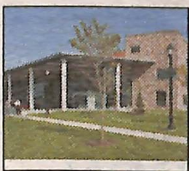


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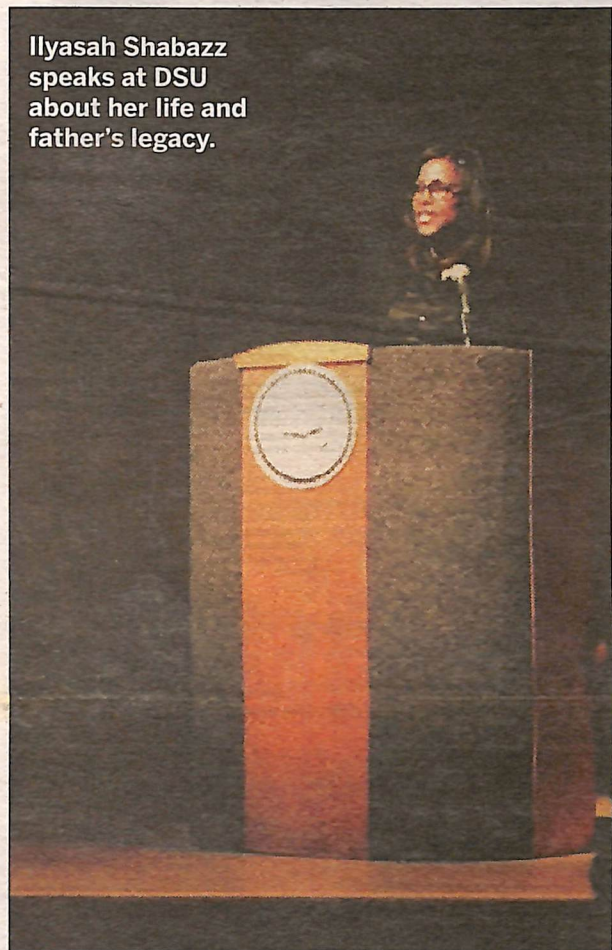
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Ilyasah Shabazz, Daughter of Malcolm X Celebrates with DSU

Ilyasah Shabazz
speaks at DSU
about her life and
father's legacy.



By Andre Lewis and Allison
Hazel

On Wednesday, February 4th, 2015, it was the 50th year anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X.

Ilyasah Shabazz, the daughter of X and Wife Betty Shabazz made an appearance at DSU.

This was her first college speech out of many for Black History Month.

Ilyasah Shabazz is the third out of six daughters of Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz.

She is a Bestselling Author, Motivational Speaker, Human Rights Activist, and a Trustee on the Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz Memorial.

Ilyasah also served as a member of Malaria No More Foundation.

Her purpose in coming to Delaware State University was to give African American students a better understanding of her upbringing, her father and ourselves.

She was only two years old when her father died but has done a marvellous job carrying

on his legacy.

Ilyasah is a wonderful speaker whose words, charisma and surprising humor, filled the room with life.

She reminded students that we come from strong and powerful people and that we must take full advantage of our power.

Shabazz also stated that we must never forget the things that they went through and how they were traumatized.

"The largest forced migration of a people in history", she expressed.

In her book, *Growing Up X*, she explains that a large portion of Malcolm X's work was bringing forth the true history of these African People.

We must "claim our history" she said.

After the speech she did a book signing.

She has released two books in the past year both to good reviews and acclaim.

Malcolm Little: the boy who grew up to be Malcolm X is currently up for NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary work for children.

X: A novel was just released January 6th and she is promoting it on tour now.

The Hornet Newspaper also had the chance to talk to Ilyasah Shabazz one-on-one.

The Hornet: "Can you talk about your first book and your childhood?"

Ilyasah Shabazz: "Growing Up X is a

coming of age memoir, and it's a story about one of the six daughters of my parents, and the values that they found important. And also because all of us were so close in age, you know it was young fun and exciting."

The Hornet: "Growing up, did you think that you would be a motivational speaker, author, humanitarian, etc.?"

Shabazz: "Did I think that I'd be doing all of these things?"

The Hornet: Yeah?

Shabazz: "You know my mother used to say that I was gonna do a lot of different things when I got older. 'I'm thinking no way'. But I believed whatever she said and so she taught me that I would be would be doing them so I figured."

The Hornet: Basically your mom encouraged you?

Shabazz: Not that she'd encourage me but to do anything in particular, but she encouraged me to get the best education, to focus on myself, not to compromise who I was, but the only way to not compromise who you are is really believing in yourself and learning. [All that] encouraged me as a woman, as a person of the diaspora, as a Muslim. I just knew that the sky was the limit.

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DSU Civil Rights Leader Memorial Gets Much Needed Overhaul

By Andre Lewis

Right here at DSU we have an array of buildings named after Civil Rights leaders and activist.

What many do not know however, is that the graduating class of 1978 raised money to build the bus stop at the entrance of the school.

The bus stop is in honor of Rosa Parks, who stood up for Civil Rights and against racial segregation.

What does it take to become a Civil Rights Pioneer?

Does it take having a dream?

Does it take having a loud voice?

Or does it take standing up for yourself by sitting down?

We all know the story of Rosa Parks and how essential her action was in propelling the Civil Rights Movement.

She played a major role.

Clarence Selby of the 1978 graduating class and current facilities management staff shared some insight on the original structure.

"During that time, we were very conscious about who we named the buildings after," says Selby. "Funds were taken from their treasury and earmarked specifically for the construction of the bus stop."

The original structure, which still stands today, was originally built by Kent County Vocational and Technical High school students.

These students took classes in masonry, carpentry, and electrical work.

However, after forty years without any major renovations, it was time.

"The building was falling apart," says Khalid Zerrad, Project Manager for planning and construction department.

So along with Director of planning and construction, J.D. Bartlett, another school official, decided it was time for a large scale renovation.

These renovations included repainting the interior, adding new lighting, replacing all rusted metal

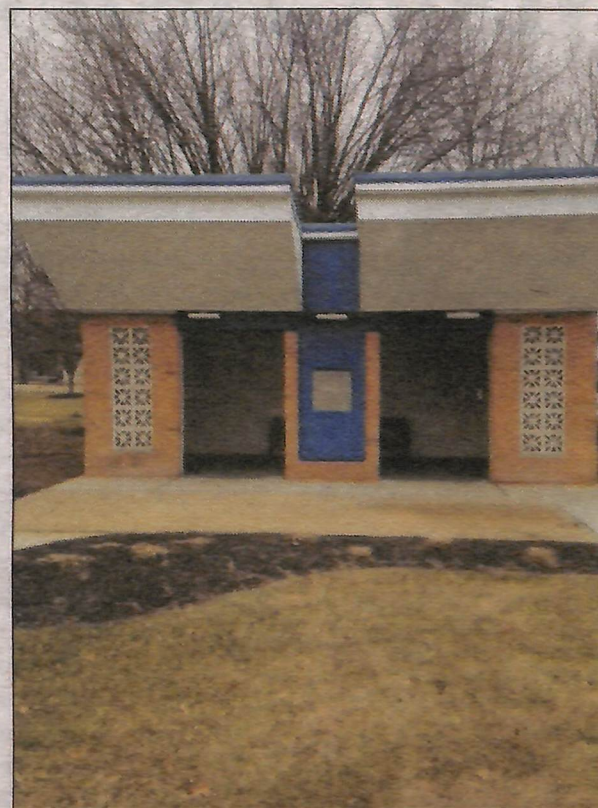
and replacing damaged wood.

Three of the most apparent renovations were the replacing of the metal roof, the movement of benches from outside to inside, and the re-pouring of concrete at the base of the structure.

Actual construction was handled by contractor Fern Clendaniel architects, with designing by Ben Garvin.

All the hands involved did a fantastic job and have ensured that this bus stop will stand the test of time.

A front view of the revamped bus stop.



The OSCAR Project at DSU Began Less Than 3 Years Ago and is Almost Complete

By Nettiesha Scott

OSCAR stands for the future Optics Center for Applied Research where students and faculty mainly pursuing graduate and doctoral research will be doing all types of experimenting and research on popular science and even health issues and topics.

The majors of Physics and Pre-Engineering will free up space in the current Luna I. Mishoe Science Building by moving to the Optics Center, located in between the Village Café and the ETV Building.

Alankato Cobb, Assistant Vice President of Facilities says that the project is on schedule and the building should be completed by the early part of Summer 2015, due to the monthly reports from J.D Bartlett who is the Director of Planning and Construction.

The perfect construction day is around 65 degrees said Cobb, which is hard to find this time of year.

Students with classes near the construction site are upset that there is one lane open, but Cobb says, "that closing the one lane with just enough clearance for the equipment and also keep some flow of traffic."

"Public safety is also keeping a close eye making sure no one is violating the flow of traffic while con-

struction continues," says Cobb.

Woo-Young Byun has classes near the new building and says the construction was kind of disturbing in the beginning, but knows the building will benefit the science majors in the end.

When the building is complete, Alankato Cobb and other facilitators suggest you go visit the building.

The OSCAR building has three floors that will be filled with a shared nanotechnology facility, wet labs, testing and imaging rooms, instrument rooms, space for incubators and conference and office space.

Just like our school motto, the OSCAR building will be making its mark on the world and it starts with people seeing it from route 13.

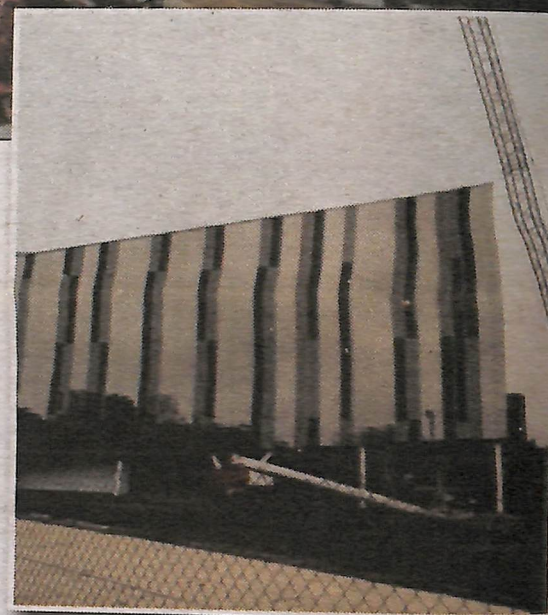
The students and faculty that will be working in this new building will be researching and developing many different things that will be beneficial for the future.

All majors of Delaware State University have unique opportunities for students to get involved in to prepare to make their mark on the world.

The Optics building will be complete soon but this is just the beginning of what Delaware State University students and faculty are capable of.



ABOVE - Overhead photos of the East side of the OSCAR Building by Multivista Photography Company taken December 2014.



RIGHT - Ground photo from the South West side of the OSCAR building.

#ManCrushMonday "Hornet Edition"

By: Allison Hazel

In celebration of Valentine's Day, SGA Vice President Kimani Robinson is our #MCM.

Kimani is an outgoing and friendly graduating senior majoring in Psychology with a concentration in Youth Development.

Post-graduation, he aspires to obtain a doctorate degree and become a Pediatric Psychiatrist.

On his ideal woman:

"Maturity, is number one for me, just because a female needs to have her mind right, you know, if her mind is not right, that's, uh is a turnoff. Education. A female has to be smart; if a female is more edu-

cated than me, I would like, honestly to make it more a challenge for myself. [also] career-driven, she knows what she wants to do in her future, you know she has her plans, she has a goal set and she's going for it in any way possible. Um, uh, also I'm really strong on a female being attractive, beautiful, nice full lips, you know good body, keeps herself together. I really don't have a particular type because I feel like all shapes and sizes are beautiful, all facial structures, all swags are, you know beautiful in their own way, as long as a female has a great mind."

On campus relationships:

"We have females from dif-

ferent places. New York, Jersey, Philly.

I think campus dating is honestly preparing for the real world, you could say, because like I said the maturity factor is a good, as a male, you know there's guys who don't want to get that serious because they still want to play they cards."

On what he brings to the table:

"I'm gonna stay true to myself and if you like, you like me, if you don't, you don't, things happen and that's me. If I'm with a female, I try to go above and beyond just to make her happy, things that a guy would never do like skydiving with a female, that's just me."



SGA Vice President Kimani Robinson.

SHABAZZ

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The Hornet: You traveled everywhere and you were just so humble. What's the most humbling moment for you in regards to your travels? You traveled to South Africa, Nigeria, parts of the Middle East...

Shabazz: I know the first time I went to South Africa, I was just in shock of how beautiful it was, right it was the most beautiful- they say it's the most beautiful place on Earth, right? it's majestic, the nature is amazing, it's something in the air that's just so amazing. The water is turquoise, and you think that how can a place so old still be so beautiful, everything about it is amazing, and there's so much land it's huge.

I can't even describe. The mountains are humungous, the trees are humongous, the green grass is rich, everything is huge and majestic, wide and big. I went with President Clinton so I got to see the great things of South Africa, but then I also saw the bad things in South Africa. I was very emotional because I had connected with these young girls, and it was just such an injustice to think of all the things they've gone through.

But very proud beautiful girls it was humbling because I saw how they were forced to live, not everyone, but in certain parts they were forced to live in squaller, they were forced to live in inhumane townships, and it didn't make any sense because there was so much land! So it was humbling, it was probably one of the most touching, emotionally crunching, times that I felt.

The Hornet: That's interesting and even when you describe it I can like just picture it, like how it would look and things like that

Shabazz: ...The same thing with Nigeria and all of the other places, I really connected with Nigeria because I felt like, I felt like we had so much in common.

Everything was just amazing.

The Hornet: What is your view on the current events in Nigeria now?

Shabazz: Well it's such a large country and I was just there and right before I went a lot of people said be careful, and 'I'm like you too' because it's like if there's something going on 42nd Street Times Square, it's not going on in Syracuse.

It's such a large country I think it's very unfortunate and I'm not surprised that some things happen I think it's just so unfortunate because one of the things I enjoyed about being in Nigeria is to see family so intact, they take care of their family, men take care of their wives who take care of their children, you see Black men and Black women together, educated having fun.

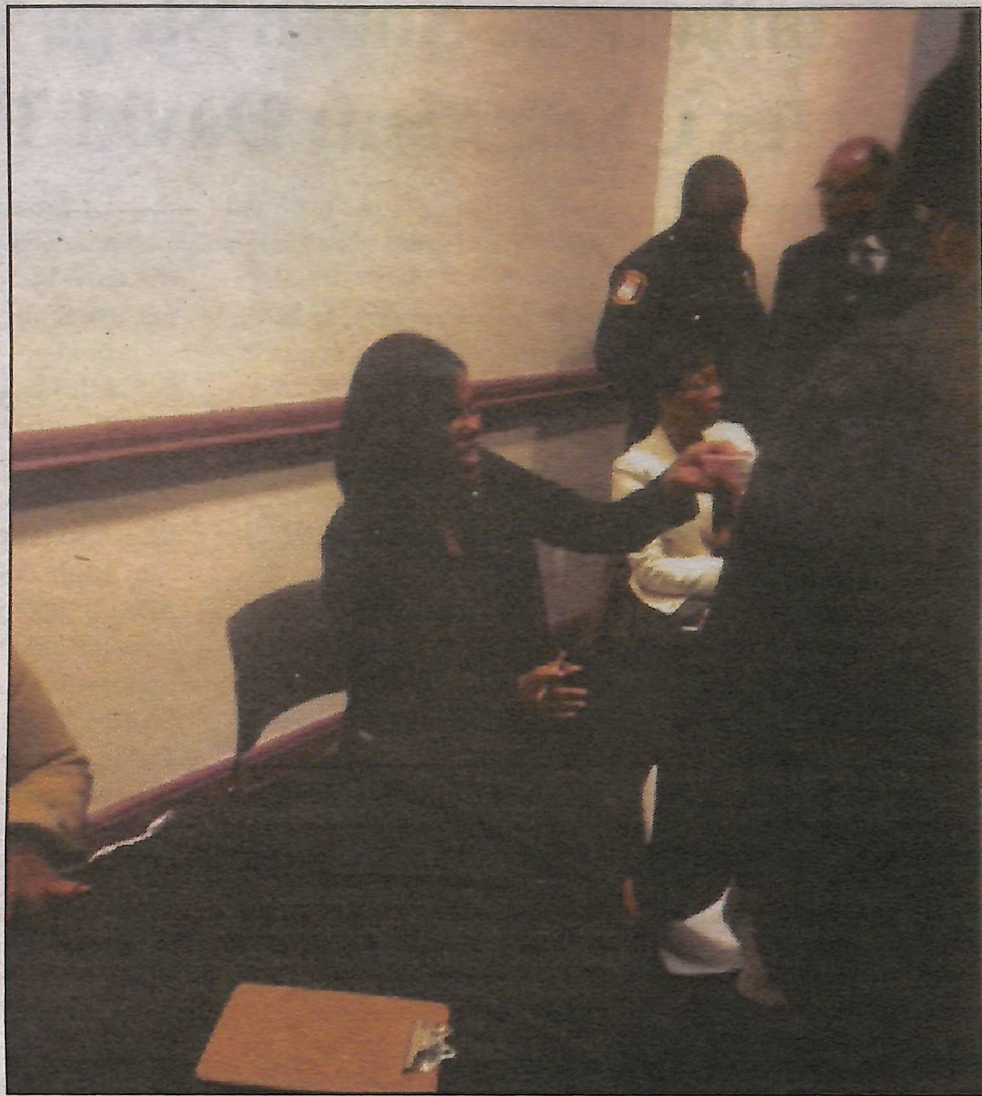
...You see them sitting around the pool together, going to church together, in the supermarket together. I enjoyed being in that company, so I think it's unfortunate that there's Boko Haram,

There are people killing all over the world and if we think of Nigeria or we think of Africa we always seem to think in terms of something negative. When you go there and see that it's not, it says that we really have work to do, you know, because the only way we're going to have a better image of the continent or of us is when we do the work, because nobody's going to do that for us.

The Hornet: "Young people just getting together, even in New York with those recent protests and things like that. What would you say to the current generation?"

Shabazz: I'd say that you have to have a plan. It's great to plan, strategize and you can see the effects of that, then you have to have the solution. 'How you're going to resolve the situation?' Because otherwise we'll have the same problem fifty years from now.

So we can sit here and we can protest, but what are we protesting about, and what's the end result? We can't get distracted and think okay, we demonstrated for Garner or any of the young people who



Ilyasah Shabazz signing books for students after speech.

were being victimized or killed, we have to have something in place that says this won't happen again.

The Hornet: That's true and lastly, your new book is for college students, and high schoolers. Can you elaborate a little more on your book that you're working on for this year.

Shabazz: I think Malcolm Little is a very good book for any and anyone who is a lover of Malcolm X or one who truly respects his work to just see the values, what was put into this young man, you know this young boy, that would enable him to go out and sacrifice himself, for us right? So X the novel takes you through the challenges, as an adolescent trying to find himself, being in pain because his father was killed and

his mother was taken away and he was sent away from his siblings. It goes through the pains that he encountered during that time until finally he goes to jail and says oh my God, what have I done with my life?

He has time to think about his father, to think about his mother to have this religion presented to him that seems to encourage the same ideals of his parents "Say it loud I'm Black and I'm proud" and then he goes off to do amazing things.

The Hornet: Very inspiring too like, Thank you so much.

Shabazz: You're welcome, you're welcome.

Toyota Honors Dr. King & Contributes Cash Donation to DSU

By Logan Hurley

The work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights movement became a symbol of courage in the modern day.

As a tribute to his legacy, the Financial Services division of Toyota graciously donated \$10,000 to Delaware State University.

Toyota's charity was one part of a total of \$50,000 given to only five HBCU's.

"Such support is so vitally important for our students at DSU as well as the other HBCU's" said Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams was present along with ambassadors from the other recipient schools in Owings Mills, MD to celebrate TSF's generous donations.

Giving students every opportunity possible is the cornerstone of a successful nation.

Such a vision was the epitome of who Dr. King was as a leader.

In times such as these, supporting one another in the pursuit of excellence is a benefit to everyone.

"TFS is honored to support the mission of HBCU's and the dreams they help make possible," President of TFS, Mike Groff stated.

Inspiring a culture of giving back is one very familiar to the Corporate Manager of the Owings Mills, MD location, John Ridgeway.

Ridgeway was responsible for presenting the donations to each respective school.

Ridgeway also happens to me an alum of DSU, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Admin, circa 1975.

The contribution made by TSF will see to the support of every DSU student in their pursuit of bigger and better things.



Dr. Claibourne Smith Steps Down As DSU Board of Trustees Chairman; David Turner Elected as Successor

By Timothy Patterson

Dr. Claibourne D. Smith, Ph.D., the chairman of DSU's Board of Trustees, has announced that he is stepping down from his position.

He has been head of the DSU governance body since 1992.

Immediately replacing him is David Turner, by a unanimous vote from the trustee board members.

Although Dr. Smith has stepped down as chairman, he said he will continue to serve on the board as an active member until his term expires in 2016.

Dr. Smith was first appointed in the 1987-88 academic year to finish the term of Arthur Richardson, the previous chairman.

He was officially elected head in 1993, succeeding then-president Dr. William Dix.

Smith felt that a good leader of any organization should plan for his successor.

"Several years ago during a meeting of the board, I told them that I can't be chair forever," Dr. Smith said.

"I said that we have to have someone ready to serve in that role, after me."

With that said, he appointed Mr. David Turner to be the new chairman.

Turner was previously the vice chair of the Development and Investments Committee, a position he held since 2010.

"I wanted to see how he would do in those leadership positions and he did well," Dr. Smith related.

"He is a natural to take on the position as chair. As a dedicated alumnus, he will take us places we have never been before."

Turner felt that Dr. Smith set a good tone on the board as the chairman, through his dedication and hard work.

"Dr. Smith's mentorship has been very valuable to me," Turner said. "It is not easy to share the leadership of an organization, but he has done so openly and willingly."

In honor of Dr. Smith's 25 years of service on the board, as well as his 22 years as chairman, the board members unanimously voted that the Administration Building (where the meeting took place) would be renamed the Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building.

The renaming of the building

took Dr. Smith by surprise.

"I am deeply honored for this to be bestowed upon me," Dr. Smith shared.

"I could not have done any of this by myself.

This has been a great board that has truly been engaged in the business of this University."

In 2008, DSU President Allen L. Sessoms resigned from his office, and Dr. Smith was appointed by the board to serve as a stand-in President until a new President was hired.

He served as stand-in University President for 16 months until Dr. Harry L. Williams, the current President, was hired in 2010, and so resumed his chairman duties.

"Serving as acting president made me a better board chair," he said.

The Administration Building will be renamed the Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building in honor of Dr. Smith's 25 years of service.
(Photo Credit: Timothy W. Patterson)



Dr. Smith passing the gavel to the new chairman, David Turner. (Photo Credit: Carlos Holmes)



International Student Spotlight: Jihwan Moon

By Amiya Perkins

Jihwan Moon is a senior exchange student originally from Yeosu, South Korea.

As an exchange student, he studies primarily in the Mass Communications Department taking classes in Television, Radio, and Film.

He plans to finish his last semester in his home country where he will continue in the area of Intellectual Property Rights.

There, he will learn how to copyright material, issue patents, trademark, and work with computer technology and management processes.

When asked why he chose to

study at DSU, Jihwan said "it was his desire to visit New York. This university was near New York, so I chose this one. While I stayed here, I was able to go to New York and other cities just by taking the China Bus."

Jihwan also enjoys DSU for its location.

He loves Delaware because it is tax-free and allows him to travel to nearby metropolitan areas.

The only thing he misses from back home is the food.

"Whenever I miss Korean foods, I usually go to Yukon here in Dover," expresses Moon.

After graduation, Jihwan aspires to work for the Korea Cre-

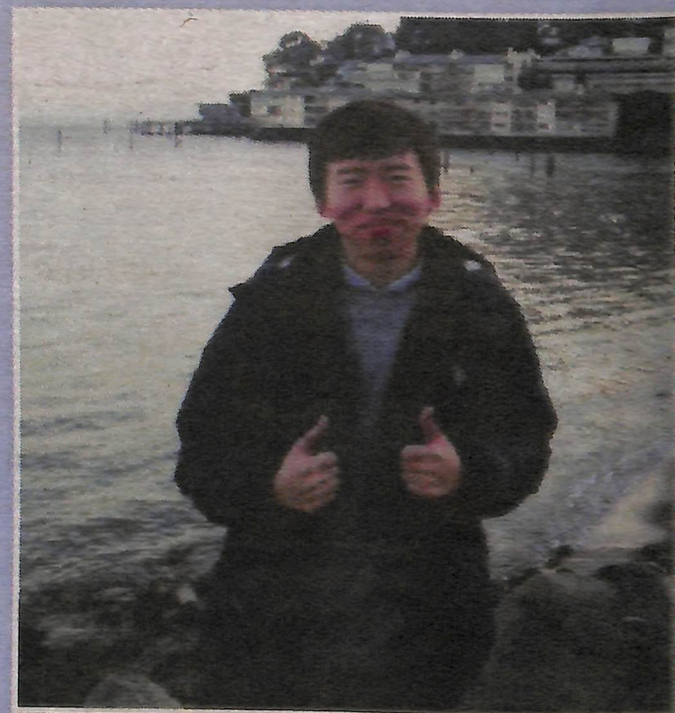
ative Content Agency (KOCCA) as a broadcast content promoter.

He plans to prepare for this job through obtaining multiple internships while on campus.

Jihwan strikes many as one who loves to enjoy life and go after his dreams.

He encourages others to get to know him by visiting the gym where he goes to exercise daily.

Jihwan poses for a photo during a walk in San Francisco.
[photo credit: Jihwan Moon]



The Flu: We're Not Home Free Yet

By Kristyn Green

Living in an age of modern medicine, we have many resources to combat diseases that formerly lead to death.

Yet, there is an increase in the cases of death due to the influenza.

Flu season comes around every year.

We all know when it is approaching we begin to see commercials and ads encouraging us to prepare.

According to the Student Affairs Health committee chair Michelle Fisher, "the flu season in Delaware usually starts in December."

However, this flu season, she has seen patients with flu like symptoms as early as October/November.

"February is the busiest month", says Fisher.

According to the CDC the flu season is due to last a couple more weeks.

There are plenty of things we can do during the upcoming weeks to protect ourselves from the influenza.

The CDC and other health officials highly recommend a flu vaccination.

A lot of people are against the flu vaccination especially with new

strands to be aware of.

In spite of new strands of the flu, the CDC insists that the flu shot is still a preventable measure against the most common strands of the flu.

"You can say that it's happening in Delaware but unless its hitting home the students tend not to care" says Fisher.

The news is that the flu is on campus.

It's in our dorms, apartments, offices, and classrooms.

The Delaware Division of Public health confirmed 21 flu related deaths in Delaware.

"Delaware has had more cases of the flu than ever before," says Carter.

Carter reminds us that the majority of fatalities due to the flu will occur in the elderly and sickly.

We have an obligation to others.

At a college campus, we are in constant contact with other people.

Fisher and Carter both agree on the importance of washing your hands.

The flu spreads from an infected person when particles from ones mouth from sneezing, coughing or talking enter a healthy individual.

A message sent a few months prior from the health center gave helpful tips about the flu.

If you are infected stay hydrated, avoid close contact with others, and get plenty of rest.

If you are still well this flu season avoid others who are not.

It's not too late to get vaccinated.

The health center provides free flu vaccinations, no matter financial aid standing, to students.

The flu vaccination is not just for those avoiding the flu, but also for those who already caught the according to the CDC the flu symptoms can be lessened if a vaccination is done.

The flu is dangerous and affects



Struggling with the flu has one stuck in the bed.

more than just you but those around you.

The vaccination is one of the best preventable measures, but they're our alternatives to prevent measuring the flu.

Avoiding the flu can be done by eating right sleeping properly and washing your hands as needed.

It's Not Too Late!

If you've missed any of the amazing black history events thus far, there are still a few more events coming up!

Monday February 23

"The Life and Times of the Miseducated Negro" poetic stage play by Malik Amari
Education and Humanities Building,
Theater | 7 p.m.
Admission: \$10

Tuesday February 24

1968 Olympics and the Black Power Movement in America with Tommie Smith, former U.S. Olympian and author of "Silent Gesture"
Education and Humanities Building,
Theater | 7 - 9 p.m.

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What's Buzzin' in the Hive?

WDSU Radio Needs YOU!
By Mrs. Ava Perrine

WDSU Radio, "The Hive" seeks new ON-AIR talent, show ideas, writers, photographers, DJ's, computer techies, videographers, music aficionados of all musical genres, Public Relations & social media staff and those who have no clue what they want to do—regardless of major. The fall 2014 semester was fantastic and "Thank You" to the faithful staff who went that "EXTRA" mile with NASCAR, the Boys & Girls Club, office hours, "The Quiet Zone," Open House and much more. Never a station to rest on its laurels, the Hive wants ALL DSU students to gain something positive from listening to their own closed-circuit, campus radio station. Radio is fun, intense, interesting. Absolutely no experience is required. We'll train you. Stop by for a visit—ETV Building, 1st Floor. (WDSU Radio, "The Hive" broadcasts on campus-- TV Channel 15)

Coach Kenneth Carter Introduced As New DSU Head Football Coach

By: Byron Dixon

After a disappointing 2014 campaign, the DSU football program has decided to make changes starting at the top with a new head coach by the name of Kenneth Carter.

DSU was 2-10 overall and tied for ninth in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference with a 2-6 league record during the 2014 season.

Delaware State University President Harry L. Williams has announced that veteran college assistant coach Kenneth A. Carter has been appointed as the new head coach of the Hornets.

"With this appointment, a new chapter begins for the Hornet football program," Dr. Williams said. "We are excited about the future, not only concerning what this means for DSU football, but also in terms of the overall success of our student-athletes."

Carter most recently served as passing game/co-special teams coordinator/wide receivers coach at Youngstown State University during the 2014 season.

From 2010 to 2014, Carter played a key role in the success of the University of Louisville program under Charlie Strong, now the head coach at the University of Texas.

While at Louisville, Carter helped

lead the Cardinals to two Big East Conference championships and three bowl appearances, including a 33-23 victory over No. 4 Florida in the 2013 Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

During the 2008 and '09 seasons Carter was running backs coach under Urban Meyer at the University of Florida.

He helped guide the Gators to the 2009 BCS National Championship with a 24-14 victory over Oklahoma. Carter also served as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Vanderbilt from 2004-to-'07. He served under the late Joe Paterno from 2001-to-'03 as assistant receivers coach at Penn State University.

Carter was a four-year letterman as an inside linebacker for The Citadel.

He was the Bulldogs' 1989 Special Teams Player-of-the-Year.

He earned a bachelor of science in Health and Exercise Science from The Citadel in 1990.

"Kenneth Carter is an outstanding motivator with a proven record of success," said Delaware State Director of Athletics Candy Young. "He has the knowledge and energy to return our

football program to its past success. The University is also impressed with his commitment to our student-athletes in the classroom and the community."

Carter is the 19th head coach in the history of the Delaware State football program. He replaces Kermit Blount, whose contract was not renewed after four seasons with the Hornets.

"I am extremely excited about this new chapter in my football career," Carter said. "There are only 250 such

opportunities in Division I football, so it is truly a blessing. I plan to give my best to the University and the program. I'm looking forward to getting started."

With a young nucleus of strong talent and a well-connected recruiting class coupled with returning all MEAC caliber players DSU football should see improvement under Coach Carter's guidance this upcoming season.



Coach Carter poses alongside the athletic director and DSU's president.

Kendall Doing Work

By: Byron Dixon

Delaware State University center, Kendall Gray, is taking not only the MEAC by storm but the entire NCAA by storm as well.

The hometown standout has really emerged as a potential two way MEAC player of the year candidate and has the DSU men's basketball team as viable contenders for a MEAC Championship.

Gray is averaging a double double with 11.8 points per game and leading the entire nation in rebounding at 12.8 rebounds per game.

Earlier this season, Gray broke the school record for blocks in a career and helped cement his legacy as an all-time DSU great.

Gray was not satisfied though, against South Carolina State he was a man

possessed on the boards tallying a career high 23 rebounds.

When asked about the feat Gray said, "I wanted to get 30 rebounds I missed about five or six during the course of the game but the important thing is we got the win."

Gray's feats were not in vain and helped not only Gray but DSU gain National recognition.

Gray was awarded the Lou Henson Award National Player-of-the-Week.

The Lou Henson Award is presented each year to the top Mid-Major Player in Division I men's basketball.

The awards did not stop there; Kendall earned both MEAC Offensive and Defensive Player of The Week after his amazing and stellar play.

When asked about his overall goals for the rest of the season Kendall is not satisfied, "I want to win both MEAC Offensive and Defensive Player of The Year and help lead my team to a MEAC Championship."

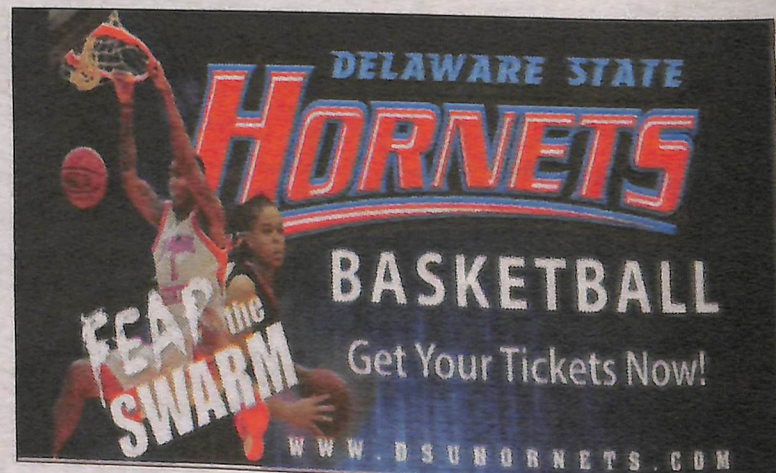
Gray is tops in the MEAC in six statistical categories, ranking in the top 17 among all Div. I players in each category.

Gray is box office and definitely worth the price of admission and is a driving force for this revamped Hornet Basketball Program.

Gray and The Hornets look poised for a MEAC Championship run, the likes of which can bring a trophy back to Hornet Nation.



Kendall Gray going for the dunk.



Amber Jackson Takes Over As New DSU Softball Coach

By Byron Dixon

Amber Jackson has been given the reins to an already successful softball program here at DSU.

Jackson is now the sixth coach in the program's history.

Spending the previous three seasons as an assistant coach at Maryland, under now Bethune-Cookman head coach Laura Watten, Jackson fills the void left by reigning MEAC Coach of the Year and DSU Hall-of-Famer Janice Savage, who accepted the head coaching position at Appalachian State over the summer.

"I'm very excited to be back in the MEAC and this position here at Delaware State is pretty much a dream come true," said Jackson. "It was very unexpected, but God has some interesting plans in store for this program."

Jackson inherits a DSU team that finished with its best overall record (35-17) since 2004, in addition to a 15-3 MEAC mark en route to clinching the number one overall seed in the conference tournament.

Also, the Hornets wrapped up the regular season with the highest RPI

ranking out of any team in the MEAC at 158.

The top returnees for the Hornets include juniors Nicole Gazzola, Sandy Hawthorne, Chloe Oro, Rochelle Sablay and Jordan Stamps, along with reigning MEAC Rookie of the Year and Second Team All-MEAC selection Tara Tursellino, who led the country in saves (7).

For Jackson, she is very excited to have this core group players coming back.

"The core group is strong. They are leaders and they really brought along the sophomores and the freshmen," added Jackson. "They have really accepted me and everything that I've brought to the table."

As a player, Jackson is no stranger to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

For three seasons, Jackson starred as a shortstop for Bethune-Cookman



Amber Jackson excited for the future of the softball program.

(2002-05) under Watten, earning All-American honors each year, in addition to playing an integral role in the squad's 2005 NCAA Super Regional's appearance.

After her collegiate career, she played three years (2007-09) in the National Pro Fastpitch League for the Washington Glory and USSSA Pride.

Her accolades include earning

League Player of the Year (2007), League First Team honors (2007, 2009) and was an All Star Team selection (2008).

Jackson's coaching background also includes two seasons as the head coach at Loudoun County High School (Va.), where she was named Dulles District Head Softball Coach of the Year.

DSU Athletic Director Candy Young to Take Role as Executive Of Student Affairs

By Byron Dixon

With the goal of student success in mind, Delaware State University announced today that Candy Young, the DSU athletics director since August 2012, has been asked to assume the duties of interim associate vice president for Student Affairs.

"We believe that Ms. Young will strengthen Student Affairs and enhance its positive impact on the student body," said Dr. Williams.

During Ms. Young's tenure as athletic director, DSU has been the top school for four consecutive years in the MEAC All-Academic Team (3.0 GPA and above), including the current school-record 136 DSU student-athletes recognized during the 2013-14 school year.

The retention rate for student-athletes over the last two years was 96.2%; the latest four-year graduation rate was 54% (as compared 36% for all students).

Enhanced opportunities for female athletes to excel competitively have been provided, as well as opportunities for growth and development of female coaches.

The annual Delaware Diamond Extravaganza event was established to honor individuals making significant contributions to women's athletics and education, while also showcasing DSU female student-athletes.

DSU also announced that it has appointed Louis B. "Skip" Perkins, Jr., as the interim associate vice president and athletics director.

Mr. Perkins comes to DSU after serving as the director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Howard University from 2010 to 2014, a post in which he oversaw 19 varsity sports programs that had more than 400 student-athletes.



DSU AD Candy Young is all about student success (Photo: Dennis Jones)

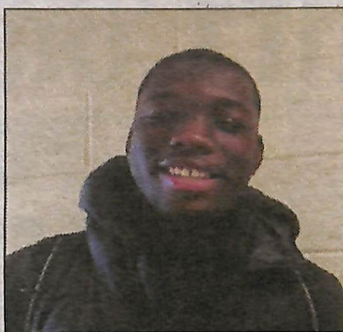
How Did You Pay For Books This Semester?

By Koya Perez



Kierra Fenner
Junior
Brooklyn, NY

"I had to use my debit card."



Michael Brooks
Sophomore
New Castle, DE

"Book voucher, of course."



Everett Neal
Senior
Piscataway, NJ

"Rented all my books. Way cheaper!"



Ian Kariuki
Sophomore
Peterson, NJ

"Foodstamps... (chuckles)."



Marquia Kimbrough
Freshman
New Brunswick, NJ

"My mom's money."



Jasmine Jackson
Sophomore
PG County, MD

"I used all my same books from last semester, so I didn't have to purchase any luckily."



James Neal
Freshman
Washington, D.C.

"I didn't buy books this semester."



Marcus Smith
Senior
Newark, DE

"I didn't buy any, just borrowed from friends."

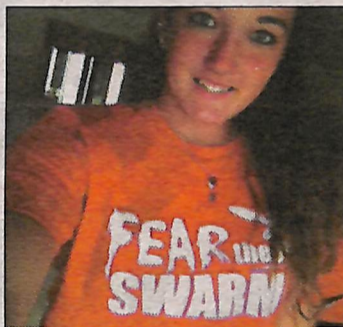
What are you doing for spring break?

By Kailyn Lowry



Taylor Brooks
Sophomore
Mass
Communications

"So far, going home to York, PA, but would like to visit New York."



Holly Bundschuh
Freshman
Movement Science

"Trying to go somewhere out of the state and away from Delaware. Maybe Virginia Beach!"



Rick Jackson
Sophomore
Mass Communica-
tions

"I'll most likely spend a lot of time in the gym, but other than that, I'll just relax at home and maybe go to the movies. I'll also look forward to catching up with friends from back home."



Lauren Wright
Freshman
Mass
Communications

"I'm going to Myrtle Beach with some friends."



Micah Johnson
Freshman
Mass
Communications

"I am flying down to Texas to visit my big brother. We're really close and I haven't seen him in a while."



Japaira Ellison
Sophomore
Mass
Communications

"I'm going to finally take my online knowledge test to get my learners permit."



Jason Felton
Senior
Mass
Communications

"I'll be working and making money for graduation."

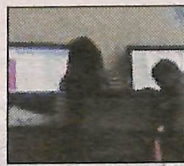


Chris Lopez
Junior
Movement Science

"I haven't even thought about it."



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Hornet Football Signs 11 New Recruits

By Byron Dixon

New Delaware State University head football coach Kenneth Carter has announced that a total of 10 high school seniors and college transfers have signed the National Letter of Intent today to attend DSU and join the Hornets for the 2015 season.

The incoming 2015 class features three defensive linemen, a quarterback, running back, wide receiver, kicker and long snapper.

"I believe we addressed the most immediate needs entering the spring with today's signings," said Carter, who was announced as head coach of the Hornets on Jan. 21.

"We addressed some special team's needs with the addition of a solid kicker and long snapper. We've also signed major talents at quarterback and along the defensive line."

The new Hornet head coach relied on the many relationships he's established in nearly 20 years as an assistant at such schools as Louisville, Florida, Penn State, Pittsburgh and Vanderbilt to help him attract talent to DSU after less than two weeks on the job.

"You develop a lot of contacts in the recruiting business," Carter said. "I recruited the Southeastern U.S. in most



(L-R) Nagee Jackson, William Burton and Gary Melton lead the Hornets onto the field this post season. (Photo: DSU Athletics)

of my others stops, and drew on my many relationships in the region to find talent that will help us rebuild quickly at Delaware State. The region is a hotbed of high school football; and I believe we have signed some players this year that can help us right away."

The Hornet head coach also cited the off-the-field qualities of his first DSU recruits. "In addition to the talent, I was equally impressed with the character and academic credentials of the young men we have signed. Each should be a good fit for the team and the university."

Delaware State was 2-10 overall and 2-6 in the MEAC in 2014.

Coach Carter hopes these players can come in and make an immediate impact for this team after a disappointing 2014 campaign and bring the DSU Football program back to prominence.

Changes with Courtyard Security

By: Nettiesha Scott

Residents of the University Courtyards may have noticed that Public Safety hasn't been in the security office since the beginning of the semester.

Officer Dominick Canpalone said that he could not provide much information on public safety's current assignments in the yards "due to the confidentiality for the continued security of the department."

Officer Canpalone also quoted that "there are some decisions made by the DSUPD at times not privy to others for security or timely reasons".

Kyonna Forges is a junior Courtyards resident and thinks that with public safety

not present that "students are getting a real life experience where there is not always surveillance in their apartment or complex", and learn to take more safety precautions on our own".

When we tried to talk to Residential Assistants they also could not comment on the situation due to they didn't know much or didn't want to comment due to job security.

It seems not many students are aware of the situation.

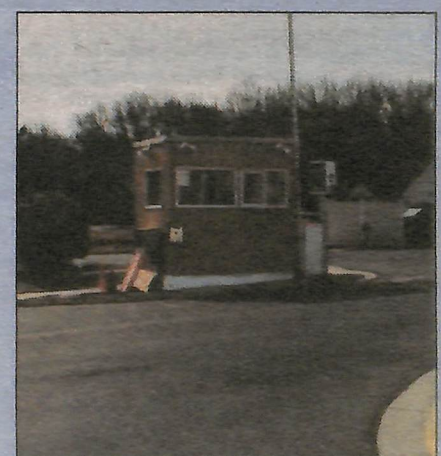
Travis Brunson also a junior thinks that "it is dangerous that Public safety is not present like before, because of the history of safety in the yards should warrant

someone being in the booth at all times".

Officer Canpalone suggests that if public safety is not present that "all students and guests should of course walk to their apartments from their vehicles with someone, if possible".

He also suggests "putting a small flashlight on your key rings and have their keys in their hands, so that they may access their apartment or vehicle."

Officer Canpalone ended with saying that the department "will work as closely as possible with those in the need to know, and be as transparent as possible."



An empty security booth, entering the Courtyard Apartments (Photo: Nettiesha Scott).

Students and Faculty Continue Civil Rights Research



(L to R) Chip Hayward, Angela Lewis, Daughter of James Chaney, Robin Krawitz, and Dr. Marcia Taylor. (Photo: Contributed Photo)

By Andrew Jackson

Robin Krawitz, director of historic preservation at DSU's graduate program seems to make the process of being a non-traditional student a little bit of fun.

Teaming up with a slew of professors and students, Robin Krawitz had a vision of wanting to bring back the stories, items, and memories of the Civil Rights Movement in Delaware.

Recently starting this project, Krawitz recruited the help of Marcia Taylor a Director of the Mass Communications department, and Mr. Chelli, to collect video clips of interviews and other snippets for this project.

The whole process is difficult, but satisfying for those involved in the project, as collecting pieces from people who were apart of civil rights and grad students are doing long form interviews, which are an hour, even so all of this seems to be the most rewarding thing yet, once that step is done the abstracting of archival data from those interviews, and making the project a whole, seems to be the most vital at making the project a whole.

They will be archived here at DSU and be used for research purposes for history majors, researchers, and history buffs alike.

This seems to be where the Mass communications department kicks in, as they are creating an amazing website and blog to share the experience of interviews to show the world, and hopefully getting a serious discussion going.

All involved in this project, is trying to get people talking and seeing how far African-Americans have fought for their rights.

As Dr. Marcia Taylor embarked on her journey to Meridian, MS; she could not hide her excitement and love for learning about the civil rights movement, and to be around so many civil-rights leaders.

Dr. Taylor loves to learn about the perspective of the civil rights movement from the elderly, and absorbing the impactful history that has even happened in Delaware.

It seems as though everyone is on full force with this project, as Mass Communications alum Chip Haywood will be making a documentary as well.

With a shared dream, graduate student professor Robin Krawitz decided to embark on this journey too, to help move along the progress of historic preservation and information for this project.

Though, what has been the best experience out of all of them in this project has been going to Mississippi.

As mentioned before, students and staff traveled across the state to Mississippi to enlighten many with their research and interviews, shedding light on the civil rights movement, and enlightening the younger generation.

One of the most interesting sites they went to had to be the Mt. Zion Methodist church, as a chilling story was told.

Dating back to 1964, three men by the name of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, went to go enlighten African-Americans in Mississippi, which they indeed had a voice and could vote.

Though, the KKK (Ku Klux Klan) did not like that, and murdered the three men. Fast-forwarding to 2014 and they are already on the 59th memorial service, being held at Mt. Zion Methodist church in which the three men were murdered.

Seeing all of this, inspired the students of DSU, and in which they wanted to present their work to be shown to help fight this fight that has been a long civil-rights movement for decades.

The DSU students and staff got lifelong experiences out of this project and

Human Trafficking Activist Roger Claude-Liwanga visits DSU

By Jaime Gage

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, children as young as seven are forced to work countless hours in extreme conditions in order to supply us with the luxuries required for everyday use.

In addition to being the 2nd largest nation in Africa, Congo also has the world's largest deposit of minerals.

These minerals, such as cobalt, coltan, copper, and tin, are the country's most heavily mined because of their use in batteries for iPhones and other electronic devices.

As the worldwide demand for such minerals increases, the number of children effected by this modern day slavery system increases as well.

On Thursday February 26th, the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences collaborated with the Thurgood Marshall Scholars to host an open forum featuring Boston University visiting scholar, Roger Claude-Liwanga.

Coordinated by Global Societies Professor Raymond Tutu, the talk entitled "An Overview of Child Labor Trafficking and Exploitation in the Mining Industry," highlighting the severity of this ever-present issue in Congo while proposing ideas to produce change.

Mr. Liwanga, a human rights lawyer from Congo, has dedicated his life to the advocacy of the people of his country.

In addition to his studies at Boston University's African Studies Center, he is also a Fellow at Harvard University's Program on Human Trafficking and Forced Labor, and the co-founder of Promote Congo, a non-profit organization dedicated to both alleviating poverty and advocating for human rights.

Prior to his recent studies, he worked for human rights organization, The Carter Center, as a legal consultant to develop a training module for Congolese magistrates to protect children in the mining industry from trafficking and exploitation.

Mr. Liwanga has contributed to both The CNN Freedom Project and The Global Post regarding this problem, and is currently producing a documentary focusing on child labor in the artisanal mines of the DRC.

During his presentation, Mr. Liwanga discussed the relevance of this issue to our history both past and future by emphasizing the struggle of the



Mr. Liwanga with DSU faculty members after giving an open discussion about human trafficking and exploitation in Congo. (LtoR- Steve Ginther-Program Director of Humpty Dumpty Institute; Dr. Raymond Tutu- Assistant Professor of Global Societies, Dr. Marshall Stevenson, Dean of CAHS, Roger-Claude-Liwanga; Guest Speaker; Dr. Akwasi Osei- Chair of History, Political Science, and Philosophy Department) (Photo: Carlos Holmes)

African people over an extended period of time.

Human trafficking and economic exploitation has been an ongoing concern in Congo for many years making this a necessary topic of discussion especially approaching the end of 'Black History Month'.

Mr. Liwanga encouraged students to support the awareness efforts with three simple methods.

In order to evoke positive change, it first begins at a level of the mind with the understanding that human trafficking is real and has a significant impact on everyday life.

By creating social movements such as the notable "I Can't Breathe" and "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" movements, supporters can challenge those with opposing views while addressing all reasons and parties responsible for such acts occurring in the country today.

The final method required action from consumers as he encouraged everyone to write manufacturers and request a map of their supply chain to ensure that their goods are being provided by a legitimate source.

Consumers were also encouraged to write manufactures asking them to implement financial incentive programs in order to support poor families living in mining areas.

Career Services and You

By Kailyn Lowry

Every year career services acts as a vital resource for students at DSU to link their skills to appropriate internships and employment opportunities.

Career Services offers assistance in resume help, through interview processes and job searches.

Events like campus interviews and workshops are all held by career services throughout the year.

The office of Career Services is located in the MLK student center, 333 and open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Students can also find a schedule of events with locations held by Career Services posted to our DSU website.

One key way that career services provides assistance is through hosting career fairs for the students of DSU.

Students can attend career fair events to gather information on potential internships and employers.

With the assistance of career services, a student can prepare for a career

fair by having their resume on hand and execute an on-the-spot interview if needed.

DaVontay Phillips is a student worker in the career services office.

He shares with the Hornet, "I assist my supervisors with anything they need and I am the alumni mentor coordinator."

DaVontay's responsibilities vary by event and assistance needed; but he also mentioned that career services is a great resource to learn to "properly ace an interview and how to properly conduct yourself in front of employers."

It's more important than ever to ensure that college graduates are equipped with the knowledge to make the most of their degrees.

Career services teaches invaluable lessons when it comes to what to expect in the "real world" and gives students the tools they need to thrive in the workplace.



The office of Career Services is located in the MLK building on the third floor (Photo credit: www.dsu.edu).

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will continue to do so, travelling all the way to Mississippi was just the first step.

Dr. Taylor informed many that she will make sure that these stories are heard and talked about, so the younger African-American community do not forget who they are, and lose themselves in to this society that can be so dangerous.

What seems the most exciting and fun about this journey, is that the professors and people who are hands on with this project, got to enjoy doing the project together.

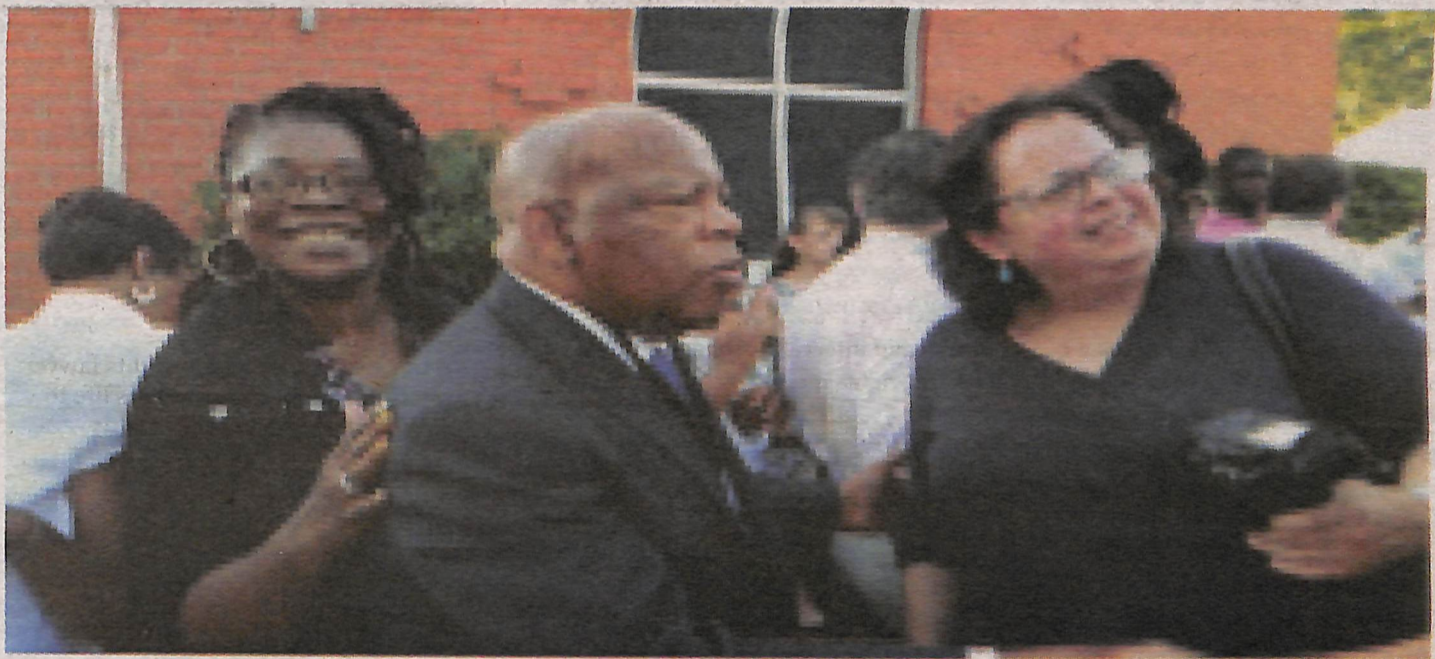
"I was with Dr. Taylor, Chip Haywood, and Wendell Rulston, and we had such an amazing time and it was an exciting trip," Krawitz explained. "It was so wonderful to share our story, and great to hear other stories too, which left us inspired."

What seems to be the most exciting part of this journey, seemed to be connecting with many different people and getting the idea of Delaware's story of civil rights out there to the public.

This had come with many opportunities, Krawitz explains this, by saying "For me, the most rewarding was the pastor of the Zion memorial church asked me to help get the church on the national register to be documented as a civil rights movement."

She continued, "It took less than a nano-second to say yes".

What has been extremely great is that



Dr. Marcia Taylor with Civil Rights icon, Congressman John Lewis and Prof. Robin Krawitz at the National Civil Rights Conference in Mississippi. Lewis was the keynote speaker for the opening event. (Photo: Contributed Photo)

the historic preservation project has been able to be connected with three other preservation groups, and students have had the opportunity to do long-form interviews with African-American people who lived in the Civil Rights Movement/Jim Crow era.

It has been of extreme help that a group of graduate students and professors get together on Saturdays to discuss the project and do the long-form interviews needed to proceed with this project.

One person they recently interviewed was Joel Roach, a professor who was ac-

tually teaching at UMES during the civil rights movement.

One thing that Joel Roach said is that to have an understanding between black students, there has to be some conversational understanding between the two.

"To communicate respect, you have to let them know what they say counts for something."

He continued, saying, "teachers treat students like bank accounts of knowledge, but teaching has to be dialectical; you have to treat them like human beings and not act like you know everything, because they will not listen."

In order to get the project out to the public and to become more aware, Dr. Taylor recruited the help of students for this project.

Sophomore Koya Perez was one who would embark on this journey and help Taylor launch the civil rights blog.

"I wanted take on this project and help Dr. Taylor because I have the skills possessed to help her out, and I wanted to help her out as best as I can."

Perez continued by saying, "The project seemed very interesting to me, and I wanted to help speed the word of civil

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DSU's Finest: Carlos Holmes

By Jasmine Saunders

He's not "the PR guy," his official title is Director of News Services.

Carlos Holmes is a remarkable man; he has a regal aura about him that lets all know that he is not a man to be messed with.

He is of few words, but his astounding career as a media professional does all the talking for him.

As the Director of News Services, Mr. Holmes is "the university's main liaison to the media," as he explained in an interview.

That means if anyone from the media wants to contact anyone affiliated with Delaware State University whether it is faculty or students, they have to go through him.

He writes press releases and he also informs the community of any DSU

events that are open to the public.

But he is not just all work.

Mr. Holmes is a musician, and he is the pianist for three churches.

It's safe to say that he is a very accomplished musician if the three churches have anything to say about it.

He also describes himself to be a "movie freak," and has a "ridiculous" collection of movies.

He even writes movie reviews about movies he sees on Facebook, and he's pretty good at it, just ask his fans.

One of his fans, Phyllis Brooks Collins, also a colleague, wrote on his post about the Chris Rock movie "Top Five," thanking him for his review before she saw the film.

She is one of many who really take his reviews to heart and consider him a great source of movie criticism.

That's quite a reputation he has there, he can add "Trusted Film Critic"

along with his present title Director of News Services.

His love of film transcends itself into his involvement in acting.

He was in a movie filmed at DSU called "God's Amazing Grace... Is Just a Prayer Away."

Holmes played Sonny, one of the two brothers (the other played by Clifton Davis) the movie focused on.

The movie, produced by Calvary Pictures, is written and directed by Dover resident Rev. Warren Rhodes of the Calvary Baptist Church.

It won the 'Best Christian Film Award' at the 2015 San Diego Black Film Festival.

Mr. Holmes can add Actor to his list of accomplishments.

At work, he is a respected faculty



Director of DSU's News Services, Carlos Holmes (Photo: Jasmine Saunders).

member, and once the work day ends, he becomes a very well-involved member of his community.

Delaware State University, as well as the greater Dover area is lucky to have him around, Carlos Holmes really is one-of-a-kind.

The DSU Dining Experience: Students Take a Subtle Approach

By Japaira Ellison

Every student at DSU either loves or seriously dislikes the food on campus.

Students describe visits to the dining facilities as "a hit or miss".

It seems as though there is no in-between, but what exactly do these dining halls offer?

How much are the students getting out of the experience?

What makes one out of the 4,644 students that currently attend DSU make such a remark?

There are seven dining locations for students to choose from on campus such as University Village Café, Conrad Dining Hall, Grille Works, Chic-Fil-A, The Hub, Subway, and The Market Place.

"The goal of our Delaware State University food service program is to provide a variety of high quality and nutritious foods in a pleasant dining atmosphere" is the mission statement of Delaware State University's dining.

Let's break this mission statement into three smaller aspects and utilize the students' perspectives:

Variety

When a person thinks of variety, tons of food from different cultures may come across their minds.

Places such as Conrad, the Café, and Grille offer some of the same every day meals students consume on campus.

"Conrad always has the same things" - Thomas R., "The Grille doesn't offer

enough options on the meal plan" - Gregory W., "I'm so tired of the same food every day, we need something new" - Anonymous Junior, "My friends' school eats better looking food" - Shawn B. "I just want to know why can't the Café stay open later?" - Japaira E. Including myself, these were among the comments stated by the students at DSU.

Students seem to think that the food lacks in diversity at DSU; however, both main dining halls (Conrad and the Café) have taken approaches to diversifying the food they serve.

For example, from time to time, the chefs serve a food from that duplicates another culture.

In addition, lack of diversity could include more seafood vs. more soul food vs. more Italian, etc. The students just do not seem so satisfied with it.

High Quality and Nutritious

Of the total enrollment, 55% out of the 90% of full-time students live on campus. This means that they either chose between the following meal plans per week: 19, 15, and 10, and in some cases none if they live in the University Court-yards.

Most of these students obtain food from at least one of the food services on campus.

According to Harvard T.H. Chan, high quality food is defined as unrefined and minimally processed.



DSU's dining services use these devices to collect student opinions. (Photo: Japaira Ellison)

Contrary to that, lower-quality foods are defined as highly processed snack foods, sugar-sweetened beverages, refined (white) grains, refined sugar, fried foods, foods high in saturated and trans. fats, and high-glycemic foods such as potatoes.

Burgers, fried chicken, deep fried patties, french fries, and greasy pizza are just some of the salivating foods that come to mind when you think of food that's served on an everyday basis at the "all-

you-care-to-eat" dining facilities.

How long can one student go without gaining an extra 20 pounds to their weight by constantly being surrounded by these lower-quality options?

"I love fried chicken Tuesdays" - Daquan H. "The meat [is] always pink, ew" - Renasline C. "Salad bars are okay, but they took away the meat options for it" - Chasity W. "The lack of proper nutrition contributes to all of us gaining extra

Alumnus Pamela Hall Forges DSU-Nigeria Initiatives

By Jasmine Saunders

Pamela Jackson-Hall is a force to be reckoned with.

She works for the company General Energy where she started in 1996, but had begun working for GE Nigeria in 2012.

She is the General Manager for the Life Care Solutions Business for GE Healthcare Africa.

Hailing from Baltimore, Maryland, she represents her hometown well.

As a Physics and Mathematics double major, she was a woman with a plan since the beginning.

She graduated Delaware State University in 1994, and she has definitely left her mark.

While attending DSU, Hall chartered NSBE, the National Society of Black Engineers, President and Treasurer of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as well as a member of the Women's Senate, and the list goes on.

She was able to accomplish all those achievements while being an athlete as well.

Pamela was on the volleyball team under Coach Honey Lamb-Bowman, and from the sport was under scholarship.

She also had an academic scholarship under physics.

No one can say she was just a jock. Because "just a jock" wouldn't have done all the things she has done.

"Just a jock," wouldn't have had the awesome internships she had like at the SUNY Stonybrook physics lab, or the one at the Ivy League Brown University.

Pamela Jackson-Hall is more than that, she has dreams and aspirations.

Those aspirations have led her to Africa where she currently is now, leaving her mark on the world.

When asked if she had any reservations about moving to Africa, she said that the opportunity "allows me to work on diverse things in diverse places."

She also gives back to the school that nurtured her.

With her position in GE Nigeria, Hall is helping to connect Delaware State University with GE Nigeria to create opportunities for DSU students.

DSU and GE Nigeria will sign a Memorandum of Understanding, which will: 1. Create college internships for Nigerian or Ghanaian na-



DSU alumna, Pamela Hall
(Photo: Contributed Photo)

tionals with majors in Technology, Business, or Finance in their junior or senior year; 2. Strengthen the systems of the Allied Health professions, technical machinery, and avionics; and 3. Collaborate the University's projects with GE efforts to improve Africa by providing sources for clean water and distributable power which would impact various industries, namely, Agriculture.

She is married to another DSU alum named Marvin Hall ('84) for 15 wonderful years and counting.

They're sort of a DSU power couple.

Why? Well, Marvin is the President of Universal Merchant Services, a credit card processing and mobile solutions provider of mid-market businesses, so he is a heavy hitter in his own right.

They actually met through friends, and their families even know each other, "so it was like fate," Pamela says.

Together, Pamela and Marvin have three daughters, and they currently live in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Her oldest daughter is graduating this year with a degree in International Relations, while her two youngest daughters are competitive golfers.

Hall hopes that her two youngest daughters will apply to DSU for the Alumni Scholarship, which they will be a shoe in for because of all the great things their parents have done when they attended the University.

Hall is also humble, and owes Delaware State University for helping her to develop her amazing work ethic and leadership skills, which got her to where she is today.

Library Laptop Lending Service



Students utilizing computer in main entrance lab. (Photo: Amiya Perkins)

By Amiya Perkins

Students nationwide know that a computer is the best tool for completing serious work.

The library has made it easier to access a computer by providing laptops to DSU students.

The laptop lending service is a program designed by the Dean of University Libraries to give students greater access to computers while utilizing the library.

Presently, the library has only three computer labs available for students.

The program allows the library to add thirteen new laptops for student use.

With the laptops, students can surf the internet, access library resources, work on class projects and homework, listen to music, and watch videos.

The laptops are configured with Windows 7, Microsoft Office 2010, Internet Explorer, and Firefox programs.

The laptop lending policy states that students can borrow a laptop on a first-come, first-served basis providing that they have a valid student ID card and student account, and comply with library operating hours.

"This service is helpful.

The computers labs are sometimes full with students or classes and it is

difficult to find access to a working computer," says senior Cavan Watson.

The library staff hopes the service will help cater to students who have trouble finding access to computers during busy weeks on campus.

"Sometimes the computer labs overflow with students, especially during final exams week, and there aren't any extra computers for others, but with this service we now have thirteen extra laptops that students have access to," expresses Library Assistant Circulation Supervisor Mark Harris.

The program is now in full swing for students to take advantage of the opportunity.

Library staff members say students are quickly jumping at the chance to use the laptops.

When asked about the current status of the program, Harris states, "It's moving!"

The library also looks forward to expanding the program to include lending tablets and possibly switching laptops from PC to Mac for Apple users.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence! 2015 DSU Mass Communications Day

"Reaffirming Civility: From Ratchet to Responsible Development as Media Professionals"

By Jacquaniese Washington

Mass Communications Day is a standing tradition at DSU started and organized by the professors of the Mass Communications Department. These professors work with student volunteers to coordinate a day of promising rewards.

This special day out of the year is filled with all things Mass Comm.

According to Dr. Marcia Taylor, the event coordinator, "Mass Communications Day has been held for approximately 15 years and was the brainchild of our first chairperson, Dr. Wendell Gorum. Back then, we had one keynote speaker and sometimes a luncheon. My vision was to expand it to a full day filled with sessions—it would be a media conference for our

students."

This year, #MCD2K15, as it was branded by Mass Communications major Joshua Watson, truly raised the bar! From the emotion-jerking advice from DSU alumni, to the laughs shared over chocolate cake- MCD2K15 delivered! Three years ago, Prof. Ava Perrine started the career fair which has grown rapidly.

The great part about Mass Comm. Day was the inclusion of the students in its intricate planning! During the scurrying of the day, student volunteer coordinator for the career fair, Asha Moses stated, "I'm definitely a little stressed, but things have really come together. As the volunteer coordinator my job was to get students to offer assistance to our many and varied

guests. Today specifically, I'm making sure that every employer is shown DSU hospitality by our student volunteers, and so far-so good!"

Dr. Taylor coordinated the panels and events outside of the career fair such as inviting guests, media professionals, panelists and the keynote speaker.

Mass Comm. Day was started as a way to give students an opportunity to dive into the true meaning of the major and all it entails, as well as a way to allow DSU alumni to give back in a special way.

The Mass Communications major is one that is often downplayed as if its students are "less than," other majors, but this one special day reminds students that they are greater than all

odds, better than any stereotype, and capable of simply being amazing as young communication professionals.

Sophomore Jasmine Jackson said, "I loved everything about the day. It definitely tops last year's Mass Comm. Day! We had a producer from BET here, and she's a DSU Alum."

Employers ranged from producers, to writers, to entertainment groups and everything far and between. The MCD2K15 organizers Dr. Marcia Taylor and Prof. Ava Perrine truly outdid themselves. Students had to be there to believe it! Professor Ava Perrine smiles and comments, "We did it! Our students deserved it and they showed up and represented well! I'm proud."



Media panelists networked and inspired mass communications students: L-R: Ben Bullock, assistant sports information director, DSU; Larissa Mendoza, digital contact manager, cbslocal.com; Sharita Petersen, writer/producer, BET; Yesenia Taveras, online producer, WITN-TV; Grouchy Greg Watkins, founder and chief content officer, Collegehiphop.com and Bilal "Blogzworth" Morris, digital editor, Radio One. (photo: Jabari Jefferson)



CNN securities expert and DSU alumnus, Matthew Horace and Kymberly Brewton at Mass Communications Day (photo: Micah Johnson)



Orange is the New Black actors, including DSU Alumnus, Germar Terrell Gardner, pose after winning the 21st Annual Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series. (Photo: Ethan Miller/Getty Images)



(Left to right) Dr. Myna German, Mass Communications Department chairperson, Bruce Johnson, WUSA-TV9 reporter-anchor and Dr. Marcia Taylor, Mass Communications Day coordinator pose between sessions. (Photo: Carlos Holmes)



Actor Germar Gardner visited Dr. Brown's theatre class after Mass Communications Day ended and spoke to Dr. Taylor's Communications Writing class the following day. (Photo: Contributed Photo)



(L to R) Geronimo Vannicola, president of WAVLAB Studios and Mass Communications major, Kyla Harmon share a laugh after a session. (Photo: Akili Moody)

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ABOVE - Session one discussed media hot topics. Some of the panelist included from left to right: Tom Byrd, publisher, Delaware State News; Yesenia Tavaras, online producer, WITN-TV and moderator, Dawn Roberts, associate director, GORE-Tex (photo: Jabari Jefferson)

RIGHT - Freshman Kenneth Powell talks with keynote speaker Bruce Johnson, reporter-anchor for WUSA-TV9 in Washington, D.C. about career strategies. (photo: Jabari Jefferson)



Mass Communications Day 2015—Student Views

“How will you use the connections that you made at Mass Communications Day to advance your career?”

Photos: Ni'Jah Richardson



JaVaun Martin
Freshman
Fort Washington, MD

“I will use the contacts I received on Mass Communications day to pursue my career by emailing and keeping in touch with the guests. I also plan to form a relationship with the contacts for guidance and help along my journey.”



Shanda Matthews
Freeport, New York
Freshman

On Mass Communications Day, one of the first questions I asked each employer was “are you looking for any interns?” Since I am a freshman with little experience, a few of the employers said I wouldn’t qualify. Regarding the internships that I did qualify for, I made sure to not only get their information but to give them my information as well. I have already emailed a few of the employers, sending them my resume and sample work. I plan on continuing to keep in contact with each of them with hopes of someday obtaining an actual internship.



Kimberly Garrett
Freshman
Baltimore, Maryland

The people I met on our career/Mass Communications day will be utilized by me. I have and will continue to email them to learn about internships, jobs, and any opportunity regarding media.



Micah Johnson
Freshman
Gainesville, Florida

I am going to email everyone and follow up with them from Mass Communications Day so that they remember me. I am also going to ask them to watch out for certain openings and internships as well, to send to me.

Letters to the Editor

New Year New Hair

By Isis Sade' Overton

My Afro is too kinky! That's what I was told after my interview as a perspective intern. This is not what I was expecting, since I was in my business suit but yes, wearing natural hair.



Isis Overton (Photo: Contributed Photo)

Students, when you go into an interview, there are certain things you should be prepared for: having a resume, business attire and even

the color of your fingernails.

As a senior at Delaware State University, this is the moment our professors have prepared us for all these years. You're so prepared and ready to work, that the employer offers you the job upon graduation. What an accomplishment!

But before you leave, the employer has one criticism...your hair. Not because it is an unprofessional color, or that it is not groomed well. The concern is natural hair.

Natural hair in the work force has been a topic of debate for many years, but never have I as a student endured criticism for having natural hair. Last week, I interviewed with a big corporation, known for their style, high

clientele, and big money.

After I was offered an internship with this company upon graduation, the employer who interviewed me nicely says, "We look forward to working with you in the future, but when you come to work, can you calm your hair please? Your afro is too kinky."

I nicely informed him that this is my natural hair I was born with and didn't know that it would be a problem. But in his eyes my natural hair was not acceptable.

As a graduating senior who is looking for a job, I felt compelled to comply with his request, but as a woman of color I felt as if I was being criticized not just for my hair but my heritage.

Do you believe natural hair is acceptable for business professionals, working in white America, or should you conform to be camouflaged by the stereotype of what they believe we should look like?

Blonde hair and blue eyes are far from what a black woman looks like, but to be told we have to wear weaves to make ourselves fit into "what looks normal" is not right.

As we transition away from our college years, many of us will have to decide whether to set pride aside, or to take a stand as a woman with kinky hair?

Student Views

"What are you doing now to help reach your career goals after graduation?"

(Photos: Stephanie Stith)

Tiffany Anderson
Senior
New Castle, DE

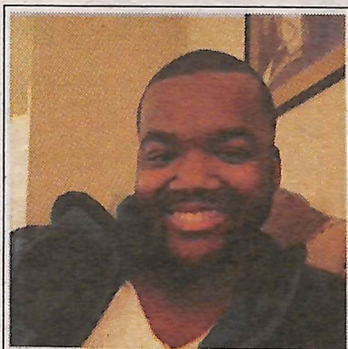
"I would love to be a day care teacher, so I volunteer at a local day care senior in the afternoons."

Tia Tunis
Senior
New Castle, DE

"I would like to become a physical therapist, now I intern at one and study hard in hopes of becoming one."

Jessica Hernandez
Freshman
Hopewell, VA

"I would like to practice law one day, to prepare myself I am a law studies minor."

Phil Lewis
Sophomore
Chestertown, MD

"My dream always was to become a professional chef, I cook for my family every Sunday and take cooking classes when I'm free."

Lisa Walker
Freshman
Hackensack, NJ

"I truly have a passion for working out, I would love to own my own gym, now I am a business major to help me learn how to own and run my own business."

Imani Wheeler
Junior
Bronx, NY

"I would like to be working somewhere within politics, so to help prepare myself I am involved in College Democrats."

Hornets Come Up Short In MEAC Championship Final

By Byron Dixon

After a season with memorable wins against the likes of Pennsylvania, Wake Forest, Delaware, St. Francis Brooklyn, and Meac powerhouse North Carolina Central, their season ended in a disappointing fashion.

Delaware State's bid for its first MEAC men's basketball championship since 2005 ended in an exasperating 82-61 title game loss to Hampton in The MEAC Championship final in Norfolk Virginia.

The loss snapped a season-best five game win streak for Delaware State (18-17), which fell to 1-5 all-time in MEAC Tournament title games.

DSU has dropped three straight championship contests since capturing its lone title in 2005.

The Hornets were appearing in the tournament final for the first time since 2007.

Amere May led three Delaware State players in double figures with 20 points.

He scored in double figures in each of the last 25 games and hit at least one three-point shot in the final 28 contests.

May scored 671 points in his senior season with the Hornets, the third-best single season mark in team history.

Tyshawn Bell added 10 points and had a career-high 13 rebounds for the Hornets. Bell ended his DSU career with 1205 points to rank 13th on the Hornets' all-time scoring list.

He also hit two three-pointers to close out his career with 206, the third-best in team history.

Bell's season was elevated with a career high 25 points versus Hampton in front of friends and family on senior night.

Kendall Gray, who was awarded both MEAC Offensive and Defensive Player of The Year, had six points, six rebounds and a game-high four blocks for DSU. Gray, the Hornets' career leader with 305 blocks, ends the season with a school-record 95.

He set single season records for blocks in each of the last three seasons.

Gray also closed out his Hornet career with 1020 points and 821 rebounds, just the fourth player in team history with 1000 points and 800 boards.



MEAC player of the year, Kendall Gray defends Hampton's Brian Darden during the conference championship game. (Photo: DSU Athletics)

Gray, the MEAC MVP had games with 23 rebounds against South Carolina State and a memorizing 30 rebounds and 33 points.

"My hats off to Hampton for a great championship run," said Delaware State head coach Keith Walker.

"They had a great game plan for our offense and shot extremely well in the second half to take control of the game. But, I'm proud of our guys and feel really bad that we could not deliver a

championship for our seniors."

The Hornets will indeed lose a good portion of their team due to the fact they are seniors.

Next season will be one to see if some of the younger players can step up and fill the void that will indeed be left behind by this great senior class.

We will then begin to see Coach Walker's ability to tinker this roster and recruit some more talent to this growing program.

DSU Soccer Is On the Rise

By Rick Jackson

Robert Frost once said "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference"

Kym Brewton's road to success has not been an easy one.

The 21 year old Pennsylvania native graduated high school in 2012.

"In 2012 the morning of my graduation I received news that the coach who was recruiting me for soccer at Delaware State University was fired.

Two days before I was supposed to report in for soccer, my parents and I made the decision to go to community college" said Brewton

A year went by with Brewton unable to play competitive soccer.

"When I transferred to DSU I had to sit out another year, so working out for soccer and training by myself was a struggle."

But since then Brewton's athletic future at DSU looks as bright as ever.

Her favorite memory of this past year was making the team during tryouts and creating bonds with her new teammates throughout a tough competitive season.

"When tryouts finally came around and I made the team I was so excited, while being sick and throwing up during tryouts, I pushed myself through with no excuses. My best memory was meeting my new teammates and building a friendship with them on and off the field."

DSU's women's soccer team is the most successful athletic program on campus. They have accumulated more wins than any other team at DSU.

Brewton and her team won the Independence Conference for the first time in DSU's history.

The head coach, Kerri Scroope won the conference coach of the year.



Above is the 2014-2015 DSU Lady Hornets Soccer Team. (Photo: DSU Athletics)

"The DSU soccer teams direction is going up into a positive stage.

We are making a mark on and off the field" concluded Brewton.

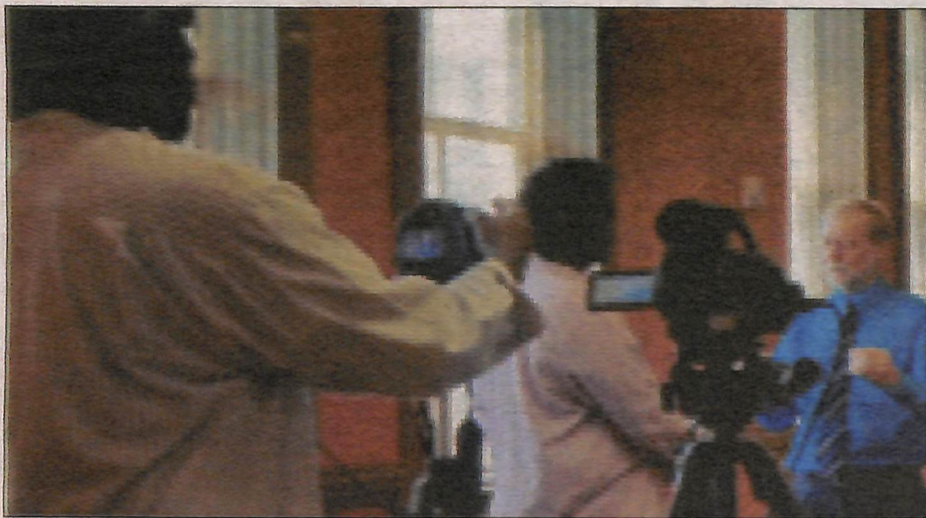
During this off-season the team

has been organizing many of its own workouts and scrimmages.

They look to expand on the success they had in 2014 and ascend to new heights in the 2015 season.

CIVIL RIGHTS

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Wendell Raulston with Chip Haywood interviewing investigative journalist, Jerry Mitchell. Mitchell's reporting lead to the conviction of many, including Byron de la Beckwith for killing Medgar Evers during the Civil Rights Movement. (Photo: Marcia Taylor)

rights to my fellow [Delaware State University] peers."

Hearing Koya Perez talk about her experience, there were many other students who are trying to get the message out



Jacquaniese Washington (Photo: Contributed Photo)

about the Civil Rights Movement, including Jacquaniese Washington, who made a documentary about the Civil Rights Movement with other students this passing

summer.

"One thing I've gotten the most out of this opportunity is being able to make every opportunity and every story a teachable moment and cherishing the valuable time of people who experienced life in the 60s and the Civil Rights Movement."

The experiences both had were once in a life time, and both carefully expressed what made it that way for them.

Jacquaniese explained, "I think, the most inspirational aspect of this project was being encouraged to be black and proud in a society where white standards are so high."

Jacquaniese continued saying "Though, I wouldn't necessarily say that I understand more, because I grew up in the south and civil rights is second nature to us; I literally live it, but I do have a broader understanding and perspective, especially with us focusing on Civil Rights in Delaware."

With so many students such as Jacquaniese Washington and Koya Perez being involved, Krawitz can't seem to be

more happy about connecting the young and older generation together.

"The whole thing is incredibly rewarding because we get to tell these stories and connect with younger students. Thankfully with this project, there were no challenges start to end."

The black men and women need to be stronger and show a presentable image in the community, so that way the hard work of the civil rights movement does not go unnoticed.



Koya Perez (Photo: Contributed Photo)

The lost lives will not be in vain, and the civil rights project is the first step into making sure, that does not happen.

In order for this not to happen, Koya Perez voiced her opinion on how it is important for us, saying, "I believe it's important for the younger generation to know this because it's a must to know where you have come from."

The younger generation does not know their history well, and it's good to understand it now.

Using this social media will help students better understand the struggle of our ancestors, and most importantly, help them grow."

With the start of this project and the conferences being held at Delaware State University; Robin Krawitz, Dr. Marcia Taylor, and many others hope to enlighten everyone who does not know about the history of the Civil Rights Movement.

This is just the start of a new horizon, and the start of it already looks great with this amazing project.

DINING

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pounds" -Lasheda B. "Bring back the hot wings, please!" Michael B. "That *expletive* is crazy, give me some flavor" -Anonymous Freshman. "The food is always good, when we have visitors though" -Lasheda B. "I always eat sandwiches because they do not have good food majority of the time" - James N. "And this is what we pay our money for" -Anonymous Sophomore

DSU's money definitely goes towards some healthy food items because salads and sandwiches are nutritious.

Pleasing Atmosphere

Every food outlet on campus offers a pleasing atmosphere.

There are big TV's in each area and lately, there has been radio play.

Students find this very pleasing.

They can watch their favorite shows and talk to their friends.

In addition, all of the areas with the exception of The Market Place in the Administration building offer a lot of space that students can maneuver around.

Get to Know their Food Supplier

Who's behind the curtains? We see the chefs, but who actually sends the food to our facilities?

The Aramark Corporation is the food provider for DSU.

According to the company, "Aramark is the leading provider of dining facilities, and conference center management to colleges, universities... Aramark serves over 600 institutions across North America."

The mission of Aramark is "to enrich and nourish lives".

Aramark supplies hundreds of thousands of students with food each day at institutions throughout the nation.

Aramark's company upholds the standards of their mission statement.

The food serves as the nourishment for each student, and the enrichment begins with the student's voice.

Here's why: NOTE: Exclamation marks should be used sparingly and for good reason.

It was inappropriate here.

Students are given a chance to renew or suggest a new type of food every day.

Within each dining facility, there are small cards that the chefs hand to students if they've received a compliment or a complaint.

That specific card has a website on it that allows students to give suggestions, and make comments about the food on campus.

The website is www.Campusdiningvoice.com.

Ultimately, it allows Aramark to enrich their dining experiences.

How many of these students actually take the time to go online and fill one of the forms out?

Fifty students on campus were surveyed on whether they've heard of the card, and if so have they visited the site to make a suggestion, complaint, or give praise.

Sixty-five percent of those students said that they have never heard of this feedback outlet.

One student was shocked "I should have been asked for this", said 22-year-old junior Robert G.

Twenty-five percent of them said that they received the card, but did not take any further steps.

The remaining 10% of the students whom were surveyed said that they took action. Kierra F., 21, said that she made a suggestion to have cheese fries at one of the main dining facilities, and within a few days, it was there!

There is only one answer to all of this madness circulating the student body on the Delaware State University campus - speak up!

Every facility on campus is eager to know how they're doing, and their bosses are eager to know if you're satisfied.

Nothing ever gets fixed by just complaining all day, so stop whining and take initiative!

Next time you see or eat something you like or dislike, kindly ask for one of their website cards and rate them, make suggestions, or tell them they did well that day. It starts with you.



Historic Olympian Visits DSU

By Jasmine Saunders

On Tuesday, February 24, a legend came to DSU.

He was the only man in the history of track and field to hold eleven world records at once.

He also broke the Olympic and world records with 19.83 seconds in the 200-Meter and became the champion in the event at the 1968 Mexico City Summer Olympic Games.

This "tall and skinny" man is Tommie Smith, and he talked about his life before and after the prolific "Black Power" fist in a black glove at the games.

In the Education and Humanities Building Theater, he discussed with the audience how athletes played a major role in the Civil Rights Movement.

He said that athletics is a tool that can help others who did not have the same opportunities.

He describes the climate during the time as very tumultuous.

When he participated in the Olympics in 1968, he found that black athletes were welcome to represent America and bring the country glory on the global stage.

But once they came home, they weren't seen as the world-class athletes they were to American society at the time.

"We brought attention to the social inequality," Smith says of how he and his fellow teammate, the second place winner of the 200-meter, John Carlos held up black gloved fists to symbolize solidarity and the struggle for equality not only in America, but abroad.

One of his main points was that it is important for the students of the present to learn their history and try and continue the fight for equal rights.

"You don't know where you're going unless you know where you came," he said.

He said that African Americans shouldn't wait until they are mistreated because they have already been mistreated; the time for action is now.

Work and faith go hand in hand when trying to fight this long arduous battle, a battle that had him banned from further Olympic competitions and from ever being in the Olympic Hall of Fame.

Tommie Smith risked his life to advocate for the advancement of blacks in this country.

He told the students that they are walking on the shoulders of those who died for them to be able to walk, therefore, students shouldn't let those lives go in vain.

That's why he stressed that students need to educate themselves so that they know why there is a need for the "noise."

When asked what the biggest problem African Americans face today, Smith answered that is it their passivism.

He said that African Americans see all the tragedies happening around the country and are confused as to how to act.

"[They] forgot how we made it thus far," he replied.

The "Black Power" movement is still "ongoing," and the fist in the air is "the cry for freedom."



Olympian Tommie Smith on the podium holding his fist for "Black Power." (Photo credit: google.com).

He left students with advice on how they can become the next generation of activists and take action: 1. Prepare with proactive thoughts; 2. Proceed

positively; 3. Pursue persistently with strength; and finally, 4. Plan purposefully.

Always a Buzz in "The Hive"

WDSU Radio Happenings

By Jacquaniese Washington, Station Manager

Did you know that DSU is home to an on-campus, student ran radio station? WDSU Radio "The Hive" aims to be an all-inclusive organization where students of any major are welcomed to join in capacities ranging from on-air personalities to production team members.

With the hiring of a new management team for the 2014-2015 school year, "The Hive" has been buzzing a little more than usual. The team consists of 6 dynamic students who work around the clock to keep the station running. Although experiencing major unexpected technical challenges, the team has definitely been innovative and proactive in its broadcasting methods!

Amid the chaos however, "Live with the Hive," an annual radio station event was held this semester with the DSU students in mind. This event was put on with hopes of drawing more students to the radio station and more traffic to the air-ways of Channel 15! The team incorporated a student rap cypher and an opportunity for the student body to make their own personal shoutouts that would play on-air as a way to allow the students to be a part of the station! "The Hive" plans to continue growing in student numbers, resource availability, and methods of campus inclusion! So stay tuned for more of the latest "Hive" happenings!

Would you like to join the team? WDSU Radio "The Hive" is currently accepting ALL interested students. Contact Station Manager Jacquaniese Washington for more information: jawashington13@students.desu.edu



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Meet Cliff, a 'Friend Forever'

By Jasmine Saunders

Clifton "Cliff" Burrell graduated from Delaware State College in 1987 with a degree in English.

Fun Fact: DSC did not have a mass communications department when he was a student, so he had to major in English with a concentration in journalism.

Cliff was involved in various campus organizations like Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's Gamma Upsilon chapter, the Student Government Association, Dorm Council, and he even wrote for the Hornet Newspaper as the sports writer and editor.

"It was a lot of fun," he says of his time with the paper.

When asked about his fondest memory from his time at DSC, he says that he reminisces about his years with his best friends Robert Saunders and Alan Moses and the fun they had.

They have been friends since they started DSC, and they still continue to be friends after all these years.

How did they manage that?

Well, Burrell took to Facebook five years ago to keep in touch with them as well as all the other DSC alumni.

He and the other alumni who started the page found that the alumni

events the university held, especially Homecoming events, were more "geared towards either the younger or older alum and not us in the middle," he explained of the dilemma with those within his year of graduating.

Along with fellow alums, Burrell helped to coordinate the page.

It's called 'Friends Forever DSU' and it connects the alumni who have a Facebook page and keeps them informed of any alumni events that are happening at their Alma mater.

On a personal note, Burrell has been married for 24 wonderful years with two sons who are 20 and 16 respectively.

He has been working since 2002 for the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland as an Intelligence Analyst.

It is his job to analyze and profile criminal activity, "[It's] a lot of fun in what I do," Burrell states.

One of the larger cases that he was involved in was the "Beltway Sniper" case in 2003.

There was a perpetrator that would drive around and randomly kill people, and Burrell had a hand in solving that case.

That position is remarkable considering he graduated from "that black school."



Clifton Burrell, front -row almost center with members of DSU Friends Forever alumni group. (Photo: Contributed Photo)

This is what Delaware State University is about.

It molds its students into successes just like Cliff who will later come back to the school and give back to the place that afforded them the opportunities to be successful, and to those who are behind them.

Burrell expresses interest in maybe working for DSU's Alumni Associa-

tion one day because he is a dedicated alumnus.

He frequently comes to the Homecoming events to support the university and is an active participant on the 'Friends Forever DSU' page.

If this is him now, imagine if he does get to work for the Alumni Association?



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Former President of Ghana John Kufuor to Speak at May Commencement

By: India Lee

The 126th DSU commencement ceremony will be held on May 17th, 2015 at 10am and the keynote speaker is the respectable and honorable former President of Ghana, John Kofi Agyekum Kufuor.

Although there have been very prominent figures invited to speak at commencement, this will be the first time in history that a former head of state will be speaking at the annual DSU ceremony.

Former President Kufuor wore many "hats" regarding political, economical and government activity dur-

ing his time in office, as well as outside of it.

When elected in 2001, his election was remarked as the most peaceful transfer of power since Ghana gained independence in 1957 and he spent a total of two terms in office (the most allowed in Ghana).

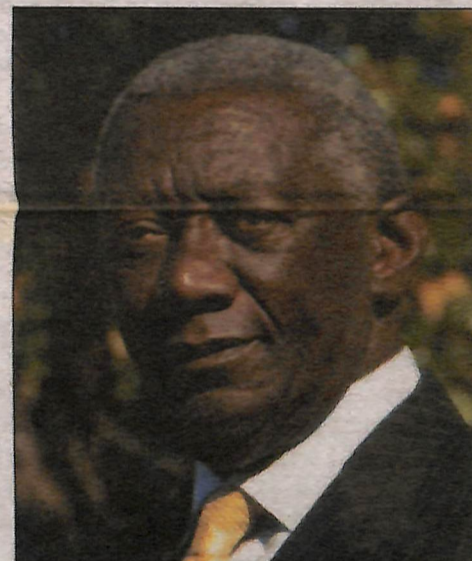
While in office, President Kufuor helped transform the education system and implemented upgrades in the Ghanaian high schools.

He also spent a great amount of time creating a program that would assist in lowering loan rates for small businesses in Ghana and established a National Health Insurance system.

Currently John Kufuor is the Global Ambassador against Hunger for the United Nations World Food program and the Co-Chair of the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition.

Overly qualified to give this commencement speech in order to inspire DSU graduates, the students and faculty patiently wait to hear the wise words of Former President Kufuor orchestrated by DSU President Harry L. Williams.

**May Commencement speaker
Former President of Ghana, John
Kufuor. Photo Credit: Carlos
Holmes**



Madame Jeanne d'Arc Byaje of the United Nations Speaks at DSU

By: Chante Waddy

Under the auspices of the Higher Education Alliance and Delaware State University, on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 Madame Jeanne d'Arc Byaje, the Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, came to Delaware State University to give an educational presentation.

The talk, which was coordinated by Dr. Raymond Tutu, Global Societies professor, centered on the economic recovery in Rwanda, in relationship to the 1994 genocide that claimed more than one million lives.

In her presentation Madame Byaje highlighted the many advances Rwanda is making in education, health, environmental issue, agriculture, gender equality, and the economy.

She stated that the pillars of rebuilding the economy and other sec-

tors of the country are epitomized in the few of the accomplishments of the government.

Before the colonial rule in Rwanda there were 18 clans and these 18 clans were divided in 3 main groups: the Abatutsi who were mainly cow owners- cows were a sign of wealth, the Abahutu comprised of land owners - farmers, and the Abatwa made up of pottery craftsmen.

Even with these three groups there were never any tension and throughout the country each group was equally represented.

Germans and Belgians enslaved Rwandans during their governing, and in 1935 Belgians introduced the ethnic identity card bearing Hutu, Tutsi, and Twa, ignoring the other ethnic clans.

Those Banyarwanda owning more

than 10 cows were referred as Tutsi while the rest of the population was Hutu.

There was favoritism in the government towards the Tutsi claiming that they were smarter and that Hutu did not have anything positive for the future of the country.

In 1957, Hutus rebelled and chronicled the rights that had been denied to them in a document known as the Manifesto of Bahutu.

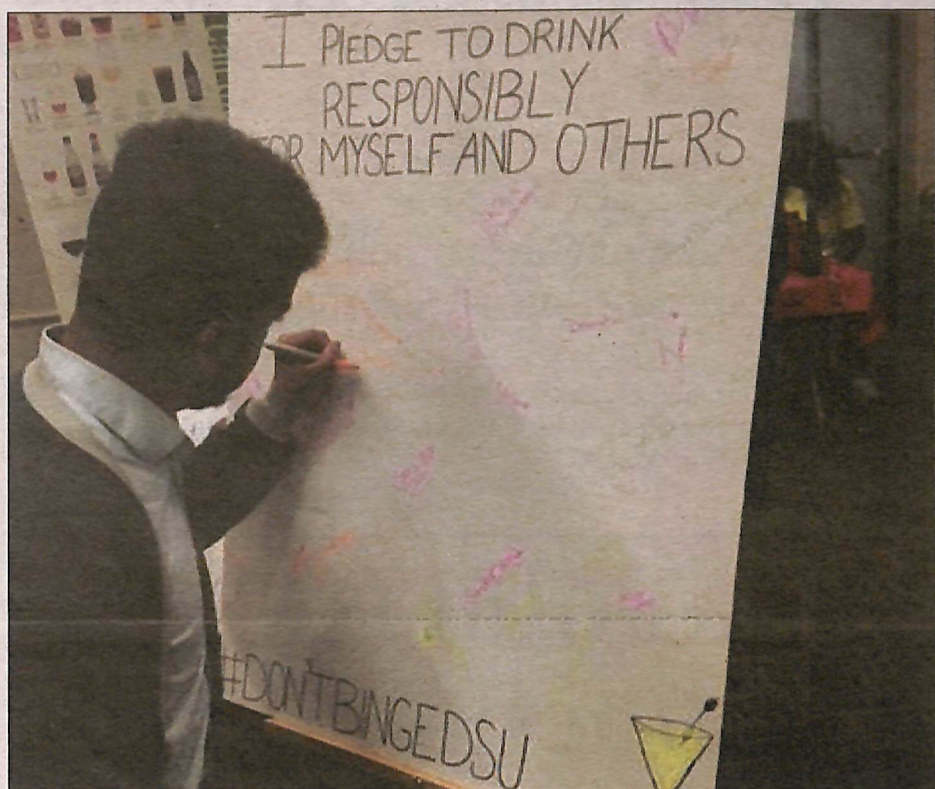
In the post-genocide era, Madame Byaje stated "the Government of Rwanda has developed a National Social Protection Strategy, which essentially comprises of regular cash transfers that provide income support to those living in poverty and to vulnerable households as well as access to other public services such as



From L-R: Ms. Jennifer Diamond, Board member of HDI Dr. Raymond Tutu, DSU; Madame Jeanne Byaje; Dean Marshall Stevenson, DSU; Mr. Ralph Cwerman, President of HDI. Photo Credit: Chante Waddy

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Binge Drinking Campaign Promotes Healthy Alternatives for Dsu Students



Students were also encouraged to tweet and Instagram about their experience during the campaign by using the hashtag #dontbingedsu. Students pledged not to Binge Drink. Photo Credit: Jaime Gage

By: Jaime Gage

On Thursday April 9th, students from both the Health Promotion and Mass Communications departments collaborated for an even called "A Night Out: Don't Binge DSU".

The event, which took place in the MLK Student Center parlors, was used as a way to promote healthier drinking habits amongst college students.

Binge drinking is defined as the consumption of an excessive amount of alcohol in a short period of time and has been a prevalent issue over the years, especially amongst high school and college-aged students.

The programs slogan, "Drink A Little, Think A lot", was created to encourage students understand their limit and drink responsibly.

"It's important to know your limit while drinking so you can handle yourself in the right settings and be cognizant at all times in order to be a responsible person while you're under the influence" added Junior, Reginald Adams.

With Thursday being the start of the weekend for most students, the event al-

lowed students to participate in educational games and activities that may normally be played while under the influence as a way to encourage more sober fun.

During the campaign, students were given the opportunity to visit various stations including a water pong table, a drunk driving simulator test, and a mocktail creating competition among others.

Students also took a pledge to maintain a healthier lifestyle and not binge drink.

"Our goal was to bring awareness to the students on our campus about what it is to be considered a binge drinker and the dangers it includes.

Binge Drinking is popular problem on college campuses across America and a lot of people don't really realize that consuming a lot of alcohol in a short amount of time is really dangerous to us", stated Health Promotion Senior Sabria White.

A number of students who attended this event voiced their opinions about their new knowledge of the dangers of binge drinking.

DSU Student presents the first Entertainment Expo



Panel full of successful entrepreneurs and workers in the entertainment industry give career advice to DSU Students. Photo credit: Juamarley Miller

By: Juamarley Miller

In April of 2015, DSU hosted the first The Entertainment Expo sponsored by Class Records.

The program included a discussion panel, which was hosted by Allison Hazel and Jamila Mustafa.

As the two hosts asked the panel members various questions, the panelist also shared many useful tips for the students to use towards their career path.

Class Records member Kwuanita Jones, a Music major from Delaware, is responsible for The Entertainment Expo.

"I don't know exactly what I want to do, I want to plan an events because that's what I want to do when I leave here and I like music so why don't I just plan something in the MLK," said Jones.

"I wanted to do something behind the scenes because this is what I want to do. I want to plan concerts, I just wanted to bring life to our department, people don't really know about Class Records.

They don't really know about the music department.

They don't know about the music industry department," said Jones.

She laughed as she said she wanted to give some light to her department

and make them more famous on campus.

Her planned worked perfectly as many stayed after the panel discussion to watch a fashion performance called Hip Hop Asylum, which featured the campus modeling troupe 1 Entity.

Students also had the chance to judge the Poetry Slam portion of the Expo, which was hosted by Galactic Steph and India Sage.

The Poetry Slam was for artists who specialized in the art of spoken word.

Music by DJ Breaz brought forward many students, as she finished her Expo with a Talent Showcase.

To conclude the interview, The Hornet asked Jones what are her plans after college.

Jones told me that she has been talking to Dr. Tolley and want to intern in order to gain more experience and then hopefully head over to California to become an Event Planner. If not she will decide between NYU and TSU for Graduate School.

"If it wasn't for Ryane Cheatham, Matt Fortune, Mrs. Holt, Ms. Lewis, and especially Mr. Denson and Dr. Tolley that this event might've not happened and I'm thankful and grateful for them all being there to support me and make this become what it was."

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DSU Theatre Society Presents... "Crowns" the Gospel Musical

By: Jaime Gage

On April 16th and 17th, the DSU Theatre Society Presented "Crowns" the Gospel Musical by Regina Taylor under the direction of Dr. Shirlyn Henry Brown.

Based on the popular book by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry, the play centered on a troubled young girl named Yolanda who was sent to live with her grandmother after the death of her brother.

Yolanda, played by sophomore Courtney Porter, experienced a turning point in her life as she struggled to find herself with the help of six churchwomen known as the "Hat Queens".

The women explained to her the importance of adorning the head and the history behind African American women and their church hats.

The students involved in the play worked tirelessly on and off the stage to prepare for Thursday's opening show and the final two shows on Friday.

As the show grew near, rehearsals started as early as 4:00 pm and ended as late as 1:00 am and included



singing, choreography, and script memorization.

Members of the cast also helped with the design and creation of the set in order to turn the Education and Humanities Theatre into an actual church-like setting.

The play received a great deal of support from the surrounding Dover community as flyers could be seen lining the streets and shops of Downtown Dover prior to opening night.



"Crowns" Cast members engage audience in their performance. Photo Credit: Jaime Gage

DSU students and members of churches all over the community attended the production as well.

By the end of the show, audience members were moved by the spirit and dancing in their seats as they sang along to the traditional gospel melodies performed by the cast and

member of The Melodies from Heaven Ensemble.

During the 2015-2016 academic school year, the Theatre Society will present both By The Way Meet Vera Stark and The Color Purple so students are encouraged to be on the lookout for upcoming auditions.

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health and education."

The Government has invested in ICT - STI infrastructure fiber optics throughout the country, banned plastic, enabled service delivery (48% of government revenue), invested in 4G LTE Internet Broadband to cover Kigali (Capital of Rwanda), promoted more electronic transactions (E-Gov., E-health, E-banking), provided one laptop per child in schools.

Lastly Madame Byaje told the students that Rwanda has plans of becoming "a middle income country by 2020."

The government is working to eradicate extreme poverty, industrialize and urbanize, promote green economy - green energy, and become a knowledge based economy from a traditional agricultural economy.

Even in the wake of a devastating tragedy Rwanda is on the way to becoming one of the greatest flourishing countries and is on the same path with all other countries who are aiming towards the vision of eradicating extreme poverty by 2030.

Why You Might Want to Spend Your Summer in School!

By: Brandon Bostic

Summer break is just around the corner. And you're probably trying to figure out how to spend your summer vacation. Most likely you will sit around at home doing nothing and possibly watch Netflix.

Maybe take a trip to the pool, the beach, or maybe even a music festival or two. But how about I give you another option of something to do? How about consider taking summer courses instead?

Now I know what you're thinking, "Why would I want to spend my summer vacation in school?" I must admit spending summer in school might sound boring.

But as we all know college can be stressful and sometimes we don't always end up passing a class or decide than maybe you don't like your current major and want to change it to something new.

Or maybe you want to take a certain class in the fall and need to take the prerequisite first.

With these instances happening you might end up a little behind and could graduate later than originally intended.

So why not take the opportunity in the summer to play catch up?

During the summer Delaware State University offers two five weeks long summer sessions from May 18th to June 19th and June 22nd to July 24th.

That means you won't have to spend your whole summer vacation in class; Just five simple weeks.

You don't even have to come to class if you don't want to because some classes are

offered online.

Meaning you can take classes from the comfort of your own home.

With only taking summer classes for five weeks or even possibly taking them online that leaves plenty of time for summer fun.

You don't have to take a certain amount of classes you can only take one if you want too. So the rest of the summer and even while taking classes

you can still hang out with your family and friends and hit up the beaches, pools, music festivals, state fairs, amusement parks, etc.

The summer is still yours even with taking summer courses.

Other advantages to summer courses included being able to focus more on class because of the shorter time period so the class isn't long and drawn out.

We all know how draining 15 weeks of classes can be very stressful.

Since summer course are more intensive you will probably only want to take one or two classes during one or both summer sessions.

Which allows for more focus on those one or two classes rather than trying to bal-



Summer School is a great opportunity offered at DSU. Photo Credit: desu.edu

ance 4, 5, or 6 classes.

So if you are retaking a class that you know you struggled in the first time or taking a harder class it allows for more focus rather than juggling 6 classes.

Also with that less class time can come more time for studying.

So instead of just finding ways to past the summer by take advantage of Delaware State University's summer session.

Catch up with school or maybe even get ahead and graduate early.

As Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".

Therefore instead of learning nothing in the summer take the time to go to school and educate yourself and earn your degree on time or even faster.

Staying Healthy Promoted at DSU Through Health Fair

By: Kailyn Lowry

Health care starts within ones-self and being away at college is no exception.

Delaware State University put on its annual health fair in the MLK building in late March; health educators and health care professionals from Delaware Health and Social Services, Bay Health and Delaware Medical Reserve Corps were in attendance among many others.

Student workers were everywhere ensuring that the event would run smoothly.

Student volunteer, sophomore, Lassandra Morgan says, "There is in-

formation for everyone here."

When asked why she believed students should attend our university health fair.

Another volunteer added, "People that are conscious of their health make decisions to talk to vendors and it is most helpful."

While attending the health fair, students were able to talk to advocates from counseling center, learn how they could quit smoking and try on intoxication-simulation goggles to experience how dangerous it is to drive while under the influence.

Student worker, Nefertiti Washington spends much of her time in

the counseling center and encouraging students to use this resource.

She explains how the center can help students, "We reach out to peers on campus to let them know we are here for them."

We can direct them to the counseling center or where they can exercise to promote healthy stress relief."

But DSU's health fair doesn't end with "How to take care of yourself" pamphlets", this offers a great opportunity for students to network with health care companies and other professionals for potential internships, mentors and jobs.



Student Workers & Health Students participate in DSU's Health Fair. Photo Credit: Kailyn Lowry



Brenda Silvils (Sitting on the Hood of the car to the right) with original DSC Cheerleaders in the 70s. Photo: Submitted by Silvils

Brenda Silvils: "Happy" to Help

By: Jasmine Saunders

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How DSU Students Prepare for a Successful Debate Night

By: Rick Jackson

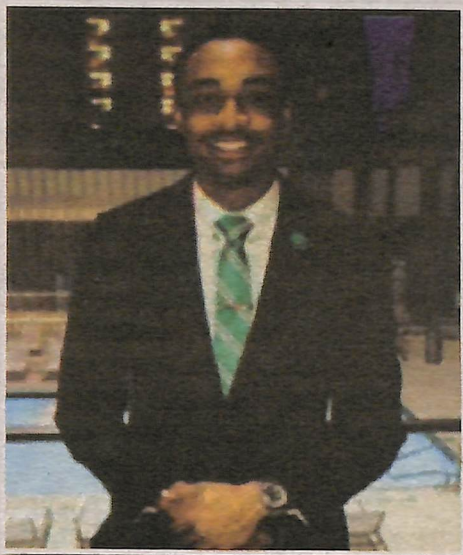
The dust is beginning to settle with campaign season a few weeks behind us now, but the chaotic excitement that it brings to Delaware State University's campus cannot be denied.

Debate night, one of the long standing traditions for the candidates, brings along anxiety as the candidates try to remember their answers to the numerous questions that will be asked.

Isaiah Covington, president of the Campus Activities Board, understands the responsibility and does not shy away from the spotlight of debate night.

"The importance of debate night is to examine the intellect of the students campaigning for leadership positions."

When asked how he prepares for the event Covington says "... my friends and campaign team ask me questions from the question bank



Current CAB President Isaiah Covington. Photo Credit: submitted photo by Covington

along with other questions."

Debate night is the final public appearance made before the students, the day before Election Day.

Covington said that debate night



Current SGA Corresponding Secretary Kalea Phelps. Photo Credit: Submitted photo by Phelps.

was a platform that he believes has helped him in the election process because he was able to explain his ideas and plans to the student body.

SGA corresponding secretary Kalea Phelps, has similar views on debate night as she reflects back to last year when she ran "... debate night is to allow those candidates to address concerns that students, faculty, and alumni have about various topics.

Debate night is the final leg of the campaigning process.

It allows those who didn't get a chance to be as visible to become visible."

Some students attend debate night to hear heated debates and quarrels between candidates, but according to Phelps debate night greatly helped her campaign.

It allowed students who had not yet heard her speak, to hear her thoughts and ideas.

DSU looks ahead to next year's campaign season.

Surely it will not disappoint.

It starts now because campaigning season never sleeps.

Keys of Success: the Power of Networking

By: Timothy W. Patterson

Students nationwide know that a computer is the best tool for completing serious work.

The library has made it easier to access a computer by providing laptops to DSU students.

The laptop lending service is a program designed by the Dean of University Libraries to give students greater access to computers while utilizing the library.

Presently, the library has only three computer labs available for students.

The program allows the library to add thirteen new laptops for student use.

With the laptops, students can surf the internet, access library resources, work on class projects and homework, listen to music, and watch videos.

The laptops are configured with Windows 7, Microsoft Office 2010, Internet Explorer, and Firefox programs.

The laptop lending policy states that students can borrow a laptop on a first-come, first-served basis providing that they have a valid student ID card and student account, and comply with library operating hours.

"This service is helpful.

The computers labs are sometimes full with students or classes and it is difficult to find access to a working

computer," says senior Cavan Watson.

The library staff hopes the service will help cater to students who have trouble finding access to computers during busy weeks on campus.

"Sometimes the computer labs overflow with students, especially during final exams week, and there aren't any extra computers for others, but with this service we now have thirteen extra laptops that students have access to," expresses Library Assistant Circulation Supervisor Mark Harris.

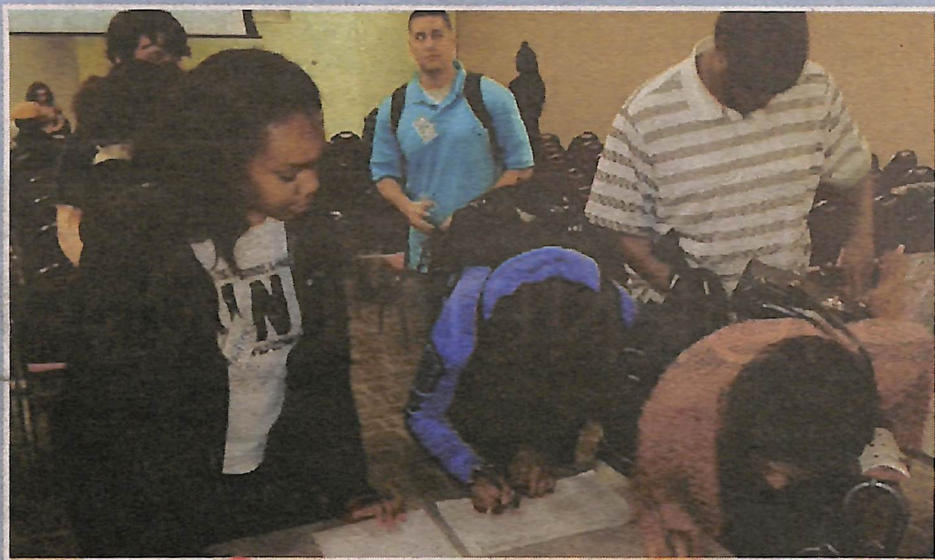
The program is now in full swing for students to take advantage of the opportunity.

Library staff members say students are quickly jumping at the chance to use the laptops.

When asked about the current status of the program, Harris states, "It's moving!"

The library also looks forward to expanding the program to include lending tablets and possibly switching laptops from PC to Mac for Apple users.

To obtain a laptop or more information, visit any staff member at the circulation desk or any reference librarian inside of the library.



Students sign in after the panel discussion. Students who RSVP'd before the event got nametags. (Photo: Dr. Bill Means)



Moderator Karen Vaughn introduces the panelists. From left to right: Justine Patrick, Bryan Dickerson and Dawn Lastowka. (Photo: Dr. Bill Means)

She's Made Her Mark

By Amanda Alexander

As I've prepared myself for graduation, I can't help but to reminisce on my entire college experience.

These four years have seriously flown by and I am so blessed to have had the wonderful opportunity of becoming Editor-in-Chief of the Hornet.

I never imagined that I would ever be running my school's newspaper, but that old cliché is true; "you can do anything you put your mind to."

Under my leadership, I am elated to announce that the Hornet Newspaper will officially be going online in the Fall.

Since becoming the Editor in 2013, it has not always been the easiest.

There have been times that I would get so frustrated and just wanted to give up on it, but my wonderful staff was there to always support me.

We have struggled for a few semesters, but we bounced right back in true professional form.

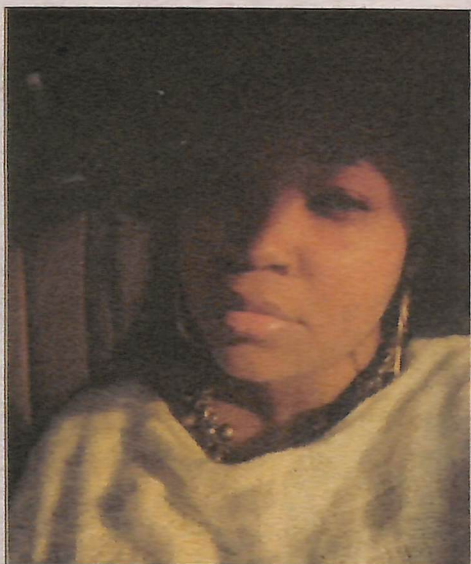
We have disagreed with one another, but we always came back to a common ground.

I think of my staff as my second family, considering that I spent more time with them than my own family.

We've gone to conferences, school events, etc., and have built a bond that can never be broken.

After graduating, I plan on working for a marketing agency in Atlanta, GA, a dream of mine for as long as I can remember.

I am excited for the future and I will never forget where I came from and who was there through it all.



Editor-in-Chief, Amanda Alexander, less than a month away from graduation (Photo: Amanda Alexander).

I pray that the Hornet continues to progress with each year, and future editors make their mark on this campus the same way that I did.

Thank you to all of the professors in the Mass Communications department that helped groom me into the young journalist that I am today.

Thank you to Dr. Marcia Taylor, Dr. Asgede Hagos, Mrs. Ava Perrine, Allison Hazel, India Lee, The Dover Post, and everyone else who contributed with me in making the Hornet the best publication ever.

A special thank you to my mother for always pushing me to my limits and being my number one supporter.

I look forward to hearing great things about the Hornet and reading the online publication.

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Hornet Lacrosse Wins First-Ever Game In Rout Of UDC

By Byron Dixon

Delaware State's quest for its first-ever women's lacrosse victory ended with an 18-4 rout of District of Columbia at Alumni Stadium.

The Hornets scored the first eight goals of the game and never looked back in the historic conquest.

A total of ten Delaware State players scored in the contest.

Emily Etkins and Kayla Yurkanin led the way with three goals each, while Sierra Harris, Nicole McCombs, Iman Hassan and Brionna Watkins collected two each.

DSU opened up a 6-0 advantage when Perry scored her 11th goal of the season later in the period.

She also had two assists in the game to give her 13 points for year, tying for second place on the team.

Watkins scored the first of her two goals 43 seconds later to stretch the Hornets' lead to 7-0.

Delaware State opened up an 8-0 lead when Etkins scored her second goal of the game with 18:30 left in the first period.

After UDC (0-8) got on the board with a goal by Amber Walls, the Hornets answered with seven straight scores to take a commanding halftime lead.

McCombs tallied her second goal of the game and fourth of the season to stretch DSU's lead to 9-1.

Etkins netted her third goal of the game at the 10:19 mark of the first period to give the Hornets an 11-1 lead.

Watkins ended the first period scoring with goal off an assist from Card 30 seconds before halftime to put DSU ahead 15-1 at the break.



Delaware State's previous high for goals in a game was 16 vs. Presbyterian last season. DSU Lacrosse players celebrate their victory. Photo Credit: dsuhornets.com

Etkins raised her scoring total to 20 for the season, tying the school record she first set in 2014.

Yurkanin has 10 goals and 13 points, while Miranda Hawkins scored her tenth goal of the season in the contest.

Future Graduates Reminisce on Past DSU Experiences

By Khy Karoo

With May 17th, 2015 just around the corner, seniors are preparing for finals, ending the year off strong, and most importantly graduation!

For most students, college is a wonderful experience, maybe the most fun and exciting time in your life.

It's a time to meet a variety of people, events, opportunities, and the freedom to enjoy the experience.

This is a great time to just walk around and reminisce on the time you first step foot on campus, where you were and whom you were with, the time you failed, and the time you succeeded.

With students like Kalea Phelps, SGA's Corresponding Secretary, and Noel Walker, RHA's President, who are amongst other seniors graduating in May.

The Hornet had a chance to speak with them both on their experiences thus far at Delaware State University.

Hornet: "What was your overall experience at DSU?"

Kalea: "One of growth, I've learned a lot, but overall nothing but growth and development into my life."

Hornet: What are your plans after college?

Kalea: "Getting involved in marketing and promotions consulting."

Hornet: "What will be your 'mark on this world' after leaving this university?"

Kalea: "To start my own scholarship fund for Mass Communications

students called, 'Phelps Helps'."

Hornet: What is one quote that you live by?

Kalea: "With love on my mind, and fire in my heart, they can never tear me apart."

With Ms. Walker she was asked the same questions.

Hornet: "What was your overall experience at DSU?"

Noel: "Exhausting."

Only because I am eight hours away from home, a student leader, peer consular, honor student, and an athlete.

There's always a lot going on all the time."

Hornet: "What are your plans after college?"

Noel: "Aspiring to go to Law school, move to Maryland right after college, and I also have a few internships lined up."

Hornet: "What will be your 'mark on this world' leaving this university?"

Noel: "It did start off small because I branded myself as my Instagram name 'Southernbellnoel', using my manners being polite has gotten me far in college and that impression alone is an impression on the world."

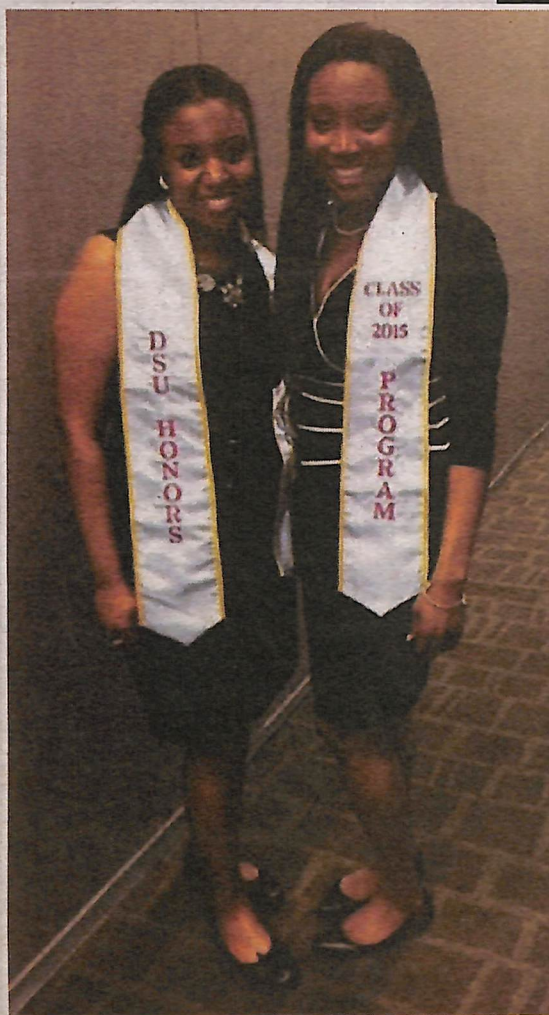
Hornet: "What is one quote that you live by?"

Noel: "Be prepared, be punctual, and be proud."

Delaware State University produces over 600 graduates each spring, and they go on to do amazing

things in the world.

The class of 2015 will not be any different than previous classes, they are ready to "make their mark on the world"!



ABOVE - Kalea Phelps, 2015 Graduating Senior. Photo: Submitted by Phelps

LEFT - Noel Walker (Pictured Right) prepares for Graduation. Photo: Noel's Instagram

Equestrian Team Honored For Excelling In Classroom

By Byron Dixon

Fifteen members of the Delaware State equestrian team have earned national recognition for their academic success in the classroom.

The National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) has announced that DSU's Abigail Buckwalter and Tiffany Lee are among 60 student-athletes nationwide selected to the Beval Saddlery Academic First Team. The team consists of Equestrian riders nationwide who have competed in a minimum of 70 percent of their school's meets and earned a cumulative grade-point-average of at least 3.5 while maintaining full-time enrollment at their re-

spective University in the previous spring and fall semesters.

DSU's Alexis Gratowski, Caroline Schock, Brianna Fedorkowicz, Brooke Moore, Kali Voshel and Cailyn Fedorkowicz were named to the Beval Saddlery Honorable Mention Academic Team for competing in a minimum of 50 percent of their team's matches and maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.

Also, seven Hornets were named to the La Hacienda Academic Honor Roll. Buckwalter, Lee and Cailyn Fedorkowicz are joined by teammates Emily Fick, Whitney Cochran, Heather Hotz and Hayle Jeske for maintaining a GPA off at least 3.25.



DSU Equestrian Team smiles in lieu of their excellence. Photo Credit: dsuhornets.com

Spring Scrimmage Shows Progress For Hornets

By Byron Dixon

Delaware State football coaches and fans saw promising signs from the offense and defense in the Hornets' Red-White scrimmage game to give them hope for the upcoming season and future of DSU Football.

The full contact scrimmage consisted of more than 80 plays in various situations, including short-and-long yardage, third down, red zone and goal line.

"I was pleased with the overall performance of the offense and defense," said DSU first-year head coach Kenny Carter.

"Both sides are on schedule are far as understanding their assignments in our new systems.

While there were a number of positive plays in the scrimmage, we still have a long way to go in our development as a team."

First-team quarterback Esayah Obado (junior) appeared to have a good grasp of the new offense.

He threw four touchdown passes in the scrimmage and directed two other scoring drives.

Obado connected with tight end Nate Ortiz (junior) on a 28-yard touchdown pass for the first score of the scrimmage.

Ortiz had two long receptions in the scrimmage, strengthening his bid to be the team's starting tight end this season.

Hornet tight ends have combined for just three catches in the last two years. Obado was DSU's projected starter heading into the 2014 season, but was forced to sit out the year due to a lower back injury.

He has not seen game action since 2013, when he completed 21-of-40 passes (52.5%) for 168 yards and two interceptions in four games as a red-shirt freshman.

"Considering all he's been through coming back from injury and learning



DSU Football Team gears up for next season. Photo Credit: dsuhornets.com

a new offense, Esayah has done a really nice job for us this spring," Carter said. "He made some good throws and impressed us with most his reads and check downs in the scrimmage. Of course, there are things he needs to improve, but he's on the right track." The Hornet defense was particularly impressive in applying pressure on the quarterback.

The officials stopped six plays that would have been ruled sacks for the defense.

The defense also kept the offense out of the end zone with two big stands inside of its five-yard line.

The Hornets open the 2015 season on Sep. 5 at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. The home opener is Sep. 19 against Chowan.

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