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NEWS **Construction reduces parking 28%**
Charles Bartles 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 extensive 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, Director, vice president
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 A historic event celebration event and a New Orleans protest event have been named Mr. and Mrs. Dillard for 2012-13.
 The new-off election on April 2, following the previous March 29, completed the selection of Student Government officials, led by its new president, Sarah Porter, a junior neuroscience and fitness major from Milledgeville, Ga.
 Justice Bailey and Johnson Porter are DU's new royalty, winning with 237 (64 percent) and 225 (63 percent) of the votes, respectively.
 Challenging Bailey were Michael White, a junior political science major from Milledgeville, Ga., receiving 113 votes (31.5 percent), and Charles Coleman, a junior political science major from Birmingham, who received 10 (2.9 percent).
 John De Steno, a junior physics major from New Orleans, will become the new Mr. Continuously active will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.
 Events already held this week included a midnight bonfire in Ruxton on Monday, a carnival held behind the Student Union Plaza, followed by an 80/20 party in Court Hall, and a variety of other events in Court on Wednesday night.
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8 Miguel concert among Spring Fest activities
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According to Charles Coleman, chairman of the Student Activities Board, the

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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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Courtbouillon honors legacies of Soul Train creator, singer Houston



Dorm redo may mean 35% more bed capacity

When renovation of Harrell-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 Elmore Parks off-campus housing being opened to students.

Harrell-Campbell and Straight Hall dormitories, which have been under renovation 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 Harrell-Campbell sophomore males.

Cameron said the university may opt to use the DUALS and Elmore Parks 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 so long 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.

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The new buildings were constructed with an HBCU cap loan, through the U.S. Department of Education.

James Howard contributed to this report.

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8 Four events set for Bleu Devil Classic weekend

Students in the girls and 175, including dinner and dancing with live music.

Call 304-814-4733 for more information.

NCAA Midnight Breakfast, a fundraiser organized by alumni to support DUC will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Preservation Hall on Tchoupchoula.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www.dillard.edu/ducfest. All proceeds go to DUC and the National Alumni Association. Sponsors and supporters will be Friday's Louisiana Gumbo, Zatarain's, The Moon, Infinite Morning and Wine Down.

Programs for the weekend will be held from 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, on Kabacoff Plaza, with the 2012 Alleana Sugar Road Bleu Devil Classic starting at 1 p.m. in Donor Gymnasium. The game pits DUC against the Xavier Field Niggers. The pre-game festival will include food, music, a donation from the Sophie B. Cleverly School, and a Coach build-out.

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'Hip-hop president' headed to DU in July

By Tariq Kay

Dr. James L. Davis, the new president of Dillard University, is set to arrive in New Orleans in July. Davis, a former hip-hop artist and entrepreneur, is expected to bring a fresh perspective to the school's leadership.

Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and called the "hip-hop president" by some, will officially assume office from Dr. James L. Davis, interim president, in July. Davis, a former hip-hop artist and entrepreneur, is expected to bring a fresh perspective to the school's leadership.

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Dr. John Ruffin, senior at Dillard, is ranked by Dr. Warren A. Jones, a member of the DC, D, and P, as one of the top 100 in the nation.

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Leading one of two guests to appear in 75th annual holiday concert at DU

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

Angela Harris

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.

Dr. John Ruffin, senior at Dillard, is ranked by Dr. Warren A. Jones, a member of the DC, D, and P, as one of the top 100 in the nation. Ruffin is a director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and a Dillard student.

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DU officials ignore query on refunds

By Stephen Lindsey and Charles Coleman

James Thompson, a senior meeting major from New Orleans, received his refund last week on Nov. 11.

Ronald Ruffin, a senior sociology major originally from Louisville, Ky., had to wait for 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 activity funds.

No one will see when students submit directly receiving the funds via of any still have to receive their funds. Two Courtbouillon reporters made at least ten unsuccessful requests for interviews and general questions to the Office of Business and Finance and to Financial Aid and Scholarships, most recently on Monday, Nov. 14.

Requests were made to Dr. Mark Caputo, interim vice president of admissions, recruitment and special programs.

Wanda Brooks, chief financial officer, and Kimberly Wilson, interim finance, business and information systems, were also contacted.

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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 by Sept. 11. However, many were back

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Dillard sells more decals than spaces

With at least 50 parking spaces reserved during walk month at the Professional School Building and Inside Cook Center, 12 to 15 percent of available parking spaces are reserved for faculty, staff and students.

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

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Shoptown Square (courtesy)

In this photo, a car parked at a meter is being used for illegal parking. The meter is not a meter, but a sign that says "WARNING: DO NOT PARK WITH METER". The sign is on a car that is parked in a metered parking space.



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 technology fee and a new 10-cent page printing fee in the W.R. Alexander Library, and many are asking why both are needed.

Students, one apparently has nothing to do with the other.

There is, a new October meeting near

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