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Dear Alumni:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I greet you through my first letter in *The Echo* as president of Delaware State University. In my first six months as president, the University is off to an excellent start on its journey to become one of the premier HBCUs in the country. The drive to become one of the best will require the help of all of the stakeholders, and DSU alumni have, indeed, a special role to play.

To ensure that everyone is on the same page with respect to the University’s future direction, I established a Blue Ribbon Commission in January to craft a new vision statement and a set of core values to guide the institution. The 14-member commission was composed of a diverse group of DSU administrators, elected officials and faculty, student and community representatives. I also named DSU alumni Dr. Reba Hollingsworth and former US Rep. Wayne Gilchrest to be on the commission.

Governed by my directive to make their work an inclusive process, the commission held public forums in all three Delaware counties to gather input from the public. A page was also set up on the DSU website where people could submit their perspectives on what the University should be like 10 years from now and beyond. Of the more than 400 respondents, alumni were well represented.

By June, the commission had completed its work resulting in the following new vision statement for Delaware State University:

As one of America’s most highly respected Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Delaware State University will be renowned for a standard of academic excellence that prepares our graduates to become the first choice of employers in a global market and invigorates the economy and the culture of Delaware and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The commission also drew upon the stakeholders’ input to establish a set of five core values for the University: Community, Integrity, Diversity, Scholarship and Outreach.

I would like to sincerely thank all who took part in this visioning process. With this accomplished, alumni can now help make that vision statement a reality.

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The Delaware State University Board of Trustees proudly invites you to the Installation Ceremony of Dr. Harry L. Williams, 10th president of Delaware State University.

**Installation Ceremony** 10–11:30 a.m.
Witness the Installation of DSU President Harry L. Williams. This ceremony will feature special guest speakers, the DSU Concert Choir and the Approaching Storm Marching Band at DSU Memorial Hall Gymnasium. *(Overflow accommodations in the Theatre, Education and Humanities Building and the Longwood Auditorium, Bank of America Building.)*

Free and open to the community. For information: 302.857.6001, Office of the President.

An Evening of Inspiration 7–11 p.m. (Black Tie optional)
An exciting evening celebrating the new presidency of Dr. Williams awaits you with entertainment by jazz and blues vocalist Karen Somerville accompanied by the Joe Holt Trio. Festivities will also include a silent auction, heavy hors d’oeuvres and gourmet desserts. Net proceeds will benefit DSU scholarships.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center, 2nd floor parlors. $75 per person. RSVP required by Sept. 3. For information: 302.857.6055, Office of Development. Online reservations: www.desu.edu/evening.

View a complete list of Sept. 15–18 inauguration events at desu.edu/inauguration.
DSU has expanded its collaboration with institutions in the People’s Republic of China with the signing of a new agreement with Jishou University. DSU President Harry Lee Williams and Jishou University President You June signed the agreement on March 22 during a meeting on the DSU campus.

The agreement establishes a “2 plus 2” program in which Chinese students will complete their first two years of undergraduate studies at Jishou University and then finish their last two years at Delaware State University. The agreement will involve students majoring in business and management-related disciplines.

The accord between the two countries specifies 20 courses Chinese students must complete at Jishou University as well as the courses that they will take at DSU. Many of the courses will be in DSU’s College of Business.

Before enrolling at DSU, the Chinese students must successfully complete an English training class at Jishou University.

“It is another step in the right direction for DSU in terms of global outreach,” said Dr. Williams. “In addition to benefiting Jishou University, it will benefit our faculty, staff and students as well as the state of Delaware.”
DSU has been selected by the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) to receive a Walmart Minority Student Success Award—a $100,000 grant to help build on DSU’s demonstrated successes in enrolling, retaining and graduating first-generation college students.

The $100,000 grant is being made possible by a $4.2 million grant to IHEP from the Walmart Foundation.

The University was selected as one of only 30 minority-serving institutions (MSIs)—Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Predominantly Black Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities—through a highly competitive application process to strengthen efforts to support first-generation students.

DSU attended the annual IHEP Summer Academy where it was joined by representatives from 14 other minority-serving institutions to establish action plans to increase capacity, share ideas to better serve first-generation college students and develop partnerships with other colleges and universities.

“Delaware State University is honored to be selected as one of just several outstanding higher education institutions nationwide to receive the Walmart Minority Student Success Award,” said DSU President Harry Lee Williams. “Thanks in large part to this award, we will be able to enhance and expand our work with first-generation students.”

The funding will be used to provide high impact academic activities in the general education curriculum of first-year students. The project will be coordinated by a team of faculty members in the University’s College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences as well as academic enrichment administrators—Dr. Myrna Nurse, assistant professor of English; Dr. Niklas Robinson, assistant professor of history and political science; Frances Rogers, acting director of academic enrichment; and Phyllis Collins, executive director of academic enrichment.

“We are delighted and excited that DSU has received this funding,” said Dr. Marshall Stevenson, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. “This will allow the University to provide added academic assistance to ensure that our students have every opportunity to succeed in accordance with the mission of the institution.”

“The institutions in our 2010 Minority Student Success cohort broaden and deepen the pool of MSIs committed to ensuring the success of the first-generation student both at their campuses and beyond,” said Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) President Michelle Asha Cooper, PhD. “We are pleased to be working with them on programs that are sure to serve as models to all of higher education.”

“At Walmart, we understand that education is critical to the lives and well-being of all Americans. We’re proud to support giving that enables the success of first-generation college students,” said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation.

The Walmart Foundation grants support the existing work of MSIs to strengthen first-generation student success programs, with a special focus on classroom practices and the role faculty play in their students’ academic success. Approximately 41% of students enrolled at MSIs are first-generation, compared to 30% of students at predominantly white institutions. The overrepresentation of first-generation students at MSIs makes them ideal to help improve retention and persistence gaps for this student population.

The other 2010 winners include: Adams State College (CO), Bloomfield College (NJ), Bowie State University (MD), Coppin State University (MD), El Camino College (CA), Fort Belknap College (MT), Hampton University (VA), Leech Lake Tribal College (MN), New Jersey City University (NJ), United Tribes Technical College (ND), University of Houston-Downtown (Texas), University of New Mexico (NM), Valencia Community College (FL), and Winston-Salem State University (NC).
Delaware State University highlighted Earth Day on campus by christening a new Sustainability Garden that underscores the institution’s commitment to be a faithful environmental steward.

On April 22, The University held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Sustainability Garden at its site just northeast of the Village Café. In dedicating the garden, DSU President Harry Lee Williams noted that vegetables grown on the plot will be served in the Village Café and sold at DSU’s Farmers Market. The surplus will be donated to low-income families in the community.

“It is equally important that this Sustainability Garden will be an outdoor laboratory for our students to learn the full cycle of the food chain, from growing, harvesting, selling and contributing to mankind,” Dr. Williams said. “It will beautify an area that would have been desolate after the removal of a temporary building that previously housed the University’s post office and student bookstore.”

The Sustainability Garden is the latest development in DSU’s Go Green Initiative that was launched last September when acting DSU President Claiborne Smith signed the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment to lead DSU to climate neutrality. With that pact, DSU joined 650 other universities in committing to reduce the campus’ carbon footprint.

This commitment led to the formation of the DSU Go Green steering committee, which attracted more than 80 members. Seven subcommittees each play a role in focusing on environmentally friendly and climate-neutral measures. These relate to the University’s procurement and fundraising activities, buildings and facilities, as well as disseminating information about its efforts toward the campus community and the surrounding communities.

“The (DSU) colleges, the president and vice presidents, as well as the Student Government Association are represented on every subcommittee and are actively involved in the greening of DSU,” said Carolyn Curry, DSU vice president of institutional advancement.

The DSU Go Green committee is chaired by Vita Pickrum, DSU associate vice president for development.

More than 30 children from the University’s Child Development Lab took part in the dedication program, reciting an environmental pledge, singing a song, and taking part in the planting.

The Sustainability Garden event highlighted a day full of Earth Day activities with a panel discussion, a tour of the DSU Aquaculture Pond Research and Demonstration Facility, and a DSU Lab School playground beautification project. The Village Café even served specially prepared green eggs and ham to mark the day.
Crossroad Christian Church Gospel Choir Wins Sunday’s Best

Delaware State University’s first ever Sunday’s Best Gospel Extravaganza competition rocked the campus’ Education & Humanities Building on March 27 with the high praise and music of three outstanding music ministries, ending with first-place honors going to the Crossroad Christian Church gospel choir of Dover.

The Crossroad choir, one of three finalist choirs, won the top spot with its powerful medley of songs that included “Something About the Name of Jesus,” “My Life is in Your Hands” and “Wrap Me in Your Arms.” The winning choir is under the direction of James Brumble.

As the first-place winner, the Crossroad choir took the grand-prize $1,000 check back to its church. Each of the finalists also received a $100 gift certificate.

Canaan Baptist Church choir of Wilmington took second place with its stirring performances of “Praise Ye the Lord” and the old-school gospel rendition of “I’ve Got a Reason.” The Canaan choir is under the direction of Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones.

The Straight Gate youth choir of Shiloh Apostolic Church of Wilmington took third place with its impressive a cappella singing. Under the direction of Sherine Boswell, Straight Gate performed “Jesus We Give You the Glory” and “Be Magnified O Lord.”

In the competition, held exclusively for Delaware-based choirs, the three finalists were allotted a 10-minute performance each during the Saturday evening gospel extravaganza.

In addition to the competition finalist, the gospel-loving audience was brought to its feet by the featured guest artist, 2010 Stellar Award nominee Coco McMillan. Her rousing performance was highlighted by her singing, her personal testimony and heartfelt expressions of praise for what the Lord has done in her life.

The audience was also impressed by two instrumental selections by Eldré Gladney, a 10-year-old guitarist from Crossroad Christian Church, and a solo dance ministry performance by Tiffany Stokes of the Resurrection Praise Dance Team of Dover. Following the invocation prayer by the Rev. John Moore, youth minister of Calvary Baptist Church of Dover, the evening of music was kicked off with an opening selection by the DSU Gospel Choir.

The Sunday’s Best mistress of ceremonies was Brenda Farmer, director of DSU events and ceremonies.

Proceeds from the Sunday’s Best event went to academic scholarships for DSU students. The gospel extravaganza’s planning committee was led by Charity Shockley, director of the DSU Annual Fund.
DSU Hosts 5 Choirs in ‘I, Too, Sing America’ Choral Festival

Never before had so many HBCU choirs performed together in the DSU Education & Humanities Theatre on campus.

On April 18, DSU’s Office of Choral Activities hosted the “I, Too, Sing America” choral festival, an unprecedented event for the campus that featured choirs from Bowie State University, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, as well as the DSU Concert Choir.

Each choir performed three selections during the free Sunday concert, then joined together to form a more than 300-voice mass choir to culminate the choral festival with several grand finale selections, including the Roland Carter arrangement of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

Dr. Curtis Everett Powell, DSU director of choral activities, said it was a special treat for the DSU community and the public at-large to experience this event.

“We were deeply honored to be joined for the festival by my mentor, Professor Roland Marvin Carter, composer and arranger of several of the selections performed by the DSU Concert Choir, such as ‘In Bright Mansions,’ ‘True Religion,’ and ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing,’” Powell said.

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In addition to Powell, the choirs were led by Dr. Marymal Holmes (Bowie State), Professor Damon Dandridge (Cheyney), Professor Edryn Coleman (Lincoln) and Dr. Sheila McDonald (UMES).
Delaware State University beat the rain by holding its 2010 Commencement in three smaller, indoor ceremonies in which the institution presented 561 diplomas.

It was the first Commencement for DSU President Harry Lee Williams, in his first year as the University’s top executive officer. Dr. Williams presided over all three Commencement ceremonies, held at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium on campus.

DSU’s 2010 graduating class received 435 bachelor’s degrees, 118 master’s degrees and eight doctoral degrees. The class of 2010 produced 135 honors students, which included 27 Summa Cum Laude (3.75 GPA or above), 38 Magna Cum Laude (3.5 to 3.74), 58 Cum Laude (3.25 to 3.49) and 12 honorable mentions.


Dr. Williams presented Presidential Academic Excellence Awards to two graduates who maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout their undergraduate years: Cameron Hinderer, a physics major from Wyoming, DE, and Adam Johnson, a computer science major from Georgetown, DE.
He also presented a Presidential Leadership Award to Crysta Nicole Tilghman, a psychology major from Wilmington, DE. In addition to maintaining a 3.5 GPA, Tilghman was Miss Junior, SGA senior class vice president, a peer counselor for the DSU Office of Counseling, and a mentor in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She was a member of several academic organizations and donated her time to additional community service activities.

The youngest undergraduate in the class of 2010 was Jasmine Monique Bolton, a 20-year-old Cum Laude student who earned a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications (public relations). The oldest undergraduate was Donna Shelton, a 54-year-old Dover resident who earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology. The oldest overall graduate was James D. Lane, a 73-year-old Wilmington resident who earned a doctorate in educational leadership.

The Commencement keynote speaker was Dr. Steve Perry, the founder and principal of the highly successful Capital Prep Magnet School in Hartford, CT. Perry is the author of several books, an education contributor for CNN and a widely sought education expert.

Clockwise from bottom left: Keynote speaker Dr. Steve Perry; DSU Honors Program director Dr. Dawn Lott is all smiles with her husband Kenneth F. Green, who earned a BS in chemistry; senior class president Kalonna Maull is greeted by President Harry L. Williams after giving her challenge to the Class of 2010; recent grads.

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Students Establish Campus Rotaract Club

A group of DSU students have joined to establish the Rotaract Club of Delaware State University under the sponsorship and guidance of the Camden-Wyoming Rotary Club.

Representatives of the Camden-Wyoming Rotary presented the DSU Rotaract Club with its inaugural charter at a Feb. 19 ceremony in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center.

Rotaract, which stands for Rotary-In-Action, is a program of Rotary International for men and women aged 18–30. Rotaract clubs work under the guidance of their local Rotary Club in sponsoring and seeking to foster leadership, responsible citizenship, high ethical standards, international peace and understanding.

The DSU Rotaract Club is led by Charles Eke, president; Jamel Smiley, vice president; Terrell Davis, treasurer; and Yeshi Asseged, secretary. There are currently 15 members, according to Eke. “We plan to focus on literacy and work to reach out to children,” he said.

The group was started under the encouragement of DSU Board of Trustees member Jose Echeverri and DSU’s Office of Student Affairs.

There are more than 8,000 Rotaract clubs in the world, and, in some locations, Rotaract is growing faster than Rotary, according to Fran Johnson, president of the Camden-Wyoming Rotary.

President’s Banquet Honors 16 Retirees

Sixteen DSU employees were honored June 10 at the 2010 Retirees Banquet in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center. President Harry L. Williams and others celebrated the service of the following DSU 2009–2010 retirees:

Tom Butler, Public & Allied Health Sciences 22 years
Maria Carroll, Social Work 12 years
Debra Catts, Psychology 34 years
Richard Driskill, Biology 35 years
Cecelia Hall, Social Work 25 years
Susan Hall, Library 25 years
Bruce Hobler, Social Work 13 years
Pamela Jones-Sales, Custodial Services 29 years
Laura Kurtz, Academic Enrichment 30 years
Michael Maciarello, Agriculture & Natural Resources 32 years
Dalphine Matthews, Financial Aid 30 years
Elijah Mickel, Social Work 17 years
Randel Peiffer, Agriculture & Natural Resources 26 years
Phyllis Perry, Sponsored Programs 25 years
Cornelia Phillips, Student Affairs 25 years
Cynthia Williams, President’s Office 31 years
Gov. Markell Makes Board of Trustees Appointments

Following the arrival of Dr. Harry Lee Williams as DSU’s 10th president, Gov. Jack Markell made three appointments to the Delaware State University Board of Trustees, while the board also made an appointment to its body.

As the result of Markell’s appointments, on Jan. 26 attorney Leroy A. Tice was named to finish the six-year term (that ends in October 2014) of Dr. Lillian A. Lowery, who resigned that same month. In February, the governor appointed Dr. Claibourne D. Smith to serve another six-year term, ending in February 2016. Finally, in June, Markell appointed educator Lois M. Hobbs to succeed Willa Mae Jordan, whose term ended in April. In June, the board appointed Barry M. Granger, who fills a vacant seat on the board created by 2005 legislation expanding the Board of Trustees to 15 members. His appointment expires in August 2014.

Dr. Claibourne D. Smith has been a governor’s appointee to the DSU Board of Trustees since 1987, when he was first appointed to finish the term of former board member Arthur Richardson. In 1993, Smith was elected by the board to serve as chairman, which he fulfilled until 2008, when he stepped down to serve as acting president of DSU. Smith returned to the board in January as Williams became president, and he was re-elected as board chairman. With the governor’s reappointment, Smith is now in his 22nd year as a board member and his 16th year as board chairman.

A chemist by profession, Smith retired in 1998 from DuPont as the vice president of technology and vice chairman of corporate education. The Centreville, DE, resident has also previously served on the Delaware State Board of Education, on the State Commission on Higher Education, and as president of the Delaware Math and Science Foundation.

Barry M. Granger is the vice president for DuPont Government Marketing & Government Affairs, a company he has worked for since 1987. Prior to his arrival at DuPont, he held various positions with the Dow Chemical Company.

Granger holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University. He is a former board member of Salesianum High School in Wilmington and for the Eastern Seals of Delaware & Maryland. The DuPont executive is a resident of Bethesda, MD.

Leroy A. Tice, a Milford native and 1987 graduate of Milford High School, is an attorney with the Wilmington firm Aber, Goldlust, Baker & Over, where he focuses on workers’ compensation matters, employment discrimination, civil rights and personal injury claims. He is a member of the Delaware State Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association, DSBA’s Multicultural Judges and Lawyers Section, the Delaware Trial Lawyers and the National Employment Lawyers Association. Tice also serves as an outside counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union and as a special hearing officer for the Prestige Academy, a Wilmington charter school.

Tice has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from DSU and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Lois M. Hobbs has worked the last four years as an independent educational consultant. Prior to that, from 1996-2006 she served as the superintendent of the Indian River School District, which serves 7,600 students in Sussex County. During her career, she has been a regional administrator for the Charles County Public Schools and a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent for the Prince George’s County Public Schools.

Hobbs has a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and a Master of Arts in elementary school administration. She has served on the Governor’s Task Force on School Libraries and on the Lt. Governor’s Models of Excellence in Education Steering Committee. The former district superintendent is a resident of Ocean View, DE.

Upcoming Events

MEAC/SWAC—Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend)
Presidential Inaugural—Sept. 15–18
Open House—Oct. 2
DSU at Apple Scrapple Festival—Oct. 9

Homecoming—Oct. 16
Parents Day—Oct. 30
SAT Prep/Financial Aid Workshops—Nov. 20
Delaware State University christened its new Student Center Complex with a Feb. 25 dedication ceremony in its new Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center, ushering in a new era of campus life for the institution.

The complex comprises the Strength & Conditioning Facility, the Wellness & Recreation Center with its connected swimming pool and the MLK Student Center. The dedication took place during DSU’s annual observances of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday and the University’s Founders’ Day.

The Honorable Walter Fauntroy, a civil rights activist and former US congressman, gave the keynote address. Fauntroy worked with Dr. King in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at the height of the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

Remarks during the ceremony were made by DSU President Harry Lee Williams, Student Government Association President Kathleen Charlot, 1968 SGA President Leroy Tate, Dr. Claibourne Smith, chairman of the DSU Board of Trustees, and 2008–2010 DSU Alumni Association President Deidre Ottley.

“With a student population of more than 3,600, we can proudly say that, with the completion of the Student Center Complex, the University is provid-
In addition to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the University opened a 1968 time capsule that had been embedded in the cornerstone of the original Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center and extracted during its demolition. It contained items that were related to a May 10, 1968 dedication ceremony for the original student center.

Items for a new time capsule have been collected to be placed in the cornerstone of the new MLK Student Center. Those items will include letters from Williams and from Smith, photos, campus publications, a current campus map, a brick from the original MLK Student Center, an undergraduate viewbook, a 2009 homecoming guide, yearbooks, alumni-related materials and several other items that reflect campus life in the current era.

The completed 54,000-square-foot Wellness & Recreation Center includes dual basketball courts with seating areas and men’s and women’s locker rooms on the first floor. The second floor has a variety of Lifestyles weight machines and free weights as well as a running track that winds around the exercise areas and overlooks the basketball courts on the floor below. The facility also has a juice bar with tables and seating, and there are areas for aerobic and other fitness classes.

The Wellness & Recreation Center, finished in the summer of 2009, was the second phase of a $22.5 million project that began with the fall 2008 completion of the first phase’s Strength & Conditioning Facility for student athletes. That facility features a large Division I-A weight training area and modern locker rooms for Hornet teams.

Connected to the Wellness & Recreation Center is a $5.6 million swimming facility adjacent to the Wellness Center’s locker rooms. The recreation pool features a fountain at its center, three lap lanes, an interpool bench with water jets and four interpool basketball hoops. The swimming pool was completed in the fall of 2009.

The Wellness & Recreation Center was recently recognized among seven indoor facilities in the country to be awarded the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association’s 2010 Outstanding Sports Facility Award.

The complex project culminated with the late 2009 completion of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center. It is about three times the size of the previous one-floor MLK Student Center that existed from 1967 to 2006. The $23.4 million facility provides students with more space than ever to socialize and conduct organizational activities, while also giving the community a new facility for holding events.

The first floor of the student center features a dining facility and the Austin Grill, which has a Tex-Mex menu that may be enjoyed in an abundant seating area. The first floor also has an enlarged DSU bookstore and post office, vast, open lounge areas and a modest stage.

The student center’s second floor includes a large 7,656-square-foot auditorium that may be partitioned into three separate areas or it may be a large, single area where dances, concerts or other types of large gatherings may be held. In addition, the second floor has a game room, a meeting room and open and closed lounge areas.

The Student Center’s third floor provides ample office meeting spaces for the Student Government Association’s executive council, The Hornet student newspaper, Mr. and Miss DSU and the graduate studies council. The third floor also houses the administrative offices of Student Leadership & Activities, Career Planning, Judicial Affairs, and Auxiliary Services and the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

The primary architects for the project were Holzman, Moss, Bottino Architecture of New York, and the construction management firm was EdIS Company of Wilmington, DE.

H MBA and DSU worked together to develop a set of environmentally responsible goals for the project. Sustainable features incorporated into the final design include the implementation of a waste management program for demolition of the existing student center, reduced disturbance to the site, use of regional and natural materials, a natural ventilation system for lounge and dining areas, large overhangs at the south and west sides to reduce heat consumption, reduction of net-to-gross area ratio by providing efficient circulation, light-colored roofs to reduce solar gain, and salvaged brick.

The University is giving people a chance to own a piece of history through the sale of bricks from the previous MLK Student Center (1967–2008). The limited-edition bricks are on sale for $15, with the proceeds going toward scholarships.

Those interested in purchasing a brick can contact George Robinson at 302.857.7466 or grobinson@desu.edu, or purchase them online at desu.edu/commemorative-brick.
TateReflectson1968CampusUnrest

BYCARLOSHOLMES

The irony of alumnus Leroy Tate’s presence as one of the distinguished guests during the Feb. 25 dedication program of the DSU Student Center Complex was understood by a scant few among the 500 people in attendance.

Only those few—some former classmates and a few people knowledgeable about the events of 1968 on campus—understood what he was talking about when he referred to his “reckless” audacity of those years.

Along with DSU President Harry L. Williams, keynote speaker Walter Fauntroy and many others, Tate was seated on stage to witness the dedication of the student center—just as he had done in 1968 as Student Government Association president during the dedication of the first student center on campus and a new dormitory.

The actions of Tate and other students during that spring 1968 day would lead to the only ever deployment of the Delaware National Guard on campus to quell student unrest.

Today, Tate, an IBM executive consultant, recalls that the events of 1968 were, in part, a product of the turmoil of the 1960s, civil rights issues and the Vietnam War that stirred up students all over the country, including at DSU.

In 1967, Tate broke the tradition of fraternity members always winning elections. His RESPECT party, unaffiliated with any fraternity, won the election that thrust him into the top student leadership role. Their agenda was to address student apathy.

“We wanted to change students’ attitudes about being involved on the campus and in the community,” Tate said. “When we went out into the community, we wanted to be recognized as part of that community, to be welcomed there and to welcome members in our community on campus.”

He said that RESPECT worked to inspire students and even published its own newspaper as an alternative to the established Hornet publication. To try and make sense of all that was going on in the world at the time, the SGA group brought in speakers from SNCC (the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee), welfare rights advocates, poet Nikki Giovanni and others.
“We were asking to be exposed, but never knowing where it would take us,” Tate said.

By the spring semester, the administration of DSU President Luna L. Mishoe found itself confronted with a radicalized SGA. In March 1968, Tate and RESPECT presented Dr. Mishoe with a list of student demands that included visitation rights in the men’s and women’s dorms, extended library hours and improved student parking. After two days of inaction by the administration, 800 students boycotted classes and passed out pamphlets in front of classrooms expressing their positions.

“That really got their attention,” Tate said. “They did extend the library hours and we did get visitation rights.”

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired the students to come up with two new demands: to name the newly constructed men’s dormitory No. 2 and student center after slain civil rights leaders Medgar Evers and King, respectively. Some published accounts from that period say that the Mishoe administration agreed to name the student center after King but did not agree to the renaming of dormitory No. 2. Tate only concurred with the latter account.

“There was no response from the administration on either demand,” Tate said. “It seemed to me at the time that it had fallen on deaf ears.”

After a month of silence on their demand, the students decided to make a statement during a May 10, 1968 outdoor dedication ceremony for the two facilities. As Delaware Gov. Charles Terry stepped to the podium to give remarks, a group of students dressed in dashikis marched down the street repeatedly shouting “Student power! Student power!” While a mortified Mishoe looked on in disbelief, the rebellious bunch reached the gathering, effectively disrupting the program. Tate, who was seated on the platform ostensibly as a program participant, took the microphone from the governor and proceeded to dedicate the student center in the name of King.

With the ceremony irrevocably disrupted, the students then marched over to dormitory No. 2 and held their own ceremony, naming it after Medgar Evers.

A few days later, DSU suspended Tate, further enraging the students and prompting them to take over the Grossley Hall Administration Building on May 16. “We were thinking innocently that they would reconsider the suspension, sit down and talk with us,” Tate said. “Of course, now we were way beyond that with our behavior. When you excite people to that degree, it is a little late to be talking about reconciliation.”

The former SGA president said the Grossley Hall staff were surprised and upset as a mass of students descended upon the building. “It was like upsetting your family,” Tate said. “Some of them were really close to us and had bent over backwards to help us.” But faced with so many determined students, the staff left the building.

The students were organized for a long takeover, and had amassed large quantities of food and established their own security team. Gov. Terry’s nerves were already raw from the Wilmington riots that took place after King’s assassination. He had used the Delaware National Guard to restore order there, and on May 16 he dispatched that military force and state troopers to DSU.

“I think it was around 1 p.m. when he assembled the force of about 100 men,” said Terry’s aide Ned Davis in 2003 during a reunion of the class of 1968. “They were well armed.” (Davis died in 2006.)

When the students learned of the National Guard’s presence on the campus, the magnitude of their actions became apparent. “That was when it became crystal clear to me that when you step out here, there are consequences,” Tate said. “A lot of innocent people could get hurt.”

Dr. M. Sammye Miller ’68, who is now chair of the History and Government Department at Bowie State University, was a SGA member who participated in the take-over. “As a former university dean and assistant provost, the mere thought of such an action shocks me, but I am guilty as charged,” said Miller.

Miller said it was clear that God had his hand on DSU, because student unrest at other Historically Black Colleges and Universities in that period had far more serious consequences than what happened at Del. State. “Bluefield State had all of its residence halls removed from campus…and in the Carolinas some black students were shot to death by the authorities,” he said.

Fortunately, unlike the tragedy that would take place at Kent State University in Ohio the following year, there were no shots fired, violence or injuries at Del State. Two faculty members were allowed in Grossley Hall and were able to persuade the students to end the standoff, and, surrounding Tate, the students left the building.

While the other students went to the Student Center to share their concerns with Board of Trustees members, Tate departed the campus. “I figured I was going to be arrested,” he said.

With that departure, Tate walked away from Delaware State with his degree unfinished. He moved to Philadelphia and went into an Afro-centric marketing business with a few other partners, selling items like dashikis and ethnic art.

“I had studied business at Del. State, so I ended up being the accountant of this partnership,” he said. “I organized the books and did the tax returns, and it was appreciated by the organization.”

But while he was engaged in that business, his Del. State peers, like Miller, continued to connect with him and encourage him to finish his degree. It took a while, but the combination of that encouragement, the limited earning power of the Afro-centric business and having a wife and kids to support prompted him to get his academic business finished.

He completed the courses he lacked at the University of Pennsylvania, but he wanted to graduate from Delaware State College. That meant he would have to meet with Mishoe, who had last seen and talked to Tate through a window as the suspended SGA president stood in his office during the Grossley takeover.

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Hornets Kick Off Football Season at MEAC/SWAC Challenge

As of press time for this publication, the DSU Hornets were preparing to meet the Southern University Jaguars in ESPN Regional TV's MEAC/SWAC Challenge at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, FL, on Sept. 5. It is an early season test for the Hornets football team.

The MEAC/SWAC Challenge is an annual HBCU football game that showcases a team from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference. This year's game between DSU and SU will be broadcast live on ESPN.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to demonstrate pride and support for DSU as our football team and band represent us in the game of a lifetime in Orlando," said DSU President Harry L. Williams.

DSU is counting on alumni, faculty, staff and students to create a Hornet presence at the Citrus Bowl stadium this Labor Day weekend.

The DSU Approaching Storm Marching Band will take on the Southern University Band in Battle of the Bands during halftime at the game. The Approaching Storm will also perform in a parade at Disney's Magic Kingdom at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4.

For those who make the trip, it will be a fun-filled opportunity to visit Disney World, attend the Tom Joyner show and enjoy countless entertainment and culinary venues that Orlando has to offer. In addition, the Disney Step Show National Competition will take place Sept. 3-4, featuring the best steppers around.

For complete game coverage including scores and highlights, go to DSUHornets.com.
Football Outlook for 2010 Season

Last season’s brutal schedule, which included matches against University of Michigan, University of Delaware and South Carolina State, and a rash of injuries were major factors in the Hornets’ 4–7 overall record and 3–5 mark in the MEAC. This fall, beginning with the MEAC/SWAC Challenge, they are hoping to rebound.

The Hornets return their starting quarterback, best rusher, top two receivers and leading tackler from last season, but there will be a number of new faces at other key positions this year. The defense returns just one starter and nine others from last season. The offensive line must replace three starters, and there will be newcomers at punter and placekicker this season.

Quarterback senior Anthony Glaud (6-3, 215) enters his second season as the Hornets’ starting signal-caller. Glaud was fourth in the MEAC in passing average (143.8 ypg), sixth in passing efficiency (108.3 rating) and sixth in total offense (153.4 ypg) in 2009. He completed 127 of 220 passes (57.7%) for 1,294 yards last season. He closed out the season by completing 23 of 31 passes for a career-high 315 yards against Howard, the fifth-best single-game total in team history. Glaud also tied for the team lead with five rushing touchdowns in ‘09.

By season’s end, junior Jaashawn Jones (6-1, 215) emerged as one of the MEAC’s most productive rushers. Appearing in just eight games, Jones racked up 632 yards on 151 carries (4.2 ypc) to rank fifth in the league in rushing at 79.0 yards per contest. He rushed for at least 100 yards in four of the last five games in 2009. He tied with Glaud for the team high of five rushing touchdowns.

Speedy receivers Darius Jackson (5-10, 170), a returning junior, and senior Larrone Moore (6-0, 185) also return. Jackson led the Hornets with 41 catches for 476 yards to rank fifth in the MEAC in receptions per game and 10th in receiving yards per contest. He tied the team record with 11 catches for a career-high 123 yards in the 2009 season finale. Moore made his mark as a receiver and kick returner last season. He was second on the team with 33 receptions for 315 yards. He also ended the ‘09 season with his first 100-yard game (101 yards on five catches).

On the offensive line, tackle Nail Muradymov (6-7, 300), a returning sophomore, and guard Darryl Hicks (6-4, 300), a senior, are returning starters. Rutgers transfer Keith Newell (6-6, 305), a sophomore, is a welcome addition at tackle, while center Marcus Ponder (6-2, 295), a returning junior, and junior Thomas Threadgill (6-5, 315) were valuable backups last year.

The defense will be led by tackle Andre Carroll, the lone returning starter. Carroll, a 2009 All-MEAC Second Team selection, led the Hornets with 56 total tackles, including 23 solo stops. He also topped the team with seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

For more information on 2010 football season tickets, visit DSUhornets.com or call the DSU Ticket Office at 302.857.7497 or toll-free at 866.378.TIXX.
Outfielder Jordan Reid

Earns Post-Season Softball Honors

Delaware State University outfielder Jordan Reid has been named 2010 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Year in voting by league head coaches and sports information directors.

The Hornet sophomore has also been named to the 2010 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I All-Region Team (Mid-Atlantic).

Reid is joined on the All-MEAC First Team by Hornet teammates Tawny Reeger (INF) and Rachel Carroll (UTL).

A native of Accokeek, MD, Reid was tops in the MEAC, and ninth among all NCAA Division I players, with a .457 batting average during the 2010 regular season. She also led the league in on-base percentage this season (.500). In addition, Reid is 24th in the nation in runs per game (1.0 pg) and 47th in stolen bases (0.51 pg). She is 20-for-23 in stolen base attempts this season.

Reid is the first Hornet to earn MEAC Player-of-the-Year honors since Jaleah Brown in 2002.

Reeger, a sophomore from Simi Valley, CA, is batting .338 and leads the Hornets with 39 runs batted in. She also ranks second in the MEAC, and 37th in Division I, in doubles (0.32 pg) and 88th in toughest to strike out (1-per-13.3 at bats).

A sophomore catcher and third baseman, Carroll is batting .347 with two home runs and 29 RBI this season.

A total of 256 players from 116 different institutions comprise this season’s All-Region teams, including first and second teams for each region. Reid is the only Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) player on the list this year.

Reid is the fourth Delaware State player to earn Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region honors, joining Patty Brown (2000), Janice Savage (2004) and Catrina Ansbach (2006).

The all-region teams were chosen by NFCA-member coaches from each region. All honorees are now eligible for selection to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America first, second or third teams. In addition, conference pitchers and players of the year not selected to the regional teams were added for All-America consideration.

Jay Threatt is No. 1

In NCAA Men’s Basketball Steals

Delaware State’s Jay Threatt has claimed the NCAA Division I title for steals in men’s basketball during the 2009–10 season. Threatt topped all players in steals at 2.8 per game (82 total steals) in the final NCAA men’s basketball statistical report for that season.

The NCAA will award plaques to Threatt and the University in recognition of his achievement.

The Richmond, VA, native had at least one steal in 27 of the Hornets’ 29 games and two or more in 19 contests. He had a career-high nine steals in DSU’s 60–44 win over Wilmington on Nov. 16, 2009.

Threatt, in his first season at Delaware State, was also tops in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and 38th in Division I with a 2.32 assist-to-turnover per-game ratio. He had 123 assists and just 53 turnovers during the 2009–10 season. In addition, Threatt was second in the MEAC (111th in the NCAA) in assists at 4.2 per game. He will be a junior at DSU during the 2010–11 season.
Record 98 Student Athletes Make MEAC All-Academic List

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference has named 98 DSU students to its commissioner’s All-Academic Team, which recognizes non-freshman student athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The number of student athletes recognized by the MEAC this year is a school record for DSU.

In all, 613 student athletes from the league’s 12 schools met the criteria during the 2009–10 academic year. Howard University just topped DSU with 100 of its students making All-Academic selection.

“I’m extremely proud of our exceptional student athletes for their outstanding work in the classroom,” said DSU Director of Athletics Derek Carter. “The academic success of our student athletes is a credit to their hard work, along with the commitment of their parents, university administration, faculty and coaches to academic and athletic excellence.”

DSU MEAC ALL-ACADEMIC—MEN AND WOMEN

Men
Scott Davis (BA, physical education)
Jordan Elliot (BA, sports sciences)
Josh Harris (BA, physical education)
Keith Hernandez (BA, marketing)
Derrek Johnson (BA, psychology)
Matt Millman (BA, sports sciences)
Kevin Noriega (BA, marketing)
Jose Portela-Berrios (BA, biology)
Mike Rizzuto (BA, management)
Joe Rush (BA, sports sciences)
George Bansah (FB, undecided)
Andre Carroll (FB, sports sciences)
B.J. Conley (FB, criminal justice)
Mike Gable (FB, biology/pre-professional)
Darryl Hicks (FB, criminal justice)
Byron Lewis (FB, criminal justice)
Calvin Miner (FB, criminal justice)
Nick Richmond (FB, sports sciences)
Steven Steinbacher (FB, management)
Travis Tarpley (FB, management)
Brandon Bayor (BB, psychology)
James Marcellus (BB, management)
Greg Smith (BB, movement science)
Trevor Welcher (BB, sports sciences)
Ryan Agan (CC, airway science)
Alan Laws (CC, sports sciences)
David Bruce (TR, sports sciences)
Brian Gells (TE, computer science)
Roman Pitatleiev (TE, accounting)
Milos Velickovic (TE, management)

Women
Sade Bowen (WBB, sports sciences)
Alexis Johnson (WBB, criminal justice)
Samantha Koonce (WBB, biology/pre-professional)
Ashley Thompson (WBB, physics)
Jazmyne Heffelfinger (BO, sports sciences)
Adriana Jaime (BO, education)
Tara McQueen (BO, computer science)
Brooke Peterson (BO, nursing)
Samanta Scintoli (BO, music education)
Courtney Varin (BO, biology)
Kaylin Washburn (BO, English)
Calisa Emerson (CC, accounting)
Capri Jones (CC, accounting)
Kendra Mayers (CC, sports sciences)
Chamise McCombs (CC, biology)
Brittany Roberson (CC, pre-nursing)
Ashley Blake (TR, education)
Tracy Fan Fan (TR, pre-nursing)
Ayanna Kelly (TR, mass communications)
Victoria McGroary (TR, political science)
Krystina Muhammad (TR, sports sciences)
Marshae Richardson (TR, criminal justice)
Ashley Butler (EQ, management)
Brittni Collins (EQ, agriculture)
Caroline Foltz (EQ, agriculture)
Amanda Holt (EQ, agriculture)
Jennifer Michinis (EQ, political science)
Jennifer Pierson (EQ, agriculture)
Morgan Scuse (EQ, chemistry/pre-professional)
Jessica Smith (EQ, agriculture)
Elizabeth Tuttle (EQ, management)
Chelsea Brown (SO, chemistry)
Kelly Cheng (SO, sports sciences)
Brittany Gourdine (SO, biology)
Courtney Haas (SO, sports sciences)
Leah Hontz (SO, education)
Kristin Mathis (SO, sports sciences)
Casey Beighly (SB, mass communications)
Janelle Lukens (SB, mass communications)
Leslie Pleasanton (SB, education)
Tawny Reeger (SB, chemistry)
Jordan Reid (SB, criminal justice)
Allison Rubin (SB, history)
Sherelle Sheppard (SB, history)
Jo Jo Shields (SB, sports sciences)
Andrea Waters (SB, political science)
Hannah Adewumi (TE, computer science)
Christina Andrade-Pires (TE, finance & banking)
Anna Kovtun (TE, criminal justice)
Cassandra Newton (TE, hospitality tourism management)
Polina Razborova (TE, finance & banking)
Sonja Banicevic (VB, finance & banking)
Martina Ferrari (VB, political science)
Ashley Herman (VB, biology)
Elisa Herman (VB, hospitality tourism management)
Princess Puckett (VB, movement science)
Maja Rudolph (VB, mathematics)
Erica Tajchman (VB, biology/pre-professional)
Jasmine Bolton (CH, public relations)
Carlita Constant (CH, psychology)
Jasmine Cooper (CH, accounting)
Jessica Dickerson (CH, political science)
Corrine Gramby (CH, textiles & apparel)
Tynisha Hearne (CH, music education)
Bethany Stewart (CH, history)
Hornet Golf Classic Raises $13,415 for DSU Athletics

The 15th annual Hornet Golf Classic was held at scenic Maple Dale Country Club in Dover on April 16. The event included a four-person scramble with a silent auction, prizes and giveaways. More than 72 golfers took part to raise more than $13,000 for the benefit of DSU athletics. The winning team consisted of Derrick Leggins, Kenneth Hyson, Karl Baptiste and Robert Johnson.

On the Mend

Former Hornet basketball star Troy Roundtree (seated) and his father—another former DSU basketball standout—James Roundtree (right) get a visit by DSU President Harry L. Williams (left) during a home basketball doubleheader. Troy, who is still on the mend after a serious 2009 car accident in Philadelphia, was the starting forward who was a part of the MEAC Championship Hornets of the mid-2000s. He followed his father James’ footsteps, whose 1971–74 efforts resulted in the fourth-most career rebounds in Hornet history.

S&P Reaffirms Delaware State’s A+ Financial Rating

Standard & Poor’s, a top national credit-rating agency, has affirmed that Delaware State University maintains an A+ credit rating. According to Standard & Poor’s recent assessment of the institution, the A+ rating reflects the strength of DSU’s leadership team that keeps the University focused on its strategic plan. The assessment also noted the University’s modest debt burden of 3.5 percent of 2009 expenses with no additional debt planned.

“This signifies the confidence of people who conduct an extensive evaluation on our financial management,” said DSU President Harry L. Williams. “To get an A+ rating in these tough economic times says a lot about our financial managers and the transparency of the institution.”

Marvin Lawrence, DSU Board of Trustees member and chair of the board’s finance committee, said that while the University works hard to continually assess its financial system, it is also great encouragement to receive such validation from a top outside agency.

“We are elated to have received this credit rating, and it is really a reflection of DSU’s financial staff,” Lawrence said. “They work hard to manage the financial aspects of the University and keep the institution on point.”

Standard & Poor’s has been designated by the US Security and Exchange Commission as a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
DSU Awarded $600,000 Grant for Science-Related Scholarships

The National Science Foundation has awarded Delaware State University a five-year grant of $600,000 to be used for undergraduate scholarships for students majoring in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines (known as STEM).

The principal grant writer was Dr. Andrew Lloyd, DSU associate professor of biology. The co-grant writers were DSU STEM faculty members Dr. Chandran R. Sabanayagam, assistant professor of physics, Dr. Cherese Winstead, assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. Clytrice Watson, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Mazen M. Shahin, professor of mathematics.

“Our long-term goal for this scholarship program is to increase the number of financially-disadvantaged, academically-talented students graduating from DSU with Bachelor of Science degrees in the STEM areas,” Dr. Lloyd said. “We will also work to strengthen their preparation for and interest in pursuing a PhD.”

He said that scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit, level of financial need, commitment to a career in STEM, interest in graduate school and evidence of overcoming obstacles.

DSU to Establish MBA Program in Vietnam

DSU has finalized an agreement with Vietnam National University to establish a DSU Master of Business degree program there.

Amir Mohammadi, DSU vice president of finance and administration, traveled to Vietnam in January with Kishor C. Sheth, director of the DSU MBA program, and Dr. Nanda Viswanathan, associate professor of marketing, to meet with VNU officials and sign the new accord.

“We are excited to extend DSU’s academic impact to Vietnam through the offering of our MBA degree program at the Vietnamese National University,” said DSU President Harry L. Williams. “The establishment of this program gives DSU the privilege of helping Vietnam to expand its sector of middle and senior management professionals and strengthens the global presence of our institution’s academic and research partnerships in higher education to over 30 countries.”

The joint academic collaboration between DSU and VNU will involve DSU faculty members who will travel to Vietnam to teach MBA courses in an accelerated format. While most of the work will involve classroom instruction, some parts of individual courses will be taught online.

Viswanathan will be the first faculty member to teach at VNU. He will conduct courses at that institution’s Center for Education Technology and Career Development in Hanoi in August. Other DSU professors will travel to Vietnam to teach MBA courses during subsequent semesters.

“We are excited to extend DSU’s academic impact to Vietnam through the offering of our MBA degree program at the Vietnamese National University.”

—DSU President Harry L. Williams
DSU Signs Agreement with South African University

DSU President Harry L. Williams and a University delegation traveled to South Africa this summer to sign a formal agreement with that country’s North-West University that will facilitate collaborations between DSU’s Applied Mathematics Research Center and North-West University’s International Institute for Symmetry Analysis and Mathematical Modeling.

The accord will result in greater research productivity for the two centers, as it will facilitate faculty research visits, study-abroad opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, the exchange of post-doctorate level scholars for research enhancement, and collaborations in the disciplines of business and administration, sciences and education.

“We are excited about DSU’s new relationship with South Africa’s North-West University and look forward to the collaborations and the exchanges that will result between students and faculty,” Dr. Williams said.

Williams signed the agreement with Dr. Ntate Daniel Kgadi, North-West Mafikeng Campus rector, on July 28 at the University’s Mafikeng campus. Joining Williams were Dr. Fengshan Liu, acting assistant vice president of DSU international affairs and director of Applied Mathematics Research Center, and Dr. Anjan Biswas, DSU associate professor of mathematics sciences.

While in South Africa, the DSU delegation also attended the Traditional Medicine Conference on July 30 at the International Convention Centre in Durban.

Class of 2010 Gives Back

The senior class giving drive closed with over $2,000 raised by the Class of 2010. The drive kicked off in February with flyers posted across campus soliciting financial support. Students were contacted by e-mail, Facebook and the DSU website. Senior Class President Kalonna Maull encouraged seniors to give $20.10 each in an effort to set a precedent for “alumni in residence” giving at DSU.

Embracing the Student Government Association’s motto, “Smart is the new cool,” Maull hopes to encourage future classes to give back. A commemorative plaque acknowledging their efforts will be hung in the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center. On Maull’s suggestion, the plaque will be updated each year to reflect the fundraising drive of each subsequent graduating class. Maull made heartfelt final appeals for all of the Class of 2010 to give back to their alma mater during her commencement speeches.
Wayne Gilchrest
DSU’S CONGRESSIONAL ALUMNUS

After Wayne T. Gilchrest returned home from Vietnam as a Purple Heart decorated war veteran, he pursued an education in Dover, first at Wesley College for liberal arts and later at Delaware State College to pursue a bachelor’s degree in history.

Through his history research at DSC, Gilchrest learned a lot about the Vietnam War, information that didn’t reflect well on the US government. This experience may have foreshadowed his later interest in politics.

Following his graduation from Delaware State in 1973, Gilchrest spent some years teaching school in Dover, New Jersey, Vermont and, ultimately, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he currently lives. But public service beckoned him, and he was elected to Congress in 1991, making a name for himself as a strong voice for fiscal responsibility and environmental protection. Gilchrest served for nine terms as a Republican member of the US House of Representatives, making him the only graduate of Delaware State elected to serve in the hallowed halls of Congress.

Gilchrest was tapped to be a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission, established by DSU President Harry L. Williams, to help his alma mater craft a new vision statement to guide its future.

Funny back-story: When Gilchrest graduated from then-Delaware State College in 1973, his numerous family members who traveled to the First State for Commencement were in for a surprise. “The fact, that Delaware State University was a black school, never came up in conversation,” said Gilchrest.

After serving in the US House of Representatives from 1991 to 2009 (he suffered a primary defeat that forced him to step down), Gilchrest says he has no plans to return to elected public life. However, he has remained professionally active by teaching environmental policy at Salisbury State University, lobbying Congress on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay, as well as working to make Maryland’s Turner Creek a living library that can be an educational resource for schools and the public.

Gilchrest resides with his wife of 39 years, Barbara, in Kennedyville, MD, where they are raising their two grandchildren.

Alumna Phy’llicia Dixon
APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE BY GOVERNOR

On May 7, Phy’llicia Dixon was appointed by Delaware Gov. Jack Markell to the selection committee for the Delaware Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service. Dixon, a US Coast Guard veteran, has served as the resource development associate for the State Employees’ Charitable Campaign (United Way of Delaware) for nine years. The 2010 awards were presented at the DSU Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center.

Phy’llicia Dixon is pictured with Gov. Jack Markell (right) and Lt. Gov. Matt Denn
Michael J. Feeney ’05 Honored by NABJ

DSU alumnus Michael J. Feeney, a reporter with the New York Daily News, has been named the 2010 Emerging Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists.

NABJ President Kathy Times said Feeney was chosen over other young journalists because he “represents where journalism is and where it’s going.”

“He has covered multiple beats in print and lives in a multimedia world,” Times said. “His fresh energy and eagerness to learn are perfect ingredients for an emerging journalist.”

Feeney, who earned a BA in mass communications (print journalism) in 2005, clearly prepared himself to make his mark on the world during his four years at DSU. He worked for The Horset Newspaper during his entire academic journey, beginning as a writer his freshman year and then serving as editor-in-chief during the remaining three years. He also served on the Student Government Association and was a founding member of the DSU chapter of the NABJ.

The pinnacle of his four years at DSU was being honored with the 2005 Presidential Leadership Award. After graduation, the Associated Press hired Feeney immediately as a reporter. He later wrote for The Record of Bergen County (NJ) before he moved on, last year, to his current job with the New York Daily News.

Raised in Teaneck, NJ, Feeney said he hopes to be a role model to other up-and-coming journalists.

“It encourages me to help other people follow their dream,” said Feeney, who also writes the pop culture blog Mfeenz.com. “Working at the Daily News is my dream. I’m living my dream right now.”

He received the Emerging Journalist award in July at the NABJ annual convention in San Diego.

Quincy Lucas Receives MEAC and Shofar Honors

DSU alumnna Quincy Lucas and her passionate advocacy against domestic violence continued to draw accolades and recognition this spring. Both the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Delaware Multicultural and Civic Organization honored Lucas’ work with her nonprofit organization, Witney’s Lights.

The MEAC presented Lucas with its 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award during the MEAC Basketball Tournament in Winston-Salem, NC, in March. She was honored along with other awardees selected from the other MEAC-member schools.

On May 8, the Delaware Multicultural and Civic Organization made Lucas one of five recipients of its annual Shofar Community Awards.

Lucas founded Witney’s Lights, which promotes domestic violence awareness and advocates for greater legal protection for victims, in memory of her sister, Dr. Witney H. Rose. Rose was killed by her ex-boyfriend in 2003 in Baltimore.
On May 22, 62 alumni and about a dozen other members of the University staff and administration witnessed the change in DSU Alumni Association leadership as the 2008–2010 officers turned over their positions to a newly elected board at their annual meeting. Dr. K. Bernard Chase ’72 succeeds Deidre Y. Ottley as the new DSUA A president for the 2010–2012 term. The meeting was held in the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center.

Carolyn Curry, vice president of institutional advancement; Dr. Ronald Blackmon, alumnus, provost and vice president for academic affairs; and Derek Carter, director of athletics, opened the morning session with a presentation of University highlights. Carter touted the upcoming sixth annual MEAC/SWAC Challenge game in which DSU has been selected to face the Southern University Jaguars on Sept. 5 at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. Vita Pickrum, associate vice president for development, was also in attendance.

Following the highlights, alumni were introduced to candidates for offices and heard each individual’s reasons for seeking office. A morning break allowed for a tour of the new student center, led by Matthew Fortune, who is one of the overseers of the facility.

In the afternoon, following a fellowship luncheon, participants listened to the keynote address delivered by DSU’s president, Dr. Harry Lee Williams. Williams gave an enlightening visual presentation that outlined the challenges faced by the University in its mission to prepare students. DSU is on its way to becoming one of the top institutions in the nation, he asserted, and said that it would take the support of the entire University family to get there. The gathering was underscored by songs performed by the University’s Tour Choir, strategically positioned among the guests to create a beautiful “surround sound” effect. The University’s Tour Choir performs under the direction of Dr. Curtis Everett Powell.

To cap off the luncheon, service awards were presented to outgoing alumni president Deidre Y. Ottley and, belatedly, to former presidents Alfred A. Outlaw (2005–2008) and Luke Chappel (2002–2005). Lorene K. Robinson, director of alumni affairs, received an appreciation award for dedicated service and support.

Election of officers was held in the afternoon business session. Along with Chase as president, the following alumni were elected for 2010–2012: Meeshach D. Stennett ’98, vice president; Sheila Davis ’01, recording secretary; Beverly M. Swann ’93/’97, assistant secretary; J. Cagney France ’65, treasurer; Joy C. Hopkins-Keita ’99, assistant treasurer; Josephine Stevenson-Seals ’71, alumni representative; Reginald C. Minus ’73, chaplain; Albert S. Weal, Jr. ’74, nominating committee chairman.

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**Homecoming 2010 Reunions**

**CLASS OF 1970—40TH CELEBRATION**

Saturday, October 16
5–7:30 pm
MLK Student Center, Room 201
For more information, contact:
Charles Mays, class coordinator
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**CLASS OF 1990—20TH ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, October 16
5–7:30 pm
Watch DSU homecoming Web page for location and details.

Class coordinators:
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Watch the DSU homecoming Web page, desu.edu/homecoming, for details and for additional reunion listings as they become available.
Amystique Y. Harris Church has been nominated for the Cambridge Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs of the Year. Individuals are nominated based on professional accomplishments, academic achievement, leadership and service. Harris Church recently graduated from Wilmington University with a 4.0 GPA and earned a Master of Science in adult education and basic literacy.

Delano Hunter is running for the Ward 5 City Council seat in his native Washington, DC. Elections will be held on Sept. 14. His political platform addresses critical social, economic and health issues within the community, including job access and training, HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness, and youth violence. If elected, he will be the youngest elected official in DC history. Hunter was DSU’s Student Government Association president from 2005 to 2006. For more information, visit www.DelanoHunter.com.

Alisha L. Broughton announces that she has published a book titled Living on the Edge, inspired by her personal experiences dealing with an illness that forced her to make pivotal changes in her life. She is a public speaker, educator and owner of a consulting firm, Unlimited Expectations.

The Rev. John G. Moore Sr. has been named vice president of resource development and strategic partnerships for United Way of Delaware, where he works to develop strategic partnerships and support for United Way’s year-round fundraising efforts. He was formerly director of Kent and Sussex counties. An ordained minister, Moore is the executive director for the Delaware Youth Leadership Academy and youth pastor for Calvary Baptist Church in Dover. He also serves on several boards, including the board of directors of the Modern Maturity Center in Dover and the Blood Bank of Delmarva. Moore holds an MBA from DSU.

Patricia (Shonda Burke) and Ronnie Geter will celebrate one year of marriage along with the birth of their newborn Tyler Geter and their loving daughter Patricia Travis. Shonda graduated in 2002 with a BA in English and in 2008 with a Masters in Special Education. Both degrees are from Delaware State. Ronnie graduated from Delaware State in 2003 with a BA in public relations and received his master’s degree in counseling from North Carolina Central in 2006. Shonda is a middle school special education teacher and Ronnie is a middle school counselor. Shonda is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Ronnie is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Khary Darlington, former co-captain of the Hornets football team, was the keynote speaker for Dover High School’s 2010 commencement exercises on June 3. Darlington is an alumnus of DHS and was on the Senators football team. He is currently area scout for the Carolina Panthers football team.

Evangelist Niambi Brice is the founder and CEO of the Rock Bottom Foundation, Inc., whose purpose is to minister to “those who have literally hit rock bottom and begin to rebuild them from the foundation up.” The mission of the faith-based, evangelical organization, established in 2008, includes spiritual outreach and service to the incarcerated, displaced and dysfunctional members of society, wherever they may be found. Per a statement submitted by Brice, “There are hurting people everywhere, and as the Lord sees fit to lead us, we will go to wherever they are.” Brice invites interaction via email: Briceministry@aol.com.

Senta Benson, RN, BSN, lives in Arizona with husband Darryl. The couple recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Together, they are pastors of Free Spirit Community Church in Phoenix. Benson is a clinical research nurse with Cancer Treatment Centers of America at the Western Regional Medical Center in Goodyear, AZ. She will be pursuing a master’s degree in clinical research at Arizona State University.

Norman E. Fields, PhD, has published a book, titled Overcoming Pain, that is currently being sold in bookstores in the US and Europe. After graduating from Delaware State with a BS in business administration, Dr. Fields went on to earn a master’s degree from Wilmington College and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Friends’ International Christian University in Merced, CA. He writes that he is nearing completion of a second doctorate in religious studies.

The Rev. Theodore T. Winsley was featured in the March 29 online edition of the Courier-Post (Pennsauken, N.J) in an article titled, “Eagles add muscle, spirit to rebuilding effort in Haiti.” Winsley, who is the chaplain for the Philadelphia Eagles and pastor of the Living Faith Christian Center in Pennsauken, was among a group of missionaries who went to the disaster-ravaged country. Two Eagles players participated, and the three toured an orphanage, hospital and the headquarters of Mission of Hope Haiti, a nongovernmental organization that distributes hundreds of thousands of meals daily in Haiti. In the article, Winsley described the experience as “life-changing” and “very sobering,” saying, “They just didn’t have anything.” The missionaries provided active labor and humanitarian love to the people of Haiti.

Willis L. Lonzer III, PhD, was the keynote speaker April 8 at The University of Akron’s sixth annual Conference on Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research. Dr. Lonzer is a clinical science manager in global research and development for Abbott Laboratories, Inc. In April, Lonzer was installed as the Ohio district director of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., leading 25 chapters statewide. He is a life member of the fraternity. In 2008, the University recognized Lonzer with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Heidi J. Wuller was honored by the Delaware State School Counselor’s Association on April 20 at Dover Downs Conference Center. Wuller is an elementary school counselor at Major George S. Welch Elementary School in Dover. She holds a BA in sociology with a minor in business administration from DSU.
1965

William H. “Buck” Godfrey Jr. was inducted into the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame on June 12. Godfrey, who coached football at Southwest DeKalb High School in Atlanta, is described as “legendary.” In his 27-year career, he led his teams to one state title and 13 regional championships. While a student at Delaware State University, he was captain of the football and baseball teams—named All-Conference in both sports—and was the CIAA batting champion in 1965 with a batting average of .511. Godfrey was inducted into the DSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988.

1962

Phyllis Hayes-Dixon and husband Delbert commemorated their 45th wedding anniversary with a “Celebration of Love” banquet, held at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, with their children, grandchildren, additional family members and friends. The affair culminated in a renewal of marriage vows. Dixon retired from teaching 16 years ago and has since been active in retiree groups and the DSU Alumni Association, and she enjoys traveling frequently.

1957

Walter E. “Rock” Greene was among four former coaches honored with other former students, coaches, teachers and administrators of the former Jackson P. Burley High School in Charlottesville, VA. He was celebrated during an April 30 dedication of the new middle school’s athletic fields and gymnasium. The event, sponsored by the Burley Youth Leadership Initiative and the Burley Varsity Club, honored Greene for his contributions to the lives of students through teaching and coaching. While attending Delaware State, Greene lettered in four sports and he is in the University’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

1952

Joseph D. DaLuz received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award at the 23rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Breakfast, sponsored by Bridgewater State College (MA). DaLuz was honored at the Jan. 18 event for being “a leader in housing, community service and politics on Cape Cod, spanning five decades.” Additionally, he was cited for having been “largely regarded as a pioneer in promoting good will, kindness and fairness.” The award is presented annually by the president of the college “to recognize and affirm those who have made significant contributions to the areas of peace, education, race relations, justice and human rights.”

1951

William A. Ross Sr. was elected chair of the Howard County Housing Commission in January. The commission is the county’s housing authority with housing inventory valued at more than $100 million. Ross is in his second five-year term on the commission after being appointed by the past two Howard County executives. His goal for the commission is to minimize the number of public housing projects, to integrate residents into economically, racially, ethnically diverse communities and to encourage economically disadvantaged residents to become homeowners.
Office of Planned Giving: Creating a Legacy

BY LAMAR T. GUNN, DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING

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Donors Treated to PHILADANCO Performance

On April 24, President’s Society donors attended a reception at the Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover preceding the performance of the 40-year-old Philadelphia Dance Company. Vice President for Institutional Advancement Carolyn Curry was mistress of ceremonies for the event. President Harry L. Williams acknowledged the donors’ contributions (which are $1,000 or more at the President’s Society level), and donors were treated to an appearance and expressions by PHILADANCO founder Dr. Joyce Meyers Brown. The donors were then escorted to preferred seating for a riveting performance of the PHILADANCO dancers.

Tate Reflects on 1968 Campus Unrest

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Tate made the appointment, showed up wearing a dashiki and was unsure of what to expect. But in meeting with Mishoe, he found forgiveness reigned.

“Dr. Mishoe said, ‘Mr. Tate, I understand. My son has gone through some changes with the military draft, so I understand what you are going through and what you went through,’” Tate recounted. And with that, the DSC president said he would do whatever was needed to allow him to graduate at Del. State.

“I was just blown away, because after what I put the man through, he had every right to be upset with me,” Tate said. “But he was 100 percent in my corner, and he made it possible for me to graduate. He was an amazing man.”

Tate was officially reconciled with Del. State when he walked across the commencement stage in 1975 and received his diploma along with congratulations from Mishoe. He went on to earn an MBA from Temple University and became a certified public accountant. Now age 63, the former SGA president is currently a financial services and information technology consultant for IBM, where he facilitates the implementation of legacy applications for Fortune 500 companies.

He gives DSU a lot of credit for his success. “No other place would have given me the opportunity I had at Del. State. At that time, segregation was still pretty strong and we weren’t invited with open arms into the University of Delaware,” Tate said. “If I had gone to a white university, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to be an SGA president or to be close to the administration.”

So when Tate stepped to the podium this Feb. 25, he acknowledged that as a student he “was impatient, audacious, fearless and even sometimes reckless,” but, somehow, DSU still managed to make a good product out of him.

“While in this cradle, in this incubator, I experienced acceptance, I learned to be a leader, I learned the meaning of courage and the willingness to step out on a limb, or, in the religious parlance, to step out on faith,” Tate said at the dedication. “I also learned that the consequences for my actions could be swift and rewarding, harsh and devastating.”

“I didn’t know it then, but I know it now: I was learning about life.”

—Leroy Tate
A Family Affair

HOMECOMING 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

SUNDAY, OCT. 10
Coronation of Mr. & Miss DSU, Theater, 6–8 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.)

MONDAY, OCT. 11
“Splash from the Past” tribute to ’75 swim coach & team 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Wellness & Recreation Center pool 7–9 p.m.
Homecoming Pep Rally “Smart is the new cool” (social) 10 p.m.–midnight

TUESDAY, OCT. 12
Faculty/Staff vs. Students basketball game, 7–10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13
Fashion Show (theme: Hollywood night/celebrity look-a-like) 7–10 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Visit desu.edu/homecoming for more details.

*Subject to change.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14
Job fair, 9–10 a.m.
Alumni preview, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Job fair for students 8–11 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)
Comedy show, 11:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.
Pow-wow with comedians in the MLKSC

FRIDAY, OCT. 15
DSUAA Legacy Scholarship Golf Outing
Wild Quail Golf & Country Club, Wyoming, DE
Entry Date Deadline: October 8, 2010
Entry Policy: Limited to 140 players
Event Type: Best Ball, shotgun start
Entry Fee: $125.00
Registration: 8:30–9:30 a.m.
Tee Time: 10 a.m.
Step show (old- and new-school steppers), Memorial Hall Gym (live feed for overflow from step show to be held in MLKSC)
Alumni Legacy Banquet and Hall of Fame Inductions, TBD

SATURDAY, OCT. 16
Parade, 9:30 a.m. (downtown Dover)
Vendors Lane, (dry vendors) 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Royal Court—lap around Alumni Stadium 12:30–12:55 p.m.
Homecoming game: DSU vs. NCA&T, 1:00 p.m.
President’s reception, Immediately following the game, Price Building lawn
DSU vs. NCA&T slam dunk and three-point shootout contest
Double Dutch contest, new courts beside MLKSC 8 p.m.–2 a.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
Student Homecoming Concert & Party, Memorial Hall Gymnasium 8–10 p.m.
Alumni Concert, E&H Theater 8–10 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)
DSUAA Alumni Homecoming Gala, TBD

SUNDAY, OCT. 17
Homecoming Gospel Concert in Theater 7–10 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
“It’s a Family Affair” barbeque on the Plots 10:30 p.m.–?”