a few DSU students they did not truly enjoy it, they thought it seem rehearsed unlike the "American Idol" everything is a surprise. There will be another round before the finals so keep a look out for the final "DSU Idol."

Carter G. Woodson: "The Father of Black History"

By: Rayanna M. Wilkins
Copy Editor

With so much emphasis put into Valentine's Day, many may have forgotten just how important the month of February actually is, especially to African-Americans. Black History Month has become more and more of a memory to younger generations who may not understand or appreciate its significance, but there definitely is more to February than Valentine's Day.

It took someone like Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to initiate the thought of having a time set aside for the recognition of African-Americans. It was not until the 1970's that one week turned into Black History Month. Though it is the shortest month of the year, February was cho-

sen as Black History Month, formerly known as Negro History Week before the Civil Rights Movement, for good reason. Besides the NAACP being founded, some great African-Americans, such as Frederick Douglass and Langston Hughes, have birthdays that fall under the same month.

Woodson, born December 19, 1875, in New Canon, Virginia, was the son of former slaves. Education and the importance of self worth and knowledge was always instilled in him as a young child. After graduating from high school, Woodson attended and graduated from the University of Chicago.

He then made history of his own when he became the second African-American ever to hold a PHD in history, which he received from Harvard

University, an institution where he would later be a professor and Dean of the School of Liberal Arts.

Besides founding what we now call Black History Month, Carter Woodson has founded the Study of Negro Life and History, now known as the Study of African-American History and life. He also founded Associated Publishers, which still produces the Negro History Bulletin, which he was the editor, and the Journal of Negro History.

Though he has written over thirty books, one hundred articles, and one hundred and twenty-five book reviews, he is most known for his books "The Negro in Our History," "The Story of the Negro Retold," and "The Miseducation of the Negro," which was originally published in

1933. Carter G. Woodson has contributed so much to the past, present and future lives of African-Americans. He definitely is someone that everyone should familiarize themselves with, if not for the sake of just knowing of him, but to apply the knowledge he so willingly gave back to his people to your daily lives.

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his 'proper place' and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary."

-Carter G. Woodson-

Politics in Black & White

Trent Lott's Comments, Possible Affirmative Action Elimination, What's Next?

By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

The third year of the millennium kicked off with Republican Trent Lott stepping down as Senate Majority Leader due to making controversial racial comments after being pressured by the Republican Party. In addition, the battle in the Midwest over affirmative action continues leaving African-Americans searching answers, as well as leaders.

As the Senate's 16th Majority Leader, the native of Mississippi resigned concluding a six and a half year run. Lott's comments, which appeared to support racial segregation, affected not only African-Americans, but also the entire Republican

Party.

Since then the party has been under much scrutiny, as President George Bush and the Republican Party have chosen not to support affirmative action at the University of Michigan. The Bush administration is not in favor of the democratic-proposed University Diversity Plan and wants to eliminate affirmative action completely. The University Diversity Plan would increase diversity at institutions by giving preference to minority applicants.

Three Caucasian students sued the University of Michigan because they believed they were not admitted into the university due to minority applicants of lower academic standards being accepted into the university to

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PURGED AT DSU: Students in the MLK Student Center awaiting answers from student accounts and financial aid. See page 4 to read how B. Dot feels about the situation.

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CAMPUS NEWS



A picture is worth more than words can say. My letter will return in the next issue.

—M. Kentrell

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Letter from SGA

Dear DSU Family,

We would like to welcome you back for another exhilarating and exciting semester. We have learned so many lessons from last semester that it would be an injustice not to learn from those lessons and continue to improve. We the Commission would just like to inform the students that everything that we do is always intended to satisfy the students. Whether it is a program that we are conducting or it is a motivational speaker that we believe the students could benefit from. We are always open to suggestions, comments and concerns that the students have. We are nothing without the students and want to continue to serve you in the highest capacity. If there are any issues that you need to discuss please feel free to stop by our office in the Student Center or call us at 302.857.6371. Again we would like to thank the students for all of their perseverance and patience last semester with everything that was going on. We would also like to think the students for all of your support through the good times and the bad. We ask that you continue to believe in yourselves for we believe that your goals will be reached.

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Vision, Commitment, Determination and Faith Student Leaders at National Black Student Leadership Development Conference

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Seventeen of Delaware State University's elite student leaders engaged in a motivational four-day National Black Student Leadership Development Conference in Richmond, VA from January 9-12. Various institutions, including St. John's University, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, and Cornell University attended the 15th annual leadership conference organized by Carroll F.S. Hardy.

The annual conference featured guest speakers including veteran political organizer Donna Brazile, Judge Greg Mathis, community activist Felipe Luciano, and AIC Limited Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael Lee-Chin.

Guest speaker, Donna Brazile, who served as the campaign manager for Al Gore's presidential campaign making her the first African-American woman ever to manage a presidential campaign, opened the conference by speaking to the future leaders.

Brazile discussed the importance of African-American leadership encouraging student leaders to follow their dreams and never set limitations. The motivating speech triggered talks of a future African-American President, where students questioned Brazile if she had hopes of some day running for office.

Though she did not voice an interest in becoming the President of the United States, she did mention that Al Sharpton called her with an interest to make her his campaign manager for the upcoming election. But, Brazile passed on the offer and wanted to encourage our future leaders to attempt a reign as President of the United States.

"I liked Donna Brazile," said SGA Recording Secretary Aureila Vaughn.

"She gave us a lot of motivation encouraging us to unite."

The honorable and nationally televised, Judge Mathis addressed the young leaders by sharing his childhood struggles while encouraging perseverance.

A proud Hispanic leader, Felipe Luciano also added words of wisdom in a powerful speech, where he emphasized the importance of the Hispanic and African-American relationship.

SGA Public Relations & Information Technology Consultant, Brandon Maddox enjoyed Luciano's speech. According to Maddox, "Luciano was able to relate to the student leadership cause as he emphasized that you don't have to lose your cultural identity in the process of becoming an effective leader."

In addition, the conference offered numerous workshops facilitated by professors, administrators, and company executives. Workshops on business etiquette, graduate school, building wealth, and AIDS were among some of the topics.

"Creating Your Vision and Destiny," was one of the most popular workshops amongst DSU student leaders. Facilitators, Omar and Jeneen Barlow focused on the future discussing the importance of setting goals five, ten, and twenty years from now.

"Black Greeks: It's More Than Steppin'," was another workshop that caught the attention of many student leaders. The workshop featured a closer look on the history of black fraternities and sororities.



Closing out the four-day leadership extravaganza was Michael Lee-Chin, who acquired AIC Limited in 1987 and has taken the organization from \$1 million to more than \$13.4 in assets under his management. "Entrepreneur of the Year for Services" in 1997, Lee-Chin gave hope to many at the annual conference including SGA Vice President, James Artis.

"The conference allowed a lot of development for our student leaders," said Artis, "and encouraged students to think outside the box."

Newly appointed director of the Office of Student Leadership and Activities, Michael Hannon chaperoned the trip along with Warren-Franklin manager, Mr. Smith. Hannon, who was adjusting to a new haircut, expressed his delight with the DSU student leaders that attended the trip.

"I was impressed by the student leaders of DSU as they sat in the front row as Donna Brazile spoke," said Hannon. "I think the DSU student leaders are self-motivated and self-directed."

The Student Government Association and the department of Residence Life were responsible for sending the DSU leaders to Richmond. According to SGA President, Clint Saunders the conference was a huge success. "I'm noticing a development positive change amongst those student leaders who went on the trip."

Politics

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fill the quota.

"The Michigan policies amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards or penalizes prospective students based solely on their race," said President Bush in his national address.

Believe it or not, many students of Delaware State University agree with the Bush administration.

An anonymous student said, "I believe affirmative action should be eliminated because if we want equality, we should be treated without giving preference due to the color of our skin."

While others disagreed by saying affirmative action should stand.

"People against affirmative action should give fair evaluations to students starting at grade school level," said Sophomore Tisha Stewart. "Waiting until college is too late to start discriminating based on the color of your skin or academic knowledge."

Freshman Kashonna Harvey stated, "I think we should keep it, so we can keep black schools and white schools diverse."

In a statement from The University of Michigan, race is only one of many factors when admitting students into the institution. Some of the admissions factors are academic scores, SAT scores, essays, extracurricular activities, and awards before making a decision about who is

admitted. The university also claims to have the same admissions procedure as many other institutions across the country.

Sophomore Ashley Williams believes that if affirmative action is eliminated African-Americans will never be given a fair shake because many employers and executives are still willing to pick a Caucasian over an African-American with the same qualifications.

It's ironic that at a time when many of us take the time to reflect on the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. we are still facing issues reflecting skin color. To be judged by content of our character instead of the color of our skin was a significant part of the "dream" of Dr. King. Will it take an African-American president to make his dream come true?

Reverend Al Sharpton has thrown his name in the hat of possible presidential candidates, but will he get the support he needs? A lot of questions arise and still African-Americans are left without answers.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

On Tuesday, January 28, President George W. Bush delivered a state of the union address discussing tax cuts, health care, AIDS in Africa, and the possibility of war.

The president's domestic plans included a proposed tax cut of \$674 billion over 10 years to revive the

economy. Bush believes the tax cut will help Americans in all classes while expanding the economy and creating jobs.

In addition, \$400 billion over 10 years will be put into Medicare to offer older Americans the choice of programs that include prescription drugs. Bush also proposed a \$15 million plan over five years, which will fight AIDS in Africa. A proposed \$450 million plan over three years will be used to connect mentors with one million children of prisoners and disadvantaged adolescents.

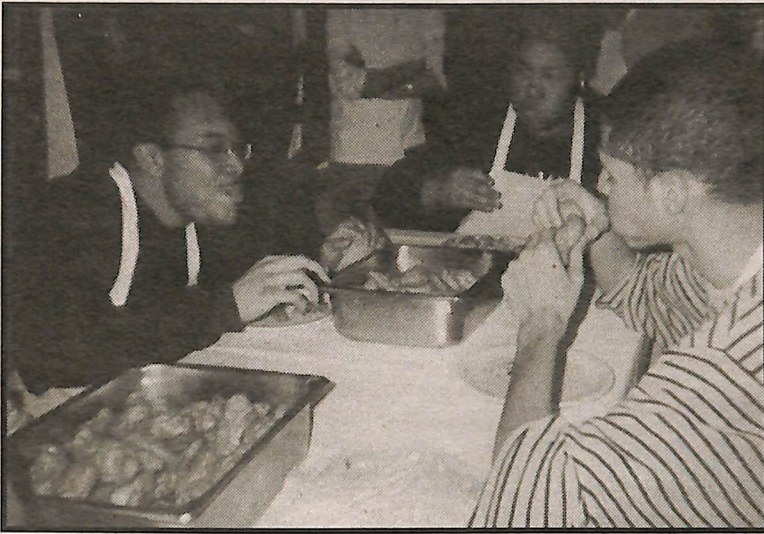
President Bush also stated his disapproval of abortion and cloning. Though Bush did not declare war on Iraq or call for a draft, he attempted to make the American public safe by notifying them of the dangers of nuclear weapons.

In fact, Bush asked Congress for \$6 million over 10 years to make vaccines and treatments immediately available against bioweapons, such as anthrax. A plan for a new terrorist threat integration center was also proposed, which will assist in analyzing any terrorist threats. According to Bush, Saddam Hussein is a severe threat and if war is forced upon us we will prevail.

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CAMPUS NEWS

The Café: New Look, Same Ol' Food



FINGER-LICKIN' GOOD: RA Shannon Booker, Kevin Burwell and Assistant Editor Mike Feeney compete in a chicken-eating contest in the canteen.

By: Amber Smith

Students returning to Del. State for the spring semester were caught by

surprise when they saw that the cafeteria had gone under a massive renovation. Mr. Perry, Director of the Cafeteria proudly described the

changes in Conrad Hall. Mr. Perry said that all the changes have been made to give students a better experience in Conrad Hall.

A total of 104 seats were added, 64 seats for students in the large dining room and 40 for teachers and faculty in the smaller dining room. The small café like tables seat two people comfortably even though four chairs are at each table. These smaller tables allow for a more intimate setting for two to three people to dine.

The walls have been repainted to brighten the atmosphere along with the removal of all hanging plants and garnishes. The food stained beige curtains have been removed to also brighten up the entire area. "We want the food to do the decorating," comments Mr. Bernard Wood, Resident District Manager of Thompson Hospitality.

Behind the new tables, there is a large geometrical shaped serving area. The expanded salad bar is housed at this serving area along with the new home for the stir fry line. For students with a serious sweet tooth, one may

visit the improved Double Treat Bakery located in this serving area also. A variety of three to four deserts are served during each meal. All desserts are homemade and served fresh each day.

On each wall of the cafeteria is a serving area. One wall is for coffee, soda, and juices. On the opposite wall there are four waffle makers, the toaster, and the soup warmers. Stations for silverware and trays are placed throughout the cafeteria instead of by the entrance door.

Renovations did not only happen in the cafeteria, and when the Canteen opens students will see a lot of changes there also. Thompson Hospitality is going for the same atmosphere in the Canteen, a cleaner and brighter place to dine. Large cleaner efforts have been put into place at the Canteen along with many menu additions.

Another addition is the Caribbean Express located in the Canteen. The menu features coco bread, jerk chicken, plantain, steamed cabbage, beef patties, chicken patties and veggie

patties. A European based soup, Aubopan, will also be featured in the Canteen along with brand new soda machines.

Students have mixed opinions about the renovations in the cafeteria. "It feels more civilized and the food tastes a little better. Everything seems to taste fresher," said Aisha Paca.

While she may like the changes, some students feel as if the food still tastes the same, but they just have more room to eat it. But lots of students agree that the dining room does seem to have more space to maneuver around and the area does look a lot cleaner and many will visit the cafeteria more often than last year.

Upperclassmen know that this is the second time in two years that the Conrad Hall has had a face lift. Mr. Perry would like to remind students that Thompson Hospitality is working hard to improve the cafeteria which is the reason behind all of the frequent changes. Mr. Perry asks that students continue to share their opinions on what needs to be done to improve the cafeteria and the Canteen.

Commuter Students Want to Know What's Really Good

By: Jennifer Robinson

In an age where information is made readily available, the average Delaware State University (DSU) commuter student does not feel very well informed at all. One senior commuter student, commenting on the situation, said, "I think DSU should make more of an effort to inform the commuter students of the happenings on-campus because as it stands right now we are not being informed in a very timely manner."

A commuter student faces many different hurdles. A majority of the commuting students travel long distances to and from school. It is not uncommon for a commuter student to only be on-campus for one reason and in a specific area for a given amount of time. Freshman and former commuter student Tiffany Savage stated, "It is hard to be a commuter and then you get left out in the end anyway."

Commuter students are advised of on-campus events by word of mouth, teachers, and flyers that are posted in certain areas around the campus. The only problem with this system of notification is that the students usually hear about the events when it is too late to make plans to attend.

Sophomore and commuter student, Nichole Ward said "I think that DSU needs to have a set organization method as well as everyone should be informed of the same information so as not to cause confusion."

The commuter students interviewed for this story came up with the following ideas so that they will be better informed: 1.) send correspondence to the home address of the commuter students notifying them of the up-coming events, 2.) place flyers of events in all the main buildings, 3.) set-up a billboard of events for commuters to refer to, 4.) hold a meeting for commuters each month, 5.) create an e-mail list or buddy system between commuter students and on-campus students.

Commuter student and junior, Erika Simpson said "DSU needs to

develop a system where all students regardless of whether they are commuter or a campus resident can receive information at the same time."

One source is the chairman of the department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy. Dr. Samuel Hoff keeps his students posted on events by sending out e-mails of the events he feels they should attend. The department also sends a newsletter to the students every Monday.

The students feel these practices are good because they keep both on-campus and commuter students informed of the up-coming events. The information level is equal. According to Heather Dernberger, a commuter student and senior, "if it was not for the newsletter she would not receive any information at all."

However, others look to informal channels of communication. On-campus Resident, Tiyonna Mathis, suggested, "If you are not sure about a certain event, ask around."

Generally speaking, on-campus

resident students are enveloped with sources to obtain information about the events on-campus. Flyers are posted in the dorms for these students and they have fellow classmates that they can question, along with resident advisors, who give notice of up-coming events. However, the commuter student has to make the effort to be informed about on-campus events, since there is no other sure way of receiving information.

The Martin Luther King Student Center is also a good resource to all students. There are not only flyers posted in this building, but there are students who can be questioned as well as officials of DSU. A calendar of up-coming events may also be given to students upon request in this building.

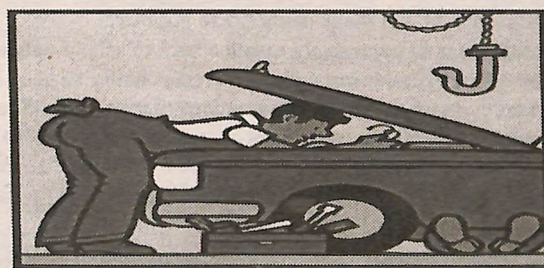
My advice for you would be to keep your ears and your eyes open because that is all you have as a commuter student trying to keep abreast of things that make up your college experience.

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COMMENTARY

Commission Leaders to Dominate Election Artis' Bid for Presidency Sealed

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Last year's student government association election pitted an incumbent president against a successful Men's Council. In the end, the student body determined the Men's Council record of proactive leadership and student engagement to be superior to the passionate, but at time misguided efforts of the current leaders. Among the candidates was a clear distinction of affiliation—Maurice and Michelle were SGA and Clint and James were Men's Council.

This year's student government presents a contrasting approach. The merging of the three governing bodies on campus—SGA, Men's Council and Women's Senate—under the "The Commission" to pool resources for the student body's benefit. The idea was brilliant and the student body receptive to unified student leadership.

Looking ahead to April's 2003-2004 election, one projection is obvious—current SGA vice president James Artis will run for the SGA presidency. However, questions may surround his running mate. Likely candidates may include, Melba Brown, the current SGA corresponding secretary, Men's Council president Harold McCray (indeed a stretch), Women's Senate president Samantha Buchanan (not a wise selection), or even Artis' good friend Brandon Maddox, who contributes considerably to Commission efforts.

A victory for Artis would be well-deserving. He is arguably the backbone of the Commission and a proven

leader. Artis appears warm, friendly, and concerned with student issues. Overconfidence, however, may be his worst enemy. In 2001, Jamar Jeffers, the more qualified candidate, lost his bid for SGA presidency when his overconfidence caused him to under-

ing terms to increase visibility.

What does this mean for Artis' opponents? Since the Commission idea has eradicated the visibility and perceived effectiveness of student leadership groups—specifically Men's Council and Women's Senate—they are seemingly less qualified for SGA leadership. Saunders and Artis have ensured that history will not repeat itself. The potential trend of Men's Council or Women's Senate leaders ascending to SGA leadership may not continue.

It appears that members of Men's Council have recognized this and are distancing themselves from the "umbrella" of the Commission. Women's Senate may do the same. This semester will reveal whether it is too late two groups

to distinguish themselves. But who could run against Artis and have a real chance at winning? Observing the well-oiled political machine that is the Commission might foreshadow the upcoming election.

Artis' campaign will highlight the accomplishments of the SGA this year. He will draw attention to his track record of integrity and passion. He will have an answer for every question and a rebuttal for every argument. A party that may form from the current Men's Council or Women's Senate may have a tough time convincing students of their intentions to be better leaders. There is, however, a ray of hope. If one were to assume that the Commission strategy was successful, then Artis' challenger may have to come from within the SGA "Executive 5." It may take a member of the Commission to defeat the Commission this year.



The Commission strategy may seal victory for James Artis this April unless other Commission members step up. (Pictured: SGA VP James Artis and SGA Corresponding Secretary Melba Brown.)

estimate the efforts of a less-experienced, but passionate Maurice Suggs. Learning past lessons may seal inevitable victory for Artis.

Saunders and Artis' defeat of Suggs and LaMarr had much to do with the clearly defined roles of each opponent. The student body identified Suggs and LaMarr in SGA and Saunders and Artis in Men's Council. What may differ this year is that there is no clear line dividing one group from another. Saunders and Artis eliminated that with the birth of the Commission.

Although the Commission was defined as to include all student leaders, any random poll of student opinion suggests otherwise. Bryant Paden's "Resurrection" party (2000-2001), Maurice Suggs "Solution" party (2001-2002), and now Clint Saunders and the "Commission" reveal a University tradition of brand-

Let it Go!

Resolution of a Bag Lady

By: Shannon Harrington
Entertainment Editor

Here we are back again in 2003, ready to take the challenges of a new year. Ironically, the New Year always seems to arrive paired with one of the oldest traditions known to American history—the New Year's resolution. Despite the fact that everyday is a new beginning, many people believe that January 1 marks a time where yokes are broken and the promise of a new day is made.

So in light of getting off to a good start, here is a little word of encouragement to my fellow sistas.

Based on my own observations, we all seem to be going through the same thing when it comes to relationships. Whether it's sleeping by the phone and wondering if he'll find the time to call tonight, or deciding if you want to talk to him at all, at some point in time many of us can relate to each other. If it weren't for the uncensored lyrics of artists like E. Badu and Vivian Green, we'd never know how to cope with those extra bags on our own emotional roller coasters.

What is baggage?

Since females naturally tend to be more emotional in a relationship, we are often left bearing the burden of how to cope when things get intense. It's not easy for us to simply walk away from a situation that has taken so much time and energy to build up. So in turn we may dwell on weighing what's really good versus what's not, thus creating baggage.

The craziest thing about baggage is the fact that it is self-produced, and comes in many forms. One form of baggage is how it affects the mind. Ladies, what is the first thing that we do when things begin to get sketchy? We question ourselves, our man, and sometimes innocent bystanders. This creates mental baggage because we often

isolate one person as the bad guy. Then all kinds of bad thoughts enter the mind, and we haven't even examined the big picture. If in fact a problem does exist, it is likely that both partners have contributed to it.

Another affect of baggage comes in an emotional aspect. Once we've allowed all of those ill thoughts to get into our heads, our emotions automatically react to them. Example: Have you ever had a bad dream where a loved one was hurt? Even though it was just a dream, emotions can cause you to feel deep sadness over something that never even happened.

Baggage can also come in physical form. I am not necessarily referring to scratches and bruises, because that's just straight up abuse. I'm talking about the sleepless nights of crying, which can result in waking up with a pounding headache and puffy eyes. I know it may be love, but you gotta get some rest ladies!

How to get peace of mind

Now that we've identified the monster, let's figure out what to do about it. First, keep in mind that a relationship consists of two people; two *different* people. Although you two may share many common bonds, that doesn't mean that you came from the same mold. Be open to the fact that he may handle things a totally different way than you would.

Second, deal with the person that is most important...YOU. Instead of getting into the routine of thinking that you have to be the one to save the relationship, spend some time with yourself first. Forget about what he's doing for awhile. Reading a good book or doing a little splurge shopping is a great way of patching up an exhausted you. Not only does it give the both of you time to breathe, it also let's you become reacquainted with yourself.

Lastly, let it go. Let it Go, LET IT GO! A good way to move forward is to leave the past where it belongs...behind you. You wouldn't go into the attic and put on that ugly dress your mama made you wear Easter Sunday when you were 6, would you? So why do you continue going into those past memories of when he "hurt you so bad?" Remember, you've probably hurt him too. There's no need of looking at old problems on a new day.

I hope that this will help someone, because these words have certainly helped me. It took me awhile to realize that carrying baggage only weighs you down. While trying to fix up a relationship, I was beginning to lose myself. By taking a step back and doing a little regrouping, I see that everything (including a relationship) is a work in progress. Being with someone is great as long as you remember that before it was WE, there was ME.

Reality Check

By: B. dot

Welcome back to Dover everyone. If you were like me, you probably were productive over the break by working and earning some money or maybe you didn't do anything at all and was constantly with your hand out looking for a handout, but that's neither here nor there.

Like most students, I was ready to come back to school only to realize I would be temporarily homeless and registered as half a student, due to the cotton pickers running the finance and records departments. Since I knew the right people in the right places, I got everything situated or so I thought.

I was informed that I would have to get my I.D. validated again. Why, I don't know. I figured if I got up early the following morning I would get that out the way, but damn was I wrong.

You'd thought that they were giving out homecoming tickets the way I stood in line nearly for two hours, all for an F'n sticker. Why can't the Sambos in the back office use all the out of state tuition they jerked me out of (pause) and hire some people work to the computers right? Oh wait, Duh B. dot, they can't because DSU spends it on Jazz bands and white tablecloths in the cafeteria.

I swear to God we do things ass backwards. Well that's it for now. Catch up with y'all next issue to talk even more about things we think, but are afraid to say. PEACE.

Men of Solidarity & Nascure Present...

The Dating GAME

TUESDAY, FEB 11TH
MLK Auditorium
@ 8:00 P.M.

Watch the single bachelors & bachelorettes of DSU as they try their luck on the college edition of the DATING GAME!

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It's Showtime at TBSU

Part II
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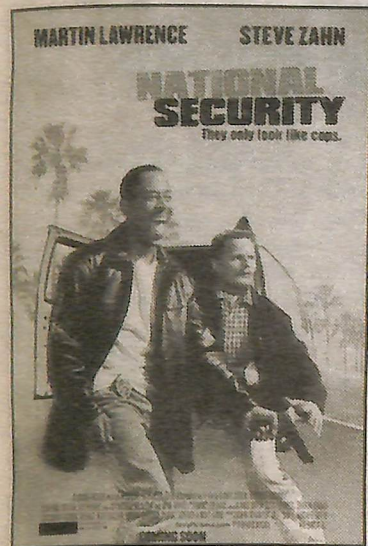
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Thursday, February 13
8:00 P.M.
MLK Auditorium

"It's not about who wins or loses, but who survives the DSU crowd."

ENTERTAINMENT

National Security: Movie Review



Martin Lawrence

By: Shannon Harrington
Entertainment Editor

Okay, I'll admit that I lied. I wasn't totally broke, but I could still think of about 50 other ways to spend my five dollars rather than go see this WACK movie. However, when asked yet again by friends to join them in an afternoon of cinema entertainment, I reluctantly went along hoping for the best.

I'm hoping it was my woman's intu-

ition that gave me the first warning not to go. Then again it could have been the run of those terribly cliché TV previews that all action/comedy films seem to live by. Or maybe it's just the inevitable fact that Martin Lawrence hasn't made any blockbuster movies since Bad Boys and A Thin Line between Love and Hate. Whatever the reason, something told me that National Security should have been thrown in the "see it on bootleg first" pile. This flick was really bad.

In his defense, I will admit that at one time Martin was one of the funniest comedians on the planet. His self-titled show made Fox's Thursday night line-up the main talk of everyone's Friday morning conversation. However, through the years (and... ahem... the Prozac) Mr. Lawrence has definitely dropped a few notches.

National Security, which co-stars Steve Zahn along with Lawrence, was nothing short of a big flop. I would get into the plot a bit, but to be honest, I really didn't understand it too well. I'll try...

In the film, Lawrence plays an aspiring cop whose "blame everything on the white man" temper lands him on the wrong side of the LA Police Academy's fence. A small racial squabble with an unsuspecting officer only adds fuel to the fire, thus getting both men into even more trouble, end-

ing with the embarrassing result of being employed as security guards.

Somehow, the two men become involved in witnessing a huge illegal heist and once again it's the underdogs to the rescue. Sound familiar (uh... Money Talks)? Are you bored yet? Imagine sitting in a room in front of a 15 ft movie screen, surrounded by idiots who seem to find this crap hilarious and all you can think of is how five dollars just went down the drain.

The only distinguishing trait that does set this movie apart from the likes of other crappy police chase comedies is the undying stream of racial slurs and comments that pour out of Lawrence's mouth throughout the entire film. It's almost embarrassing to see how a young, talented, Black artist can pimp himself into doing that same ol' Amos & Andy routine just to get a laugh and a buck.

It's a good thing to go out and support our rising entertainers when they make an accomplishment. However, when it's painfully obvious that something just don't seem right, it probably isn't. I am still an avid fan of Martin, don't get me wrong. But after reviewing his last three movies (with the exception of Runteldat), I believe its time to go back to the drawing board. In the meantime, I'll save my money and put 5 on a cheap trip to Jamaica.

The Past, Present, and Future of Black Comedy

By: Dominique Mizell

Black comedy has evolved over the past century. Many African American comedians have participated in black comedy, to make it what it is today. Black comedy has numerous African American pioneers. Names like Dick Gregory, Flip Wilson, Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, Moms Mabley, Black comedy has evolved over the past century. Many African-American comedians have participated in black comedy to make it what it is today. Black comedy has numerous African-American pioneers. Names like Dick Gregory, Flip Wilson, Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, Moms Mabley and Redd Foxx. These people opened the comedy doors for black comedians such as Whoopi Goldberg, Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence, Chris Tucker, and Jamie Foxx. Certain events in history

changed the face of Black comedy. Starting with the radio comedy "Amos & Andy", moves to television perpetuating stereotypes about blacks to white audiences. In 1961, Dick Gregory appears at Chicago's Playboy club. Hugh Hefner sees him and signs him to a three-year deal that made Dick Gregory a household name. Moms Mabley, after decades of performing on the "Chitlin Circuit", finally making her first TV appearance in a special "A time for laughter". In 1972, Redd Foxx takes the role of Fred G. Sanford on the NBC show "Sanford & Son". Foxx is known for his ridiculing jokes on other or just by simply saying "You big dummy!" In 1977, Richard Pryor lands his television show. In one sketch, introducing that his penis and testicles are missing. The show only lasted for two months. In 1980, Eddie

Murphy stars in Beverly Hills Cop, which becomes one of the biggest blockbusters of all-time and puts him in the international spotlight. In 1989, In Living Color is the first sketch comedy show comprised of a mostly African American cast. In 1992, Def Comedy Jam debuts on HBO. Black Comedians such as Martin Lawrence, Chris Tucker, Tommy Davidson, Steve Harvey, and D.L. Hughley helped the show climb to the top with its raunchy and uncensored atmosphere of the show. These events in black comedy have set the stage for comedians of today, such as Mike Epps, Shawn & Marlon Wayans, Dave Chappelle, and Mark Curry. The black comedy scene becomes better everyday and every second. This is just a little run down of black comedy history. Black comedy doesn't look like it's slowing down neither.

20 Questions

by Ghostwriter

1. Who was mad that they actually paid for 'DSU Idol'?
2. Which contestant was still singing to the judges after the 'DSU Idol' was over attempting to move on the next round?
3. How long will it take Del. State students to learn the dances in the new Sean Paul video?
4. Was there a sale on quick weaves over the winter break?
5. Who came back to school with a quick weave that was styled by Aaliyah back in '93? (Is putting hair over our eyes coming back in style?)
6. Is anyone surprised that the girls basketball team is doing better than the guys?
7. Where are the new safety procedures in the courtyards?
8. Has anyone noticed the café's new look and entertainment, but it still has the same horrible food!?!?
9. Who was at the Omar Tyree session trying to pick up girls numbers?
10. During cafeteria madness, who threw food/liquids on Brandon Maddox without paying?
11. Also during cafeteria madness, who made orange juice by hitting someone in the head with an orange?
12. Who walks around talking on their cell phone with no one on the phone?
13. Did everyone get purged out of the system upon returning for second semester? (Even student leaders, R.A.s, athletes, & faculty)
14. Who missed the entire first week of classes because they were in line waiting for student accounts to press a button?
15. Is SGA going to host a reality series entitled, "Who wants to be a Kappa?"
16. Is everyone talking about how horrible Ashanti's hair looks in the "Mesmerized" video?
17. Why did the Sigmas host a Superbowl party on a 15" TV that was blessed with static?
18. Who is still wearing the Mardi Gras beads from the Sigma Party? (You know who you are.)
19. When will someone tell 50 Cent that he doesn't have a thousand lives?
20. Who was waiting for this edition of '20 Questions' expecting to see their names in print? (Maybe next issue...)

"PORGY AND BESS" TAKES THE STAGE AT DSU

DOVER, Del. — Delaware State University will host a performance of the Gershwin play "Porgy and Bess" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in the Education and Humanities Theatre on campus.

The two-act, nine-scene musical is based on the DuBose Hayward novel set in Charleston's famed Catfish Row. The 26-member cast includes: Brian Gibson, a frequent guest soloist with choral societies throughout the United States, as Porgy; Jerris Cates, who has performed for audience across this nation and in Europe, as Bess; and Duane A. Moody, a renowned tenor who has performed

internationally since age 4, as Sportin' Life.

Recognized as one of the truly masterpiece stage drama/musical, "Porgy and Bess" entwines pride, prejudice, pathos, and passion through a jazz and blues influenced score by George and Ira Gershwin. The production will feature numerous song selections, including the Gershwin classics "Summertime," "I Got Plenty O' Nuttin'," and "It Ain't Necessarily So."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for non-DSU students. For more information, contact Dr. Donald Parks at (302) 857-6062.

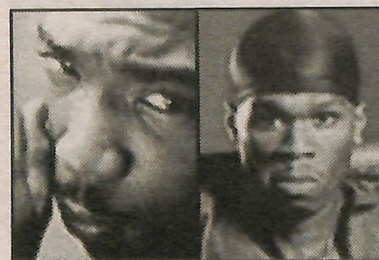
WHATS BEEF?

because he feels that rap enthusiasts will forget the pioneers of the "game" and minority hip-hop artists' sales are being hurt due to Em's enormous popularity. Benzino then released two diss records towards Eminem which resulted in retaliation songs by the Detroit rapper...

This match is scheduled for one fall. From Hollis, Queens, the multi platinum selling singer/ rapper and member of **Murder Inc.**, **Ja Rule** will defend his pride and street credibility against the most anticipated Jamaica, Queens rapper, **50 Cent**. The feud between these two artists is traced back from the early 90's where the snatching of chains and stabbings occurred. Fifty has been quoted as saying Ja is trying to diminish his massive popularity as some sort of publicity stunt since Ja's album is doing poorly in stores. To be continued...

This is a special woman's match: **Foxy Brown**, the first female Def Jam signed artist, has thrown lyrical jabs at

the Philadelphia, PA rapper/actress/designer, **Eve**, who has had much success in the entertainment world, seen on television and featured in movie, and fashion world with her new clothing line. Foxy, who hasn't had an album in about two years, made a song targeting the "Philly Bombshell". Eve recently went on radio saying she's not making a comeback song because she doesn't want to help Foxy's struggling career. Proving once and for all that controversy sells records.



JaRule

50 Cent

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Eve

Foxy

By: B. dot

When a problem or beef occurs, people usually find ways to avoid it by any means necessary. However, it appears that this form of confrontation has found a nice home in the world of hip-hop and is greatly embraced with open arms. Since the "battle of the century" between Nas and Jay-Z, it seems as if rap artists want to follow in the footsteps of these two lyrical geniuses.

In this corner from Boston, Massachusetts, the owner of the Source magazine and member of the **Mighty RSO**, **Ray Benzino**, will defend his rap skills against the Caucasian multi-platinum selling rap giant, **Eminem**. It is said that Benzino is annoyed at Eminem

ENTERTAINMENT

The Look for Less

By Alex Outlaw

If keeping up with the Jones' is hurting your pocket book, here are some ways to look nice without that high price. Right now there are a few high priced trends that may be a little out of your reach, so here are a few solutions to your problem.

First, let's begin with the "Manolo Blahnik Tims". I just want to inform all you misguided fashionistas that the two companies did not collaborate to create this street chic shoe. Although they do resemble a high-heeled Timberland boot, Manolo Blahnik only makes them, and they originated from a design called the Olamad (Oh-la-mahd). They currently sell for about \$690.00.

If you're interested in these boots you can find them at select Neiman Marcus stores, and join the waiting list. If the price of \$690.00 seems a little larger than your refund check or college budget will allow, you may want to try the knock offs. Steve Madden sells a knock off version for a fraction of the cost. For \$150.00 you can be apart of this fashion frenzy, and still have money to buy something other than jeans to wear with them.

If even still your thinking \$150.00



Manolo Blahnick

is too much to spend, another step down is Bakers. While they lack in quality, they make up for it in cost. You can still have this look for a whole lot less. The shoe sells for around \$99.00.

The second look for less is a cheap way to enjoy a luxury. Rabbit fur, although inexpensive, it is still fur and you can find them in many urban or trendy local stores, outside of Dover.

They can cost anywhere from \$100.00 and up depending on the color, style, and designer. This fur is the next best thing to mink, when you're on a budget.

Remember you don't have to keep up with the Jones'; you can chill with Common and Ms. Badu. Remember in fashion, put your best foot forward, and like I always say, be creative and always do you!



Chanel

By Alex Outlaw

On January 27, approximately 9 P.M., I sat down with two style stars, Chanell Jones, and Kelle' Alston, to inquire about this hot new trend of fashion frenzy they have started at Del. State.

Style Star

The two first teamed up back in September for a fashion show they were putting on in Jenkins Hall. They were looking for something new and different that would fit their personalities. Chanell began crocheting 10 years ago when an older friend from home introduced her to the activity. This hobby that Chanell has picked up has turned out to be a good money-maker for her. Kelle' was introduced to the art by her cousin less than a year ago, and has been creating ever since.

Between the two, Kelle' states that she is more business savvy, and leaves most of the creative work up to Chanell. Chanell comes up with the ideas Kelle' gets them on paper and together they turn them in to reality. They call their clothing line Challe'.

Their clothes are for both men and women, but their target market is a confident, carefree, charismatic woman who has a love for life, fun, and music, with a passion for fashion.

Both would like to continue designing clothes in the future. They would like to see Challe' expanding into clothing of all fabrics, and designs. In five years they see the small company in a boutique of their own selling their clothing. Kelle plans to travel abroad, while Chanell will be receiving higher education to help keep the business successful.

You can find their scarves, knit hats, pocket books, and other special made to order garments at Delaware State University in Jenkins Hall.



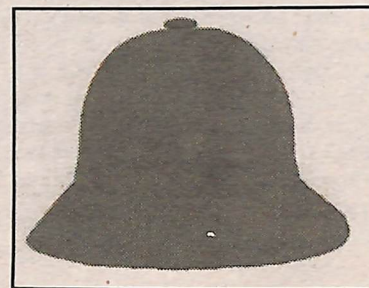
STYLE BEAT

WHAT'S HOT

Kangols
Fitted knit hats
Corduroys
Leather pants (classics)
Patchwork (jeans, boots, bags...)
Furs (If you can afford the real deal)
Wedge heels
Throwback Sneakers (CW)

WHAT'S NOT

Coogi Sweaters
Tight Sweat Pants
Long Sweater Jackets Under Short Jackets
Bamboo Earrings (at least two pair)
Prom Hair on Campus
Unbeweavable Weaves
Kitten heels
Weaves by Angel Saunders



Kangols



Coogi Sweaters

OSLA CALENDAR

Date	Time/Location	Event	Price
2/8/03	11am	Bus Trip to "Blacks in Wax" Museum Baltimore, MD contact OSLA for ticket info (6390)	FREE
2/10/03	7pm EH Theater	"The Meeting" (Play)	FREE
2/17/03	11:30am - MLK Glass Lounge	Noontime Jazz Concert With Keith Marks	FREE
2/18/03	8pm MLK Auditorium	"Boom-Boom" Room Fashion Show Contact Men's Council/Women's Senate for details	FREE
2/26-27/03	All Day MLK Glass Lounge & Auditorium	"Black Inventors" & "Sankofa Museum" Exhibit	FREE
2/28/03	4pm-1am MLK	Midterm Stress Reliever Massage Therapy & "Making the Video"	FREE
3/19/03	7pm Location TBA	An Evening with poet and author Nikki Giovanni	FREE

Poetry Corner "Possible"

By Amanda Thompson

From the moment he touched my hand in introduction
in my head was the typical assumption of him wanting to explore my inner walls
He explored my inner walls alright
in a way I would have never imagined in my life
and man that shit was tight
I never saw myself completely open at first sight
but he was mesmerizin'
and by the time my conscious got to workin'
it was too late
he was in too deep
and sleep was the last thing on my mind
I want to stay awake forever as long as he is looking into my three eyes and
by my side
This is not like me
I guess I wasn't ready for this three-sixty
then again
Who is?
but it was his act of persuasion I couldn't resist
it was like he had years of practice
and I was his leading role actress
in his play called:
EXPLORING YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS
and you talk about orgasms
he orgasmically took me to a level the ever seeing eye never thought she'd see
and just to think
he never even saw my pussy

SPORTS

Buccaneers Super in San Diego

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

After beating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the 2001 season, Pittsburgh Steelers safety Lee Flowers called the Bucs "paper champions." One has to wonder what Lee was thinking when the Bucs pumpled the Oakland Raiders 48-21 to win Super Bowl XXXVII, and claim league champion status.

On a beautiful Sunday in San Diego, California, Tampa capped a 2002 season full of spills, thrills, and chills by turning loose its NFL-best defense against the Raiders' top ranked offense, which never stood a chance. The Tampa defense had more touchdowns (three) than Oakland's own offense (two).

On the strength of game MVP Dexter Jackson's two first half interceptions, the Buccaneers' offense moved the ball into the end zone on a two yard run by Mike Alstott combined with

quarterback Brad Johnson's five yard toss to Keenan McCardell to take a 20-3 lead at the half.

McCardell promptly hauled in another Johnson pass to make it 27-3. However, the Bucs' defense had a statement to make. Cornerback Dwight Smith intercepted Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon's pass intended for Jerry Rice and took it to the house from 44 yard away, and the Raiders never really recovered.

Jerry Porter caught a touchdown for Oakland, Eric Johnson returned a block punt for a score, and Jerry Rice made more NFL history with another touchdown to pull the Raiders within 13 points.

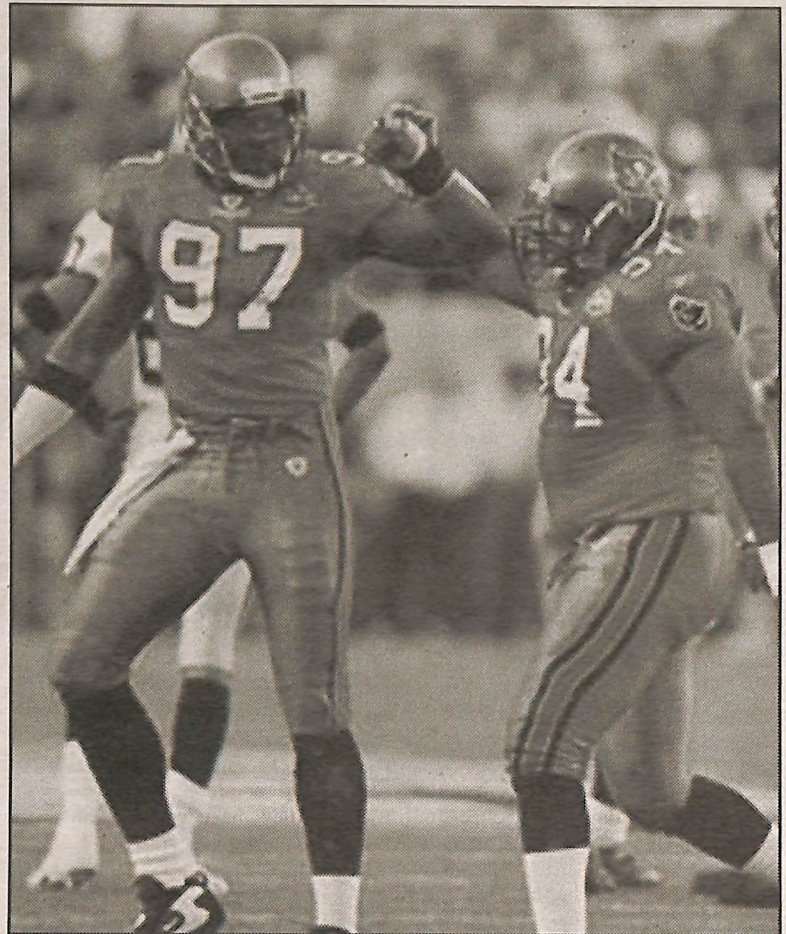
That's as close as they would get, however. Tampa Bay's defense laid the smackdown one more time, as NFL Defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks intercepted Gannon and hustled 44 yards to end zone to clinch the championship. Dwight

Smith added another interception (a Super Bowl record fifth for the Bucs), and promptly ran that one back 50 yards for a touchdown.

The Buccaneers made a bold move this past spring by giving the Raiders four high draft picks and 8 million bucks for coach Jon Gruden, and the move paid a lot of dividends for Tampa Bay.

The team came into the NFL in 1976 as a laughingstock, losing its first 26 games. They were more known for their bumbling, hilarious players, outrageous orange uniforms, and rather feminine mascot, which was an orange pirate with a feather in his hat biting a sword (I'm not going there, but you can feel free to do so).

When the Bucs drafted Warren Sapp and Derrick Brooks in 1995, they were looking to build the league's best defense. It's safe to say that mission was accomplished for the real life champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



Hampton Gets Stung! Hornets Prevail in Overtime Behind Mighty Miles & DSU Fans

By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

The month of February started fast and furious for our Hornets basketball teams. Unfortunately for the ladies of the Columbia blue and red it started just a little too fast, but not for the men. The Delaware State University men's basketball team picked up one of the biggest wins in recent memory defeating the first place Hampton Pirates, 71-66.

Following the ladies embarrassing 75-56 defeat, which ended their nine game winning streak, the men came out seeking revenge on the Pirates. Entering the contest, the Pirates held first place in the MEAC, as well as an 18-game home winning streak.

On Saturday, the first of February, the Student Government Association sponsored a trip to Hampton, Virginia, which brought 88 high spirited Hornets, as well as the band, into the land of the pirates with high hopes of seeing a Hornet victory.

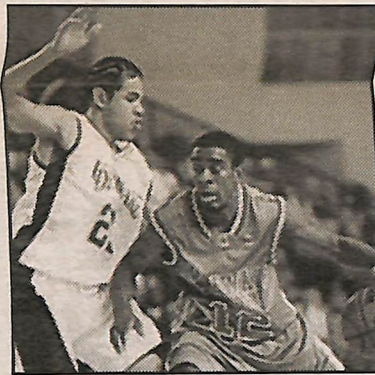
The Pirates led the way throughout the first half of play, 31-26. The sec-

ond half saw the lead of the Pirates increase into double figures, but the fans helped rally the comeback. The Hornets were still trailing into the final minute of the game, when Andrew Mathews nailed a jumper with 57 seconds remaining to tie the game at 56 a piece.

The Hornet defense was strong down the stretch and the last the possession of regulation was in the hands of the Hornets. But, after failing to come through in the final seconds, the highly contested match-up went into overtime.

In perhaps one of the most emotionally filled five minute sessions, Miles Davis proved that size doesn't matter. The 5'5" guard nailed two quick three-pointers, four free throws, and a lay up giving him 12 of his 18 points in overtime. Davis' performance led the Hornets to victory over the Pirates. The DSU fans went crazy and SGA Public Relations, Brandon Maddox believes that it was the DSU fans, which helped the lead the Hornets to victory.

Andre Matthews was also a key



contributor, as he finished with a double double, 15 points and 10 rebounds. In addition, guard Prince Parker dropped 12 points showing the Hornets point distribution. The Pirates guard/forward, Barry Hairston, had a big game with 26 points, but production from other teammates was not evident, as he was the only Pirate in double figures.

Freshman, Malissie Muhammad stated, "The game was the bomb!" The business management manager had faith in the Hornets throughout the entire game, "I knew they were going to win and I can't wait for the next game."

once you think about it, because he's still the best player on his team standing 17-18 feet away from the basket. However, when he first started out, he was the best player in the league 20 feet in the air.

When Mike first joined the Chicago Bulls in 1984, he was surrounded by the likes of Quentin Dailey, Orlando Woolridge, Ennis Whatley, and Steve Johnson, which was not exactly the Dream Team. Jordan carried that Bulls team on his shoulders flying through the air, exciting crowds and giving birth to a new generation of ballers.

Flash forward almost 20 years

DSU's Clark, Fauntleroy earn MEAC weekly honor



Mandy Clark

as the top rookie for the week ending January 25.

Clark, a sophomore transfer from Rutgers, scored 50 points and had seven steals in a 2-0 week for the Hornets. In Delaware State's 71-41 win over Morgan State on January 20, Clark scored a game-high 24 points. Her performance included a career-high six three-point

Dover, DE — Mandy Clark of the women's basketball team was selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) player of the Week, while

Najmah Fauntleroy was cho-

field goals. In the Hornets' 59-54 win over Maryland-Eastern Shore on January 23, Clark tied her career-high with 26 points. She also recorded five assists and five steals.

Fauntleroy contributed 27 points and 22 rebounds to the two wins. She had 13 points and eight rebounds against Morgan State. In the Maryland-Eastern Shore contest, she had her second double-double of the season, scoring 14 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.



Fauntleroy

(www.dsc.edu/athletics)

MEAC Standings

MEAC Standings (Men) (as of 2/1/03)

S.C. State	9-0
Hampton	7-2
Norfolk	6-2
DSU	6-3
Coppin	6-3
FAMU	5-4
Howard	3-6
Bethune Cookman	2-7
Morgan	3-6
UMES	2-7
N.C. A&T	0-9

MEAC Standings (Women) (as of 2/1/03)

Hampton	9-0
DSU	8-1
FAMU	6-3
Norfolk	4-4
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Life After 40: Michael Jordan can still play

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

So what happens when the greatest player to ever put on a pair of sneakers turns 40? He gets smarter.

In a league that is now a young man's game, Michael Jordan continues to fly, even while grounded. No longer is he taking off from the free-throw line and switching directions in mid-air, but he's still confusing everyone with his chess-like knowledge of basketball.

Kenny Smith of TNT Sports always says not to confuse what made Michael Jordan great to watch with what makes him great as a player. It makes perfect sense

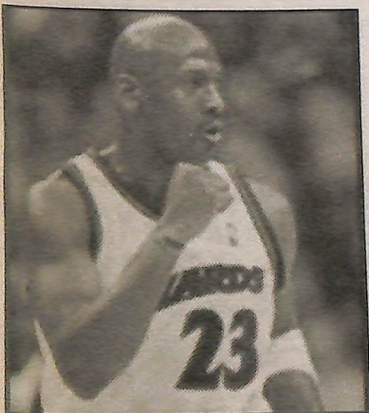
later, and you'll see that he's tutoring a high school center (Kwame Brown), a reluctant point guard who still thinks he's a 6'5" Allen Iverson (Larry Hughes) and he has to share the ball with a man who almost rivals Michael's massive ego on the offensive end (Jerry Stackhouse).

Yet, at 40, Jordan can't lead through the air, so he passes on the experience of years of NBA battles to the youngins on the Washington Wizards in the hopes that they will listen

and become good players.

He also uses the best weapon in the league, his fadeaway jumper to score 22 points a game. So far it's working to perfection as the Wiz are in the playoff hunt for the second straight year.

So Michael Jordan is 40. Big deal. He can still play, and the Wizards are a team that nobody wants to deal with come playoff time. More proof that the strongest muscle in your body is your brain.



Michael Jordan

REMEMBERING THE DREAM



Dr. Martin Luther King 1929-1968

How have the accomplishments of Dr. King and his civil rights movement affected your life?

Note from the Assistant Editor:

The Hornet Newspaper decided to honor the life, legacy, and tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. by using excerpts from essays written by students in Ms. Haskins African-American Literature II course. Student Voices will return next issue.

Impact

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has impacted and improved my way of life by demanding that my unalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are a fact of reality and not just an ideology during the civil rights era blacks, whites, and as a result of Dr. King's efforts to sit down relax and enjoy a hearty meal anywhere at any restaurant in which they please. Exercising the right to vote was just an idea that wasn't really a reality for many blacks because in the south there were laws such as literacy test, poll taxes along with other barriers in order to keep blacks from voting. In the north many blacks thought, 'why vote, my vote will not count for anything anyway and if the law changes things will still be the same'..."

"I can say that when I vote I don't have to worry about poll taxes or even someone testing me on the American Constitution. If I feel justified in voting I may choose so because it is my right. Personally looking at the past I have an appreciation for the rights that I have in the present..."

-Tyrice Bradley

Inspiration

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said in his 'I Have a Dream' speech, 'When will you be satisfied? We can never be satisfied...' is one of many quotes that I believe most that I can in my lifetime..."

"When I think or read about the past leaders and their accomplishments, it helps drive me to look within to always work hard to achieve the best. To me, even his metaphors throughout his speech had power and motivational interpretations, for example, 'And so we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justices.' For me, it meant that we fought to get our freedom, we got it, we will not forget it, and will fight 'for every penny' we are entitled to..."

"His speech has inspired me to strive for excellence in everything that I want to achieve."

-Seth Darden

Influence

"Many people underestimate the influence one person can have. One person can unify a people into fighting for a cause. Dr. King was such a person; he united us as a people to fight for equality in a nation that was segregated. Dr. King's dream was that all men were to be treated equally regardless of the color of their skin..."

"Today I am able to attend any school, eat at any restaurant I choose, use any public restroom, and sit anywhere while riding public transportation. Because of the courage of one man had and his ability to unite a people for equality, for this I am forever grateful to Dr. King."

-Valencia Warren

Acknowledgement

"I am 19-years-old and it never occurred to me to pay homage and respect to this great American hero on my day off from school or work. The question posed deserves an honest and well-developed answer. As I have stated, I never attended a program for Dr. King before this year. Guest speakers, praise dancers, African drummers and dancers, and university officials attended this program to present their tokens of affection and talents to an attentive audience. Although each speaker/entertainer displayed his or her own interpretations of Dr. King, no one acknowledged the present status of his dreams and aspirations..."

"Dr. King's accomplishments have allowed my family and me to have dreams that can be fulfilled. When I am fatigue from traveling and deserving of a place to rest I am able to do so. I can use any restroom designated to my sex, no matter my race. I attend a Historically Black University, but I applied to five predominately white colleges and was accepted to all of them!"

"Although Dr. King was referring to Montgomery, Alabama when he stated, 'All, here, and now,' there was no way to contain such a fire that burned deep inside any American that had a heart in the 1960's. I believe those three words sum up the actions and sincere gestures of this magnificent man who made it possible for me to NOW go anywhere, including HERE, with ALL of my civil rights."

-Ciara Jackson

Remembering the Dream

By: Taryn Edmonds

The Commission and the students at Delaware State University celebrated the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King by marching from Lockerman Hall to the MLK Student Center on January 20, 2003. Despite the cold, approximately 50 students showed up for the event.

The students marched around with signs, sung the Negro national anthem, and other old spirituals. The purpose of this march was not only to celebrate the memory of Dr. King, but also to show that the same things that he fought for during his time still exist today.

Once the students arrived at the MLK building a video was shown about Dr. King's life. The video showed him delivering many of his famous speeches. After the video ended, the floor was opened for discussion.

Many students felt that Dr. King's dream has not been fulfilled today because no one fights for what they believe in anymore. Ron Miller stated, "We need to get real and see the bigger picture."

Most of the students agreed that the reason we do not take pride and celebrate our culture like we our ancestors once did is because we do not know it. Senior Rashaan Torian stated, "We need to be educated on our culture."

Black history and culture is something that should be taught all

year round, and not only on King's birthday or in the month of February. Our culture is who we are and it shows us where we are going.

When Dr. King delivered his speech on the mall in Washington, D.C. on August 26, 1963 he expected over 100,000 people, but over 1 million showed up.

So why is it that nearly 40 years later approximately 50 students showed up for the march celebrating the life of a remarkable man? One of Dr. Martin Luther King's most memorable quotes state, "Some things are worth dying for. If a man does not find something he can die for then he is not fit to live." Delaware State University it is time to wake up and find something that you will

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What's going on: The Curry effect - part II

Dr. Curry No Longer Over Residence Life

By: Angel Saunders
News Editor

There's a saying, "watch what you say or do because it can never be unsaid or undone", or more commonly, "what you say can come back to haunt you." Although they are only words, Dr. Chris Curry's usage of them may have been one of the small causes leading up to his administrative leave.

A shock for many, Dr. Curry is no longer the director of residence life according to Lawon Pitt, assistant vice president of academic affairs. The daily responsibilities are in the hands of the Assistant Director, Mr. Keith Coleman.

Mr. Larry Larimore, area coordinator of residence life and newcomer of

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Dr. Chris Curry and Brandon Maddox have been accused of supposed misconduct.

Wrong Place, Wrong Time Brandon Maddox Speaks Out

By: Angel Saunders
News Editor

Two people, two suspensions, two adjectives; tried and convicted, twice, a reflection of terrible two's.

Accumulating a little over 800 signatures, a petition was created on February 6th for Brandon Maddox, a student at Delaware State University who was convicted of burglary. The petition proved to be no help in convincing officials to overturn the decision to suspend Maddox from school for a year. He is unable to reapply until the spring semester of 2004.

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National Black AIDS/HIV Awareness Day and African-Americans

By: Rayanna M. Wilkins

National Black AIDS/HIV Awareness Day was recently recognized on Friday February 7th. The day was set aside to further the awareness of those in the African-American communities. The deadly epidemic is of major concern to all races, but it has associated itself with many African-Americans at disturbing numbers.

The blame could be due to people being irresponsible in their safe sex efforts or just plain ignorance to the facts. Regardless of how you look at it, there should be no one who would risk living a fulfilling life over sex.

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), which attacks the body's white blood cells. Ultimately, no one dies from AIDS, but from other bacteria and viruses that the body could normally fight off, such as pneumonia or common cold.

It can be spread through blood, semen, vaginal secretions and breast milk. Using drug needles or having unprotected sex, especially with numerous partners, makes the chances of contracting HIV or any other STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) greater.

While the safest way to protect yourself is not to have sex at all, using

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Ed Gordon's 7 Steps to Success

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

On February 4 approximately 300 students and faculty packed the MBNA Longwood auditorium, as former 'BET Tonight' broadcaster, Ed Gordon provided seven steps to success. The event, which was sponsored by "The Commission," the Office of Student Leadership & Activities (OSLA), and the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, officially kicked off black history month.

Gordon, who is a native of Detroit,

Michigan, had a "conversation" with Delaware State University, as opposed to a speech, encouraging students to succeed.

Known for his interviews with celebrity figures in times of controversy, Gordon quickly killed any misconceptions that people might have of him.

"I am country. I am ghetto. I didn't wear my gators today, but I have a boat load in my closet," said Gordon describing himself, who was sharply dressed in a tan suit.

The first step to success, believing

you can succeed, was expressed as Gordon shared some of his own personal experiences.

Upon graduating from Western Michigan University with his bachelor's degree in Communications and Political Science, Gordon had dreams of being a lawyer. But, teachers encouraged him to pursue communications.

Gordon had plans to get big job in Flynt, Michigan and sent a college tape displaying his broadcasting talents. After the director reviewed Gordon's tape, he was told, "maybe you

should think about running for office because you'll never make it in this business."

"You will be discouraged, more often than encouraged," said Gordon. "It's really about a belief in yourself."

Encouraging students not to let others define their success was the next point emphasized by Gordon. "You have to decide what is success for you," according to Gordon. "You have to find what motivates you."

He also encouraged students not to judge their success against others because your success is just that—it's yours.

Be about it, don't talk about it was the next point discussed by Gordon. Referring to those people who, "always have a better way to do it, but never do it."

He even quoted Dr. King, "if you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be the sun, just be a star. It

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WDSU radio program director Kellé Alston and Hornet Editor-in-Chief Marisa K. Phillips pose with Johnnie Cochran. Professor DeWayne Wickham took mass communications students to Cochran's Manhattan office to discuss the importance of the media on society.

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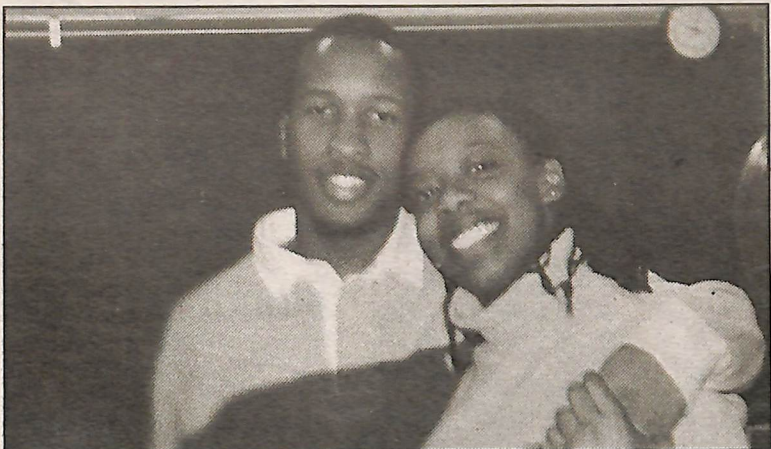


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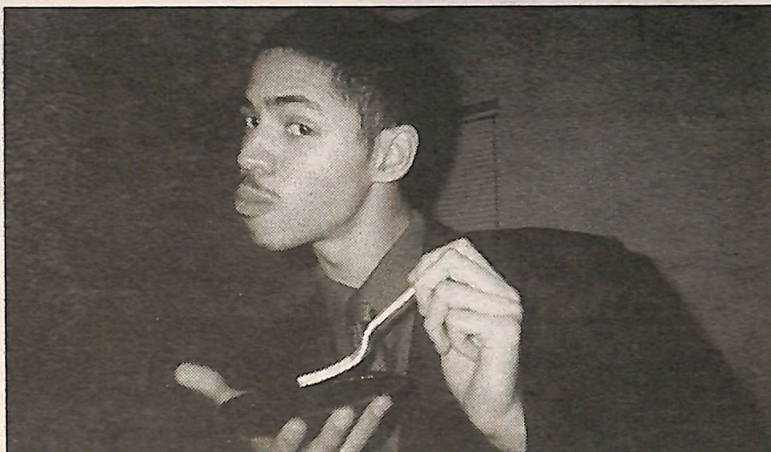


CAMPUS NEWS

HORNET STAFF SNAPSHOTS



Marisa and Derrick before another grueling newspaper layout. (It's not like that, so be easy.)



Good 'Ole Feeney: Congratulations to Mike on landing his first summer internship. If he can do it, other DSU students can too.

Ed Gordon

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BET's Ed Gordon

isn't about the size that you win or fail, be the best at whatever you are."

Gordon spoke on the importance of being ready for success, as well as patience. While it's good to prepare yourself for success, you have to remember that it doesn't happen over night.

For example, through the use of 'connections,' Gordon landed a job volunteering at a PBS Affiliate in Detroit with hopes of getting on the air. One night the host for the show didn't show up and Gordon was given his first on-air opportunity. In the midst of introducing the show, Gordon forgot his name.

Ed Gordon's 7 Steps to Success

1. Believe You Can Succeed
2. Don't Let Others Define Your Success
3. Gauge What Is Right For You
4. Be About It, Don't Talk About It
5. Be Ready for Success
6. Patience is a Virtue
7. You Cannot Rest on Your Success

Indeed an embarrassing experience, but being ready for success might have prevented Gordon from forgetting his name and patience helped him to eventually take over as the host.

According to Gordon, you will make mistakes, but you have to learn from them. Lastly, Gordon encouraged students that find success not to rest on it. "Once you do something good, you want to continue the accomplishments," stated Gordon.

Gordon, whose show 'BET Tonight,' was cancelled at the end of 2002 feels very optimistic stating he knows better opportunities coming and possibly a bigger show.

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Dr. Curry

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Delaware State University's staff said, "I was assaulted in front of others." Besides stating that Mr. Larimore could never understand the ins and outs of black university, Larimore also said that Curry spoke disparagingly of other staff members.

Sources say that Curry was the cause of a hostile and uncomfortable work environment.

Larimore said that he and other staff members were asked by Curry to complete his theology homework. Dr. Curry is currently attending Eastern Seminary College near Philadelphia.

Inappropriate behavior towards Mr. Larimore whom has only been a staff

member since September 9th earned Curry his first suspension in November. "I would write his article summaries for him and he would say things like they're getting shorter and shorter," Larimore stated. His response for doing something he was uncomfortable doing was, "He made it clear by saying that although he can't force us to do what he wants, he writes our 90 day evaluations. I was scared to lose my job but I believe in doing what's right."

Miss Pitt was notified by Mr. Larimore of Curry's behavior when the work environment became "too unbearable" for him.

Apparently a new computer that was to be under Larimore's possession

was obtained by Dr. Curry and replaced with his own.

As a direct result, personal information of Curry's was attainable and information was placed on the computer as evidence. Soon after, the information was unknowingly expunged.

Stemming from suspicious behavior from Curry and Maddox who were oddly present the night of the incident, a staff worker observed Maddox sitting at Mr. Larimore's computer.

Brandon Maddox was convicted of burglary three weeks later. When inquiring of the exact reason why Dr. Curry no longer holds his position, no statements were given.

Dr. Curry was unavailable for comment.

Brandon

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Many students recognize Brandon for his incredible school spirit.

Besides having a major set back while attending school, Brandon now has a criminal record, a record that never existed until the 4th of December. "I never even had a write up. All I do is try to help this university. I should have credibility for that," said Maddox.

A replica of being at the wrong place at the wrong time seems to be Brandon's outcry. Proclaiming his innocence, Maddox's first letter of appeal was accepted, but after the hearing, the guilty verdict remained the same.

Brandon claims that he was wrongly accused of expunging data off a computer belonging to Mr. Larimore, area coordinator of residence life. However, testimony from night manager Janet Creighton who was on duty the

night of the incident, and other staff members provided enough evidence for the student to be found guilty of a crime.

Existing on the computer was information that Larimore said he had saved to prove that he did Curry's theology homework.

Mr. Maddox feels that the judicial system at Delaware State University failed to submit enough evidence to convict him and that there were too many technicalities. "Ms. Creighton discredited herself three times. I never went in that office that night," said Maddox.

Ironically, Chris Curry and Brandon Maddox who were once close friends haven't spoken much since the first of the allegations.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Doing what you have to

By: Angel Saunders
News Editor

Making at the least five figures or acquiring a job in their actual career field is what most students hope for after graduating from college. So it is safe to believe that obtaining the necessary education during college gets you the interview only.

But is college just about learning how to write well, creating formulas, and memorizing the 10-point font in your textbooks?

What do you do when you have to make a decision that's for better or worse? Sometimes what in what you do becomes less important and the how in how you prepare yourself for consequences or how situations are handled become much more imperative.

"To have so much freedom, I felt more mature," said Tyonna.

Attending college is indeed a learning experience and all that a person may not know becomes some form of education.

Consequently, decisions that are made may alter plans or direction in life. These alterations may make you stronger or leave you weaker than before they came.

Tyonna says, "It was like the thing to do down here." She remained at ease when her 1-year-old daughter began to shift while she rested on her mother's lap. She began to rub her daughters back and proceeded with her story.

When Tyonna Herron, a student of Delaware State University first began college, she wasn't aware of the activity on campus. Previous involvement with her now past boyfriend may have blindsided her towards what was obviously going on behind most doors at the university's 99 school year.

Things began to change when 2nd semester came around. Besides the physical distance, difference in lifestyles forced her and her boyfriend of three years to grow apart. "So much was going on. I had to end it because I was moving into another relationship with someone on campus."

As the months passed, becoming more intimate and sexually active with her present boyfriend did not interfere with school and her life was joyous. But the beginning of the 2000 school year marked change.

"One day I just had this urge for some pickles. When I got them, I ate the whole jar and that same night I had a dream that I was throwing up pickles. The very next day, I was throwing up. Only then did I expect that I was pregnant."

Previously, before Tyonna conceived, she didn't worry much about becoming pregnant because she had been taking birth-control pills for over two years. She does recall that over the summer, she hadn't taken her dosage correctly and had to wait until her next menstrual cycle to start on a new pack. "I always had short periods and a crazy cycle. So I didn't think anything of it when my period was short the month before," she calmly stated.

Tyonna, like any girl who expected to be pregnant, took a pregnancy test that revealed her suspicions to be correct. "When I became sexually involved with Will, I had always been prepared for any outcome in our relationship," she said.

She told her boyfriend immediately and they decided that they would do what they had to. "Abortion was out the question," she remarked with sternness. Tyonna knew her mother wouldn't be too pleased to learn that her daughter of 19 was pregnant. When she told

her, her mother was very upset and reacted with non-support but had a change of heart soon after.

Tyonna says that she "was not concerned about everything else. I knew I had to focus on one thing at a time. My main concern was the health of my baby. I didn't care about the way I was perceived." Tyonna decided to finish the semester but planned to transfer back to New Jersey to be closer to home. Instead she decided to stay in school the next semester too, while working in the security office on campus.

Tyonna began to miss class often due to the sickness and tiredness that the pregnancy caused. With much hand motion, she explained that the baby took over her body and when she was hungry or tired, she could think of nothing else but eating and sleeping.

Keylany Wordfield was born in May of 2001. Tyonna bailed out on her plans to return back to school immediately. Her angelic face transformed to a more seriousness manner as she went on to explain. "When my daughter was born, she was so little and so precious. I was so paranoid. I didn't want her to stay overnight anywhere. She was only 3 months when school came back around. I wanted to be the one that she saw everyday. I had to be a part of her everyday life. I had to be the one to see her first steps towards crawling and holding a bottle. I had to be there for her. I'm not knocking anyone who leaves their child at home with their parents to go to school. I just wanted the responsibility of her every need. Then I felt like I had to choose between my daughter and school. I chose to move out of my mom's house so Keylany could have her own space."

Between options to move, work, or attend school for the spring semester, Tyonna and her boyfriend decided to take some time off and relocate to Philadelphia.

There, she commuted to work in Trenton and lived in Philly. "Living in Philly and working in Jersey was hard. It was a well paying job but it was stressful. I had my daughter to take care of. Her father and I were still together, but not being in school had a big affect on me. I started to get very depressed. I didn't want people to think I was out of school because I had a baby. I still wanted to accomplish what I had set out to do and I wanted to do it at Delstate."

Keylany wakes up and curiously looks at the person talking with her mother. Tyonna hugs her daughter and says, "She is my hope. I am proud of myself. I try to live up to my potential because I want her to do the same. I don't worry about society's reaction to me having a child. Getting pregnant is not a death sentence or the end of life. It's about having enough motivation or will power to say I'm going to succeed."

Currently, Tyonna and her baby's father are back at Delaware State as full-time students. She commutes from Philly spending at least \$50 a week on gas and tolls. Although her daughter is in a daycare in Dover, she said that she sacrifices so much to be here.

College isn't all about books. It's about decisions and sacrifices. It's about what you have to do to make your life what you want it to be. Unfortunately, not every female is as strong minded as Tyonna. In similar situations, the father may not there, the family can be un-supportive or everything may be too overwhelming for a person to handle.

Ultimately, a person controls a huge proportion of his or her own destiny.

AIDS

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condoms at all times, having one steady sex partner, going to the doctors for check-ups regularly and being up to date on all health issues help.

Despite ignorant rumors that only gay and lesbians can get and pass HIV/AIDS on to others, statistics show otherwise. According to the

Center for Disease Control and Prevention, heterosexual contact is most common when examining all reported cases of persons infected with the HIV virus.

Thirty-two percent of all AIDS cases are among African-American men. There are more men now than ever. There are several reasons for this, one being that most men do not see their doctor as directed to, unlike most women who consult their doctor regularly.

There are also more men serving time in jails and prisons who have a sexual experience they are in denial about when they are released. For some, that experience will not effect their future relationships with the opposite sex, but for others, it will change their sexual status from straight to gay.

A previously recorded segment of BET Nightly News stated that one out of every five men who have served a prison sentence of five or more years and have become gay and been released, do not display this information and sleep with both males and females.

African-American women are being diagnosed more than men, accounting for thirty eight percent of all new cases reported. Female adolescents and young women, ages thirteen to twenty-five, are at a higher

risk than older women because of multiple sex partners. They also are diagnosed more with other STD's, such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, making their chances of contracting HIV two to five times greater.

African-American children are also being effected by this epidemic greatly, accounting for nearly sixty-three percent of pediatric cases. Adults' lack of responsibility is killing our children before they are really given the opportunity to live.

Commercials constantly shown on BET and the giving out of condoms in schools is not enough to save lives. Knowing the facts and putting prevention into your everyday lives can help save you and possibly someone you love.

Regardless of how long you have been with someone or how well you think know someone, the truth is that no one knows what their partner is doing when they are not around. One way to look at it is to imagine that everyone has HIV and you don't want to get it. Learn to love the body that consumes you because you only live once and there is no coming back from death. Ask yourself is it all worth it and think about all life has to offer the next time you engage in unprotected sexual activity. Love yourself because no one is going to appreciate you like you.

Black History Profile



Condoleezza Rice

By: Chantal Brown

President George W. Bush surrounds himself with a multicultural cabinet, including Secretary of Education Rod Paige and the Secretary of Education Colin Powell among others. The president's cabinet would not be complete without his National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice or Condi as she is called in Washington DC. As the National Security Adviser Ms. Rice works with the National Security Council and assists the president on national security and foreign policies.

Ms Rice's job consist of taking the presidents ideas on national security and foreign polices and work those ideas into his speeches so that they are clear and precise to the public. She also gives the president advice and insight on situations, for example after the events 9/11 Bush wanted to just focus on Al Qaeda, but Ms Rice convinced him that terrorism is a global issue. She also convinced Bush to send UN inspectors into Iraq before sending in military force.

Ms Rice grew up in Birmingham Alabama. At a young age of 15 Rice enrolled as a freshman at University of Denver where she graduated when she was 19. In 1993 Ms Rice became a provost at Stanford where she became the first Black woman and the youngest person to hold that position. In 1998 Ms Rice attended a foreign policy seminar that then Governor George W. Bush hosted. The two met and Bush made her an adviser when he entered office.

When Ms. Rice is not at the White House she likes to exercise, which she dose every morning at five o'clock. She loves music and is an accomplished pianist who performed at Constitution Hall, in Washington DC, last year with renowned cellist Yo Yo Ma. She also likes to watch football and loves to shop at her favorite store Saks Fifth Avenue.

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Love Angela

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To: Newdy

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To: Boo

Every moment, every breath that I share with you is Valentines Day to me. There are not enough words that can explain how deep my love is for you. You are the "answer" in my life. Always remember that we are "2 hearts 1 love".

Love Always "J"

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"De" Ketler, Have a good one "Pah". The purge can't hold you! Imma see you, believe that. Happy Valentine's Day.

Anonymous

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Happy Valentine's Day to all the beautiful women who wish they could and the niggaz who never will... my bad!

From: Carnell Ambrose

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To my special star, that shines my night, never leave my sight because my night won't be as bright!

With Love J.D.T

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I wanna give my heart, my soul, my love to you, cause you bring me joy, love and happiness.

Happy Valentines J.D.T

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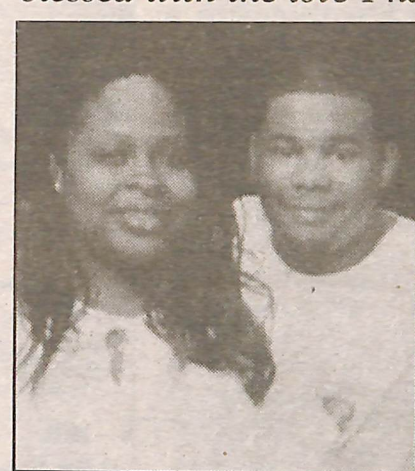
To: Kimesha T. Conyers

Happy Valentine's Day to my Bubbling Brown sugar, the best girl in the world!

Anonymous

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With every passing day I've been blessed with the love I have shared



and found in you.

Happy Valentines Day

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A l w a y s
and Forever

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To: Derrick Sawyer

You're the sexiest guy in Evers and in the Hornet Office. Thanks for being a special friend, I'll always love you.

Secret Valentine

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To the ladies in room 338 I love all yall sisters.

From: Denise

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I just wanted to wish all the ladies a joy filled Valentine's Day.

From: Denise

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To: Carnita
Happy Valentine's Day.
From: Denise

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This message is for the R.A. in Jenkins, Maggie. Ever since I met you I've been feeling you. I know you have a man but hopefully you'll get to know me better and we can work something out.
Secret Admirer

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Miss Key

You are truly one of a kind. You are beautiful and gifted in many ways. Sorry if I caused you any heart-aches. I just have to find myself. But I wish you love on Valentine's Day.

Anonymous

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Jason I'm happy you are in my life.

You bring a joy to me I have never felt before. I Love You.

Asia

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Chinelle, your smart mouth and smooth tactics is a trait that cannot be replaced by no one. So I am wishing you a happy Valentine's Day.

Anonymous

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To: Blake Saunders

Hey Sexy, it's been really fun getting to know you. I have enjoyed the times we've spent together and I hope there'll be many more! Happy Valentine's Day!

Secret Admirer

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To: Kenny

I love you in big ways and in small ways. I love you this minute and promise to always.

From Amber

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To: Sam

Let's get it right so we can stay together this time. If He doesn't change the condition, He will condition you for the change.

From your wife to be

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To the love of my life, my best friend, and my all in all. Happy Valentines Day Tonisha from Brandon.

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COMMENTARY

Loving God First

By: TaNika De La Cruz

Being in love with Jesus is more than lifting your hands, shouting, and clapping. Being in love is allowing your heart to commune with God, and no matter where you are you will love him because you love him, and you will live obedient and holy.

I will never apologize for loving God the way that I do. It is so funny how people will expect you to apologize for talking about him too much, and they will classify you as a "Jesus Freak". I am so happy to have found happiness and true love in God, for he has been the kindest friend I have ever known. Being lonely is one thing that I do not like, and I have never liked the way it sounds. I have found myself feeling left out or odd around the few that I called my friends. At one point it bothered me because these were people that I loved, but yet they seemed to distance themselves from me. I prayed to God for real peace and true understanding, but I realized that it is okay to feel this way because I have overcome the world. The old me, is left behind. I choose to love God first. Until God blesses me

with a group of friends who are just as passionate about pleasing him as I am then I will role solo.

For years I took God's love for granted and kept my feelings underground. I had God trapped in a box while the whole time I professed to be spiritual. Everyday I questioned why me? God loved me despite myself and at times I would fight myself for riding on his grace. I praise God for another chance. Everyday is another chance to get it right with God, and though at times I slip, I will never go back on the road of destruction. The devil had me in the darkness and I let him keep me there because I would hide behind the lies. Arguing with people and not realizing that it was the spirit behind the person that I needed to confront. The day that I confessed to God all my sins he made me new, and gave me a new heart full of his love and a mind full of his word. I knew that I was guilty, but I became comfortable resting on my own conscience eating my inside. The devil is a liar and he falsely tried to lead me to believe that God had forsaken me. At one point in our walk with God we will have to face the

temptation of our past, but never be ashamed to claim God for he is your escape.

I have claimed the victory over my life, and I know that God has many things in store for me. I am a living example of God's grace and his faithfulness. When I think about all the things that I have gone through, why wouldn't I praise God? He has been my source when nothing else seemed correct, and my protection through the storms of life. I pray that God will show me which way to go. I can't go through my day without asking him to fill me with the Holy Spirit and give me a word, because people will take a piece of your spirit all day and at the end of the day you will be completely drained. I remain strong and faithful through all adversity. I know that leaving me alone is not what God will do. He will comfort me during times of distress and the pain that I am feeling he will gladly suppress. I am a child of God and no matter how hard life tends to be on this green earth I always remember that he has loved and protected me since birth.

One Day It Will All Make Sense

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

One day it will all make sense.

That's my motivation to continue believing in love. Sure, I have been hurt in the past, but I am healed now. Sure, there have been more bad times than good, but there will be better days. These are more than just idol confessions of a hopeless romantic, they are the words of someone who has seen a glimpse of tomorrow's promise. The scales of past pain and rejection have fallen from my eyes and I can see beyond today into tomorrow. How good it is!

This Valentine's Day, while lovers young and old surprise one another with wonderful symbols of affection, I will be preparing for tomorrow. I will be refusing to settle for less than I am destined for. I will choose to not go out with a not-so-special someone

just to appease my friends and associates. I will not even pretend that things are the way they are not. I will be preparing for tomorrow.

Now this is not an anthem for the man-haters or the lonely, because I am very much in love. It is instead a declaration for the few who know what they want and are not willing to settle for anything less. Surely this may not be the popular thing to do, but it is the right thing—for me.

On this day of love, if I cannot be with the one I love, I will love the one I am with—me. I will remember the one that my soul loves, but I will not go looking for any ole' substitute to fill a void. I will love myself enough to spare myself the annoyance of being with someone who is not my soul mate. I will prepare for tomorrow because one day it will all make sense.

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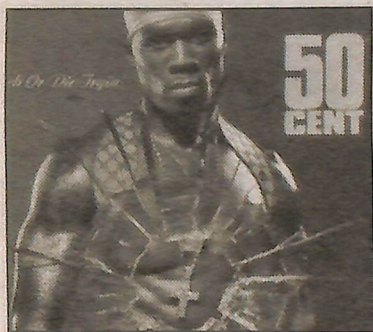
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ENTERTAINMENT

50 CENT: GET RICH OR DIE TRYING



By: B. dot™

Stop frontin'! When was the last time we had a more anticipated artist than 50 Cent?!! You can't deny this South Jamaica, Queens rapper's delivery and talent. His debut album, appropriately titled "Get Rich or Die

Trying," had to get pushed up to February 6th due to heavy bootlegging and internet piracy. Trust, this was a great move for us who needed or 50 fix.

The mainly produced Dr. Dre and Eminem, album consists of 17 tracks including 3 bonus tracks plus a DVD. The LP has a variety of different flavors that can easily accommodate any hip hop fan. From the party banger "In Da Club" to the female inspired "21 Questions," 50 shows his fans versatility.

Even though the Ja Rule diss record "Back Down" and song "Poor Lil Rich" were on previous mix tapes, the essence of these two tracks feel as if you're being reunited with an old friend, it brings sense of completion to the album. The captivating "Many Men", is a dedication to the numer-

ous antagonists, that would love see the rising rappers demise; meanwhile, "Don't Push Me" warns them not to cross his path or test his character.

"Get Rich..." is an overall success that doesn't disappoint. With precise percussions and a distinctive flow, 50 is definitely in a class by himself. Like other rappers that had great debuts, its certain this New York alum is destined for greatness in the world of hip hop. Guest appearances on "Get Rich..." consist of Eminem, Nate Dogg, G-unit members Tony Yayo, Lloyd Banks and new affiliate, Young Buck.

50's first day sales were phenomenal, selling 400,000 units the first day. 50 will be tearing down the stage at DSU on February 14, so catch this hot artist while you can. Get Rich or Die Trying in Stores Now.

Deliver Us From Eva: Movie Review

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

I'll admit I was a hater from the moment I saw the previews. But as fate would have it, I found myself with my girls at the Saturday matinee watching *Deliver Us from Eva*.

The film starring Gabrielle Union (the bona fide 'ho' from *Two Can Play That Game*) and Mr. Luv-U-Better himself, LL Cool J, was actually worth the five dollars I paid for its humor.

Union plays Eva Dandridge, an uptight, overbearing older sister, who always seems to interfere in the relationships of her three younger sisters.

The boyfriend and husbands of the Dandridge sisters develop a scheme to get the mettlesome Eva out of the way. In comes Uncle LL as the smiling, lip-licking diversion, Ray. The rest of the film is a comical discourse in Eva and Ray's relationship.

The film has its hilarious moments, but fails in its attempts to be serious. Union shows her diversity as an actress by playing the super-extreme Eva. LL is LL, and soon into the movie you'll be wondering if his lips will crack and bleed from the excessive licking. I tried to keep count on the lick-o-meter, but we lost count at around 27.



Main character Eva played by Gabrielle Union

Before you fall in love

By: Angel Saunders

Taking a look at the world, the big concept, you learn that everyone has this one thing in common. During our trial and tribulations, mistakes and awakenings, we are still in search for that word. No matter what we're doing in life, most human beings are looking for love.

In relation to personification, in action movies, drama, or comedy, someone has to be in love. The Matrix was good enough without the love relationship between characters Neo and Trinity. But it's the icing on the cake, the missing element in the movie, the missing element in life.

But I must say, we females tend to dwell on that missing element. While we tend to do so, men are usually on the flip side. We are waiting for love at any moment. Are we looking for complete happiness much too soon? Is it the reason why some of us settle for less to only look back and wonder why we tried to settle at all?

Love is like a fairytale. It can move backwards, forward, or remain

at a stand still for years. But while we look for the fairytale in that chosen one, most likely we are already chosen to fulfill a five or ten minute desire or basic want. I call it a basic want because men have made it basic. Ten minutes of grinding on your bed, floor, in the car or wherever it may be is not love. Even if it does include the occasional sleep over, the resting of his arm around you, and a kiss on the lips before he leaves you.

If I must say in the simplest way, do not confuse sex with love. Most women will agree that sex should be more spiritual and intimate, but it's 2003 and sex is everywhere. Why give more when you have another who will take less. Nine times out of ten, if your lover is attractive, you are not the only one he's humping around with. However, I did say 9 out of 10. We do have the not so typical man that's loyal and is not into sleeping around with many women.

Don't have me mistaken. I am not the vulnerable hurt little girl, whose heart has been torn, resorting to

thoughts like "all men are dogs" and I certainly don't believe that men who sleep around are whores. Along with me not believing that a woman who has had over four sexual partners is a ho. But it's alright for a man to have slept with over twenty in one year. I guess it's only natural. Sure.

I believe that men are just too busy doing other things to worry about settling down at an early age. Most men want to be well established before the woman and kids come along. On the contrary, if it comes beforehand, it's all gravy.

I think that instead of taking the time to find what's special in the women that men are involved with, men wait for that special woman to find them. It's nothing wrong with that. I just think that maybe we should do the same.

Oh, one more thing, I've had my ear to the streets and the ladies have a message. Love not lasting long isn't so bad, but when the minutes start dropping under 10, it's a problem. Lets get it together homies.

20 Questions

By: Ghostwriter

1. Does everyone want to know why Brandon got kicked out of school?
2. And who signed Brandon's petition and crossed their name off once they realized who Brandon was?
3. Who got sick sleeping in the gym at the Delta sleep over?
4. And who went to the cabaret in jeans?
5. Who really went to All-Star weekend in Atlanta?
6. Are there going to be fights over Intramural basketball games?
7. Who is sicker—Michael Jackson or Whitney Houston?
8. Is R. Kelly going to be the next celebrity to have a special spending the day with little kids?
9. What's wrong with the world when everyone wants to be in the bed with little kids? (Priests, Michael Jackson, R. Kelly, etc.)
10. We know Jay-Z and Beyonce are having ugly kids, but what about Jermaine Dupri and Janet Jackson?
11. Is LeBron James wrong for accepting two free throwbacks?
12. How long will it be before hip-hop is mourning 50 Cent?
13. Who started counting down the days until the boom boom room?
14. Has anyone noticed Delaware State University is getting more positive press in local newspapers?
15. Why are students stealing from the dollar store?
16. Is Dr. Curry's new job going to be serving in the cafeteria?
17. Who STILL doesn't believe 50 Cent is coming to DSU?
18. Who wants to read a story in the Hornet about boom boom room rejects?
19. Who is getting caught sneaking into the residence halls when they live in the Courtyards?
20. What took the Hornet so long to come out?

Ear to da Streets

By: Tiffany Parkes

What up Del State! Sorry I missed the first issue but I'm back in full effect with plenty more gossip...Here's what's poppin in '03.

I know you heard that recording company SO-SO Def has gotten their doors shut on them by the F.B.I. Allegedly the recording company was started by drug money from a well known drug king pin who claims he also helped other companies like **Death Row** and now allegedly **Murder Inc** start their recording labels. The F.B.I has seized all documents and shut SO - SO Def dooown but Murder Inc. doors remain open with pending investigations.

Also to date angry singer "I hate you so much right now" **Kelis** has shacked up with rapper **Nas** and reports say Kelis has a rock on her ring finger [we'll see!] Kelis has been linked to another rapper **Jay-Z** in the past um! I wonder if Jay will make Super Ugly part two.

Once again Rapist (oh sorry misprint) R& B singer **R. Kelly** gets caught with kiddie porno pics in his digital camera that was seized for investigations several months

ago apparently R. was on his video shoot for ignition and was arrested after the video shoot because their were several pics of what appears to be teenage girls...Damn R. I really think you need to just stick to writing music, so you can get practice on how not to be in the lime light when you're behind bars.

Supposedly radio disc jockey **Angie Martinez** of New York's own **Hot 97** is pregnant by **Dru Hills** own **Nokio**. Now we are not sure how true that is but if it is true I wonder how that baby is going to look.

Oh did you peep **Mariah Carey** on 106 & Park with a **Dip Set Emblem**...What was that all about?

Bad Boy Records have finally gotten a distribution deal with Universal, one of the biggest music distributors. **Pdiddy** lost his two best acts **Faith** and **112** but had the nerve to sign **New Edition**. Aren't New Edition senior citizens now?

Any way Del State, until the next issue when ear to da streets brings you "What Ever Happened to that Celebrity or Group," if you have any suggestions or hot entertainment gossip stop, by the hornet office and let us know.

Valentine's Day Slow Jams

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

The anticipation of Valentine's Day often proposes the last minute rush to find that perfect gift for that perfect person. It might also lead to the most cleaning your home has seen since the change of the seasons. Indeed setting the mood for the annual love holiday is important. But, having the perfect gift and the cleanest of homes means nothing without the one thing that can make your soul quiver, your heart beat, and your fingers snap, and your body move. It's the soft and vibrant sounds of a slow jam.

A slow jam can doesn't have to sound like something your parents would listen to, as there is a wide variety of steamy songs that can provide the day with the efficient background sound to get you in the mood.

Whether listening to Teddy Pendergrass telling you how to get the night started by turning off the lights. Or Luther Vandross, who is telling you what he would do if this world were his. You can rest assured that no woman can deny the deep baritone voice of a Barry White song or the sexual healing of Marvin Gaye.

Today's music might lack the sounds of our slow jam kings, but R. Kelly, Donell Jones, Usher, and Maxwell clearly have sounds that can get any night started off on the right foot.

The ladies of soul range from Natalie Cole to Regina Belle to Patti LaBelle. Even the blue-eyed soul of Teena Marie holds a special place in the hearts of many. Mary J.

Blige's rendition of 'not gon' cry' still helps females to get through their rough times. While up and coming talent, Vivan Greene shares her 'emotional rollercoaster.' And who could forget the message in Janet Jackson's 'let's wait awhile,' who has taken us 'time and time again' to the land of slow jams.

Males and females may have their own personal favorites when it comes to slow jams, but no one can deny the hip-hop duet of Method Man and Mary J in 'your all I need.' Indeed a classic, it's songs of that magnitude, which help people in getting through each day, regardless of whether it's Valentine's Day.

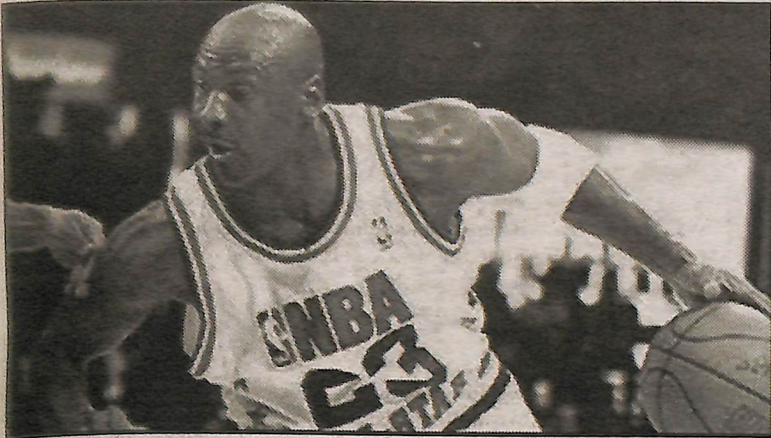
Love (Musiq Soulchild) is what brings people together and it doesn't matter if you are **fallin'** (Alicia Keys) in or out of it. But, it does matter that you find someone to take it **nice & slow** (Usher) with. Someone who makes you so **weak** (SWV) in the knees you can hardly speak. **Fellas, always** (Atlantic Starr) remember you don't have to **bump 'n' grind** (R. Kelly) to live **happily ever after** (Case). And ladies, don't be so **anxious** (Ginuwine) to say, "let's get married (Jagged Edge)." Just follow the **five steps** (Dru Hill) and be **fortunate** (Maxwell) that you have a **one woman man** (Dave Hollister). Valentine's Day only comes once a year and even if **cupid** (112) didn't **promise** (Jagged Edge) you this **woman's work** (Maxwell) **stay** (Jodeci) cool and try not to get too **emotional** (Carl Thomas).

I THINK...

Please write down anything that is on your mind and please return it to the Hornet Newspaper. This is not in regards to the newspaper. It's for a class project. Thank you!

SPORTS

All Star Weekend All about Mike



Michael Jordan's All Star Send off

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

The 19th annual NBA All-Star Weekend extravaganza took place in Atlanta, Georgia this past weekend, providing enough thrills to last a lifetime.

This was presumably Michael Jor-

dan's last All-Star game, and he went out in style, scoring 20 points, including a ridiculous, high-arching fade-away jumper over Phoenix's Shawn Marion with three seconds left in overtime. However, Kobe Bryant drew a bad foul call from the referee, hitting two free throws to send the game into

double over time. Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett, who was the game's MVP, scored nine of his 37 points in the double OT leading the West to a 155-145 win.

Even though the young stars had great games, it was clear this night was all about MJ, as Vince Carter finally did the right thing and stepped aside, forcing Michael to start this game. His Airness, who maintained he was not into charity, finally gave in and started the game. He got off to a horrendous start, missing his first seven shots, until he twirled home two points off of a nice Jason Kidd pass.

At halftime, Mariah Carey performed her much-awaited tribute to Mike, wearing a stunning Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards jerseys turned into dresses, which almost took the spotlight. At the end of her stirring rendition of her classic hit, "Hero," Michael gave a speech that screamed "closure."

He stated he was happy for his career, grateful to the fans of basketball, and says he's leaving the game in good hands, acknowledging all the young stars in the game.

The game was really not all that exciting until Michael started hitting shots that brought the East back. Allen Iverson led the East squad with 35 points.

The night before the game was when all the competition events took place. The Rookie Challenge was a real shootout, as the second year players ran past the rookies, 132-112. Golden State Warriors guard Gilbert Arenas was named MVP of the game, scoring 30 points.

The Skills event was won by Jason Kidd, the three-on-three game was won by the Los Angeles group, and the three-point shootout was won by Sacramento's Peja Stojakovic, but not without some controversy. During his final shooting opportunity, somebody

sounded the buzzer before time was up, knocking Peja's rhythm off. He was given a second chance, and he made good to win his title.

The slam dunk contest was the event of the night, as Golden State's Jason Richardson, and Seattle's Desmond Mason had a showdown to remember.

Mason led off the final round with a vicious, gliding, between-the-legs left hand dunk that seemed to put the competition away, but Richardson pulled a Michael Jordan (who was also a judge), winning on his last dunk.

Richardson threw the ball up high, caught it on the bounce, threw it between his legs for a left hand reverse jam that set the crowd off.

In the end, this weekend was fun, frenzied, and a farewell to the greatest basketball player of this generation. Even with Michael Jordan hanging it up for good, the NBA is definitely not going to miss a beat.

Hornet Men, Women Keep Rolling Along

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

If home is indeed where the heart is, then the DSU men's and women's basketball teams are definitely in love with Memorial Hall, as both teams defeated Norfolk State on February 3rd. The Lady Hornets dominated the Lady Spartans, winning by the score of 68-44, in a game which bench play was key for DSU. Freshman Andrea Jones stepped in for the struggling Mandy Clark (six points) and shared team scoring honors with Najmah Fauntleroy with 12 points. Fauntleroy also hauled down 10 rebounds, and Terrelle Waller contributed 10 points, four assists and two steals.

This win in particular was a milestone for Lady Hornets head coach Ed Davis, who won his 200th game as a coach in college basketball, a noteworthy achievement.

DSU led by 11 at halftime, but Norfolk State rallied to get within 43-38 on a Dekisha Thompson drive to the basket with 9:11 left in the game. However, Talisha McCullough finger-rolled home two of her seven points, Tameka Nugent grabbed a McCullough miss and subsequently scored on a lay-up, and Jones dropped a three-pointer to push the lead back to 12, from which the Lady Spartans never recovered.

After the loss to Hampton over the week-

end, The Lady Hornets improved their MEAC record to 9-1, one game behind the Lady Pirates.

The Hornet men are still undefeated on the home schedule, improving to 7-0 at Memorial Hall with a 71-56 triumph over the Spartans following the women's game. The win moved the Hornets into third place in the MEAC behind Hampton and South Carolina State.

James Bowen led all scorers with 20 points, Carlos Hawkins came off the bench to contribute 18 points, and Andre Matthews had his usual solid game with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The game was tied at 47-all with 9:15 remaining in the ball game until Bowen slashed down the middle for a tough hoop. Prince Parker out hustled the Spartan big men for a layup, and two Miles Davis free throws keyed a 13-1 stretch that lifted the Hornets to victory.

Norfolk State shot themselves in the feet from the free-throw line, shooting an atrocious 12-27 (44.4 percent) from the charity stripe. The Hornets had no such problem however, converting 80 percent (20-25) of their free shots.

DSU's conference record is now 7-3, half a game behind Hampton for second place in the MEAC standings.

The Black Quarterback making strides in the NFL

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

When Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons and the Philadelphia Eagles' Donovan McNabb hooked up in the NFC playoffs this past January, no one seemed to notice their color, they were just two of football's best quarterbacks doing battle on a national stage.

Yet they were continuing points of evolution for the newest phenomenon: The Black Quarterback. Three of the NFL's black starting QB's lead their teams to the playoffs this season, proving that a man of color can run a team and throw the ball flawlessly.

However, without a pioneer or two, the black quarterback wouldn't exist as we know them today.

The first black player to play quarterback was Willie Thrower, who played briefly for the Chicago Bears in 1953. Marlin Briscoe, ironically a converted wide receiver, was the first black QB to start for the majority of a season.

His numbers for the Denver Broncos in 1968 were not outstanding, but he did enough to end the racist perception that black men were not capable of thinking clearly enough to be come quarterbacks.

In 1974, the NFL players went on strike, but one black quarterback saw that strike as a way to make his mark. That brother was "Jefferson Street" Joe Gilliam. When NFL replacement players played the first six games of that season, Gilliam led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 4-1-1 record, the best in the NFL until the regulars came back.

Gilliam would have started anywhere else in the NFL, but drug problems and politics forced him out of the league in 1978. Even after his death in 1999, he is still regarded as the beginning of the modern black quarterback.

When Doug Williams took the Washington Redskins to Super Bowl XXI, he was asked the moronic question of "How long have you been a

black quarterback?" Turns out that Doug was well known before his awesome performance that year.

Williams was the star player at Grambling under the legendary Eddie Robinson, also taking the sorry Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 0-14 to the NFC championship game in 1979.

Doug became the first quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in one quarter of a Super Bowl, and of course the first black QB to win a Super Bowl.

Which of course brings us to today, where the black quarterback is more popular than any other player in the game. We are blessed to watch the awesome running ability of Vick, with the juke moves of McNabb, the laser arm of New Orleans' Aaron Brooks, and the desire of Tennessee's Steve McNair. These men are all the latest in a new, proud tradition of black athletes who can change a game without even trying.

High School Hoop Dreams: LeBron James Rocky Road to the NBA

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

The NBA's hottest prospect is not one of the NCAA's elite, in fact, he's not even in college. He is high school superstar, LeBron James, who is expected to be the first pick in the 2003 NBA draft.

His school, St. Vincent-St. Mary of Akron, Ohio, is the nation's top-ranked high school team. The team won state titles when James was a freshman and sophomore and his main priority is to lead his team to another.

Standing 6'8" at only 18 years of age with a 3.5 GPA, James' hopes and dreams suddenly took a turn for the worse.

January 31, the Ohio State Athletic Association (OHSAA) declared James was ineligible for the NBA draft due to accepting two free throwback jerseys from an Ohio clothing store, which totaled \$845.

The acceptance of the gift violated amateur status and also caused James to be suspended for the rest of the season.

The Akron, Ohio clothing store, "Next Urban Gear and Music," provided James with jerseys of the Chicago Bears', Gale Sayers and the Washington Bullets' Wes Unseld.

According to OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro, the jerseys were given in change for posing for pictures that were to be hung on the walls of the store.

But, according to an OHSAA bylaw, which states that a high school athlete forfeits his amateur status when he is found to be "capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value." In addition, athletes are not allowed to receive apparel worth more than \$100.

James was also questioned for receiving a new \$50,000 custom-made hummer H2. But, it was confirmed that the vehicle was a gift from his mother for his 18th birthday.

February 5, the high school senior was cleared to rejoin his team, but Summit County Judge James Williams declared he must sit out one more game in the regular season. St. Vincent-St. Mary picked the February 23 game against Toledo Scott.

James has already sat out one game, and looks forward to getting back on the court to lead his team to another state en route to a prosperous NBA career.

There are three more games before James' next hearing.

NBA Mid-season Awards

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

With All-Star weekend in the atmosphere, it's time to find out who's good, who's bad, and who's team is just plain ugly (any team with Tyrone Hill on it). This NBA season so far has been the most entertaining in a long time, and I'll be handing out six important awards at the halfway point to commend the NBA for such a great show. Now, let's give out the Hucklebucks, shall we?

The first Hucklebuck for NBA MVP goes to Jason Kidd, who should have won this award last year. No one person contributes more to his team's success than J-Kidd, who is the best all around player since Magic Johnson. No one else can do what he does, and that's why the Nets are on top.

The Hucklebuck award for the NBA's "Potential Stalker-Restraining Order type of guy" is Indiana's Ron Artest, who really has some mental

issues to work out. This clown breaks \$500,000 G's worth of TV equipment one game, harasses Pat Riley on the sideline, and then gives the double middle finger to the fans the next. Not even a straight jacket could stop this guy.

On to a more pleasant Hucklebuck award, this one is for "Better than expected" and that would be Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire. He wins this award on dunks alone (ask Michael Olowakandi and Brian Skinner), but he's also given Phoenix some much needed inside muscle and in general been a pleasant surprise for the Suns.

The Hucklebuck for "What happened to that team" goes to the Philadelphia 76ers. Two years ago, this team was the ultimate underdog story, going into the Finals, and actually giving the Lakers a challenge. Now Larry Brown has put a clap into his own team with some weird trades, now they might not even make the

playoffs. The Clippers are a close second for not winning with all that talent.

The Hucklebuck for "So bad that LeBron doesn't even want to play for your behinds" goes to the Cleveland Cavaliers. They absolutely suck, even with young lions like Ricky Davis, Darius Miles, and DaJuan Wagner. To make matters worse, future Number 1 pick LeBron James says he will not play for his hometown team, since they fired head coach John Lucas. That's just "whore-a-ble" to use Bill Walton-speak.

Finally, the Hucklebuck for mid-season champion goes to the Dallas Mavericks. If they can find a way to beat LA, and Sacramento continues to fall off, then the Mavs could very well be champs by the time this thing is all said and done. Of Course, the damn Los Angeles Lakers are still lurking about, so nothing, as it has been all year, is a sure thing.

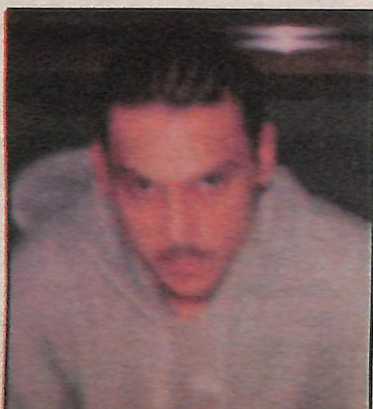
STUDENT VOICES



What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



Darnita Smith, Freshman, Radio Production, "I am going to spend Valentine's Day watching love stories on Lifetime."



Antonio Alvarez, Freshman, TV Production, "Talkin' to my girlfriend over the phone to see if she likes the stuff I sent her for Valentine's Day."



Ayeola "Rain" Coleman, Junior, Broadcast Journalism, "I plan to spend my Valentine's Day in my bed sleeping because it's just another day. It's too commercialized."



Kyle Williams, Junior, TV Production, "I'm going get fed, then bathed, and treated how a man should be treated by a very special woman, who has a lot of 'talents.'"



Courtney N. Jones, Freshman, Early Childhood Education, "I'm either going to be by myself or chilling with my friends. Holla!"



Garrett Myers, Sophomore, Airway Science, "I am going to cook a romantic dinner for my girl."



Shannon Booker, Sophomore, Psychology, "Unfortunately I will be at the front desk in Conwell signing other lovers in and out."



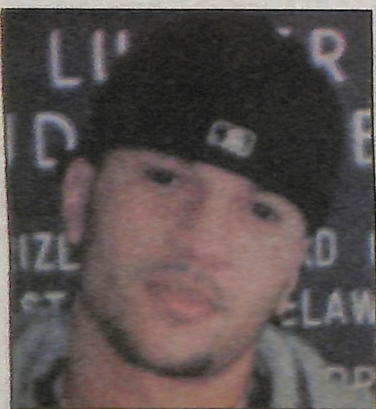
Shannon Johnson, Freshman, Education, "I'm going to go home, but unfortunately to nobody. Every day should be Valentine's Day and in a month in a half it's my birthday."



Brad Collins, Senior, Management Information Systems, "Just chillin' alone, thinking about that significant other, since she's not here."



Mike Coates, Junior, Psychology, "I plan on spending Valentine's Day with my woman, Taleehea Dukes, who I plan to marry. We will enjoy dinner and a movie."



Sterling August, Junior, Agriculture Business, "I plan to spend Valentine's Day with my boo, Chantel. First we are going to put on Teddy P, turn off the lights, light a candle, and don't worry about the rest..."



Ruth "Peaches" Davis, Sophomore, Psychology, "I just separated from my boyfriend and we're going to have dinner at my grandmother's house as just friends."



Chaygnon Hasberry, Junior, Political Science, "A quiet evening alone with my bookie bear, Tyrice Bradley a.k.a. Hustle Man. We will probably be watching a movie."



Duante Williams, Freshman, Middle Level Education, "I'm spending it alone and then I'm going to see 50 Cent."



Angela Scales, Sophomore, Biology, "I plan on going to the movies with my friends Sterling (not August) and Alaya. We're going to see Daredevil."

Compiled by Michael Feeney & Marisa K. Phillips

"We Lurv What We Do!"—The Stinging Truth



Price of School Spirit: Hornet Basketbrawl at UMES

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

"I would just like to see more school pride because that says something about how we feel about this institution," stated DeLauder in the December 7, 2001 issue of the Hornet newspaper.

The student leaders were also aware of the dilemma, which led to the inception of new spirit songs before the 2002-2003 academic year. Upon their arrival at the university the freshmen were taught the new songs and given DSU t-shirts.

Throughout football games during season the remainder of the student body became familiar with the new songs. The timely addition of a new mascot and pep squad also aided the spirit at games. Though the season of the football team wasn't the most memorable or successful, the students of DSU supported the Hornet men until the end.

Soon spirit at DSU was elevated to another level due to the winning ways of both, the men's and women's basketball teams. In fact, the Hornet men finished undefeated at home for the first time in school history, perhaps helped by the supportive Hornet fans.

The school pride of Delaware State University students is often questioned, but on March 1 the Student Government Association sponsored a bus trip to a Hornets basketball game at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, where Hornet pride was put to the ultimate test.

Entering the evening both Hornet teams were near the top of their respective divisions, while UMES was near the bottom of theirs. Though the games wouldn't effect the division standings too much, they would effect the momentum going into the MEAC tournament.

The SGA sponsored trip had three buses for students, two vans for the

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Dr. Allen L. Sessoms Selected New University President



Newly appointed DSU President,
Dr. Allen L. Sessoms

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Following a nationwide candidate search narrowed down to three finalists, Dr. Allen L. Sessoms has been unanimously voted by the Board of Trustees to be Delaware State University's next president.

The selection was made on March 13, 2003, following open forum sessions with faculty, staff, and students introducing the final three candidates. Of the final candidates introduced to the University community, Dr. Sessoms is the only candidate who has not had prior experience at a Historically Black College or University. Despite this fact, Dr. Claiborne Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees believes that Dr. Sessoms is just what DSU needs. "He brings an outstanding combination of experience and vision that we believe fits well with what we are seeking for Delaware State University," Dr. Smith commented.

Dr. Sessoms holds a Ph.D from Yale University in Physics and currently teaches at the Belfer Cen-

ter for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. Prior to his position at Harvard, Dr. Sessoms was President of Queens College in New York.

While at Queens College, which enrolls 15,000 students annually, Sessoms came under fire for failing to raise funds for an AIDS research facility and allegedly making derogatory comments about students taking remedial classes. According to an August 7, 2000 New York Times article written by Karen Arenson, Dr. Sessoms resigned "under pressure" in August 2000.

The article goes on to describe Sessoms' "big dreams" for Queens College. It asserts that Sessoms saw the Queens College student body as "weak" and disclosed that he desired to "build dormitories and recruit nationally."

The Times article comments that Dr. Sessoms did much to bring notable professors to Queens College which gained national and international attention as

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President Dr. William B. DeLauder Tribute, PART I The Man You Probably Don't Know About

By: Angel Saunders
News Editor

Daylight breaks and resumes to nightfall. The years have come and gone. The seasons pass so quickly. Delaware State University is still here, but very soon, Dr. William B. DeLauder will no longer be the university's president.

Arriving in 1987 to begin his duties as president, Dr. DeLauder has remained in position for a total of 16 years, exceeding common four or five year presidential terms.

Relaxed and informal, elbows on the table and fingers entwined, he reminds me more of a college professor who is eager to express his ideas to his students. His demeanor made it easy to ignore his pot belly that most

men his age have. And as he presumed to speak, he began with a smile.

"Delaware State was very different when I first came, especially its physical condition," said DeLauder. Sixteen years ago, life was different for, if the word may be used to reveal a slight increment of how different; it was very different for colored folks.

The young generations and the younger to come can only imagine how the world has changed, especially historically black colleges.

Attending an HBCU, it may give a person of African descent a sense of belonging. The university and its staff members may give a greater perception of where you need to go in life considering that they have already been where you are.

From the day we are born, we need someone special to look up to and someone to follow so that we can not only walk in their footsteps, but also exceed what they have already given to others in the world.

Our first teachers of life are our parents or guardians. Next are our teachers and mentors. Then, rather fast, we are the age when our beliefs begin to surface in our consciousness and we latch on to influential leaders or great people of our time. Somewhere in the middle, our friends and society also become influencers.

Dr. DeLauder is the middle child of two boys and three girls, and of his immediate family, the first to attend college. He describes his family as being pleasant, who weren't church-

going, but religious.

His father grew up on a farm in Frederick County Maryland, and during a time when it was almost impossible to gain an education and work at the same time. Most men and young boys had to help provide for the rest of the family. He was fortunate enough to attend school up into the eighth grade, while William's mother completed high school.

DeLauder's father was a laborer, working a number of years at a brickyard. Later, he worked at Fort Detrick, an army base in Frederick City. DeLauder says it was infamous because it's where they worked on chemical and biological warfare.

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A Life Changing Moment Tishara Duffy Sentenced to 12 years in Prison



Resident Advisor Tishara Duffy with Fellow Warren Franklin R.A.s.

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

As a graduating senior, Tishara A. Duffy looked forward to a career in

community health upon leaving Delaware State University in just a few months.

Duffy, who was also serving her third year as a resident advisor in Warren-Franklin, is described by friends as high-spirited, friendly, talkative, and religious.

Known to most simply as "Tish," she was also serving as this year's Miss Warren-Franklin when on March 11 a court decision changed her life forever.

According to police reports,

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DSU Men stumble, Women Almost Win at MEAC

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

What many expected to be the best week in the history of Delaware State basketball turned out to be a bit of a disappointment, as the Hornet men lost their tourney opener, 68-65 in overtime to longtime MEAC tourney nemesis Howard. DSU is 1-9 against Howard in MEAC tournament games, despite sweeping the Bison during regular season play.

Carlos Hawkins led the Hornets with 14 points, seniors James Bowen and Andre Matthews added 11 and

nine points respectively, bringing their stellar State careers to a sudden, unfortunate close.

Matthews scored on a lay-up with over 16 minutes left to play to give Delaware State an 11 point lead, yet the Bison came roaring back to take the lead behind reserve James Wilkerson, who led all scorers with 18 points.

Delaware State Center Aaron Matthews forced overtime with a steal and a put-back slam off a Miles Davis miss to knot the game at 56.

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EDITORIALS

Letter from the Editor

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

By the time you read this issue of the Hornet, our country may be officially engaged in war with Iraq. This could very well change the course of history as we know it. Undoubtedly, our lives will never be the same. That is why now it is important as ever to stay current with news. Even so, it is not enough to watch the news, but be critical consumers of news. Our government has not always been forthcoming with the whole truth when it comes to engaging in war, so we must scrutinize what we are told and act accordingly. The harsh reality of this situation is that our President of the United States is so dead-set on war that he is willing to jeopardize our nation's safety and the power of the United Nations to battle "evil." It is reasonable to conclude that he will stop at nothing to push agenda, even at the expense of our country's foreign relations all over the world and the lives of our soldiers in the armed forces. Simply stated, don't believe the hype, kids. Everyone on the television screen to read "the news" may not be telling you the truth. This may be the case in this period more than ever before. We at the Hornet will do the best we can to keep you updated on the war situation and provide some analysis to make the issue more relevant. Please watch the news, stay abreast of current issues, and above all, pray for our nation.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Hornet Reporter

Here is the "Shit In, Shit Out" quotation.

New York State Education Law 6201, of course, does place a limit on the mission autonomy of the constituent institutions of CUNY. We were, therefore, somewhat surprised to hear Dr. Allen Lee Sessoms, the President of Queens College, say that Queens is really more of a SUNY college, a "regional" university, than a part of CUNY, with almost half of its undergraduate student body coming from Nassau and Suffolk Counties rather than from the City of New York.[86] Indeed, Queens College draws more heavily from Long Island than from the four boroughs other than Queens. Whatever the merits such an institution might have, this clearly does not fit within the statutory mission of CUNY to serve the New York City urban community and to give access to those who might otherwise be denied a higher education.[87] Dr. Sessoms, however, believes that the key to increased funding is to build a strong connection with the middle class. He said that "the only people who benefit from open admissions are poor people and

poor people don't vote."

With respect to raising standards, Dr. Sessoms was quite blunt in stating his view that excellence is largely to be measured by the achievement levels of the incoming students rather than a value added measure of raising the achievement of those less prepared at the outset: "[Expletive] in, [expletive] out. If you take in [expletive] and turn out [expletive] that is slightly more literate, you're still left with [expletive]." [88] He said that he was out to build Queens into a great University and the concept of "value-added" as a measure of excellence would not indicate to him that Queens is a great University. Dr. Sessoms has thus made explicit what may well be a large part of the unspoken reasoning behind the proposed Amendment, at least by some of its more vocal proponents in the political arena, i.e., that standards and excellence can only be raised by reducing access to the urban population for whom CUNY was created and maintained.

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Dear Hornet staff members:

This letter is written in response to Mr. Brian Miller's recent column in the *Hornet* titled, "Reality Check". Mr. Miller obviously couldn't do his homework like he claims Dr. Curry was incapable of doing.

All Brian did was feed off the lies that were printed in the last edition of the *Hornet*.

If he did his homework, he would know that there are always two sides to everything and only one side was expressed in that article.

If he knew the truth he wouldn't have made the disrespectful slur regarding Dr. Curry and his career.

It also sounds like as if Brian is jealous of Dr. Curry's vehicle and his affluent lifestyle.

Let me clue you in on something Mr. Miller, in the future before you feebly attempt to ridicule and condemn someone you better make sure you have your "ducks lined up" so to speak.

Sincerely,
An Angry Reader

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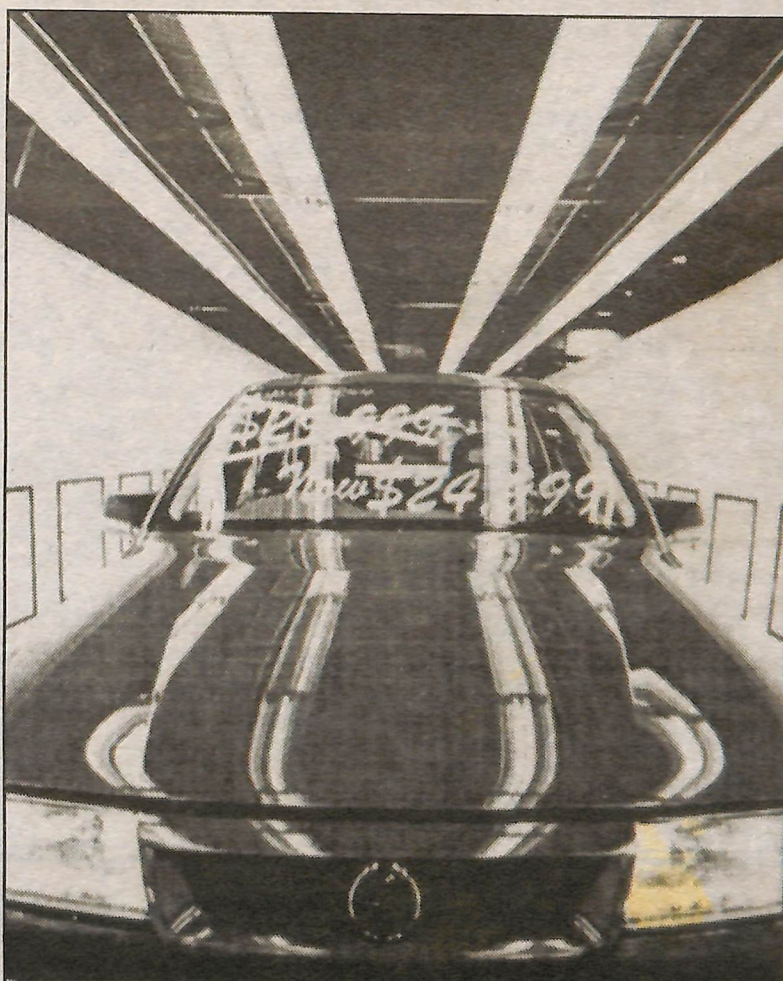
Congrats to the Women's basketball team for making it to the MEAC championship game.

Miss Delaware State University appears in April 2003 issue of Ebony magazine--In stores now!

Congrats to Hornet Cheerleaders for finishing second at MEACs.

Congrats Academic Bowl team for representing DSU, coming one victory short of making it to the final four.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Nikki Giovanni Enlightens DSU With Her Presence, Political Mind, Poetry & Spirit

By Christina Blakeney

On March 19 African American poet, independent thinker, and political activist Nikki Giovanni spoke to the Delaware State University community about racism, politics, the importance of the legacy of slavery, and its undeniable relationship to African peoples in America. She shared and discussed some of her reknown literary works, including "In the Spirit of Martin," "Quilting The Black-Eyed Pea Poems and Not Quite Poems," "Ego-Tripping," and "The Song of the Feet."

She intrigued the audience as she shared these literary works within the context of her philosophies on racism and politics in the world, particularly in the U.S. These are just a few of her prolific literary works she shared and discussed, with the audience of about fifty people in the Longwood auditorium of the MBNA building.

Mr. Hannon the director of the Office of Student Leadership served as the primary host of this unique literary and historical forum. As a renown African-American woman writer of the sixties and seventies she proclaimed and echoed Black power and consciousness, which is prevalent throughout her works but is particularly provocative in her book, entitled "Black Feeling Black Talk, Black Judgment."

The office of Student Leadership and Activities (The Commission) along with The Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. sponsored this historical event. Angie Harris, an AKA sister on campus, introduced Dr. Giovanni and briefed the audience on a host of Giovanni's numerous accomplishments through



Dr. Nikki Giovanni

the literary realm, within the Black Arts Movement, African-American arts as an entity, and as a Black woman, and liberated thinker. Harris also stated about Giovanni, "She has always believed that change is necessary for growth." Harris further informed the audience, "She has always known, been determined, and committed as ever to fight for the civil rights and equality, in addition she has maintained a prominent place as a strong Black voice in our community."

Harris also informed the audience of Giovanni's extensive honors, accomplishments and unique experiences in the literary world. It was also echoed during the session, that Giovanni and other Black writers should not only be emotive but also use their writing as a vehicle for political or social causes. Harris stated about Giovanni, "Her poetry is known for its call of urgency, for Black people to realize their identity and understand their surroundings as a part of a white controlled environment."

Dr. Nikki Giovanni is a poet laureate, activist, but also an educator, as she serves the community and teaches

at Virginia Tech. Giovanni spoke about court cases such as the famous Brown v. Board of Education, and other cases, which pertained to the oppression of African-Americans, through segregation and its unjust "separate but equal" policy in America.

Throughout the night she posed the provocative question, "What's wrong with this picture? Later she stated, "I know you know something is wrong with this picture." Giovanni emphasized the importance on focusing on race relations in America, particularly from a realistic perspective of analyzing the system of white supremacy itself, and the methods it imposes, as it has oppressed "during the institution of slavery," and continues, "to oppress people of color," particularly African-Americans. She also discussed how "Black Americans are the most beautiful and strong on the face of the earth."

Giovanni referred to the injustices of the U.S. prison system as she questioned and scrutinized its very existence. She stressed that the prison system is unjust, unfair, immoral, and racist to those of color; which is particularly harsh and cruel to those of African descent within America, as they serve longer prison terms than Caucasians. She said, "One of the really bad ideas in 2003 is prison. It was a bad idea in the 20th century, it was a stupid idea in the 19th, it was a hateful idea in the 17th, and it was a fearful idea in the 16th." Giovanni further stated, "Yet we keep putting people in prison as if somehow this is good for them. Last Monday we executed a Gulf War veteran. He was accused of killing and raping a girl, I don't doubt that, because I'm not

going to argue people's innocence." Dr. Giovanni further stated, "I know if your president decides that he is going to go to war, which it looks like he has decided, and when he drops a bomb on Baghdad, I know a mass murderer when I see one, and that's what he is."

Giovanni described the evolution of the prison system and the corruption within the very system which she deems has distorted and denied justice and freedom, and as she stressed particularly for those of color, and

especially for those in the U.S. who are African-Americans.

Dr. Giovanni inspired those who attended, students, faculty, staff, and community members who were blessed to experience the soul of Nikki, and the political intellect of a courageous scholar, professor, and Black woman. Another piece of candid and politically conscious advice that she told the audience was, "I'm wearing my red, black, and green cause I don't want anyone to think I'm American."

Duffy

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Duffy, who was driving a 1994 Ford Thunderbird, clipped the 1993 Plymouth minivan of Wayne Abbott from the rear while switching lanes on Del. 1 on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002. Reports also state that the impact sent the minivan over the median, where it flipped approximately three times before hitting another car on the opposite side of the highway. The end result left four of the five passengers in the minivan lifeless; passengers in the other car received minor injuries.

The driver, Wayne Abbott, 49, his wife, Emily, 46, and their sons Douglas, 9, and Brian, 5, were pronounced dead on the scene. The sole survivor of the fatal crash was the 6-year-old daughter, Margaret, who was listed in critical condition following the accident. She would eventually make a full recovery and go on to live with relatives.

Duffy, along with her twin 5-year-old godchildren, who were said to be coming from church, was not injured in the accident. But, she was charged with reckless endangerment for having them in the car.

In addition, she was charged with four counts of manslaughter for the deaths of the Freeland, Maryland family and first degree assault for injuries suffered by the surviving victim. Her driver's license has also been suspended for an additional four years after being released.

According to calculations done by a fatal accident reconstruction expert, Sgt. Jahn Hitchens, he concluded that Duffy was driving 92 mph. "She said she was traveling at 60 to 65 miles per hour, blacked out and awoke just in time to avoid slamming into the rear of the van," said Hitchens in a News Journal article recalling his interview with Tish after the accident.

Duffy plead guilty on all charges and faced a maximum of 30 years in

prison when the judge delivered his verdict to Duffy and about 100 spectators in the courtroom of Dover's Kent County Courthouse. His sentence of 12 years would serve as punishment and as a warning to other aggressive drivers.

"As her friend I wish she wouldn't have gotten anything," said close friend Carnell Ambrose. "But, she could have gotten a lot worse, so the sentence was more than appreciated."

Ashley Williams, another close friend of Duffy said, "I think she has served enough time as it is because she's been dealing with this for a year already, even going through times of depression."

Williams also provided a message to those who think Tish should have received more time. "She killed a family, but it was an accident and accidents happen."

In Duffy's defense, her lawyer James E. Liguori, said she believes a medical condition, vaso-vagal syncope caused her to lose consciousness while behind the wheel. The condition causes an abnormal heart rate, resulting in a drop in blood pressure and a fainting spell.

Liguori also stated Duffy has no memory of the impact and asked Superior Court President Judge Henry DuPont Ridgely to spare her a prison sentence.

"I realize there are consequences I must face," Duffy said. "I am not a bad person."

She thanked her family and members of her church for standing by her during the past year, and said she prays daily for the Abbotts.

"Please, please, please continue to pray for the Abbott family as well as the Duffy family," she added.

"I've prayed and I know she'll be aight," added Ambrose, a junior physics major. "Don't give up boo-boo, He's brought you too far to leave you."

INTERVIEW

According to Nikki Dr. Giovanni Encourages DSU Students to Know their History

By: Marisa K. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

"I am not an American," said world-renowned poet and author Dr. Nikki Giovanni, during her lecture for Delaware State students Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Dr. Giovanni is known for her candid comments about whatever may be on her mind. This time around, she had a powerful message for DSU students.

In an interview following her lecture, whose conversation-like flow included a mix of poetry and observations, Dr. Giovanni shared her predictions about the future of Black America and the importance of knowing black history.

"I think for the most part we can really count on Black Americans continuing to go forth with a better vision," says Giovanni.

She further added the importance of understanding the mindset of college students as the next generation of leaders. In her signature carefree

style, Dr. Giovanni was very open with her thoughts saying, "I think it's important for young people not to be so trapped in trying to be older people. Kids aren't doing anymore that they were in the 1950s."

She connected that point with what she perceived to be the struggle for students everywhere. "Delaware State students are trying to do what students everywhere are doing—trying to survive."

This survival, she says, is contingent on Black Americans knowing who they are. "You cannot just move on. You have to know who you are," she affirms.

To support this, Dr. Giovanni, an affluent student of history, cited black history in support of her claim.

"Middle Passage is the third most important decision made on earth, the first was that Jesus let Judas kiss him and the second is that Socrates drank the hemlock. The Africans that were captured made the decision to be humane. You have to know your history, but you also have to know that



Hornet Editor-in-Chief Marisa K. Phillips and poet and author Dr. Nikki Giovanni.

we are living in a country that is constantly assaulting us. You don't have to be angry all the time, but be aware that you are constantly under assault."

Not one to simply accept what others offer to her as truth, Dr. Giovanni encouraged DSU students to be critical and ask questions about what is offered as black history because much of it is incorrect. "One of the lies that we were told was that the slaves were always turning each other in. Thousands of slaves escaped, so what does that say? It's a lie."

Dr. Giovanni concluded with the statement, "You have to know your history and as you're reading it ask yourself 'Does this make sense?'"

Dr. Sessoms

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a result. However, the article states, "freshmen enrollment dropped 30 percent, revenues slid and the college had to freeze hiring."

In his forum with the student body, Dr. Sessom addressed these issues saying that most of them were unfounded and taken out of context.

While the Dr. Sessoms' effectiveness on campus will not be immediately evident, some DSU students are weary of his ability to relate.

Eric L. Lewis, a senior vocal music major, says that "I don't think he's going to be effective because

he's never been at an HBCU. The board of trustees did not really take into account the student's input. I think that the second candidate, Robert Jennings was the best fit for DSU. Because of this, I feel that the student body and faculty will be gravely affected," says the Coatesville, Pennsylvania native.

Others, however, think that such a change as Dr. Sessoms will likely bring is necessary and long overdue. Melba Brown, the current SGA Corresponding Secretary says that Dr. Sessoms will bring much needed change to DSU. "

CAMPUS NEWS

News Journal, DSU sports reporter killed in accident

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

Ed Murphy, a veteran News Journal sportswriter, who reported on Delaware State University sports on and off since 1980, was killed Friday evening in a freak accident involving an airplane in Richmond, Virginia. Murphy was in Richmond covering the Delaware State men's and women's basketball team during the MEAC

tournament at the time of the incident.

He was struck by the propeller when he attempted to remove a block from in front of the wheel of the plane, piloted and owned by News Journal staff photographer Gary Emeigh. His last story, "Hornets earn shot at MEAC championship," was completed and made the deadline for the Saturday edition of the News Journal.

Murphy first started reporting for the News Journal's Dover bureau 23 years ago, working his way up to full time staff reporting in 1997, covering DSU athletics, and high school sports below the C&D canal.

He was always present at DSU sporting events with a vibrant enthusiasm for the games and the Delaware State University athletes. He will definitely be missed.



DSU's Biotechnology Department

By: Amber Smith

As Delaware State continues to strive for excellence, it has made another addition to the College of Arts and Sciences. In the Fall 2002 semester, DSU started its Biotechnology program. With its partner, Delaware Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network, DSU will train students in the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Agriculture, and Computer Science. The main idea behind this newly formed department is to develop

researchers for the world of science.

The Biotechnology program is very rigorous and students cannot apply to the program until his or her sophomore year only if the student has a 3.0 and has completed general education requirements. Currently there are ten students in the Biotechnology program, four of which are freshman and the remaining six are Biotechnology majors.

The perks of the Biotechnology program are numerous. Students

receive a faculty mentor, whom they do assist in research. Along with a guaranteed job placement upon graduation, students also participate in internships throughout the summer.

The Biotechnology department is very small and advisors plan to keep it that way by remaining very selective and competitive. If you are interested in the Delaware State Biotechnology program, contact Dr. Teresa Singleton at (302) 857-7373 or tsinglet@dsc.edu

School Spirit

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cheerleaders, and a bus for the band travel to Princess Anne, Maryland to the home of the Fighting Hawks. For the duration of the ladies game, the Hornet fans were clearly the majority in William P. Hytche Center. But, slowly the Hawks fans filled the seats to watch their team fall at the hands of the lady Hornets.

The men's basketball showdown was next and it was indeed competitive, both on and off the court. The band began to battle the deejay of UMES, and the cheerleaders even stepped out to center court to see who could 'shake the best.' The fans also chanted for their respective university, as DSU and UMES chants carried through the UMES arena.

Behind the spirit charged Hornet fans. The DSU men's basketball team pulled away in an exciting victory completing the doubleheader sweep. The Hornet fans had a lot to cheer for as they celebrated on the court of the Hawks as the band played the university alma mater. Following the alma mater was a rendition of 'Hay' by Crucial Conflict, which prolonged the celebration to the dismay of UMES security, who was trying to clear the gym.

While some were celebrating inside the gym, others were making their way out through the lobby, where students of DSU and UMES exchanged heated words towards one another. Following an emotionally filled game, the words led to a physical altercation between both factions, which carried from the lobby into the gym.

Campus security was on hand attempting to stop the massive fight,

but restraining the students was not an easy task. The students were eventually separated and encouraged to evacuate the building, where the DSU buses awaited the Hornet fans.

But, outside the massive brawl continued where many DSU students, who were clearly outnumbered, were being attacked by angry Fighting Hawks (ironic name). The incident continued for more than 10 minutes without a sign of campus security.

The director of the Department of Public Safety at UMES, Chief Clarence Bell indicated that three or four officers were on duty in the gym, but for unknown reasons they were not outside during the incident. "I think that they weren't aware of the fighting going on outside," stated Bell.

Unfortunately, three DSU students were sent to the hospital as a result of the post-game brawl. The victims were treated at a nearby hospital for a stab wound, exhaustion, and a dislocated arm.

Chief Bell described the incident as "unfortunate," but made it clear everything is still under investigation. "We have to re-evaluate," said Bell. "We are looking at possibilities to make things safer...I think in the future we might provide escorts to the buses."

Also according to Bell there have been no arrests regarding the stabbing, but there are forthcoming arrests for fighting. In eight years that Bell has been at UMES, he has never experienced an incident of this nature. He strongly believes that it was an isolated incident and said he doesn't think it will happen again.

Freshman Machel Barnes, who was

stabbed in his back, suffered a punctured lung at the hands of an unknown UMES student. The sports management major, who is known to his friends as Mase, spent a week in the hospital recuperating. The 18 year-old couldn't comment on the events of the evening due to a pending court case, but he believes that the only thing that could have prevented his injury would have been more security.

Freshman, Kim Hughey, also spent a couple hours in a local hospital after passing out from exhaustion. When asked about the incident she said, "to hate crime is intelligence, but to commit a hate crime is ignorance." When asked why she believed the incident occurred she stated, "we turned UMES into DSU territory and they [UMES fans] couldn't handle it."

Two days later the SGA sponsored a bus trip to Howard University for the last game of the regular season. Both, Hornet men's and women's basketball teams won in competitive fashion, but not without overwhelming crowd support to bring successful spirit filled seasons to a close.

DSU took another trip to UMES the following weekend March 8-9, but for the regional competition of the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge academic bowl. Senior and DSU challenge representative, Ronnie Geter said, "the UMES team didn't hold a grudge at the competition, they just wanted to win." Geter also commented on the sportsmanship of the UMES challenge team stating, "the UMES team had good sportsmanship and came over and shook our hands after their victory in the competition."

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STYLE BEAT

Speak now or forever hold your peace

By: Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

Hey Fashionistas, I would like to thank all of you for keeping up with my articles, and paying close attention. Unfortunately, time is running out, and so is the amount of papers that the Hornet will print before we break for summer vacation.

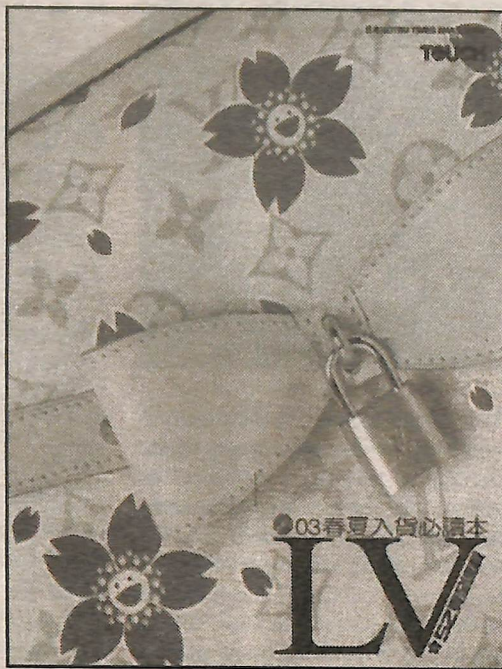
So this is what I would like to hear from you; the Fashion questions, or advice you would like answered before we leave school. I will give you an answer in the next issue anonymously.

Maybe you want to know where to find certain shoes, bags, hats, swim suits to fit your particular size, or how to keep that pedicure

fresh. If you look in magazines that don't give you a price, leave a picture of that item and I will try to find out for you.

You know the spring ball is coming. Beware, there will be cameras, and who knows... there may be pictures in the Do's and Don'ts.

Just drop a note into the Hornet Newspaper Office, and I will read your questions, and get back to you in a follow up issue.



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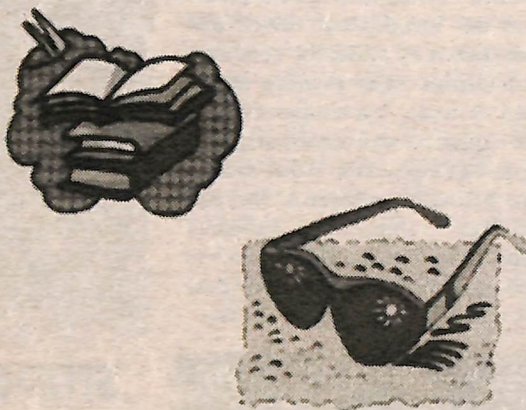
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STYLE STARR

Calling all the Fellas

By: Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

Calling all the "fashion guys," spring is here and summer is not far behind it. Guys, the time is now to step it up in your dress. Speaking with some of DSU's women, I've found that they aren't too happy with Men's wear at this school.

Jeans and a T can be nice. It has a laid back sophistication, and a certain coolness that you just can't beat. It's a classic trend that is not only comfortable, but a look for anyone.

Remember guys, I said jeans and a T-shirt... not a night gown. What are those long white cotton dresses some of you are wearing?! They may be comfortable, but they look really odd, like a Hanes underwear reject.

The small jeans that some guys wear, but wear below the buttocks makes you look really corny. It's also unclean and unattractive. Buy a pair of jeans that will be baggy when you put them on, or that are big even slightly off the hip. Different designers have accomplished this look (Sean Jean, Rocawear, Academics, and Azzure). Notice there is no mention of the GAP. The Gap has a more of a clean cut jean.

Men's wear shouldn't take a lot of time or seem frivolous, but rather easy going, and cool. Above all, it should always be masculine. This means the color as well as fit should always be right. When one element is no longer masculine the whole outfit is no longer masculine. This doesn't mean a

manly man only wears dark colors. There are softer colors that are still acceptable.

Men's wear at DSU is currently missing creativity and style. Maybe it's a lack of funds or just good taste. Just in case you guys aren't quite sure what would be a good look for you; look into different fashion magazines that are geared toward the fashion conscious guy. It's as simple as a pair of flat front pants, a white T-shirt, and a nice loafer. No one said the pants have to be tight.

A lot of you men like Sean John clothing, so look into his spring designs for wear other than his sweat suits. Guys keep it simple; the ladies love that, no need to get to over the top they don't want to compete with you, just be proud of you!

10 tips:

A polo style shirt (either by Polo, or Lacoste)

Loafers any designer (Ferragamo, Prada, Kenneth Cole, and Banana Republic)

A black belt

A newsboy or driving cap.

Denim Jacket

White T's are fine just not the nightgown styles

Sunglasses can be extra but if you feel trendy (Christian Dior, Armani, Gucci)

Air force ones (at least 2 pair)

Chapstick, or lip conditioner (Carmax, MAC, Blistex)

Cologne (Ishey Miyaki, Dolce&Gabbana, and Fahrenheit)



ENTERTAINMENT

Fabulous Makes His Street Dreams Come True

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

After the platinum success of *Ghetto Fabulous*, more than a year later the F-A-B-O-L-O-U-S is still spelling his name on his sophomore release, *Street Dreams*.

Fabulous returns with his first single, 'Can't Let You Go,' which allows him to re-unite with superwoman, Lil' Mo, who joins soulful newcomer Mike Shorey on the hook of the mellow track.

Up-tempo club bangers, 'This is My Party' and 'Damn,' have also received significant radio play and are quickly becoming fan favorites. If you like hot beats those are the tracks for you.

The star-studded album also features appearances from Snoop Dogg, Paul Cain, Missy Elliott, Ashanti, Mary J. Blige, Jadakiss, Styles, M.O.P., Jagged Edge, and P. Diddy.

Missy and Fab collaborate on a track that is so hott it's simply 'Sickalicious,' while the Princess of R&B, Ashanti joins the chipped tooth icon on a re-make of 'Into You' (originally performed by Tamia). Despite what many may say about the singing talents of the first lady of Murder Inc., she closely resembles the sweet sound of Tamia on the hook of the Clue and DURO produced track.

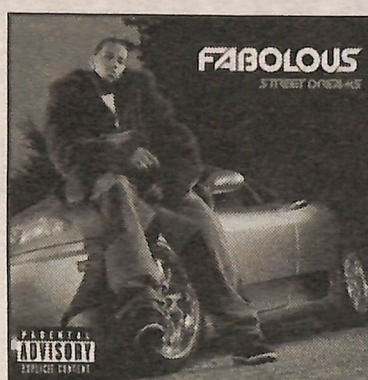
The sampling continues, as Mary J. and Fab attempt to use the success

of J-Lo and LL Cool J's rendition of 'My Life' in their own up tempo version. We saw what same song sampling did to Toni Braxton when Jigga released *Bonnie & Clyde* 2002. Let's hope Fab follows Braxton and does not release his version as a single.

Fabulous' true lyrical talents shine bright on 'Bad Bitch,' where he talks about the scenario of having two girls in one night. On a more serious side, Fab talks about not letting the rap industry change him on 'Change You or Change Me.' The New York rapper, who often talks about 'keepin' it gangsta,' shows how 'gangsta' he is on 'Respect,' where he talks about killing someone to gain respect.

The 17 track LP also features three bonus cuts including a remix of 2001 hit single, 'Keepin' It Gangsta' with Styles, Jadakiss, and M.O.P. The familiar hit single from the Barber Shop soundtrack, 'Trade It All Part 2,' featuring Jagged Edge, and P. Diddy was another bonus addition to the LP. The third bonus track entitled, 'Throw back,' allows Fab to talk about the fashion trend of throwback jerseys. "Throw back this/Throw back that/It even look better with the matching hat/All you gotta check is players stats/It ain't where you from, it's where you wear your throw back at," says Fab implementing an unofficial rule on wearing throw backs.

Executive producers DJ Clue,



DURO, and Skane definitely deliver producing an album containing tracks that appeal to a wide audience. In addition, *Street Dreams* includes beats that might give the Neptunes a run for their money and samples fresh out of the crates of DJ Clue himself. Track Masters, Timbaland, and Just Blaze also helped to contribute to producing responsibilities of the anticipated release.

Often referred to as another prodigy of the 'retarded rap,' which was made famous by Ma\$e, Fab continues the trademark style rhyming at the speed of turtle. Nonetheless, the 23 year-old lyricist delivers again debuting on the billboard top 200 at number three behind Nora Jones & 50 Cent. On 'Never Duplicated' Fabulous claims he's often imitated, but never duplicated, so if you want the real deal pick up *Street Dreams* in stores now.

The 'Queen B' is Back: Better Than Ever Before

By: B.dot

It should be a crime to second guess. Why pass up on near perfection? That's right, **near perfection.**

In the era of bird calling on records and popping tags, it's hard to say an album is virtually flawless, but of course there are your exceptions like Lil Kim's new LP, *La Bella Mafia*.

For Queen Bee fans that are looking for the hard, gritty Brooklyn native you heard on *Hardcore*, look no further.

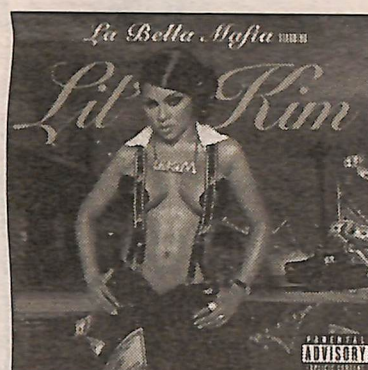
Unlike her lackluster second album *Notorious K.I.M.*, this 16-track album has a smorgasbord of songs that can easily be played from beginning to end. Currently, various tracks off the album are receiving much buzz and attention. From the party banger, 'The Jump Off' to the mix tape inspired 'Magic Stick' featuring 50 cent, Kim displays the ability to conquer

the best of both circuits.

...*Mafia's* sound is something that's truly unique and that is surprisingly unexpected by the female who can put a Sprite can in her mouth. Unlike Kim's previous albums that have continuous tracks of sexual innuendos, *Mafia* rarely touches anything of that nature. Kim's flow and delivery have tremendously improved on tracks like "Doing it way big" and "Thug Luv" she shows her lyrical maturity.

It was only a matter of time until the females of rap started beefing with one another. On the track "came back for you" Kim throws subliminal jabs toward other ladies in hip hop. With bars like, "When God made Adam/He should have made Kim" Its only ones guess who she's talking about.

Mafia has a ray of guest appearances that include 50 CENT, Twista, Missy



Elliot and her newly signed 10 year old artist Lil' Shanice; whose featured on the catchy track "Shake ya bum bum".

There are some down sides to *Mafia*. The annoying skits, intro, and the use of R. Kelly's Woman's Threat instrumental doesn't show any sign of originality. Nevertheless, this album is a definite car bumper, club stopper and head nodder that's be sure to please any hip hop fan. Don't sleep on the bee cause you might get stung.

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20 Questions

by Ghostwriter

1. Who wants to protest the administration's decision to never have another 'Boom Boom Room'?
2. Who is bootlegging their copy of the Boom Boom Room tape on the internet entitled, 'Black College Girls Gone Wild'?
3. Whose paper work, refund check, and/or grades got lost during move from Grossley Hall to the new administration building?
4. Who is scared of the war?
5. Who got sick because they wore their summer clothes too soon?
6. Now that the weather is nice is the circle going to be the 'jump off' again?
7. Who's getting tired of EVERYTHING being the 'jump off'?
8. Who is going to think of the Boom Boom Room whenever they hear "Say Yes" by Floetry?
9. Are we going to need the shuttle to get to the new administration building?
10. Who was running their mouth about the UMES incident, but wasn't there?
11. Why is Snoop Dogg wearing Pharell's clothes in the video for 'Beautiful' (Ex. Young t-shirts)?
12. Aren't we mad the girls didn't win the MEAC tournament?
13. Who's not surprised the guys lost in the first round of the MEAC tournament?
14. What's more important to DSU students Intramural basketball or the NCAA tournament?
15. Why do non-alcoholics have to take an alcohol test to stay on campus?
16. Is the "Jumpoff" radio show becoming the next big thing?
17. Who is tired of going to clubs the size of a room in Tubman Hall? (Ex. Crystal Palace, Extremes)
18. Are all the guys on DSU campus going to have on the same spring clothes from the same two urban clothing stores in the Dover mall?
19. Were the ladies of DSU satisfied with the AKA Men of Ivy pageant?
20. Who thinks SGA President Clint Saunders should take Dr. DeLauder's position as president of DSU?

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY KIRK

By: Jennifer Robinson

There are many talented students among the faces at Delaware Student University. One standing out amongst them is sophomore Ashley Kirk.

Kirk is currently majoring in Radio Production at Delaware State, but decided at age 14 to incorporate music into her everyday life as well.

Her mother was once a country singer, and is her inspiration in the field. Kirk's love for music began when her mother asked her to go into the studio one day for fun. What was meant to be a day of fun, turned into a possible lifetime career for Kirk.

Kirk began her music career focusing on pop. But at age 18, she decided to switch over to R & B and Hip Hop. Kirk switched her focus because she grew up on Hip Hop, Go-Go, and Baltimore Club music. She added that R & B and Hip Hop is where her heart truly is.

She began with pop because it was popular at the time. She began by recording cover songs and then eventually evolved to record and writing her own songs.

What many of us at the university may be unaware of is that we have a celebrity in our midst. Kirk has made many strides in regards to her music career. She has been featured on stations KISS 101.7, Eagle 97.7, KISS 95.7, and even six additional stations in Australia. One of which, 93.9 HITZ FM is where "Let Me Know," the debut single off of her first demo climbed to number two spot of the most requested on the Australia's east coast.

Kirk was also featured in magazines including POP Star, Teen Faces, and Popcorn. Kirk has performed all over the Delaware area, Maryland, and Australia.



She most recently performed with a group of male rappers who make up the independent label, Hellaware Records, in a "Blast Off" performance, hosted by Delaware's number one R & B and Hip Hop station hosted, KISS 101.7 FM.

Kirk is in the process of signing a contract with an entertainment attorney out of New York. From there, she plans to sign a management deal that she was offered in the beginning of January.

In signing the deal, it means that she will begin promotion by planning a scheduled tour in March. She will be touring colleges all over the east coast.

In the meantime, she plans to record more songs. Her CD, "I Finally Found the Words," is for sale at Kempmill Records in down town Rehoboth Beach, Delaware and on her website www.ashleykirk.com for the price of five dollars. Kirk's website includes her bio, pictures, clips of her songs, how to contact her, news, and her schedule.

Even if she was unable to have the music career that she is striving towards, Kirk added that she would still work within the music industry. She would most likely desire to be a radio personality or an A & R representative. "I just want to let people know about my CD. There are a lot of personal experiences that I have gone through that are incorporated in my songs, but are still situations that the listeners can relate to."

SPORTS

The Madness of March: College Basketball's finest hour



By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

It's that time of year again. Time to fake like you like your extra-special surprise gift? Nah, that was in December.

Time to celebrate the day you were born and act like a natural fool because you can? Maybe.

Time to stay in the library until the extended 2 a.m. closing hour studying all sorts of stuff you should have learned earlier in the semester? No, that's in May (be afraid....be very afraid).

What's going down in the sports world is big business, and it is college basketball tournament time a.k.a. "March Madness." For those who don't understand March Madness, this serves to explain and define the common sports fan's delightful disease.

March Madness is the pep band playing for all they're worth, forcing the arena sound crew to admiringly cancel the out the noise of the CD they were playing during the TV time out

to let the band put it down.

March Madness is a school who couldn't beat your grandma's Sunday afternoon bingo group during the regular season, knocking off a top-ranked team in the conference tournament.

March Madness is Selection Sunday, and the joy of the smaller schools finding out they get to play Duke or Arizona and get beat by 50 points (YEAH BABY, WHAT?!)

March Madness is the effervescent college basketball analyst Dick Vitale....he's a P-T-P'er, a super duper high-riser, he's awesome, baby, with a capital "A."

March Madness is the alumni who haven't been to a basketball game since Cabbage Patch Kids were hot, coming out to support their alma-mater doing damage in the NCAA tournament.

March Madness is Texas Tech's Darvin Ham smashing a backboard against North Carolina in 1996.

March Madness is a skinny, unpolished UNC freshman from Wilmington, North Carolina named Michael Jordan stepping into the national spotlight for the first time, hitting a jumper to beat Georgetown for the NCAA title.

March Madness is Keith Smart (the poor Cavaliers coach...how the mighty have fallen) leaning into a shot to give Indiana its last national title after trailing by more than 15 points at certain times in that game.

March Madness is Villanova (who wasn't even ranked) beating a heavily-favored number one Georgetown team in '85 by shooting 91 percent from the field.

March Madness is Johnny Dawkins of Duke letting the ball roll so time wouldn't expire against Louisville in 1986, something everyone does now.

March Madness is the moms, wives, and their babies dressed from

head to toe in school logoed clothing. March Madness is five brave young brothers from an El Paso, Texas college (Texas Western, now UTEP) stepping onto a basketball court against the world in 1966, and beating a school (Kentucky) who stood for everything anti-civil rights at the time.

March Madness is made up of those players who gave it their all and had no choice but to wipe away the tears after coming up just short. March Madness is the tears of joy after winning for the first time, and not knowing how to express your happiness.

March Madness is in the basketball arenas of NBA teams, who are forced to go on long road trips, but still root for their alma-maters several states away. March Madness is Chris Webber calling a timeout he didn't have, yet keeping his composure long enough to become one of the NBA's best players.

March Madness is the late Jim Valvano running around, desperately looking for someone to hug after his N.C. State team shook up the world (and Phi Slamma Jamma, the University of Houston) in 1983.

March Madness, however, isn't Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Tracy McGrady, or Kevin Garnett. But imagine if those guys spent just one year in college?

March Madness is the Delaware State University Lady Hornets winning 20 games for the first time ever and coming oh so close to their first MEAC crown. Great job ladies, we know you'll be dancing next year.

So in short, what is March Madness? It's the ladies, the fellas, the fans, the coaches, the band, the corny TV commercials, the Pizza Hut giveaways, anything you can think of. Above all else, it's March, it's Mad, and it's college basketball. So sit back and enjoy the ride, because I know I will.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: HORNETS DUBEN WORD Baseball Season is here!

By: Sharod Oliphant

Duben Word is a junior utility outfielder who is used at all outfield positions, including center and left field. Although, he is primarily a right fielder. He is a returning player from last year's Delaware State Hornets baseball team, which finished first place in the MEAC (Mid-Eastern-Atlantic-Conference) Northern Division. The squad has come back loaded with new young talent and a host of returning starters that are ready to pick up where they left off at the end of last year's run.

"Morale is high, and we have all come back with the same goal...win," he said when I inquired about the team's overall attitude about the current season. "Our goal is to win the MEAC tournament and go to the NCAA regional playoffs and perform at the level that we know we can perform at," he explained. Duben gave the

credit for the team's improved play last season and their preparation for this season to his coaches who have conditioned them mentally as well as physically for the ups and downs of a full college baseball season. "I want to do whatever is asked of me in order to help the team win. I want to stand out as a player that will sacrifice and lay it on the line for his teammates in order to make us better," he expressed.

If Word is any indication of how focused the whole baseball team is, it is going to be a long season for any teams that are in their division. I look forward to watching this team's progress and seeing them succeed. It will be interesting to see if their efforts are rewarded with victories and a championship. Their upcoming home games include: Cornell March 21-23, Drexel April 2, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore April 5, which is a doubleheader.

Basketball

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However, senior guards Ron Williamson and Kyle Williams ruled overtime for Howard University, scoring all 12 Bison points, combining with several DSU mistakes to finish off the Hornets' season at 15-12.

The 2nd-ranked Hornet women however wanted to spend all of their spring break in Richmond, Virginia, and they did just that, leading off their portion of the tournament with a 68-45 drubbing of 7th-seeded Coppin State.

Mandy Clark led all scorers with 15 points, and Ashley Etheridge contributed a season-high 12 points off the bench. The Lady Hornets had no trouble smacking around the Lady Eagles for a third time this season, although they got off to a slow start.

Their next battle was with Howard University, who also didn't pose much of a threat as the Lady Hornets defeated the Lady Bison for the third time this year 67-54 to move into the title game for the second time in three years against Hampton.

Terrelle Waller shook off a wrist injury to drop 22 points (four-for-six

on three-pointers), and Mandy Clark added 13 and 10 boards. The win also set a school record for consecutive W's with 10, and most wins in a season with the Lady Hornets picking up their first ever 20-win season.

The championship game against Hampton was a close affair, with both teams tied at 34 with 17 minutes left in the second half. However, Nicole Brathwaite and LaShondra Dixon took over, spurring an 18-6 run that turned into a 69-57 Lady Pirates victory, earning the MEAC championship and the automatic NCAA tournament bid.

The Lady Hornets ended their record setting season at 20-10, finishing much better than the predicted 7th that the MEAC experts had them finishing.

Although they came up just short, the MEAC now has respect for the Lady Hornets, who will be no doubt gearing up for a 2004 MEAC title run. Although, both the men and women's basketball teams can be proud of their 2002-03 season, which earned DSU a lot of respect.

JACKIE ROBINSON, GREAT ON AND OFF THE FIELD

By: Dean Padgett

The time of the year has come when Major League Baseball has begun Spring Training and the College Baseball Season is in its beginning stages. Baseball has players of all different races and nationalities playing the game. All of the opportunities can be attributed to one man, Jackie Robinson. Robinson will be forever known as the man who broke the Major League Baseball color barrier.

Jackie Robinson was born on October 31st, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia. At a young age Robinson showed that he would stand up to racism, when Robinson was eight years old a little white girl called him the N-Word. Robinson's response to this was that he threw rocks at this little girl.

Sports seemed to come natural to Robinson; due to his great athletic ability he would attend UCLA for college. At UCLA Robinson excelled in four different sports, basketball, baseball, football, and track. With the United States in World War II, Robinson enlisted in the U.S. Army. While in the Army, Robinson

protested, discriminatory treatment of black soldiers.

An incident that Robinson would become known for was when he refused an order by the bus driver to move to the back of a bus. Because of Robinson's actions he was Court-martialed; however he was acquitted and honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1944 with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey wanted to integrate Major League Baseball, however he knew that it would take a certain type of person. Rickey heard about Robinson's discharge and knew that Robinson was the right person.

In a meeting between Rickey and Robinson, Rickey told Robinson that he wanted a player who would not retaliate to racism. Before Robinson even played a game with the Dodgers he encountered racism. The St. Louis Cardinals threatened to strike rather than play against Robinson.

Even some of Robinson's teammates were against playing with him. Many of the Dodgers who were from the south

started a petition to keep him off the team.

On the field the racism was just as bad. Pitchers would intentionally throw at Robinson. When base runners slid, they dug the spikes of their cleats right into Robinson's shin. Bench jockeys would holler for Robinson to carry their bags and shine their shoes. The fans taunted, insulted, and even wrote Robinson death threats.

Despite all of the obstacles that opposed Robinson, he had a great baseball career. Robinson won the National League Rookie of The Year award in 1947. In 1949 Robinson was the recipient of the National League Most Valuable Player award. Robinson led the Dodgers to six National League titles and one World Series title. Robinson finished his career as a .311 hitter and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

After retirement Robinson continued to fight segregation against African-Americans on and off the field. Robinson campaigned for Major League Baseball to hire a black third-base coach and then

a manager. In 1969 Robinson refused an invitation to play in a old-timers game at Yankee Stadium to protest the lack of progress made by Major League Baseball in their hiring procedures. Off the field Robinson participated in activities with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Robinson wrote to U.S. Presidents about their stances on Civil Rights. Robinson did more for African-Americans than just fighting for civil rights.

Robinson became vice-president of a restaurant company in New York that employed many blacks. Even today Robinson helps African-Americans and other minorities. The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides \$5,000-a-year college scholarships to minority students. Robinson was also active in the fight against drug addiction.

Robinson's son Jackie Jr., was a drug addict but conquered the habit only to lose his life in a 1971 auto accident. Despite the devastating loss of his son and his own declining health Robinson seemed to always be available when a

speaker was needed to talk about drug abuse.

On October 24th, 1972 Robinson was scheduled to fly to Washington D.C. to address a business group of the responsibility of the businessmen in dealing with drug abuse. Robinson never got to D.C. as he died of a heart attack in Stamford, Connecticut. In 1997 every Major League Baseball team retired Robinson's number 42. Jackie Robinson opened many doors, not just in baseball but also in all professional sports.

Robinson's courage helped to pave the way for minority athletes. Every minority who plays baseball owes a thank you to the man that helped to desegregate the sport. As much as Robinson did for baseball, he did not let it define who he was.

"Baseball was just a part of my life. Thank God that I didn't allow a sport or a business or any part of my life to dominate me completely. . . . I felt that I had my time in athletics and that was it."

- Jackie Robinson

U.S. AT WAR

Sociology Teacher Encourages Students to Vote "No" to War

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Delaware State University sociology professor, Dr. William Lustfield, garnered more than 200 student signatures in a petition voting "no" to a war in Iraq. Dr. Lustfield has made it clear that he is against the war in Iraq and took two hours on March 17, 18, & 21 to gather signatures of students who feel the same way. A professor at the institution since 1974, Lustfield's petition states the following:

"The U.S. Congress did not represent me when it voted to authorize George W. Bush to carry out an illegal war against Iraq. Thousands will die needlessly unless the people stop this drive."

"I join with the millions of people who believe that the \$200 billion planned for a war against Iraq should be spent instead to fund jobs, education, housing, healthcare, childcare, assistance to the elderly and to meet people's needs."

Lustfield has plans to send the peti-

tion sheets to the president, state senator, and congress men. When asked if he thinks the petition will help he stated, "you have to start somewhere...if you don't do anything, nothing gets done."

He feels we should not be using billions of dollars on war, but instead using the money to help our own struggling country by further developing homeland security. "I would feel safer if money was being used for homeland security, instead of going to war," added Lust-

field.

He doesn't feel Hussein is a threat, but stated, "I think Saddam Hussein is an evil man, but this [war] is not the way to deal with it...they [Bush administration] should have investigated more, there's no evidence of Hussein having weapons."

Lustfield, who received approval from Dr. Bell to stand in the mall area of the DSU campus with his table covered with petitions, is delighted with the response he has gotten from the student

body. "I would say 70-80% of the students asked, sign the petition." Though everyone may not sign the petition Lustfield just wants the students at DSU to be aware of the war.

As of press time, according to the New York Times 20 Americans are dead or missing in Iraq, and 50 have been hurt. In major cities thousands of Americans continue to protest the war, while others chose to rally showing support for the troops, and the Bush administration.

These flyers were plastered on DSU campus:

Propaganda

A large poster is tacked to a callous gray pole with a piece of flimsy tape; it is about to take off and fly in the wind. It is hanging by a thread as they say, and is only supported by a raggedy, torn, and long, thin piece of scotch tape. Just before it is blown away in the tides of the wind, the girl gets a quick but brief look at its contents, it reads:

NOW, IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE UP ARMS AND DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY FOR MANKIND. JOIN THE ARMY NOW. WE WANT YOU. HELP TO DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY FROM TERRORISTS TO ENSURE DEMOCRACY AND MAKE IT SAFE FOR EVERYONE.

P.S. YOUR PRESIDENT SUPPORTS YOU. HE ENCOURAGES YOUR DECISION OF "YES" AND WILL SEND A POSTCARD FROM WASHINGTON TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR EARNEST EFFORTS. FOR RISKING YOUR LIFE, KILLING YOURSELF, AND OTHERS, TO DEFEND THE U.S. AND THE REST OF MANKIND. And at the very end it reads:

Remember:

A LITTLE BLOODSHED IS NEXT TO NOTHING; A LOT OF BLOODSHED IS GRATIFYING.

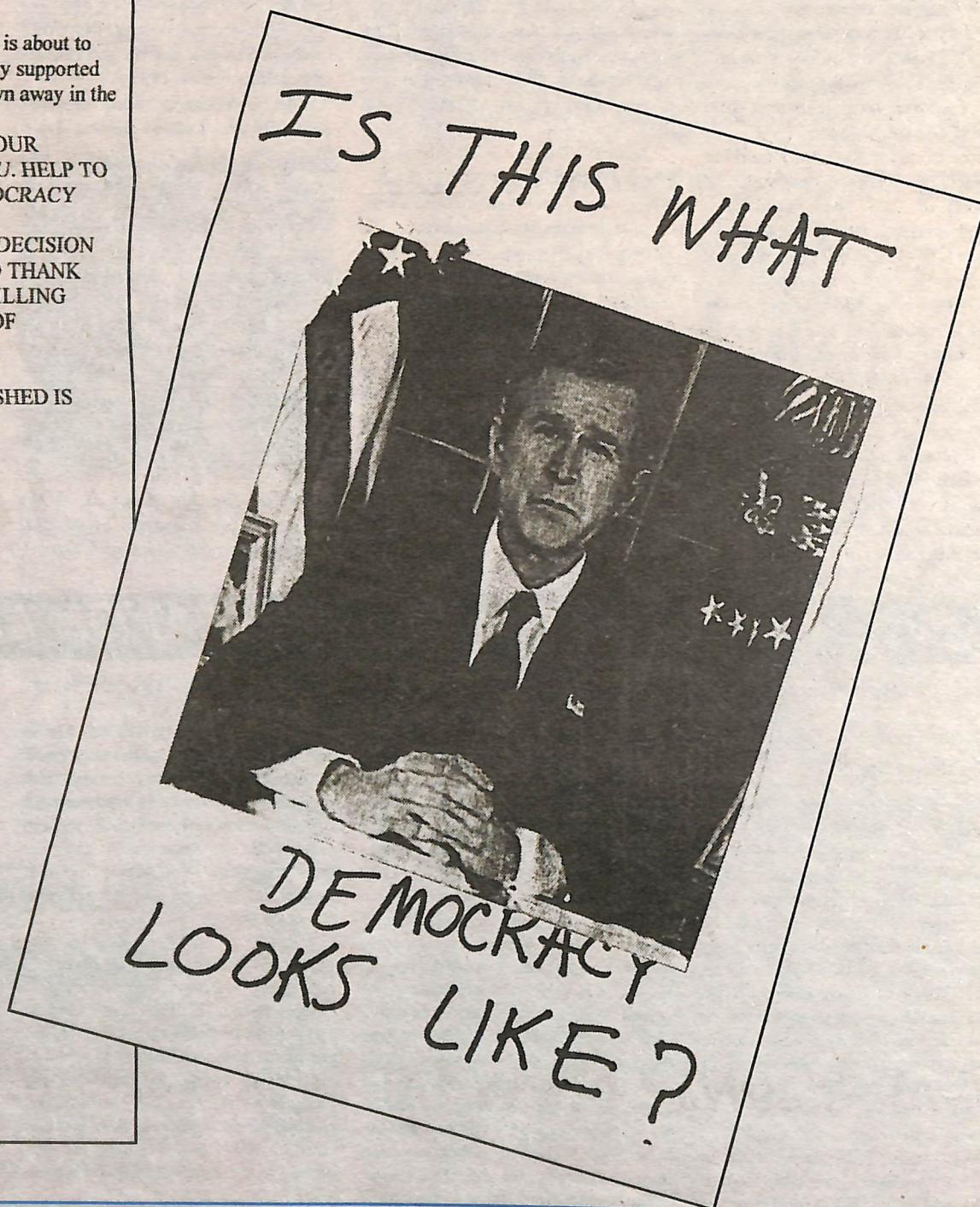
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Your President

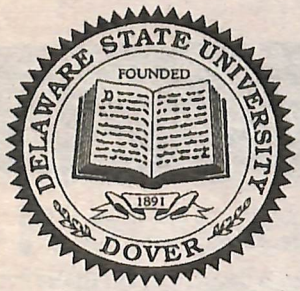
George W. Bush 2nd

A little bloodshed is next to nothing; a lot of bloodshed is gratifying.

Please remember to read the fine print.



Keep our troops in your prayers.



Four Campus Organizations Unite to Save Lives

By: Rayanna M. Wilkins
Copy Editor

Though most people think that unity amongst campus organizations is almost unheard of, several students came together and ultimately proved a lot of people wrong.

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Inc., Army (ROTC), and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. organized a blood drive with the Blood Bank of Delaware Eastern Shore in the MLK Student Center auditorium on Wednesday March 26th during Sigma Gamma Rho week.

Out of the 113 people that signed up to be blood donors, 85 people actually showed up. Thirty-five people were not eligible to donate blood because they did not meet the requirements.

Blood donors are asked not to have any flu-like symptoms, active colds or allergies, fever, diarrhea, recent major surgeries, a history of

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Recycling at DSU Courtesy of M.A.N.R.R.S.

By: J. Nicole Johnson

On April 7, 2003 the Delaware State University M.A.N.R.R.S. (Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences) chapter, along with facilities management official kicked off its recycling campaign. The campaign will run from April 7 - May 2. The group will start by placing recycle containers for paper in high traffic areas such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center, the Education and Humanities building, the Library, the Baker building, the residence halls and the new administration building.

There is a team for each building that will be responsible for the bins. Once a week the students will collect the bins and see that they are properly recycled. As the campaign gains support more sites will be provided to recycle and branch out into other recyclable items. Not only will this campaign help the environment but it will also result in less money for waste removal on behalf of the school.

Viniece Jennings, freshman, environmental science major, decided to implement this campaign along with M.A.N.R.R.S. after she noticed that there were signs on campus asking students to recycle without recycling bins. She also organized a similar campaign at her high school in Atlanta, Georgia. As an Atlanta native she noticed that there are a lot of landfills in Georgia as well as other southern states. Northern states also have landfills, but they are at sea level and

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Few Surprises in 2003 Elections



"The Blue Print": James Artis and Melba Grown victorious, as they were elected President and Vice-President on 4-11-03.

By: Angel Saunders
News Editor

From words that formed the basic speech to open honesty; From the Tortoise and Hare to the Cadillac and Expedition, and whether you were a star or not, if you aren't left standing, you have fallen from the skies of hype.

A few will remember a week of seeing pictures of familiar or not so familiar faces hanging on the front of their door or answered knocks to reveal a person with a glued on smile that most candidates wear. But speech night is nowhere near forgettable.

Beginning with common lines like "I'm not going to stand here and make you promises that I know I can't keep and you know I can't keep," stated by Blake Saunders from team Made Men to more symbolic statements such as "This is chess not checkers," spoken by Dylan Wiggins from team Takeover.

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Dr. DeLauder Tribute Part II

Sixteen Years of Change

By Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Upon his arrival as president of Delaware State University, Dr. William B. DeLauder set high goals and priorities focusing on academic advancement, and as the 16-year journey comes to a close he stated, "I think a lot of the goals we have achieved."

DeLauder, who has reached many milestones throughout his reign as president including changing the college to a university, and adding new

programs and facilities he describes the university as a very different place than it was 16 years ago, both externally and internally.

In 1987 the board was very involved in day-to-day institution operations, which was not to be the case under the reign of DeLauder. According to DeLauder, the board's role is to set policies, while the president's role is to administer and manage the institution. The president is to be held accountable for carrying out their policies, but they don't get involved in

day-to-day operations of campus.

But, a humble Dr. DeLauder gives credit to longtime board chairman, the late Dr. William Dix for helping him in his transition as president of the institution. He credits Dix for aiding the board, as well as himself in how the institution should be operated.

As the newly appointed president, DeLauder knew he had to set priorities to make his reign a successful and memorable one. "I set priorities in terms of work that we wanted to work on and I set academics as a top priority," said DeLauder. "By making sure we build the best programs that we can."

First, the library was renovated, faculty credentials were re-evaluated adding more teachers with doctorate degrees, and programs with high quality accreditation were offered.

Then, DeLauder began to work on the physical facilities beginning with the library, the Mishoe Science center, Warren-Franklin, MBNA build-

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The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education is Commemorated with Three Day Conference at DSU

By: Christina Blakeney

The historical milestone and imperative case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, of 1954, was the central topic of a three day conference, in the MBNA Longwood Auditorium. This event was sponsored by the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, The Black Studies Program, and the History, Political Science, and Philosophy Department at Delaware State University.

A small audience of the DSU community—students, faculty, and staff, gathered in the Longwood Auditorium, to receive a different and profound perspective of the Brown case, during the conference. This educational and historical event began last Wednesday April 9th and ended last Friday, April 11th. Dr. Bradley Skelcher, the Director of the History Graduate Program, Dr. Yohuru

Williams and Dr. Baruti Kopano, co-directors of The Black Studies Program served as the primary moderators of the forum. The speakers lectured about the significance of the Brown case.

The Brown decision is an imperative part of history, especially considering the history of persons of African descent in America, because it exemplified that "separate but equal, was inherently unequal," as it pertained to education. This was imperative because it exonerated this unjust doctrine of (separate but equal) from the Plessy v. Ferguson case of 1896.

Throughout the conference the audience was enlightened about the political, social, and economic impact of racism on African-Americans through the injustice of segregation,



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hepatitis, or convulsions heart disease or cancer.

Those who consumed alcohol within the past 12 hours, gotten any tattoos, body piercing or brandings within the past year were also turned away from donating blood.

Co-sponsor J. Nicole Johnson, senior public relations major and president of National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ), contacted the Blood Bank of Delaware Eastern Shore, only to find that Alpha Nu

Omega Sorority Inc. was already organizing an event and was encouraged to hook up with them.

"We just wanted to have an event that was something different and would get everyone involved in helping the Delaware community", said Kandis Samuels, a senior biology major and secretary of Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Inc., when asked about the idea's origin.

Valencia Warren, junior biology major, was inspired by roommate, Kandis Samuels, to get involved, thus bringing on the ROTC of DSU.

Freshman airway science major, Justin Manlove, seemed very confi-

dent about participating in the event. "I donated blood because of the war. I feel very righteous and believe it is very important to donate blood because there is a need for it all over the world.

Ms. Paige McIlvain, assistant supervisor of the Blood Bank of Delaware Eastern Shore, said "I think the blood drive went very well. It is extremely important to get involved because all of the blood donated really counts. Besides, you can't trans- fuse dollars and by donating, you are someone's hero."

The blood drive couldn't have come at a better time, due to the war with Iraq and the need for more blood to be donated. There is also a need for African-American blood donors. Many black people have rare blood types that are unique to black communities, but would help those who need blood lessen their chance of having physical reactions.

The blood drive was an overall success and great minds do think alike. Four organizations put forth much effort to do work together for one sole purpose, saving lives.

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export most of their much of their waste to the south. Studies have shown that more landfills and less money has been put into waste removal in areas of high African American population also adding to Viniece's motivation to recycle.

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

Letter to the Editor

When Justin, my son, shared the outcome of Tishara's trial and sentence, I felt his hurt, but more importantly his spirit of helplessness as he tried to make sense of how this could happen to someone whose faith is and has been in a Savior my son (Justin) had come to know as his own. Sometimes we never understand, but I believe God is faithful and He will reveal himself to Tishara.

Could God have a bigger purpose for Tishara than getting a degree from Delaware State? Could it be that God knew He could depend on her to surrender to His will. Make no doubt about it Romans 8:28 is real. Until she comes to this realization... howev-

er long it takes, we must CONTINUE to pray for her comfort of knowing that God will not forsake her, nor leave her.

Please share this with anyone who can give me an address of where she is. Our Woman's Missionary Union at New Jericho Community Church in Laurel, Maryland prays for anyone who needs prayer, and AS LONG AS they need prayer. We'd like to adopt this young woman who has touched our lives, send her cards of encouragement and visit her until her change comes. In the name of the only one who can save, Jesus Christ, Amen!

Marian R. Dickson

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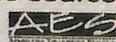
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CAMPUS NEWS

Professor Feature: Baruti Kopano

By: Jennifer Robinson

Professor Baruti Kopano has made a living out of becoming an inspiration to his students, but where did his motivation stem from?

Since 1990, Kopano has been a professor with the mass communications department of Delaware State University. It was interesting to learn that Kopano was an undergraduate student at Morgan State University and Delaware State University had yet to establish the flourishing communications department that we have today.

He was an undergraduate student of Dr. Wendall Gorum, who is a professor at Delaware State University and there was no communications department at the college. As a matter of fact it was at the time when the journalism program was within the English department, which later separated into its own individual section.

Gorum invited Kopano to come to Delaware State University in order to build the mass communications department separately. "I believe that there is a lot of power within the media. They play an important role in

socializing society. I would like to see more attention paid to discussing that power within our mass communications department," added Kopano.

In addition, he has had the opportunity to engage in a vast array of experience regarding the mass communications field of work. He has worked in commercial as well as non-commercial radio in areas such as Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York. He has also participated in jobs such as producing, copyrighting, announcing, and newscasting.

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Frederick Vaughn from FBI (Fall Back Inc.) expressed that the acronym means everyone should fall back and play their role and that it's important to increase male unity. While both women's senate candidates, Nia (meaning purpose) and Purpose stressed diversity.

Future voters seemed rather amused when Toni Thomas, who ran for Miss Senior, gave blessings to our senses and Melba Brown running mate from Blueprint remarked that passion is undeniable.

From Chevis Anderson's plan, "operation get the word out" to Michael Feeney's early claim of being an advocate of the campus, courtyard, and commuter students; From flamboyant openings to obvious contradictions, if words were wrote to be read instead of hearing the way they were spoken, clear judgments may have been clouded because everyone including the seated listeners had a point to make.

Brown

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during the Civil Rights era. Mr. Rourke Moore, a visiting scholar, engaged the audience by challenging their knowledge, about African-American history. He posed the question that the Brown case, "The Brown case was a deliberate attempt to knock down what rule in 1896?" Delano Hunter, a freshman at DSU responded, "Plessy v. Ferguson." Moore informed the audience about the particulars of the Brown decision. He said, "The Brown decision cannot enforce restrictive covenants in education." Restrictive covenants were racist ordinances which restricted African-Americans from attaining social and economic equality by forcing them into impoverished areas, primarily in cities, within the United States.

It was stated about Mr. Littleton Mitchell, a civil rights activist and advocate, "Mr. Littleton Mitchell has been a leader both in word and in deed for those of us who sought freedom and justice and equality in areas of housing, neighbor, and recreation." Mitchell, told the audience about Professor Jack Greenberg's law background and introduced him. Jack Greenberg is from Columbia University Law School, who was one of the leading attorneys along with Thurgood Marshall, in the Brown case; they struggled for equality and justice in education, through desegregation.

Mitchell stated,

"Professor Greenberg has participated in human rights missions in the Soviet Union, in Poland, in South Africa, the Philippines, Korea, and Nepal. He has served as adjunct professor at Columbia Law School from 1970 through 1984. He has made innumerable contributions to the continuing struggle for Civil Rights." Professor Jack Greenberg the keynote speaker specifically noted the Delaware case included in the Brown decision.

He said, "It's wonderful to be here at Delaware State." Greenberg later noted, "Essentially my leading career began here in Delaware, focusing on Dover, with Crawford against The University of Delaware. The case that in 1950 was unconstitutional to the inclusion of Black Students in the University of Delaware and the requirement that if they wanted to attend a state college, they'd have to go to Delaware State College. Not that anything really diffused the racial segregation, but Delaware State College then was a handful of run down buildings, with faculty of like maybe four or six percent. One vivid memory that I retained was having visited in 1960, is going to the president's house, the acting president William Fountain/Fontane, who had a clean door on his house, with a clean torn,

red wooded frame, just hanging there, that symbolized the appearance of the rest of the school, which in turn symbolized the education of whites. Nothing at all like the modern comforts of the building, which we are in at the moment."

Brown v. Board of Education is also pertinent because of its relation to affirmative action. Delaware State University students exemplified political activism and consciousness when they participated in The March On Washington for Affirmative Action. DSU students marched with a plethora of other college students, activists, and advocates on April 1, 2003 to the Supreme Court, to demonstrate in support of affirmative action.

The last session on Friday was memorable because of the university's recognition of a historical event, by honoring its pioneers who have impacted present generations. They received certificates of gratitude and appreciation. One of those persons, Reverend Shirley Bulah Stamp, was among the guests who were honored. Reverend Stamp was recognized for her agitation of equality through education, in the Delaware case of Brown v. Board of Education. The entire conference served to educate and enlighten the DSU community on the relevance of the Brown case and its enduring legacy.

Items for Troops Requested

The DSU Chapter of Alpha Eta Rho, a national aviation fraternity, is currently collecting the following items to support DSU family members who have been deployed in support of the ongoing war in Iraq:

Disposable cameras, non-perishable snacks, powdered drink mix, candy, razor blades, toothbrushes, phone calling cards, bottled water, chap stick, playing cards, Band-Aids, and toiletry items.

Six Airway Science majors are currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom:

Brad Childs, sophomore
Neil Elmore, junior
Troy Heller, sophomore
Chukwumaobi Onyeanusi, junior

Troy Tolson, sophomore
Donald Steenhangen III, sophomore

The items will be sent to the soldiers from Airway Science, as well as to other troops from DSU. Departments that have APO addresses for students who have been deployed can submit their names to the fraternity as well.

Contributions can be taken to the Airway Science Cottage (located off of Parking Lot 15 between the E&H and ETV buildings). For more information, or to submit the names of deployed students, contact Polly Steenhangen, chair of the Department of Airway Science, at x6712 or email her at pollypilot@juno.com.

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DeLauder

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ing, the agriculture extension, the courtyards, and most recently the new administration building. But, according to DeLauder the biggest physical change to the campus was making the transition into a walking campus. The university mall area use to be roadways, until the \$5-7 million project took place paving spacious cement walkways for students to walk as they please to classes.

"We tried to have a good strategic plan by identifying strengths and weaknesses, and then setting goals and objectives," said DeLauder, who believes the university has achieved a lot of its goals. "There's some goals that perhaps we didn't make as much progress on as I would have had like to, but I think a good number of things that we were seeking to do, we were able to do."

DeLauder also emphasized the importance of resources. "There was a lot to do, which made it important to set priorities because some of them are driven by resources...you can't do everything at one time."

"Everybody wanted me to build a new stadium as the first thing and if I had tried to, this campus would probably still look like it did in 1987 because I wouldn't have gotten any support from the state for a project like that because they would say how do you set your priorities?"

Last year the blueprint of the \$30 million football stadium/wellness center was shown in the Hornet newspaper. DeLauder hoped to begin progress on the stadium before his departure, but money is what gets the project rolling.

Though, many believe a new football stadium is at the top of the list of things Delaware State University needs to improve, DeLauder feels retention is the biggest problem facing the university. "We put a lot of time and effort into that, but there's still a lot of work to be done." According to DeLauder, enrollment management and student affairs were coordinated to bring academic and student affairs together in an attempt to extend living and learning outside of the classroom.

Currently, the number of students returning after their freshman year doesn't look too promising. The on-

going first year retention problem continues because according to DeLauder the biggest loss of students comes between freshman-sophomore year.

The goal set by DeLauder was 80% of students would return after freshman year. Though the goal has not been reached, progress has been made, as DSU seem to be stuck at about 68%. Over the last three-four years the numbers have fluctuated between 65-69%.

"Retention is everyone's business," DeLauder said, "from the custodian, who cleans the building, to the secretary, who works in the office, to the administrators who work with students, and to all the faculty members in the classroom. All of us have a role to play in student retention."

President DeLauder believes his greatest contribution was not changing the college to a university, but elevating the name of DSU as an institution of higher education, not only in Delaware, but also in the nation and to a degree internationally.

"More people know us [DSU], more people value us, and more people have a greater opinion of the quality of this institution."

When asked to describe a Delaware State student he quickly responded saying the students are better now. "When I first came, it was almost like open admissions, anyone who applied got in. Not true anymore." According to DeLauder, fewer than 70% of students who apply are admitted.

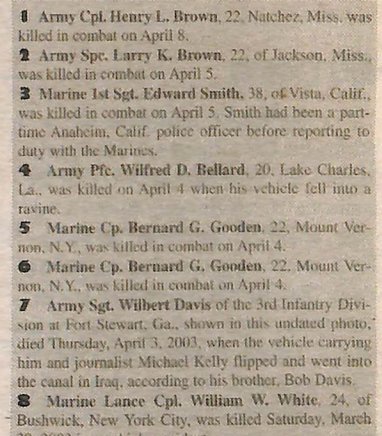
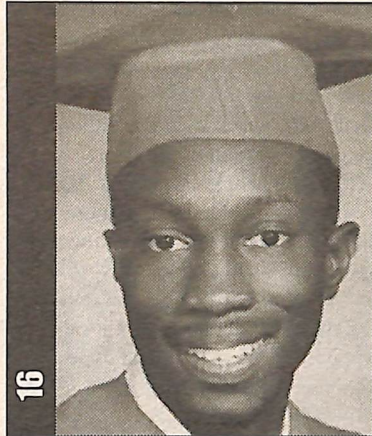
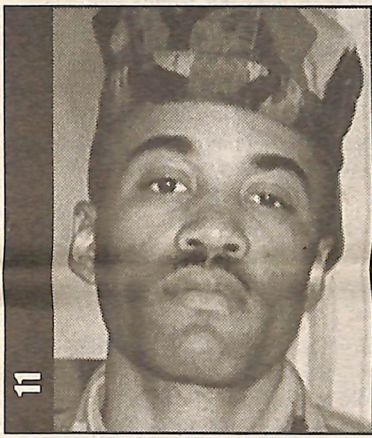
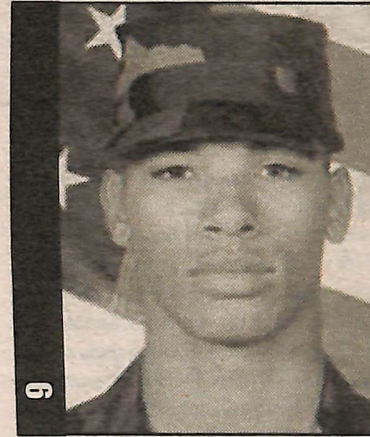
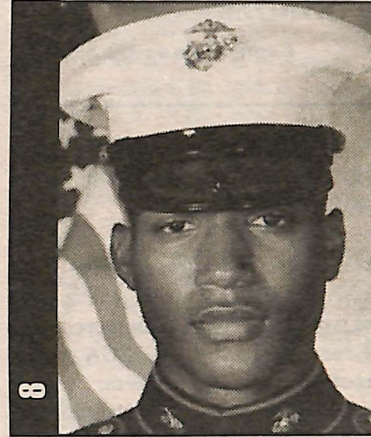
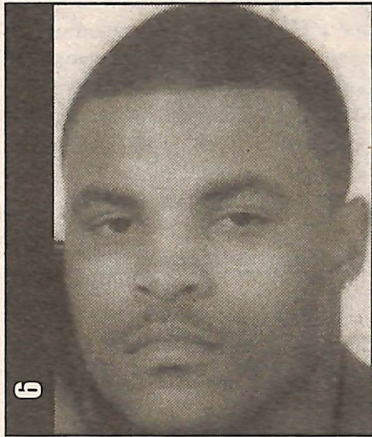
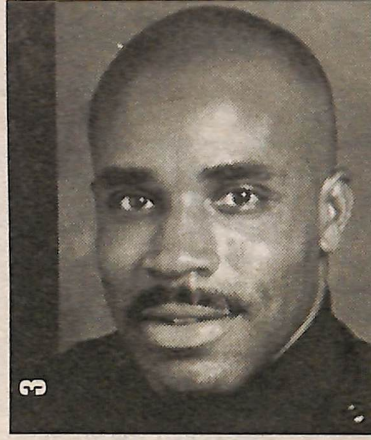
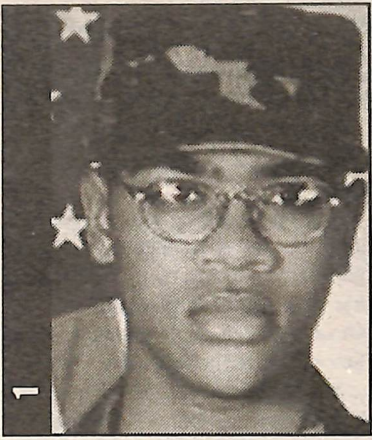
He credits admissions for being more selective after changing criteria in 1998 and believes the overall quality of students will continue to increase.

He describes a Delaware State student as knowledgeable in their discipline, one who carries values, has the ability to work-hard, represent themselves well, and articulate.

On June 30, 2003 the 16-year journey will end, and a new regime will begin under Dr. Allen Sessoms.

DeLauder recalls when he first arrived and the institution, "When taking on new responsibilities and without knowing intimate details, you don't want to make pre-judgments until you get to learn the place and look at its strengths and weaknesses, then seek to move forward."

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES



- 1 Army Cpl. Henry L. Brown, 22, Natchez, Miss., was killed in combat on April 8.
- 2 Army Spc. Larry K. Brown, 22, of Jackson, Miss., was killed in combat on April 5.
- 3 Marine 1st Sgt. Edward Smith, 38, of Vista, Calif., was killed in combat on April 5. Smith had been a part-time Anaheim, Calif. police officer before reporting to duty with the Marines.
- 4 Army Pfc. Wilfred D. Bellard, 20, Lake Charles, La., was killed on April 4 when his vehicle fell into a ravine.
- 5 Marine Cpl. Bernard G. Gooden, 22, Mount Vernon, N.Y., was killed in combat on April 4.
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- 7 Army Sgt. Wilbert Davis of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., shown in this undated photo, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, when the vehicle carrying him and journalist Michael Kelly flipped and went into the canal in Iraq, according to his brother, Bob Davis.
- 8 Marine Lance Cpl. William W. White, 24, of Bushwick, New York City, was killed Saturday, March 29, 2003 in a vehicle accident.
- 9 Army Sgt. Eugene Williams, 24, of Highland, N.Y., Williams was killed when a man detonated explosives inside the taxi he was driving at a checkpoint outside the city of Najaf in south-central Iraq, on March 29.
- 10 Army Sgt. Roderic A. Solomon, 32, Fayetteville, N.C., was killed when his Bradley vehicle went over a cliff Friday, March 28, 2003.
- 11 Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael Vann Johnson Jr., 25, Little Rock, Ark., killed in combat March 25, 2003. The medic was struck by shrapnel while tending to wounded comrades, his relatives said Thursday.
- 12 Army Spc. Jamaal R. Addison, 22, Roswell, Ga., of the 507th Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, was killed March 23 in Iraq when a convoy took a wrong turn near An Nasiriyah in central Iraq and was ambushed.
- 13 Marine Pfc. Tamario D. Burkett, 21, Buffalo, N.Y.
- 14 Army Pfc. Howard Johnson II, 21, Mobile, Ala., of the 507th Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, was killed in combat on March 23.
- 15 Staff Sgt. Kendall Damon Waters-Bey, 29, of Baltimore, was killed March 21, 2003 in a helicopter crash in Kuwait.
- 16 Army Sgt. George Edward Buggs, 31, Barnwell, S.C., was identified April 5 as one of the soldiers found dead during the rescue of an American POW.
- 17 Army Pvt. Brandon Sloan, 19, Bedford Heights, Ohio, of the 507th Maintenance Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, was identified by the Pentagon April 5 as one of the soldiers found dead during the rescue of an American POW in Iraq.
- 18 Army Sgt. Stevon Booker, 34, Apollo, Pa.
- 19 Sgt. Nicolas M. Hodson, 22, of Smithville, Mo., Marine, officer killed in vehicle accident in Iraq, March 24, 2003. Hodson was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

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The Journalistic Line of Fire

By: Michael Feeney
Assistant Editor

Who would have thought that in 2003 the United States would be at war for someone else's freedom? Who would have thought that the United States would feed live coverage of the war straight from the battlefields? And who would have thought those embedded journalists, who are seeking to bring us the "truth," would be killed at the hands of a war?

Michael Kelly, the Atlantic Monthly's editor-at-large and a Washington Post columnist, was killed on April 3 in a Humvee accident with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division (washingtonpost.com). The 46-year old journalist

had previous experience covering a war, as he covered the first Persian Gulf War as a freelance writer. Kelly was the first among 600 correspondents participating in the Pentagon's embedded journalist program.

Prior to his death an Australian and two British journalists were killed covering the war for Iraqi freedom.

David Bloom, co-anchor of NBC's "Today" show weekend editions, whose death was not combat related, died in Iraq while covering the war. His death was caused after he suffered a pulmonary embolism. Bloom was not just a journalist, as he was also a husband and father to three girls.

On April 8, a U.S. attack on the Palestine Hotel, which has been a base for much of the non-Iraqi based news media, killed three international journalist including Al-Jazeera television reporter. The reporter, who was on the other side of the Tigris River across from the hotel, was at the Arab's language network faculties when he was killed as a result of the attacks on the hotel. The network also reported that three other Al-Jazeera employees were wounded.

Currently, U.S. Department of Homeland Security has lowered its terror threat level from "high" to "elevated," but the threat for journalists remains the same.

COMMENTARY

Election Apathy

By: JUST-I-Cee-Equality

"It's sad," lamented Jamar Hilton Jeffers, that there are so many uncontested positions when there are so many students on campus complaining about the University." Mr. Jeffers, now a Delaware State University graduate student, ran for SGA President two years ago. Unfortunately, he lost to Maurice Suggs, better known as "Big Reese" who reigned as SGA President for two consecutive years.

When asked if he felt apathy in the atmosphere of DSU, Mr. Suggs agreed and commented that not enough students define with in themselves what leadership means to them. He added, "Each student should fully understand the duties of each office so that they can in turn, better the protocol of that position by being innovative and true to self."

Mr. Suggs is currently a graduating senior majoring in physical education. Since the campaign, both Jeffers and Suggs are still active organizers on the campus and in the community. Nevertheless, what happened to the love?

The campaign debate of Suggs and Jeffers in 2001 marked a change in the future campaigns at DSU. Under the direction of former Student Activities Director Ms. Brown, a new rule was

created and enforced catapult in increase in campaign participation. This rule eliminated the whole party ticket and matched the President and Vice President to spearhead the make up of the new student leadership. The other office, such as, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer are now subject to run on individual tickets.

It was a beautiful site to see school spirit and unity electrify the Martin Luther King Student Center on April 11, 2003. However, seven student leadership positions went uncontested.

So the candidates who ran for the positions simply fell back and became the new student officers for the 2003-2004 school year by just signing up and qualifying. For those seven: Congratulations! For the rest, do not criticize, condemn or complain when it rains because when it rains it does not fall on one man's house.

Leadership begins each day we wake up and look at ourselves in the mirror. Standing up and delivering are natural human progression through development. We all may not have the time, qualifications, energy or ambitions to run for office, but let us at least exercise our right to vote. This year and previous year election are just a microcosm to the microcosm here in the wilderness of North America.

Baruti Kopano

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Kopano began his college career at Howard University as a communications major and later transferred to Morgan State University, where he received his undergraduate's degree. He received his Master's in communication at Syracuse University and gained his Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Linguistics at Indiana at Indiana University in Pennsylvania.

Kopano has always been fascinated by radio, rappers, and disc jockeys. Actually, these subjects influenced his decision to further his studies for his Ph.D.

Kopano was fascinated by their use of language. He went to undergraduate school with the intention of becoming a disc jockey, but later realized that most people that enter the field don't make much money. He also noticed the fact that jockeys had lost the personality and freedom that once made them who they were.

Ultimately, he decided that he could do more with his talents than become a disc jockey. Currently, Kopano is writing articles for journal publications. He has an article that will be published next month in the *Western Journal of Black Studies*, which focuses on rappers and the rhetorical routes of what they are doing. In the summer of 2003, he will have an article coming out in the *Journal of the National Council of Black Studies*, which will view the language commonalities between black radio disc jockeys and rappers.

Kopano is also co-editing with Dr. Yohuru Williams, associate professor of history. Both men co-direct the black studies program and are currently co-editing on a black studies text-book. It will be distributed internationally in the late summer.

Kopano is also an associate editor for the 2003 Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), which sponsors a kit that is devised to aid teachers at all levels in the instruction of black history month.

Kopano edited the sacred arts section, which informs teachers of the ways in which they can use the arts to teach black history. There is a book as well as cd-rom for this program. The book is scheduled to be out later this summer, but the cd-rom can be found at this time.

Kopano is also working on a mass communications text book that views African Americans participation in the media and plans to in the future create a book that will study the impact of hip-hop and rap music on American life as well as culture.

The standard advice that Kopano has to offer to students who are wishing to enter the field of mass communications is that students should develop as many contacts as possible, partake in internships whether it's paid or non-paid, and join various professional organizations related to the field. Organizations such as the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) as well as the National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ) can be a great asset.

Students should also become a part of the organizations found on campus such as the campus newspaper, campus TV and radio stations, and the year-book. Students should read diverse sources as well as listen and watch diverse shows. In order to communicate with different people, a journalist must be exposed to the various modes of communication.

Students must also give focus to their writing, research, and speaking skills no matter what their major may be. From here, Kopano would like to write for a more popular audience and thus forge a professional relationship with the radio and music world.

It is his desire to remain current with what is taking place not only in the mass communications industry, but in the radio and music recording industry as well. In the near future he would like to begin work on writing fiction pieces.

On Affirmative Action: A March On Washington Or "A Chill Day In Washington"?

By: Ebony Montague

On Monday April 1, 2003, SGA sponsored three buses (1 ? of them full), to the march in the Nations' Capitol. For those who accompanied SGA to the march, their day had started at 5am. We arrived at New Carrollton station just after 8:30 and took the Metro to South Capitol where we were greeted by NAACP representatives who handed out posters for the protest. We walked four blocks north where we met the masses in front of the Supreme Courthouse where the Landmark case of *Brown v Board of Education* (1954) and Affirmative Action laws (of 1978) were being challenged.

The soul purpose of the March was to support Affirmative Action and those who were fighting to keep it inside that courthouse. Less than two years ago white prospective students of Michigan University Undergrad and the Universities' Law school claimed that they were not admitted on the account of their race. Since then they have been battling it out in the highest court of the land. Affirmative action was implemented in 1978 to create better chances for minorities to attend predominantly white Universities and receive equal opportunity employment.

In any case I want to speak on the situation that the DSU branch of protesters or Pro-chillers faced while in D.C. While at the rally we were addressed by the Reverend Jesse Jackson and other college student leaders including law students from Michigan University Law School as well as Undergrads.

By 9:30 Clint Saunders, President of SGA decided to pull us out of the crowd because of suspect trash bags that were being passed out into the street. "Fair enough" I thought. After we grabbed a bite to eat, we returned for the grand march at 1pm.

We went to the Central train station where most of the group split and went their separate ways. We all agreed that we would all meet back up at 11:30 in the grand court. Most went to the food court to satisfy their appetites others found themselves shopping around in the stores of the upper levels. By 12pm we had regrouped in the grand court and were headed toward the main event at Washington monument. The group, enthusiastic some more than others found themselves chanting and singing the words to songs associated with our position. One chant was "Can't nobody take my pride, can't nobody hold me down, oh no I've got to keep on moving" by Mase and Puff in the early days.

We found ourselves among thousands of other supporters marching at least 10 miles from the Courthouse to Washington monument. We were about a half of a mile away from our destination when I noticed that the group had come to an abrupt halt. One of my colleagues had gone back to see what the situation was. When she came back she said that the group did not want to go forward because the buses were scheduled to leave at 2pm, an hour after the main event was to begin.

Another problem was that the train station was at least a mile back and if we had not turned around we would not make it back to the buses on time. I went back to inquire on the situation.

I asked Mr. Saunders "What is the problem?" "Nobody wants to go up there and the buses leave at 2pm we have to get back!" he responded. "If you knew that the buses were leaving at two then why would you have us walk all the way up here just to say no, we can't go up. There is no time." He had no response except to say that we could not get an extension on the buses that we had rented. So in essence we missed the most important part of the march because of this discrepancy in planning.

As you could imagine I was entirely upset with the situation and so were my colleagues who had the underlining issues of the march at heart. What true freedom fighter would not? The next morning I talked to S.G.A president Clint about the situation. I inquired about the cost of the buses, why the trip had not been publicized and why had better efforts not been made to plan the trip? Approxi-

mately \$2,000 was spent to rent those buses and out of the hundreds who signed up only an estimated 10% actually showed. As far as planning goes, I was told that the University was not even sure if they wanted students to attend the March because of the war, which is understandable. However, there were thousands of students both black and white who showed their support despite the position of the country in a time of war. The faculties of these schools backed their students, who showed where there commitments lie. In any situation the trip was not publicized for the reasons mentioned above. I ask each reader to question his or her own commitments and discover what is important to you as well as how it affects your future. Research affirmative action and decide for yourself whether or not it was worth the trip and then ask yourself how your life would be with out it.

At The Heart of Humanity

By: Tyjanea Harper

In this time of profound turmoil and emotional unrest, the nation is at the forefront of constant worry and uneasiness. The present war that America is engaged has interrupted the minds of many, particularly the family members of those who have loved ones at war. The very fact that someone's loved one is in harms way evokes much worry and uncertainty, thus creating families that are frantic and incomplete. The absence of loved ones as a result of the war has left voids in the hearts of American's. Therefore, there is a dire need for society at large to bring solace to the emotional condition of many people.

The American Red Cross, in its effort to alleviate human suffering, has a program where there is a representative to convey information from local families to troops overseas. The service that is provided from the Red Cross,

essentially, captures the human spirit, illustrating a heart of valor and commitment to the welfare of mankind. The manifestation of the efforts of the Red Cross acts as a pillar of emotional comfort for many Americans with families overseas. This service provided by the Red Cross gives sacred meaning to its' emblem.

The valor of the soldiers overseas is a monumental part of the American Culture, reflecting a will to protect justice and stand for a worth cause. In this vein, the Red Cross is undoubtedly a precious contributor and asset to society at large because it is a constant productive source that aids the efforts of the nation in different facets of living. Particularly, the communication that the Red Cross conveys to soldiers overseas is a heartfelt deed that transcends so much meaning.



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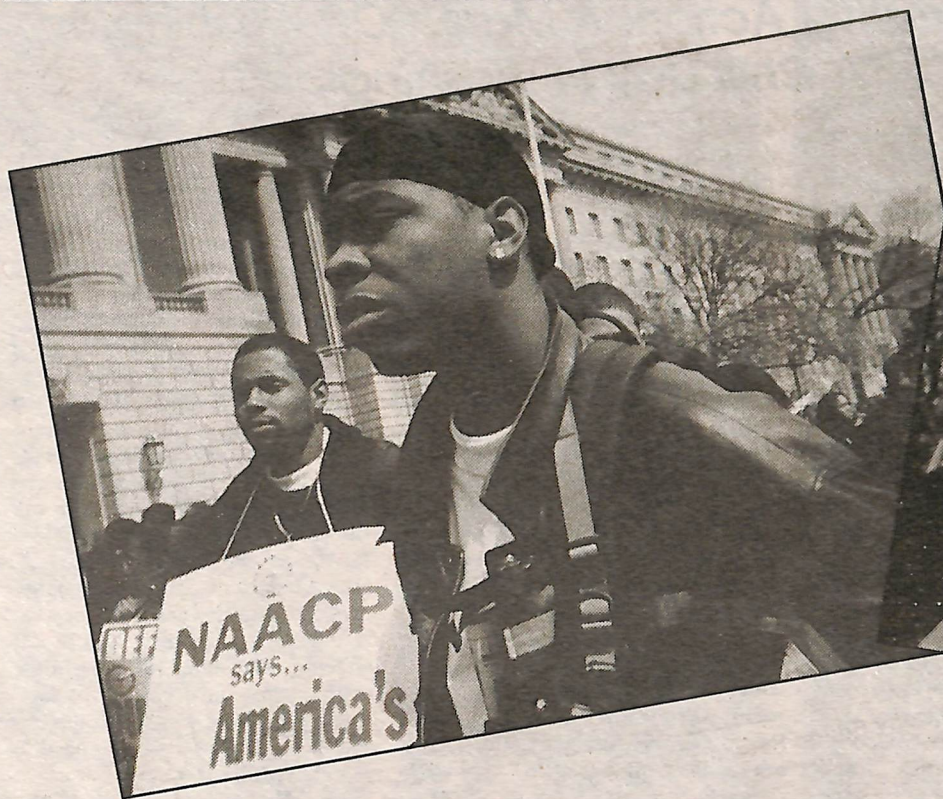
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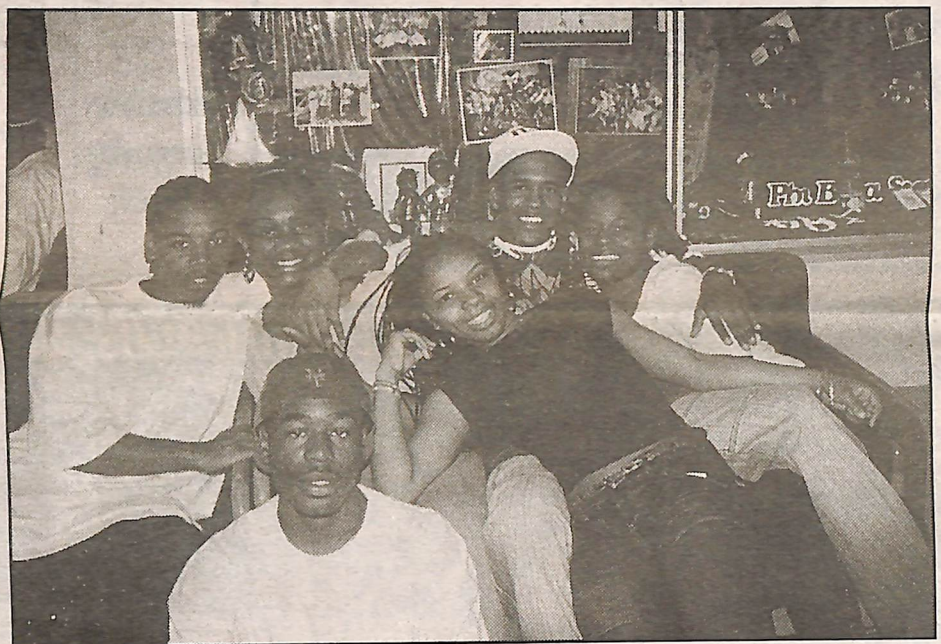
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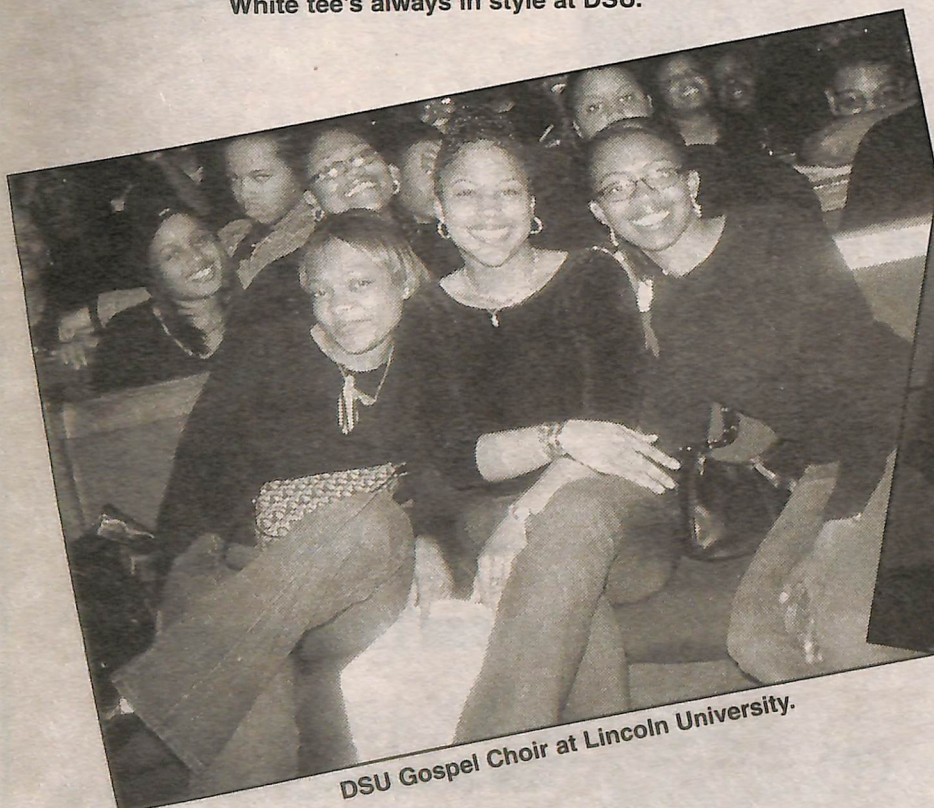
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IN STYLE

SALUTE TO THE FLAG THE BODY & FASHION SHOW

By: Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

No other male modeling company than body and soul could create all the commotion that turned the lovely ladies of DSU, into a pack of un-lady like, wolves. On March 26th at 8:00pm in the Martin Luther King Student Center Roy Campbell and his team of male models came to DSU to put on a show intended to be special for the ladies.

Due to current events in the world the show opened up with an erotic spin on the salute to the flag. The models introduced themselves in red glittery boxers following with an American or some other countries flag tied around them at the waist in a sarong style. This had the ladies on their feet at

attention to salute the flag of every country that entered the stage.

Vocal, which is Nelly's first line out, Enyche, Fubu Platinum, Phat Farm, and Roccawear filled the first half of the show with various designs composed of mostly jeans and sweats. It was after the Roccawear collection that they took an intermission to prepare to get the guys ready for the next half. I took this opportunity to speak with the ladies and get some feed back to see how they thought the show was going thus far.

When speaking with Meagan Johnson she said "the show is sexy, and tasteful", Chinelle thought the show was "off the hook!", Tanya Glasco, and Beverly Johnson were there to show their nephew and son support, they

were very proud of him. Not every one was happy with the show at this point. Atiyah Rhodes Graduating Fashion Merchandising major, thought the show was "pretty boring", Marsha Carey another Graduating senior, but from the Social Work Dept, thought the show was for lack of better words "WACK", and was disappointed that there was a fat old guy, with no body, or soul in the show. Shawn Hill one of the males in attendance at the show had to agree with Marsha, and Atiyah he wanted to know "Where the body and soul was".

When the show began it opened up with the swim wear scene, it also

opened up with Damon of GQ (Gentlemen of Quality). For you ladies who missed the show, Damon opened the scene in a pair of fitted boxer, brief, swim trunks, by Burberry, with a matching bucket hat. Damon is a senior at Delaware State University, who plans to continue to pursue his modeling career, after he graduates. Ironically this was the ladies favorite scene. The scene also featured more of DSU's talented young brothers such as Blake Saunders, John, and Shannon Booker. Shannon, who is new to modeling, is a 20-year-old Philadelphia, native, and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. His modeling

career began when Clint, SGA President referred him to his father.

According to the lovely ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated the show has been better in past years, but as Roy Campbell explained the contract they agreed to meant the show would have to be some what toned down. I guess this is because of the reaction faculty had after the Boom, Boom Room.

The show continued to display fashion designs by Hugo Boss, DKNY, and Donna Karen's signature collection, which led to the finale.

I congratulate all the models for putting their best foot forward.

Style Beat

By Na'imah Boone

Ladies, you're probably ready for the Ball, but I know many of us like to procrastinate and are indecisive. So here are a few suggestions and trends that will help you make your decision final. Here are a few hot styles for Spring:

WHAT'S IN:

Fabrics

Satin
Silk

Styles (Tops)

V-Necks
Tunic

Silk Charmeuse

Chiffon

Colors

Light Pink

(not pale)

Yellow

Metallic

(silver, gold, blue)

White

Shoes

Pumps

Ankle wrap sandals

Halter

Corset

Styles (Bottoms)

Handkerchief

hemlines

Bias-Cut

Pencil skirts

Earrings

Chandelier

Studs



****Spring
Ball
Edition****

MAC

By: Alex A. Outlaw
Fashion Guru

Hey ladies, with the spring ball right around the corner, and due to popular request on make up tips, I recently sought out professional help of MAC makeup artist Sarah in the Christiana Mall for all those makeup how-to's you've been asking for. Sarah gave me a step-by-step guide for you ladies to follow when applying your foundation, lipstick, and eye shadow. Sarah also gave a few tips on how healthy skin can really help enhance your natural beauty.

First when applying your foundation, you want to begin by starting with a clean canvas (wash your face). After cleaning your face you want to moisturize your skin, this alleviates dryness. After you have properly cleansed your face match your undertone to find the best foundation for you. You may want to seek out expert advice to find the best match for you. After you have applied foundation to the face you may want to set it with a powder. Ladies remember only the face needs make up. There is no need to extend down the neck, or into the hairline. Mac has a variety of colors to choose from so it will blend in just fine if properly applied. From here you can apply your blush.

When getting ready to apply eye shadow begin with a concealer, on the lid to help the color pop. Next you want to apply a neutral skin color from the base of the lid to the brow, and then use a contour color in the crease. Some other helpful hints-if you have oily skin stay away from crème shadows because it will cause

creasing, and if your skin is dry you need to use a shadow with moisturizer.

For those seductive kiss blowers, when applying lipstick, begin by conditioning the lip, preferably with Mac lip conditioner, and for added smoothness, every so often exfoliate the lips by lightly brushing the lips with a soft toothbrush, to remove dead skin. Next line the lip with a lip liner, and fill them inn. According to Sarah and other fashion guru's that thin dark line around the lip and light lipstick is outdated. Use a brush to blend inn the lip, then go over it again with a lip liner. For a high volume shine try any one of Mac's lip glasses over the lipstick.

For long luxurious lashes a few strokes is all you need. You don't want clumps, because it dries the lashes out. If you're wondering the difference between a curved brush and a straight brush there isn't one. It is mostly a choice of preference. Mac believes that makeup is an art, and it's all about how you put it on".

A few tips to keep your skin and makeup looking flawless

Drink lots of water-is key, when eliminating toxins, and blemishes.

Change Mascara every three months, and don't use a water base. Change your foundation with the seasons. You are darker in the summer and need to apply a darker foundation, to suit your darker complexion.

P.S For every six MAC empty plastics you return to a MAC store you will receive one free. (empty lipsticks, lip glass, or anything in plastic call them for details.)

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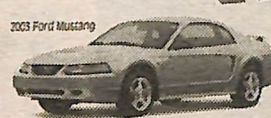
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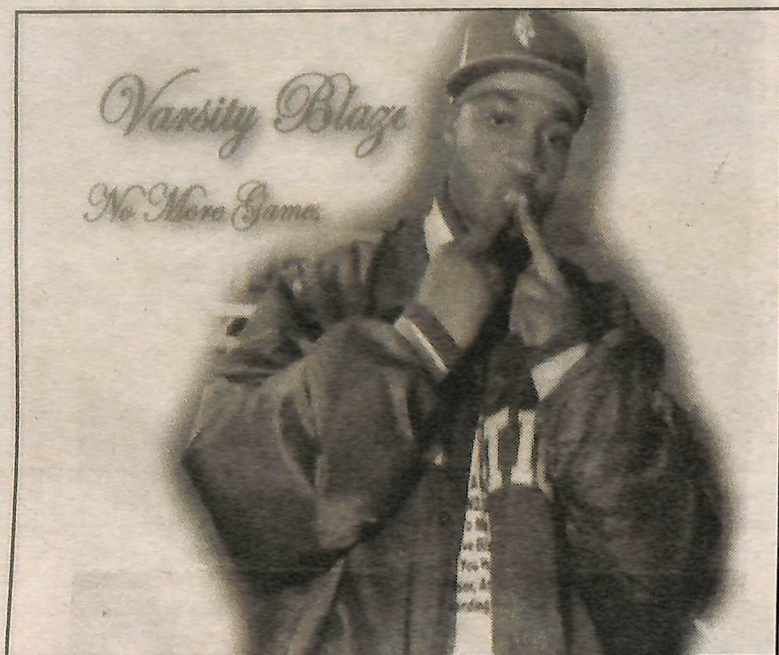


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ENTERTAINMENT



Varsity Blaze heating things up at Del State

By: B. dot™

Busy and determined are words that best personify this PA native and Delaware State University freshman. Reppin' his crew G-N-S to its fullest degree, Varsity Blaze unleashes his anticipated album *No more games*.

.....*Games*, Blaze's first solo album (he was featured on two previous mix tapes) is something he's truly proud of. The thirteen track compilation consists of two songs produced by a friend from Philly and the rest by a Conwell resident. Blaze feels most of the album embodies his characteristics, life and is a product that everyone can relate to. His favorite track, "Streets done raised me," features friend and Delaware State freshman Hakeem Collins on an up tempo beat and catchy hook. *Games*, has a ray of a special guest appearances. From Del States own Church to Blaze's 15 year old brother, this album is a good attempt to give anyone that has an ounce of talent some shine.

Unlike other so-called rappers on campus, Blaze is quite possibly the only one making moves with his talent. "At

the end of this month I have a contact with someone from Def Jam, so I'm going to be able to spit some of my stuff to him. After that, who knows what can happen."

Even though he's an aspiring rapper, Blaze says he's not focused on making this his career goal. "This is just a hobby I'm just trying to do something with. If a deal comes around, I'm going to take it." Blaze is often criticized by other rappers on campus because of his skills and talent. In regular Varsity Blaze mode he always is first to bite back at his critics. "I'm here to handle my business at school. Everyone knows I can rap. I got mad respect for any MC that can spit; but those who feel any way toward me, line it up in front of Conwell and battle Blaze (talking in third person). I accept all challengers. Anyone can punch line."

For skeptics, *Games* is an overall decent and passable album. For those who would like to purchase the five dollar CD, *No More Games*, you can catch him Blaze around campus or at Conwell hall.

REALITY CHECK

By: B. dot %

What's the deal Del. State, it's definitely warmed up as of late hasn't? The heat really does something to this campus, huh? Conwell feels like F'n Cambodia and I see some of our ladies sweating out their 'Just For Me' perms, but like always that's neither here nor there.

I tell you what has been heating up though—these elections. Since this my first time at any college, (for those that don't know I am a freshman) I had no idea this thing would turn out to be bigger than rap.

When I went to vote at the MLK, I felt like I was at home on the strip shopping; and the lil' African or Indian man was bombarding me with free cell phone flyers. The candidates were really going hard with all them leaflets and brochures, but I guess it really does pay off at the end.

Before I forget, I would like to acknowledge my 2nd boss Mike Feeney for demolishing the competition. I mean he was bound to win. He had commercials the other guy had hot dogs and a cape. You do the math.



The Miss DSU thing has been really bugging me though. Walk with me as I explain. There was supposed to be three candidates; my boss, Kiesha and Sequanna. How the hell did Sabra get in there? Hmmm? Now, when they announced the votes she did get some votes. Still with me? Forget it, for those who don't understand what I'm trying to say, I think if Sabra wasn't there, the results would have been different. Call it favoritism, I don't care, someone else is the best person for the job. Well that's it for now. Like my boy back home Star would say, if you want to launch big ships you gotta go where there water is deep. I'm out.

Diplomatic Immunity Review

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

When Cam'Ron jumped to the R.O.C. in January of 2002, he brought along his hungry Diplomats crew, which comprised of lifelong buddy and wild-out partner Jim Jones, hype-man Freekey Zekey, and the young buck capturing hip-hop's attention, Juelz Santana.

Over a year later, their first collective major-label album, "Diplomatic Immunity" brings the aforementioned Santana to the public's attention, giving a solid glimpse of what to expect on his solo project.

However, if you're looking for the Confessions of Fire/S.D.E. Cam, please don't pick up this album, or risk high disappointment, as Killa is being more of a mix-tape host than he is an MC.

The Dip-Set beat team, the Heatmakers supply most of the production, which is a carbon-copy of Roc-a-fella producers Just Blaze and Kanye West's carefully crafted "soul sample sound".

On several tracks, the Heatmakers do the beats justice, especially on the 9/11-inspired banger "Ground Zero." Also, sampling the Barbara Mason classic "I'm Ready" makes for a fire track on which Juelz, Jim, and Killa Cam announce they're ready to take over hip hop.

However, Just shows 'em how it's done on "Built This City," sampling Jefferson Starship's 1985 hit of the same name, and establishing the fact that he and Kanye really are the true "soul brothers" of the R.O.C.

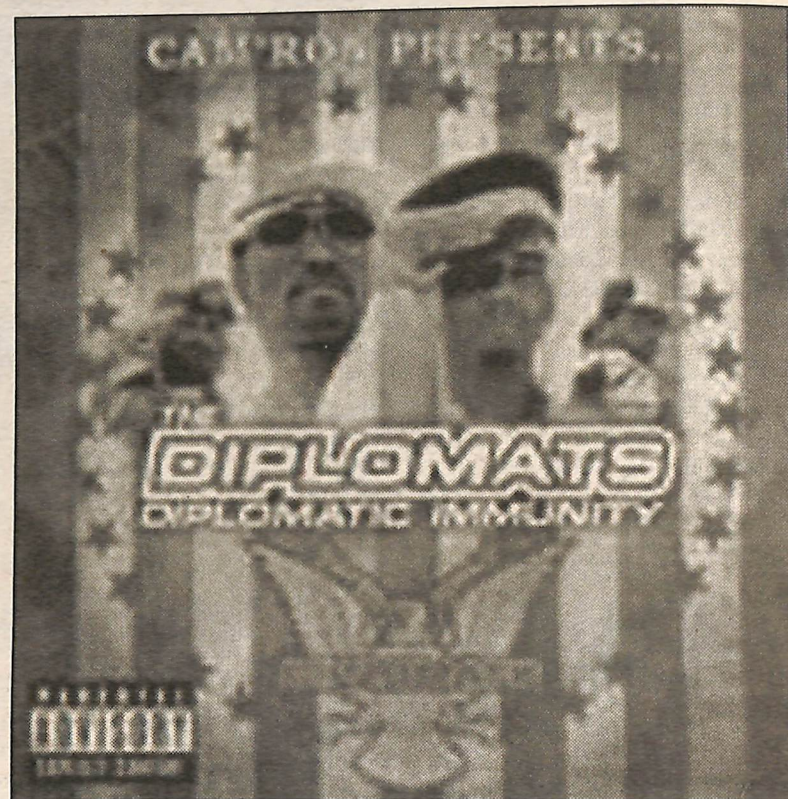
Santana stars on several solos, but the Freeway-Juelz collaboration ("My Love") could have absent from the album. "Who am I" is Juelz's shining track, where he explains to the world, well, who he is.

Gangsta is the hardcore track which brings out his not-so Oh Boy-ish side. Also, the upbeat "Santana the Great" has potential as a party track/thug wild-out banger that maybe should've been saved for his album.

Cam also introduces the incarcerated Hell Rell, a pre-recorded Dip Set member who delivers a decent "from-the-cell" freestyle along with appearances on "Built this City," "This is what I do," and the Marvin Gaye-sampled "Let's Go" in which "Let's get it on" is unfortunately sampled and assaulted to Cam and Rell's liking.

Cam's lifelong homeboy Jimmy Jones contributes several solid verses to this album. His poignant, partly-deep verse on "I'm Ready" (The game done held us back to long/pain, we done felt that too long/cocaine, we done dealt that too long/and my pops, it don't help that you gone....) cements himself as one of many underrated lyricists in the game today. Freekey Zekey is not much of a presence on this album, and was pretty much absent for any promotion for the album, so it is a mystery if he's even still a Diplomat.

And what of Cam you ask? Well, he's really not the same Cameron Giles that stashed little Nate (he was only eight!), or the one who per-



formed incestuous acts with a distant aunt on "Confessions of Fire" so he's really comfortable in his CEO role.

Outside of the God-Awful Freeway appearance, DMX contributing the hook to "What's really good," and the opening track from an unknown named Un Casa, there are no guest appearances on this album,

truly making it a Diplomatic Affair.

In short this Diplomat album will do well because of its hot Rap-Rock beats, the Santana quotient, and of course the fact that "it's the Roc!" Out of 5 Hucklebucks, it must be given 3 and a half because this album could have been better, but given the talent, it's still pretty good.

20 Questions

By: Ghostwriter

1. Doesn't the new Administrative building look like the DMV?
2. Does the new administrative building even have a name?
3. Who's meaner, the dark skinned lady in the café or 'Freckles' in the canteen?
4. Aren't the custodians/maintenance workers the coolest staff members?
5. Did anyone see the deer that ran across campus two weeks ago?
6. Why were the cafeteria workers fighting in the back?
7. Who got sick from Sabra's Election Day cupcakes?
8. Was Chevis Anderson running for superhero of the year?
9. Who was tired of standing in line to vote?
10. Does anyone think they're going to get discovered at DSU's *Def Jam Unsigned Hype*?
11. But if someone does get signed, are they going to leave Del State?
12. Who's getting their prom clothes sent by mail for the Spring Ball?
13. Didn't the Pan-Hell picnic make Del State look like a scene from a *Different World*?
14. What guys were at Body and Soul?
15. Why does Sprite have a remix?
16. Is the SGA going to sponsor a trip to Hot 97's Summer Jam at Giants Stadium?
17. Did people *really* have a good time at Black College Weekend?
18. Are there more fights at intramural basketball games or at trips to UMES?
19. Who hasn't pre-registered for class yet?
20. Does the football team practice ALL year round?

NBA Playoff Predictions

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

The NBA playoffs kick off in a week's time with everything pretty much set, the Lakers' quest for a four-peat begins while any Eastern Conference team from New Jersey to Milwaukee can play the final round of "who wants to lose to the Western Conference?" However, the West might have some team other than the Lake Show smacking down the East's champion come June.

The Minnesota Timberwolves and MVP-Favorite Kevin Garnett has finally played well enough to get homecourt advantage in the first round, and they'll need it against the Portland Trailblazers, who it looks like will be the T-Wolves' first round opponent.

Meanwhile, the sixth-seeded defending NBA champion Lakers get to play the Dallas Mavericks, who still haven't recovered from blowing a 29-point fourth quarter lead to LA in December. This is like Anna Mae Bullock finally fighting back against Ike as the Mavs will finally dethrone the Lakers, but look for a dogfight.

Sacramento and Utah met in an entertaining five-game series last year, but the Kings are focused and Karl Malone and John Stockton can only carry the Jazz so far in their old

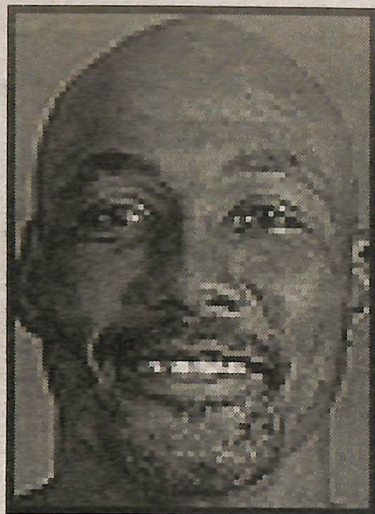


Kevin Garnett

age. The Kings advance to the second round in an easy series.

The Spurs are playing the best basketball of any other team right now, they should continue their hot roll against an up-and-coming Phoenix team, who will be looking for an upset, but it's unlikely.

The second round should bring some good matchups as the Spurs and Dallas will match offense against defense, but the Tim Duncan factor is too much for the high-scoring Mavericks to overcome. Minnesota and Sacramento will be a showdown between KG and C-Webb, but Peja

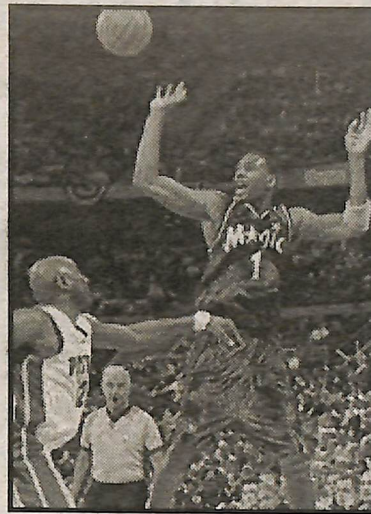


Karl Malone

Stojakovic, Bobby Jackson and the rest of the Sac-town gunners will capture this series for the Kings.

The Kings versus The Spurs for the Western conference title is pretty much the clash of the titans. With no Lakers to spoil their championship party, the Kings will be headed to their first NBA finals, beating the Spurs in what should be an entertaining series.

In the East, it's pretty much whoever wants it better grab it, and the favorite to grab it is the Philadelphia 76ers, but if Keith Van Horn can't

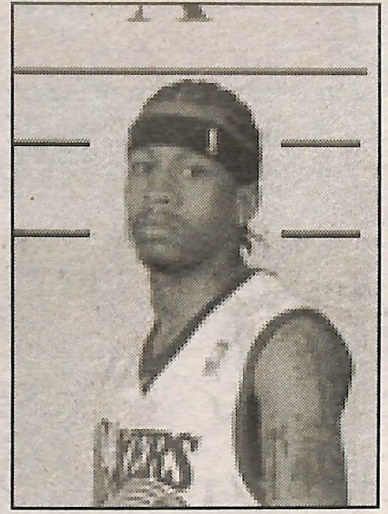


Tracy McGrady

take care of business offensively, the Sixers could face early elimination.

The Nets and the Pistons are masters of defense, but their scoring needs to improve if they have any chance of the making the finals. The mid-pack teams (Indiana, New Orleans, and Orlando) have a chance to bite the top three teams in the butt, but unless Shawn Kemp plays like Wilt Chamberlain and not Willie Mays Hayes, Orlando won't get out of the first round, T-Mac or no T-Mac.

Indiana is too inconsistent, and New Orleans is anybody's guess, but look for



Allen Iverson

Philly and Detroit to square off in the East finals. All jokes aside, the first team to 85 wins all the games, and since A.I. will score about a third of those points, look for the Sixers to reclaim the Eastern Conference championship after loaning it to the Nets last year.

The Kings and The Sixers will be an entertaining series, but Sacramento has too many weapons for an over-matched Philadelphia team with no real inside presence, so look for a parade going through Sacramento when it's all said and done.

Carmelo Anthony: Is he better than LeBron?

By: Chris Stevens
Sports Editor

The title of this piece may raise a few eyebrows, but it must be addressed. Who is this anti-LeBron, the possible future mack of the 2003 NBA Draft? Who could possibly be better than King James?

Well he doesn't have a catchy nickname, but believe that Syracuse freshman forward Carmelo Anthony is an NBA-ready player NOW. Not 15 minutes from now, but right now.

There were questions as to if the 6'7, 190-pound Baltimore native would be a late first round pick had he chosen to come straight to the League from Oak Hill Prep Academy. One year and 30 pounds of muscle later, Anthony is the best player on the NCAA-champion Syracuse Orangemen, and raising questions whether his game is better than that of Akron, Ohio high-school phenom LeBron James.

The seeds for a good-natured rivalry are already growing pretty fast and James has said he would attend college

for a year if Anthony decided to stay in college himself, and would do his best to get his college team on Syracuse's schedule.

However, since we know both of these talented guys are going pro, you have to make the argument for argument's sake. Who's the better ballplayer?

Before this argument can even have any validity, you have to take into account that LeBron is so much of a can't-miss pick, the team who has the number one selection would be clowning into eternity for not grabbing him. The pressure on Carmelo Anthony would be so much that anything less than 25 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 assists per game would deem him a failure. However, being named the Most Outstanding player on college basketball's biggest stage and pretty much carrying a well-deserving coach to his first championship should get him enough respect to be considered draft pick number two.

Offensively, LeBron has much more

hops, and better court vision as a passer, but the offensive repertoire of Anthony includes step-back three pointers, crossover drives and stops to make five foot shots (better than anybody in college basketball), and knowing how to finish on the break makes him the better offensive player, as James still has to work on his jump-shot. Both have pretty decent ball handling skills for guys their size, bringing to mind Tracy McGrady with the way they can abuse defenders off the dribble.

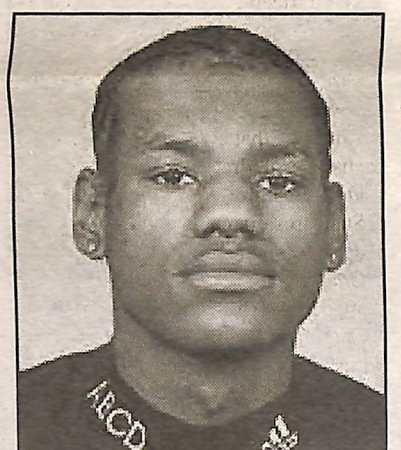
Speaking of defense, which is rarely mentioned when measuring a basketball player's skill, leaves LeBron and Carmelo both incomplete, as James has to work on fighting through picks, although his anticipation for steals is pretty good. Anthony was stuck playing defense on the inside at Syracuse, but in the pro game, he'll be asked to step out to the three-point line and defend, which would be better for his athleticism.

Finally, we must remember that



Carmelo Anthony

these two guys are both extremely young bucks. Anthony will be a brand-new 19 year-old by the time NBA draft rolls around, and James won't even hit that age until the Christmas, which means if they choose this road of fast money, fast chicks, and even faster guys to play defense on, they still have to grow up



LeBron James

in front of the world, which isn't the easiest thing to do (ask Todd Bridges or Gary Coleman).

Whichever road they choose, LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony are two more of the NBA's future superstars, which means MJ can take his seat, chill, and enjoy the new show like the rest of us.

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What would you like to see from SGA next year?



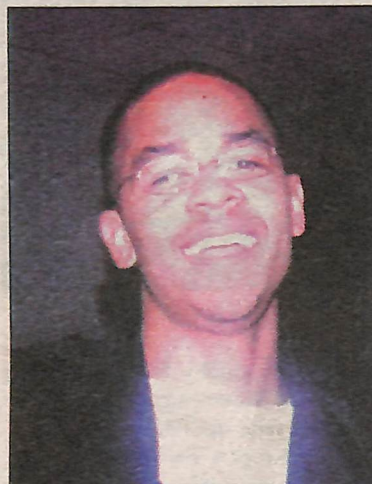
Cortea Bess-Foreman, Senior, History

"I would like to see something that all majors can participate in, not necessarily parties, better communication in the Courtyards other than campaigning, and anything other than Thompson Hospitality."



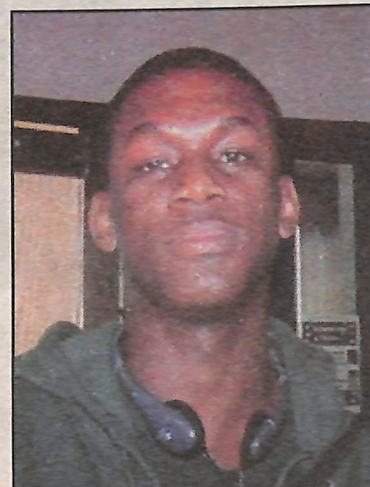
Riley Peoples, Senior, Business Management

"I expect properly run activities and more support for students."



Chris Woodfruff, Junior, Physical Education

"A student union."



Antoine Bragg, Freshman, Accounting

"Improve the food in the café. I also think we need stricter rules on campus, better RA's and more food in the canteen."



Ginger Bynum, Freshman, Primary Education

"I expect more events on and off campus—something that makes DSU more active and interesting."



Gwen Brown, Freshman, Political Science

"I pretty much to want see them come together and have the whole campus come together and make a difference rather than further their own personal goals."



Toni Benson, Junior, Management Information Systems

"I would like to see more activities other than social events."



Patricia Nugent, Sophomore, Biology/Plant Science

"I would like to see a greater effort to build us up as individually intellectually."



Kittrel Deloatch, Graduating Senior, Finance/Banking

"I want next year's SGA to continue to help commuters, keep this a good environment to be in, and keep activities coming so people will have something to do."



Alan Bowers, Junior, Criminal Justice

"I would like to see more religious activities and more gospel artists at Homecoming."



Yerdis Mallory

"I think the SGA should have more parties, poetry nights, and overall more student activities to keep us busy and interested outside of classes. Also, popular guest speakers should be invited more to motivate us."



Lakeysha Ferguson

"Jimmy and Mike are my boys, so I don't expect anything that hasn't already been done. Next year's SGA members will make a bangin' school year."



Brandisha Johnson

"I expect next year's SGA to give us more activities than those given to the student body this year."



Felicia Sills

"I expect next year's SGA to provide the students with more programs and activities during the week and especially during the weekend."



Sarina Davis

"I want SGA to do their best to make the students at DSU happy and to do the job they promised to do."

Compiled by Rayanna Wilkins & Marisa K. Phillips

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