

Better Late Than Never

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Washington, DC – On Friday, March 28, UDC hosted its annual homecoming on the basketball court of the Athletic building. The homecoming was supposed to take place back in November 2013, however, some financial mishaps led to it being delayed.

The Omicron Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, inc, an unincorporated association, and the Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, inc in collaboration with the USGA organized and presented “The Spring Fling.” This party was to have the homecoming that couldn’t take place in November like it always did, but also throw a party to celebrate spring.

Since the firing of the former president of the University, Allen Sessoms, in December of 2012, UDC has been crumbling in financial crisis. The University supposedly lost millions due to overspending by Sessoms for 4 years since 2008. The financial crisis has immensely affected the school; as a result, many clubs and organizations have gotten shut down due to lack of funds.

“UDC has no social life, we don’t have active clubs to be a part of. Do we even have a Greek life? Every other campus has it, but not UDC. And the reason we’re given even when we take the initiative to do something on campus is that there aren’t enough funds,” said Rainer Luza, Sophomore, Engineering major.



Similarly, last November, the USGA was refused to host the annual homecoming because of the lack of funds the University was going through at the time.

“It was a tough time for UDC, it was around the time they cut down 17 degree programs and debating on cutting the athletic program. When we tried to get our funds together we were told that having a homecoming wasn’t a priority and to hold it off. Of course we were frustrated, but we couldn’t do anything about it,” Ian Nixon, USGA president. He adds, “at least we tried to pull something together and give our campus a homecoming.”

Though many were thrilled and excited about finally having a homecoming, a lot of disappointments were encountered. Some believe that the homecoming party didn’t live up to its standards, many down dressed.

“When you hear the word “homecoming”, the thought of dressing up automatically comes to mind, but what I saw there was just horrible. I didn’t see one single person wearing a decent clothes, I frankly felt overdressed,” said Taz Mannan, Junior, Business Management major.

Psychology student Rashida Wise says; “Jeans? Really? Men have to be suited up and ladies are supposed to wear dresses at homecoming, or at least that’s how it worked the traditional way.”

The dress code wasn’t the only aspect students complained about. Music was another issue.

“I thought they said they were going to bring in a professional DJ, only rap music was played, it’s not the only genre in history,” Harroun Dambu, Accounting student.

Though it might be better late than never, UDC’s 2014 homecoming certainly didn’t live up to its expectation; the delay, dress code and music disappointed its attendees.

