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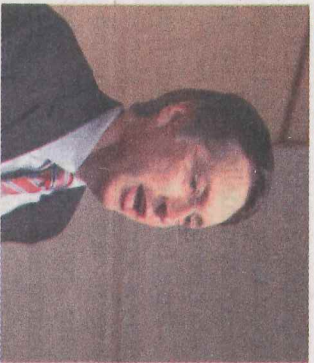
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Frosh, other student officers inducted

A Shreveport mass communication major and a Memphis, Tenn., business administration major have been inducted to lead the Freshman Class as president and vice president, respectively.

John Lawson and Nia Randolph were inducted Wednesday, Sept. 21, along with other freshman officers.

Gaps on other class councils and the Student Government Association also

were filled, including the election of senior mass communication major Darren Scio-neaux Jr. as Mister Dillard and Houston urban studies sophomore Joseph Caldwell as SGA vice president.

For the second year, elections were held online, and glitches delayed the primary election by a day to Sept. 15 and the run-offs to Sept. 19. Some 397 students voted, representing less than a third of the stu-

dent population.

Other freshman officers inducted included Kayla Hicks, secretary; Taj Odem, treasurer; Leah Eby, parliamentarian; Leslie Bauste, chaplain; Essence Warren, historian; Brianna Burnett, on-campus representative; Brianna Thomas, class attendant; and Revis Jackson, class gentleman.

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Sisterhood of Hip Hop stars



Female rappers Lee Masin and Andra the Rapper speak to a crowd in Cook Theatre on Sept. 22 about the hip-hop music business and their roles on "Sisterhood of Hip Hop," which airs on Oxygen. The two appeared as part of a presentation for PH1444, Hip-Hop, Sex, Gender and Ethical Behavior, taught by Dr. Walter Kimbrough, university president.

Rolanda Joubert | Courtbouillon

DU takes hard look at all aspects of nursing

Self-imposed assessment period includes two visits

Mariah Hickman

A self-imposed assessment period in which admission has been frozen to the popular and historic DU School of Nursing is designed to look at all facets of the program, with the ultimate goal of improving the student pass rate on the state board exam, officials said.

Dr. Sharon Hutchinson, chair, said the time will be used to examine curriculum, admission criteria, student learning outcomes and integration of technology, clinical experiences and faculty instruction.

Visits were scheduled by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, or ACEN, and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, or LSBN, for Sept. 26-28. The school is currently accredited by ACEN and has conditional approval from LSBN.

"We are resolute in our commitment to

Blackboard's swap to Canvas to save \$\$

Audie Jones

A new learning management system called Canvas is on track to replace Blackboard in spring 2017, providing a more customizable and mobile-friendly system that is also cheaper, according to the director of instructional technology.

Dr. Rona Tyger, director of instructional technology and distance education for authentic learning, said that although the campus has become accustomed to using the Blackboard platform, she is hopeful the transition to Canvas will be smooth for both teachers and students.

"With the transition, students will immediately notice that their course schedule changes are captured and reflected in Canvas within two hours of making the changes in my DU," Tyger said.

"Students can customize their Canvas profile to include their personal email address and their mobile phone number so

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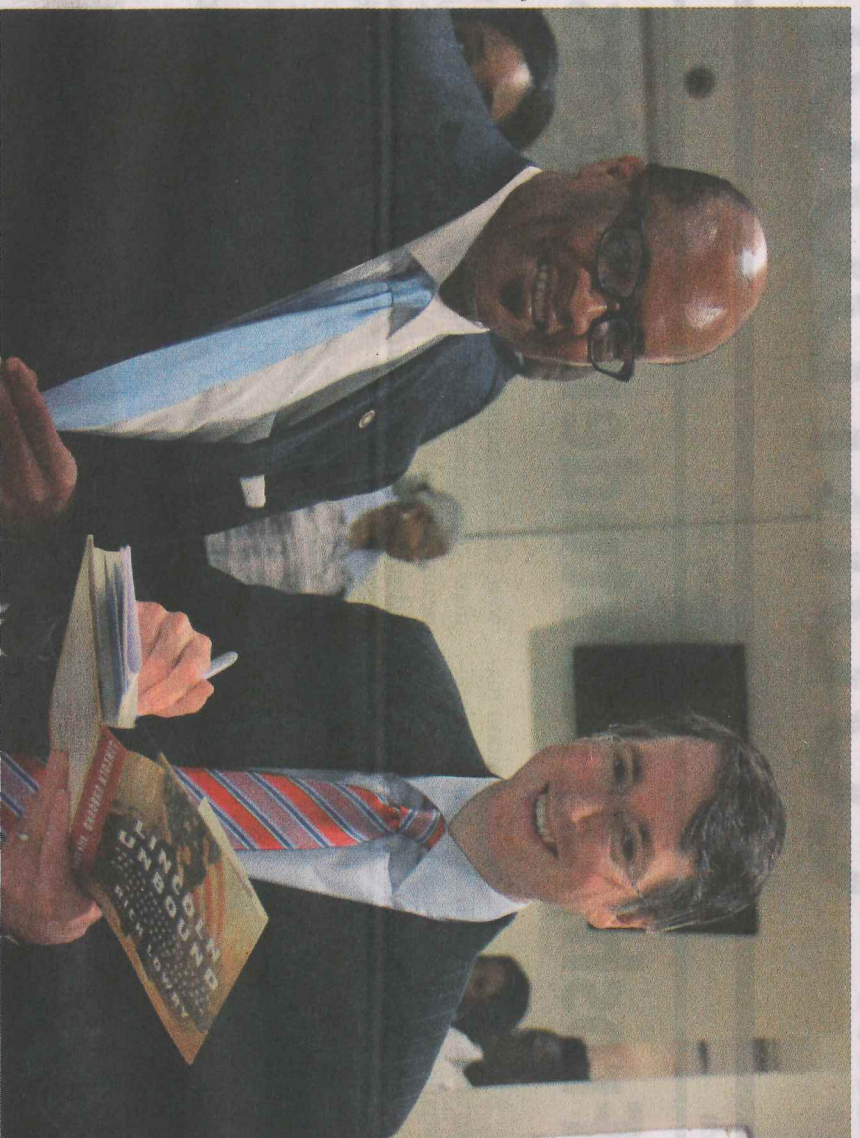
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Rolanda Joubert, Courtbouillon
Rich Lowry, New York Times best-selling author, autographs his book for Dr. Gary Clark, associate professor of political science, after the Brain Food lecture Sept. 20 in Georges Auditorium.

Conservative commentator Lowry

calls Clinton 'toxic' at Brain Food

Rolanda Joubert

Online Editor

New York Times best-selling author Rich Lowry called Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton "toxic" in a critical analysis of the upcoming election Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Lowry, the first speaker of the year for Brain Food, President Walter Kimbrough's lecture series, shared his views on both presidential candidates before an audience of about 60 in Georges Auditorium.

The editor of the National Review, a conservative magazine, and a syndicated columnist and commentator for Fox News Channel, Lowry is author of "Lincoln Unbound" and "Legacy: Paying the Price for the Clinton Years," which became a New York Times best-seller.

Lowry said Clinton is a dedicated and determined person but "toxic." He said she needs to start doing things that are "pivotal, new and original" as well as "honest and trustworthy."

He suggested her main focus should be targeting the 18-34 age group to gain their attention

and support.

As for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, Lowry conceded that Trump gets more publicity for doing nothing than any other candidate. Lowry said Trump needs to get over the bar of acceptability.

Two other speakers are scheduled for fall Brain Food lectures. They include:

-- Dr. Christopher Emdin, a best-selling author and educator, will appear Tuesday, Oct. 25. Emdin, author of "For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood and the Rest of Y'all Too," is an associate professor in STEM at Teachers College, Columbia University, and is director of science education at the Center for Health Equity and Urban Science Education.

-- CNN contributor Van Jones will be the Justice Revison O. Orduque Jr. lecturer on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Listed among Ebony's 2013 Power 100 and winner of an NAACP Image Award, Jones has two New York Times best-sellers, "The Green Collar Economy" and "Rebuild the Dream."

Canvas

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they have full control of the notifications that are pushed to them."

The yearly license is about 20 percent of the cost of Blackboard, a savings of 80 percent with Canvas.

However, the most cost-effective benefit will be licensing for Canvas Help and Support: Students, faculty and staff will be able to get help 24 hours a

day via chat, phone, email and the web.

Canvas also has been touted as providing better interaction between instructors and students. It will facilitate online correspondence, supplemental face-to-face lectures and online courses.

In terms of popularity, Moodle is now the leading learning management system, with

Blackboard rounding out the top three.

In the next three years, however, Canvas has been predicted to become the leading learning system.

News of the transition was met with mixed reviews from students.

Nakeisha Joiner, a mass communication junior from New Orleans, said she was re-

offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, or a BSN. Throughout the years, nearly half the freshmen who arrive at Dillard want to be nursing majors, although many eventually end up in other programs.

Page has pointed out that nurses comprise the single-largest segment of health-care professionals in the nation and shortages are expected, yet less than 10 percent of nurses are black.

Therefore, she said, "It is critical that our HBCUs continue to develop quality nurses."

The problem has been student performance on standardized testing: the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or NCLEX-RN, which each state board of nursing uses to determine readiness for entry-level nursing practice.

Hutchinson said the pass rate in 2015 for Dillard's first-time NCLEX test-takers was 50 percent.

That compared with 51.25 percent in 2014; 48.28 percent in 2013; and 88.89 percent in 2012, according to the DU website.

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing requires a pass rate of 80 percent.

Page noted previously that Dillard University is not alone among historically black colleges in facing this issue.

She pointed out that Grambling State University, Bethune-Cookman College and North Carolina A&T State University, among others, have faced in recent years either suspension or loss of accreditation of their nursing programs.

lucrant to change.

"Switching us from something we're accustomed to is ridiculous, but I guess we have to get acclimated to it," said Joiner.

On the other hand, Yuri Edwards, a biology major from New Orleans, said he has friends at other schools already using Canvas: "They love it, so I'm excited for a better learning experience."

Retention dips slightly, but still around U.S. average

Retention at Dillard University dropped for the first time in three years in 2015, according to Dr. Willie Kirkland, director of institutional research, but the rate is still average for private colleges and universities.

Statistics provided by Kirkland show that retention dropped four percentage points in 2015, to 71 percent, after a period in which retention steadily rose at Dillard.

For example, in 2012, retention was 58 percent and then rose to 74 percent in 2013 and 75 percent in 2014.

The reason? Research of Dillard students indicate the two major factors that influence retention is first-semester grade-point averages and the amount of unmet financial need, Kirkland said.

Students with larger gaps between their financial aid award and the cost of tuition tend not to return at the same rate as students with lower gaps, Kirkland said.

Furthermore, students below a GPA of a 2.0 or below have the lowest retention rates and are less than likely to return for their second year.

Of freshmen who have less than a 2.0 GPA, Kirkland said, "Over the course of six years, probably one in 10 will actually graduate."

An ACT report said that among public institutions, the retention rate of full-time, first-time students who started in fall 2013 was 64.2 percent. For private colleges and universities, the rate was higher, at 70.2 percent.

According to U.S. News and World Report, Dillard is ranked No. 12 among historically black colleges and universities, behind No. 6 Xavier.

The top two are Spelman College and Howard University. Retention and graduation rates are among the criteria for the rankings.

Kirkland said, "Programs like the S.A.F.E. fund was created based on a study of why students leave."

S.A.F.E. contributes emergency funding assistance to retain Dillard students who might otherwise be forced to forfeit attending school because of short-term financial hardships.

(Tassion Lott-Minor contributed to this report.)

'Dillard Cares' seeks to aid victims of Great Storm

DU student Christopher Allmon recalls wading through floodwaters for 2 miles with family members before they hopped into an 18-wheeler for rescue after his Baton Rouge home took on 6.5 feet of water.

The chemistry senior has a story with which many in New Orleans can identify from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but Allmon's memory is more recent: the Great Flood of 2016 in the greater Baton Rouge area in mid-August.

He is one of about 60 Dillard students known to have been affected by the flood, according to the Rev. Earnest Salsberry, university chaplain.

To show support for families like Allmon's whose lives have been devastated by this event, the second phase of the "Dillard Cares" campaign is under way, with donations being accepted through Oct. 15, according to Salsberry.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, has reported that 109,398 people or households have applied for housing help needed after the flood that affected some 30 parishes, and 25,000 flood insurance claims filed for what the American Red Cross called the worst natural disaster since downgraded Hurricane Sandy (then a cyclone) struck New Jersey in 2012. At least 13 deaths were blamed on the flood here.

Salsberry said the first phase was a trip by DU freshmen Aug. 18 to Baton Rouge to distribute clothes, hair products, body products and cleaning supplies.

Of his home in Monticello subdivision, Allmon said, "We lost all four our cars, clothes, deep freezers, carpets, tubs...everything." Even so, he added, his family was fortunate to be one of about 20 percent in his neighborhood to have flood insurance.

"The best thing about coming to Dillard was...I got a place to stay," Allmon said.

The family of four, including parents Rhonda and Raymond Allmon, and his younger brother Kaleb, are living in a condo and expect renovations of their home to be completed in January.

"I miss the memories of our home," he said. "The material things are things we can get back, but we've been living in that house for the past 16 years, and I know it won't look or feel the same."

Salsberry said the "Dillard Cares" campaign was created to ensure that no member of the community goes through events like the flood alone. He sent an email to all Dillard faculty and students requesting support in an effort to donate supplies over four weeks. For the third week, Oct. 2-8, clothing is requested; for week four, Oct. 9-15, bedding and miscellaneous household items will be accepted. (School supplies and toiletries were sought the first two weeks.)

All items can be dropped off in the Office of the Chaplain, although Salsberry said other locations may be announced later.

(Brittany Henderson contributed to this report.)

Black Arts Movement Conference



Jamia Collins | Courtbouillon
Creole Orseola's Mardi Gras Indians perform at the opening ceremony of the Black Arts Movement Conference on Sept. 9 in the PSB Atrium with a traditional Creole prayer and song. Panels about black authors, poets and black culture were held in commemoration of the 51st anniversary of BAM, the name given to a group of politically motivated black writers and other artists who emerged in the wake of the Black Power Movement from 1965-75.

Men, international students help boost numbers

William Thompson

Dillard's second-highest enrollment in more than a decade of 1,261 students, a 6.4 percent increase over last fall, includes more males and more international students, according to statistics provided by the administration.

Texas, California and Illinois continue to be the main feeder states for out-of-state enrollment, although the majority of students, 59.4 percent, are from Louisiana. And public health is the No. 1 major, replacing nursing, which did not accept new majors this year.

"This is a significant uptick in enrollment for us, and we saw a growth, not just in the number of students coming to Dillard this year, but we've seen an increase in the quality of the students entering the university," said David Page, vice president for enrollment manage-

ment, in a Sept. 12 news release. The student male population increased by 10 percent this fall, to 341 males, or almost one-third of student census, according to statistics released Sept. 26. Some 920 females are enrolled.

Dillard has 26 international students, 23 from Mexico.

Monica White, director for recruitment/admission programming, attributed the increase in males to the Office of Recruitment, Admissions and Programming's attempt to be "more strategic."

"One of the biggest things my office has done is to make sure we put more males on our publications," she said.

Regarding home states, almost six of every 10 students are from Louisiana, with 361 of the 749 from New Orleans. Texas supplied 128, California 126 and Illinois 66 students.

Other double-digits came from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

By classification, 36.6 percent of students are freshmen, including new and returning students, with 20.3 percent sophomores, 16.6 percent juniors and 17.7 percent seniors. Another 9 percent are classified as "other."

With enrollment frozen this year by nursing as it goes through self-assessment to improve student outcomes, public health became the No. 1 major, with 187 students, with biology on its heels with 184 students.

Business administration holds the No. 3 spot with 111 students enrolled.

Mass communication and psychology tied at No. 4, with 92 students each, followed by criminal justice with 70 students.

Sports

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Volleyball coach brings in 13 players, including daughter



Darren Scioneaux Jr. | Courtbouillon

Athletic Director Dr. Kiki Barnes, women's volleyball head coach, presents senior defensive specialist Demetria Horton with an award for producing 1,000-plus career digs and receptions. Horton received the award on Sept. 22 at halftime during a game against Xavier University.

Retired Kenyan national volleyball player Nancy Sikobe has arrived to coach volleyball at Dillard, along with 13 new players (including her daughter), for the 2016-2017 season, to enhance the struggling program that has not won a conference since 2010.

As of now, the 2016-2017 women's volleyball team, which started its season Aug. 20, is 3-2 in conference and 7-13 overall as of press time Oct. 5.

The next game is 6 p.m. today, against SUNO. Sikobe, who is coaching her eighth season, came from Central Methodist University and was at Wiley College prior to that to take over the team formerly led by Yolanda Brown. Sikobe's coaching record is 65-26 in conference games and 122-90 as an overall average.

The DU team has a record of 15 wins and 30 losses since its conference win in 2010.

Sikobe said, "I don't live in history. I live for the future. The biggest change I plan to make is to get the players more involved in the game. Getting them to understand the reason why they are playing.

"Our purpose is to play as a team, have fun and win. My vision is to be able to build a team

that will have good chemistry because I believe when the chemistry is there, then everything is possible, even winning conference."

Only four team members have returned, all from Texas: Shelby Stewart and Maya Lealainu-tafao, both from Houston, along with Demetria Howard of Dallas and Caitlyn Ware of Pearlland. Of the 13 new players, nine are freshman, two sophomores and two juniors. One of the sophomores is Sikobe's daughter, Unice Kamui of Mombasa, Kenya.

Seven of the nine freshmen are from Texas; Alexis Barnett of Austin, Ma-Kayla Johnson of San Antonio, Cornieisa Harrison of Cypress, Precious Butler of Houston, Kristin Pierce of Frisco, Trisna Cojoe of Cedar Hill and Cristela Jimenez of Duncanville. They joined Trinity Harris of Lafayette and Amara Edwards of Alexandria, Va.

Rounding up the list are sophomore Bria Buras of New Orleans, and juniors Felicia of Bay City, Texas, and Sarah Boykin of Spring, Texas.

Dr. Kiki Barnes, athletic director, called Sikobe "passionate" about the sport.

(Joyceyn Daggis contributed to this report.)

Men's basketball team gears up with No. 1 pre-season ranking

Darren Scioneaux Jr.

Following the success of their 2015 season, the Dillard University men's basketball team hopes to stay at the top in 2016, and they've begun with a No. 1 pre-season ranking, according to second-year head coach Mike Newell.

The Bleu Devils earned national recognition in the pre-season as they were ranked No. 1 in Sporting News magazine's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics pre-season Top 10. They finished last season with a record of 22 wins and 11 losses, finishing second to No. 7-ranked Talladega in the regular season. The Bleu Devils will play 29 games this season, starting at the Bartlefield on Oct. 29 playing against the University of Mobile.

According to Newell, one of the toughest teams they will face is Talladega College, the only other team in the GCAC to be ranked in the Sporting News' pre-season Top 10. They will play the next three games at home against Wayland Baptist on Nov. 5, William Carey University on Nov. 10 and Texas Wesleyan University on Nov. 12.

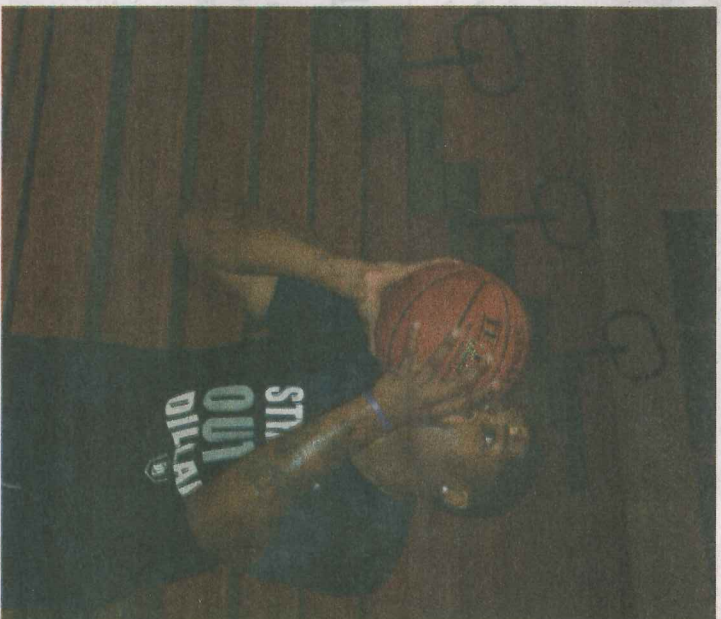
Eight new players will join the team this year, including three freshmen and five transfer players. Eight of nine players are returning from last season.

Newell said the new additions will help shore up the weaknesses from a year ago, including the inability to shoot consistently from the perimeter and dominating inside to produce point in the paint.

Newell said one of his goals for the season will remain the same by winning both the conference and national tournament this year.

"In order to do that, we got to be able to stay healthy and stay together. If we do that, our experience along with our talent level being higher and motivation will put us in a position to make a run at both titles and be able to defend it," said Newell.

In Newell's first-year as head coach, the team gradually improved its record, as they won more games than the previous four seasons combined with a 17-win in-



Darren Scioneaux Jr. | Courtbouillon

Basketball power forward Ramon Johnson of Newark, N.J., prepares to take a shot at a recent basketball practice in Dent Hall.

crease. Following the regular season, they went on to win the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference tournament to earn an at-large bid to the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City, Mo., making their first appearance in the tournament since 2003. Despite defeating Hope International in the first round 111-91, they would go on to lose in the second round to Campbellsville University 81-73, ending their season.

The new players are forward A.J. Riley from Peoria, Ill., a senior, along with guard J.J. Morris of Peoria, Ill., forward Quinton Jackson of Cambridge, Md., center Jalen McCaughy of Dearborn, Mich., and center De-

quandre Detmond of East Lansing, Mich., all juniors. The new freshmen include guard Xavian McKay, New Orleans; forward Jordan Watkins, Pensacola, Fla.; and forward Jamerson Roberts, Beaumont, Texas. Jackson, who transferred from the University of Pikeville, said he looks forward to his first year on the "Bartlefield."

"I feel good so far. I've been out for a whole year, and I know that I have a lot of work to do to prove myself, but I am pretty comfortable as I am with two teammates I was with at the last school so I am feeling pretty positive about this season," said Jackson.

Senior guard Dennis Hightower and senior forward Demetric Austin were also teammates of Jackson at the University of Pikeville before transferring.

The team also has eight out of nine players returning. Returning players include: Hightower, Danville, Ill.; Austin, Washington, D.C.; junior forward Ramon Johnson, Newark, N.J.; senior guard Kristian Clark, Ocean Springs, Miss.; sophomore guard Monterey Thomas, Shreveport; junior forward Patrick Thompson, Geismar; sophomore guard Jesse Ward, Marietta; and senior forward Sean Burrell, New Orleans.

Hightower, who also received honorable mentions for the 2016 Sporting News Preseason All-America Team, reflected on how Newell's coaching has benefited his career.

"Newell is a good guy to be around. He is an older guy with a young guy's attitude, and he can relate to our problems whether it is on or off the court," said Hightower.

Two of the returning players who flourished under Newell's first-year strategy received national accolades from the 2015 season. Austin was named as Dr. Cavill's 2015-2016 HBCU Men's Mid-Major Newcomer of the Year, Men's Mid-Major Division Second Team HBCU All-American and Second Team NAIA All-American.

Thomas was also named GCAC Freshmen of the Year and Dr. Cavill's HBCU Men's Mid-Major Freshmen of the Year.

We support you, Kaepernick

Recent protests against police brutality and inequality by San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick have caused controversy among the U.S. population.

Kaepernick began sitting during the national anthem on Aug. 14. At the time, his protest went unnoticed and didn't gain much support. It wasn't until Aug. 26 that his protests began to gain attention when the media began to report on Kaepernick's decision to sit during the national anthem.

As the athlete explained, "I'm going to continue to stand with the people that are being oppressed...When there's significant change and I feel that flag represents what it's supposed to represent, and this country is representing people the way that it's supposed to, I'll stand."

Kaepernick has continued to kneel and sit during the national anthem, with considerable discussion pro and con about his decision and its effect.

Supporters of Kaepernick say his actions are justified because of the injustices in the judicial system for blacks and minorities. Many people are proud that someone in a prominent position is using his power to stand up for a real issue.

People critical of Kaepernick's actions use military pride and patriotism as reasons Kaepernick should stand. The main argument has been that the citizens in the military put their lives on the line for the American people, so the least we can do is stand and salute them with the anthem and the pledge of allegiance.

Kaepernick responded, "I have great respect for the men and women that have fought for this country. I have family, I have friends that have gone and fought for this country. And they fight for freedom, they fight for the people, they fight for liberty and justice, for everyone. That's not happening. People are dying in vain because this country isn't holding their end of the bargain up, as far as giving freedom and justice, liberty to everybody."

The football player isn't the first athlete to put his reputation and career on the line. In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be drafted into the U.S. Army because of his. He was sentenced to five years in prison and was ordered to pay \$10,000 in fines for draft evasion. His conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court in 1971.

A year later, another controversy erupted when Olympic medalists Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised black-gloved fists on the medal podium at the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City during the playing of the national anthem.

After the protests, hip-hop rapper J. Cole and R&B singer Trey Songz were seen wearing Kaepernick's jerseys. It became the No. 1 selling jersey in the NFL. Kaepernick said he will use the money to support the Black Lives Matter movement. President Barack Obama has said it is Kaepernick's constitutional right to bring light to racial injustices.

Now other professional athletes, as well as high school and college players, have begun kneeling or taking a knee during the anthem. Jeremy Lane of the Seattle Seahawks took a seat Sept. 1. Soccer player Megan Rapinoe took a knee at a game.

So did players on the Miami Dolphins on Sept. 11, prompting even more criticism because it was the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 bombing of the twin towers in New York.

The Courtbouillon staff supports Kaepernick's decision. We agree with Advocate columnist Ed Pratt, who said in his Sept. 10 column: "We need those patriots to protest Texas, North Carolina, Ohio and others creating laws to limit the voting rights of African-Americans and those of color...Kaepernick is protesting a clear and present danger that includes repeated deadly confrontations with police."

We salute you, Colin Kaepernick, for your bravery. Let's hope the discussion turns to the real issues that you're trying to highlight.

(Online editor Rolanda Joubert wrote this editorial on behalf of the staff.)

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Campus safety concern after assault

The arrest of a man earlier this month in connection with a sexual assault on campus last spring has brought the issue of campus safety to the minds of some here. But while New Orleans is well-known for its high crime volume, national statistics indicate Dillard is relatively safe when compared to other U.S. campuses.

A Sept. 2 report on nola.com reported Joshua Bond, 19, was booked in connection with the April 2 rape of a DU student and that he was under investigation for another assault also on campus. The report said the victim in the April 2 incident said she had invited him to her room to watch television. His bond was set at \$35,000, and sheriff's records indicate he no longer is being held in jail.

Kiana Stewart, a junior mass communication major from Dallas, said, "I have felt a need of extra supervision around campus. The recent burglaries and rape allegations on campus have made me more cautious of my surroundings. I think Dillard can hire more officers to be active on campus."

Tevon Blair, president of the Student Government Association and a junior mass communication major from Chicago, said campus police need to build a culture of trust.

Sexual assault on college campuses has been a trending topic in recent years as more reports at various schools are made public. Just recently, on



Nakeisha Joiner

Sept. 21, actor and UN. Ambassador Emma Watson joined with HeForShe in a commitment to end sexual assault on college campuses. Watson said in a speech at UN. headquarters that every student needs to know they are safe from sexual violence.

According to collegefactual.com, New Orleans ranks far above average in overall crime compared with other towns and cities nationwide, making it potentially unsafe and more likely students at Dillard University may fall victim to a crime when venturing off-campus. Even in low-crime areas, students still run the risk of encountering violence and unsafe situations.

Even so, an analysis of government data by American-school-search.com reported Dillard University is a generally safe place to be. American School Search gives this school a "B-" on safety. Dillard University earned an overall crime

rating of C+ when on-campus, city, and regional crime against here was compared to other schools nationwide. Collegefactual gave the campus a "B" but the city an "F+" and the region a "D+", for an overall grade of "C+", which it called "better than average."

Colleges.niche.com reported Dillard as No. 6 safest of 20 colleges in Louisiana, ahead of No. 8 University of New Orleans, No. 9 Southern University at New Orleans, No. 12 Loyola and No. 16 Tulane.

That doesn't mean students should not be vigilant. For every 1,000 women attending a college or university, 35 incidents of rape occur each academic year. Furthermore, One in five will experience rape or attempted rape in their four-year college term, according to a 2000 report funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. Student safety on Dillard University's campus should never be compromised, nor any campus, as a matter of fact. Let's all do our part by being alert.

Some areas up for discussion: -- What policy is in place to protect or help students who are victims are crime?

-- How secure are dorm rooms and other buildings?

-- What penalties are in place for students accused or convicted of crime?

-- Are self-defense or safety classes available?

WORD ON THE AVE

Do you agree with San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's protest of racial inequality and oppression? Why or why not?



John Williams
Senior
Film
Kenner

"I agree because he has the right to express your freedom of speech. Like he said: If everybody is worried about him protesting the flag and they are not focusing on the actual issue at hand, then that is a problem."



Jholian Brown
Senior
Urban Studies
and Public Policy
Memphis, Tenn.

"I agree because I saw a video about why the national anthem was written and the history behind it, so I feel like he had that knowledge, and he sat down. He was not being disrespectful. He was trying to send a message."



Kameryn Farlough
Sophomore
Mass Communication
St. Rose

"Yes, I agree. He is addressing social injustices that are going on in the world, and I believe people who don't support it are the actual problem."

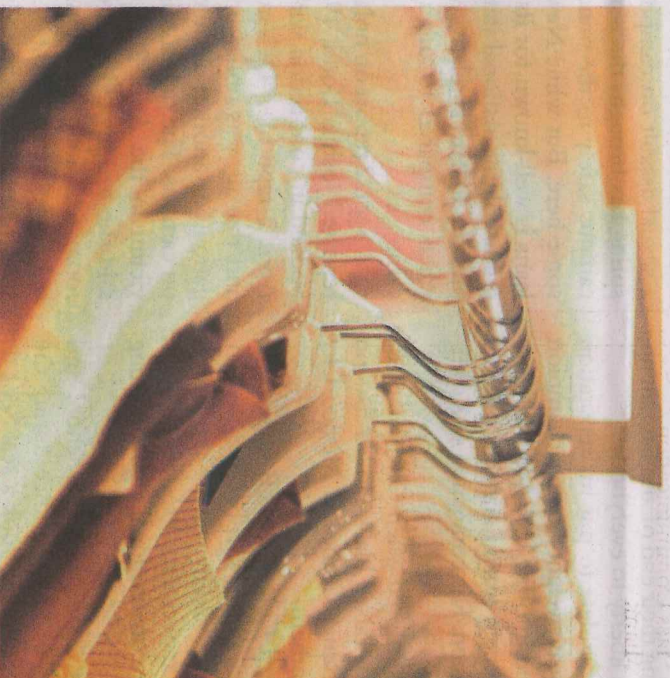
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18 QUESTIONS

Editor's note: The following questions were

compiled by Frank Duplessis from offerings of various students recently. If you have a question, tweet it to @CourtBoutillonDU.

1. Why doesn't Dillard sell rain boots and ponchos?
2. Why does Dillard have terrible Wi-Fi everywhere except the library and Stern Hall?
3. Why don't we have more campus beautification projects?
4. Why are labs locked in the morning?
5. Why do commuters have to buy DU dollars when residential students get them automatically?
6. Why can't we wear pajamas to Kearny on the weekends?
7. Why doesn't the school promote on-campus activities more?
8. Can we have more food options on campus?
9. Why is my parking ticket half of the price of parking decals?
10. Why is the gate for Gentilly Gardens closed?
11. Why doesn't my student ID work for my dorm?
12. Does anyone use the greenhouse on campus?
13. Why is the bookstore so expensive?
14. When are the work order forms going to be available?
15. Where are the activity funds for organizations?
16. Why can't I find my professors when I need them?
17. Why is the printer in DULCEF broken?
18. Why are classrooms so cold?



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Safe sex is elephant in room

Everybody is doing it, but are they doing it safely? Whether you are engaging in sexual intercourse or oral sex, practicing safe sex every time can help to protect against both pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

As college students enter a new phase of life with more independence, it's important not to put ourselves at risk.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an average of 40,000 to 80,000 new cases of HIV, AID and other sexually transmitted diseases are reported each year in the United States. Studies also have shown that half of all new infections are among people younger than 25 who are participating in unprotected sex.

Dr. Jeannie Labat, a nurse practitioner, said everyone should protect themselves. "We can't stop people from having sex, but we can

educate them on how to have safe sex," she said, adding, "I strongly believe that one should be proactive in managing one's health, especially sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise."

Labat offered some reminders: Use condoms whenever you have sex; dental dams for oral sex; and gloves for finger penetration. And get tested at a local clinic, along with your partner, before you have sex.

At Dillard, nurses in the clinic offer free condoms for students. And Alison M. Proctor, licensed professional counselor, said she also keeps free accessible contraception in her office as well.

Having safe and smart sex will help you avoid potentially fatal consequences in the future.

Alyssa Labat
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Mass Communication
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Late shuttles available

This has been a comeback season for Dillard. With increased enrollment, Dillard had to relocate upperclassmen to live in student housing at Southern University at New Orleans.

Dillard provides shuttles free of charge to students who live on SUNO's campus Monday through Friday, with the latest regular shuttle returning to SUNO just after 7 p.m.

But what happens for evening events at Dillard or if a student is a part of an organization with later activities?

How can these students get to and from campus to have the total Dillard experience? As a member of the Student Activities Board, I felt bad during Welcome Week when some students were unable to enjoy some of the events we had planned. I took it upon myself to ask some students how they would be affected by shuttles not running past 7 p.m. During the first week of school, many students I spoke with were discouraged about not being

able to attend the Welcome Week events. Some students also brought up other events such as late practices for Vison Quest.

I found the answer from Michelle Mathew, manager of Auxiliary Services. She said anyone from Student Success may reserve a shuttle for late events with five days' notice. The list includes Dr. Demetrius Johnson, dean of students and director of Residential Life; Jeremy Carter, coordinator; and Dr. Roland Bullard, vice president of Student Success.

So a solution exists for this problem. If you want to attend an evening event and you need transportation back to SUNO, do not shy away from letting Student Affairs know ahead of time. We would never want any student to feel they are not getting the best college experience possible.

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This university needs information desk

Small colleges and universities can offer great benefits such as smaller class sizes and stronger learning communities, but students still can have a hard time determining the right place to go to address concerns. That's why I suggest Dillard consider what other schools like Auburn University and Abilene Christian University have done and create a campus information desk.

A common problem is Business and Finance getting confused with Financial Aid.

Financial Aid Director Denise Spellman said, "Students do get confused with Business and Finance and Financial Aid because we both deal with financial needs."

Jauria Lathan, a biology major from Houston, recalled her experience. She went to Business and Finance to discuss her scholarship, not realizing she needed to go to Financial Aid.

"I thought it was going to be quick," she said, but she was mistaken.

From Business and Finance, Lathan was told to go to Financial Aid to resolve her issue, but then she had to return to Business and Finance to resolve the other part of the problem.

The best solution would be to implement an information desk where students can receive information assistance. For example, Auburn has the James E. Foy Information Desk in the Student Center; it provides information by phone or in person "to any question from details on Auburn events to the number of bricks in the Haley Center," according to the university website.

At Abilene Christian, the information desk, open throughout the week (but through the switchboard after 5 p.m. and on weekends), "serves as a resource for all ACU students and employees as well as campus

visitors," according to the website. In addition to phone numbers, some of the services offered include directions, event information and reservations.

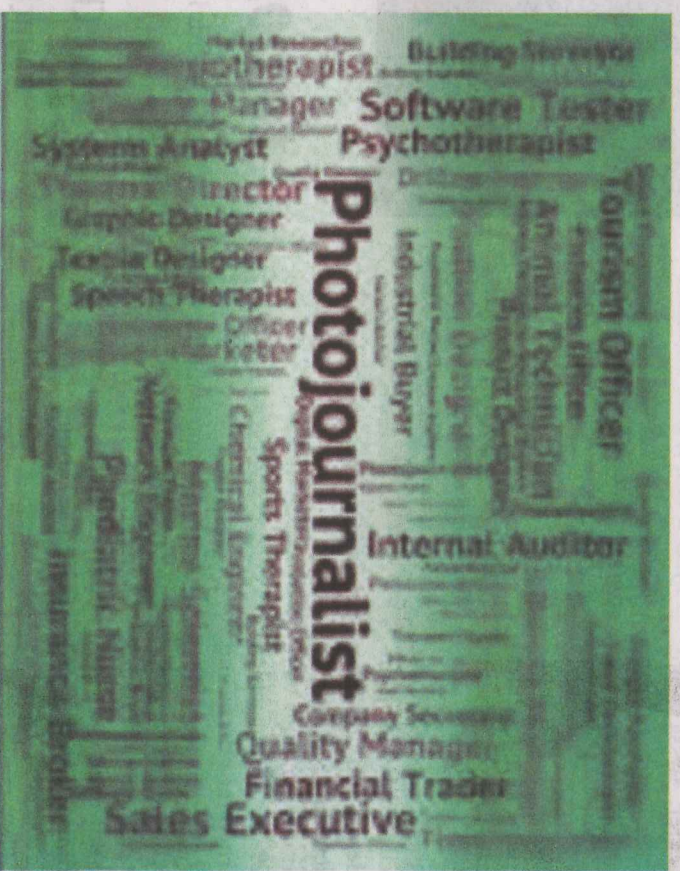
Those against establishing an information desk note cost. Having to fund and train a full-time staff while also paying for technology maintenance could be a disincentive for Dillard. Some might also argue that creating an info desk could put a strain on social interaction.

While it is true that an information desk would be an added expenditure, Dillard University needs to help its students find the correct offices. Having an information "hub" would ease the burden for students.

Nzingha Bomani, a biology major from Shreveport, said, "It would be helpful because you would know where to go."

Frank Duplessis
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2016-17 SGA, class officers inducted



Election

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The SGA cabinet was completed with, in addition to Caldwell and Scioneaux, Devin Moss as treasurer; Alyssa White, parliamentarian, and Aditiana Jackson, chaplain.

The Junior Class Council was completed with the induction of Jazmine Henderson as president and J'Kayla Lawson as chaplain.

Completing the Sophomore Class Council were Jeanna Johnson, president, and Akheem Dowl, gentleman.

Informational meetings were held Aug. 29-30, during which students learned the criteria and steps required to run for office, such as meeting grade requirements and being in good standing with the university.

Nominations were held on Sept. 1, followed by SGA speeches and debates Sept. 8.

The Mr. Dillard Showcase was not held this year since Scioneaux was the sole candidate.

SGA President Tevon Blair said the election delays were caused by several system glitches that had to be addressed.

One included a problem in which some candidates not being able to receive votes and ballots not matching the desired positions.

(Shelby Stewart contributed to this report.)

Rolanda Joubert | Courtboullion

Officers pose after induction ceremony Sept. 21. In photo at top left are Junior Class Chaplain J'Kayla Lawson and Junior Class President Jazmine Henderson. At top right are the SGA officers. From left are: Kennedy Watson, Devin Moss, Aditiana Jackson, Joseph Caldwell, Alyssa White, Darren Scioneaux Jr., Tevon Blair, Karmel Reeves, Mariah Hickman and Chelsea Bosley. At bottom right are Freshmen Class Council members; from left are Brianna Burnett, Leslie Bariste, Revis Jackson, Brianna Thomas, John Lawson, Nia Randolph, Kayla Hicks, Essence Warren, Taj Odem and Leah Erby.

The following is the list of all student officers for the Student Government Association and class councils, including those elected last spring.

SGA

President: Tevon Blair
 Vice president: Joseph Caldwell
 Secretary: Mariah Hickman
 Treasurer: Devin Moss
 Parliamentarian: Alyssa White
 Op-campus representative: Kennedy Watson
 Historian: Karmel Reeves
 Chaplain: Aditiana Jackson
 Miss Dillard: Chelsea Bosley

Mr. Dillard: Darren Scioneaux Jr.

Senior Class Council

Class president: Mariana Dupont
 Class vice president: Shakyra Richardson
 Class attendant: Cicely Inge
 Class gentleman: Theodore Kemp

Junior Class Council

Class president: Jazmine Henderson
 Chaplain: J'Kayla Lawson

Complete list of officers

Parliamentarian: Danisha Kidd
 Class attendant: Dominique Nash
 Class gentleman: William Thompson

Class gentleman: Akheem Dowl
Freshman Class Council
 Class president: John Lawson

Sophomore Class

Class president: Jeanna Johnson
 Class vice president: Raven Morris
 Class secretary: Nailah Henderson
 Class chaplain: Jada Brown
 On-campus representative: Madison Torry
 Class attendant: KeAndria Miller

Class vice president: Nia Randolph
 Class secretary: Kayla Hicks
 Class treasurer: Taj Odem
 Class chaplain: Leslie Bariste
 Class parliamentarian: Leah Erby

Class historian: Essence Warren
 On-campus representative: Brianna Burnett
 Class attendant: Brianna Thomas
 Class gentleman: Revis Jackson.