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**NEWS** **Construction reduces parking 28%**  
 Charles Battles III  
 Parking on Dillard's campus, already considered by many to be minimal, has been reduced by nearly a third because of construction projects behind Cook and the Professional Services Building. As of March 29, there were 302 parking spaces available on campus, down 28.4 percent from the normal number of 425.  
 Parking problems will be exacerbated through August, when construction is expected to be completed, according to Keith A. McKendall, assistant vice president of Facilities Management. McKendall said construction is under way on its entrance parking and drainage project to limit flooding. Another reason to complete the work is to keep the PSH and Student Union confined as "green" buildings. McKendall also said lighting and security enhancements by the club level are planned. McKendall also said that the construction will be completed by the end of August and that the parking lot will be re-opened as soon as construction is done.  
 Dr. Tracy Bishop, trustee, vice president and dean of the college, said that the construction will be completed by the end of August and that the parking lot will be re-opened as soon as construction is done.  
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**DU rally for Trayvon Martin**  
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 Chad Kay  
 Editor in Chief  
 A historic three candidate election race and a New Orleans primary race have been named Mr. and Mrs. Dillard for 2012-13.  
 The run-off election on April 2, following the primary March 29, completed the selection of Student Government officials, led by its new president, Isaiah Porter, a junior neuroscience and finance major from Mobile, Ala.  
 Justice Bailey and Johnson Porter are DU's new vice presidents, serving with 237 (64 percent) and 225 (63 percent) of the votes, respectively.  
 Challenging Porter were Michael White, a junior political science major from Mobile, Ala., receiving 113 votes (31.5 percent), and Charles Coleman, a junior political science major from Birmingham, who received 98 (27.9 percent).  
 John De Steno, a junior physics major from New Orleans, will become the new Mr. Dillard.  
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**3 DU rally for Trayvon Martin**  
 Stephen Lopez/Courtesy  
 Dillard's first in-person show, made with a variety of its models, will be a night of 2012 and 2013 fashion at 7 p.m. in Dent. To sign, contact the show at 430-642-6100 or visit [www.courtbouillon.com](http://www.courtbouillon.com). **See Page 6**

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According to Charles Coleman, chairman of the Student Activities Board, the annual Student Leadership Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Student Affairs come together to plan the week of events with the theme "This is How We DU in Preserving Campus Culture and Inclusiveness."  
 The Week for Campus Culture show will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. tonight in Dent Hall.  
 Public events will include "Hot Day" beginning in noon, followed by the concert.  
 Continuation of events will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.  
 Events already held this week included a midnight bonfire in Roney on Monday, a carnival held behind the Professional Services Building, followed by an 80's/90's party in Dent Hall, and a variety of other shows in Dent on Wednesday night.  
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**NEWS**

**Student population dips in spring**



By **Stacey Sheffer**  
and **Tyler Kay**

Some 91 new students came on Dillard University this semester, but the school's total population still declined 1.4 percent to 1,015, when compared to fall, according to 14-day census data provided by Dr. Alex Cippan, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management.

And although the number of freshmen dropped by 4 percent, or 14 students, to 340 over the Christmas break, Cippan noted that the class is still the largest at the university.

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**Dorm redo may mean 35% more bed capacity**



When renovation of Harnett-Campbell and Straight Hall dormitories is complete in year end, Dillard's on- and off-campus bed capacity will increase by 35 percent for a capacity of 1,019 beds, according to Christopher Cameron, executive director of the Student Union and Residential Life.

At that time, however, Cameron said, university administration officials will make a decision on whether to keep the DUALS and Elmer Fields off-campus housing being opened to students.

Harnett-Campbell and Straight Hall dormitories, which have been underutilized since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, are undergoing a major overhaul to add 108 new beds on campus. These additional on-campus beds will be added to the 200 currently available in Williams Hall, 176 in Gertrude Goodwin, and 22 in Evangelist.

Cameron said Williams will be used to house freshmen females while Straight Hall will house freshmen males and Harnett-Campbell sophomore males.

Cameron said the university may opt to use the DUALS and Elmer Fields properties for rental for student conferences.

Renovations are being funded by grants from the National Park Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, "with bonded funding" from Dillard, according to a campus construction update earlier. State Construction Management is running the project.

The information provided earlier outlined the project being no longer to get started on the need for coordination between the federal and state governments "to ensure the historical integrity of the buildings" since they are on the National Historic Register.

"The state also will compensate us for the historic nature and the preservation of the buildings," Cameron said.

The renovation includes building bed rooms to six beds, dorms in the dorm renovations because the dormitory building projects were over. The new buildings were constructed with an HBCU Cap Loan, through the U.S. Department of Education.

*James Howard contributed to this report.*



**8 Four events set for Bleu Devil Classic weekend**

Events in the girls and 17's swimming, dance and shooting with live music.

Call 304-814-4723 for more information.

NCAA Midrange Breakfest, a fundraiser organized by alumni to support DUC will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Preservation Hall on Telegraph Avenue.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.dillarduniversity.com](http://www.dillarduniversity.com). All proceeds go to DUC and the National Alumni Association. Sponsors and supporters include: Trinity Lutheran Church, Zorawski, The Moon, Infinite Morning and Wine House.

Programs for the weekend will be held from 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, on Kabacoff Plaza, with the 2012 Alleana Ingle Road Bleu Devil Classic starting at 1 p.m. in Dixon Gymnasium. The game pits DUC against the Xavier Field Nuggers. The pre-game festival will include food, music, a donation from the Sophia B. Charter School, and a Coach build-OH!

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**NEWS**



New rec chair offering HBCU ski weekend, new fitness opportunities

**'Hip-hop president' headed to DU in July**

**By Tari Key**  
 "It's across the 't' on Facebook. And he's behind it." That was the introduction given by Dr. James L. Lewis, DU board president, as he introduced the university's seventh president, Dr. Walter R. Rife, Jr., at the inauguration ceremony on Nov. 17. Rife, who is currently president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and called the "hip-hop president" by some, will officially assume office from Dr. James L. Lewis, interim president, in July. It was then he received his full presidential mandate and will "take the reins" of the university. Rife, who is currently president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and called the "hip-hop president" by some, will officially assume office from Dr. James L. Lewis, interim president, in July. It was then he received his full presidential mandate and will "take the reins" of the university.

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**ETOUFFEE**

100 DU students try out to compete in annual Florida Challenge in L.A.

**DU officials ignore query on refunds**

**By Carolyn Lindsey and Charles Coleman**  
 James Young, a senior history major from Jackson, Miss., had to wait until Nov. 3 for the refund. "I'm disappointed from the United Negro College Fund to get more for school at home."

James Thompson, a senior nursing major from New Orleans, received her refund last week on Nov. 11. Ronald Ruffalo, a senior sociology major originally from Louisville, Ky., had to wait his check Friday, Nov. 25, during fall break.

All three received refunds immediately upon the 14 days set in university policy, and some students had to wait at least 11 weeks to get their refund checks or continued school using funds. However, administrators are not responding to queries about the delay.

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**ETOUFFEE**

Dr. John Ruffalo, senior at Duke in Dr. Warren A. Jones, a member of the DU Board of Trustees, and President James L. Lewis, interim president of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and a Dillard alumna, give an address to a group of 200 students on Nov. 17 at the inauguration ceremony.

**\$25 million endowment awarded to DU largest in university history**

**Angela Harris**  
 Homecoming: Dillard University has been awarded a \$25 million endowment grant, the largest in school history, from the National Institutes of Health to expand research infrastructure and resources regarding health disparities.

The grant was formally announced Monday, Oct. 24, by Dr. John Ruffalo, director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and a Dillard graduate, in Georgia headquarters before more than 150 people, including students, faculty, representatives from the mayor's office and the media. The grant will be disbursed to Dillard in increments of \$5 million per year for five years to promote scientific research. The earnings on the endowment will allow Dillard to:

- Hire five to seven additional research faculty
- Support lab
- Retain and support talented minority students who wish to study health disparities and environmental research.
- Expand its Capacity Outreach Research Endeavors, an OMBI health disparities program in the community and globally.
- Retain an internationally recognized scholar/researcher in an endowed chair to engage in and expand cross-disciplinary research.

Typically, the endowment also will benefit the university by reducing money that would have gone to the sciences and through projects that will benefit all students, including science-related majors. Two examples Ruffalo provided were spending to enhance the library and to renovate a dorm with one floor designated for science.

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### OPINION

## Unfinished housing causes move-in delays

By Adrienne Rivers

More than 100 female students assigned to live in the DILLARD apartments have had to move twice since the start of school because their assigned apartments were not ready at the start of the fall semester.

The 100 students who were notified on Aug. 24 just one day before scheduled check-in, that their assigned apartments were not ready, were supposed to move into permanent housing Sept. 1-11. However, many were back

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## Dillard sells more decals than spaces

With at least 50 parking spaces reserved along with more than the Professional School Building and Inside Cook Center, 12 to 15 percent of all available parking spaces are taken up by decals.

Despite the limited spaces available and at least one petition regarding parking being considered, Peter Clark, the

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Shoptown Square (courtesy)

In their efforts to get parked at Shoptown Square, many students are finding parking spots in places or right in the middle of a vehicle parked in front of a store. Some students may see it as a free benefit and parking in front of the store may not be a problem for them. But parking in front of a store is not allowed in designated parking areas.



## Students circulate petition against printing fee

Both fees for technology, printing commonplace

Students have been hit with a combination one-dollar fee in the summer printing fee and a new 10-cent page printing fee in the W.R. Alexander Library, and many are asking why both are needed.

Students are apparently having nothing to do with this. There is a new 10-cent page printing fee in the W.R. Alexander Library, and many are asking why both are needed.

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Junior Erin Mitchell started a petition and collected 100 student signatures against the printing fee. It was presented to Clinton Charles, library assistant director, during a meeting arranged by the Student Government Association recently. Vice President Michael Todd said the SGA is waiting on a response from the library.

Charles said in a recent interview that the library has not paid more than \$3,000 for more and purchased the same of copy paper and will not use for the time being.

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