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Students to choose symposium speakers

By Kyle Williams
Contributing Writer

This year TSU students have the opportunity to suggest the speakers they want to hear speak at the 2005 Student Development Symposium and Presentation Series.

The symposiums are for students to meet and listen to speakers that have insight for yesterday, today and tomorrow, according to Pat Clayton, university public relations coordinator. Last year speakers such as Judges Glenda Hatchett and Greg Mathis lectured on the TSU campus.

"If students oppose to judges coming to the school, then we don't have to have them," said Clayton, who has been involved with the series since 2001. "The judges provide strong, sage advice that can relate very well to a younger audience."

Clayton also handles contracts with the speakers' bureau and listens to students and faculty suggestions on who should be picked to speak to students each year.

"The speakers are good," said David Hughes, a senior music education major from Atlanta. "But there should be more of a wide

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Renowned author Po Bronson was one of the first speakers in this year's Student Symposium and Presentation Series. He spoke Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the Humanities Building.

Foreign exchange benefits students

By Shauntae White
Campus News Writer

International students at TSU may not be your traditional American scholar, but they are still your typical adjusting student in college.

Yet the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) makes their stay smoother, as foreign students who benefit from the ISEP program see many differences between their home countries and TSU.

"The people here (at TSU) are friendlier than the people in Germany," said Katja Weber, a junior mass communication major from Germany.

Also, Weber said she has not adjusted to the overwhelming amount of homework here at the Nashville school, although she is impressed with the city.

Another big difference for Weber is that supermarkets are too far from campus, which is difficult if you do not have a car. She also said in Germany, colleges do not have student activities unlike TSU which gives students the opportunity

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University Co-op program assists in job placement

By Eddie R. Cole
Editor in Chief

TSU students have an almost guaranteed way to land a job upon graduation.

The only stipulation, students have to do their part and excel in the classrooms and TSU's Cooperative Education program will help do the rest.

"Co-op assist students in getting jobs related to their academic major," said William Gittens, director of TSU's co-op

program. "This program is the missing link. You (Students) have to be proactive in planning your college education."

Gittens, who has worked with the program for 18 years, said over 75 percent of the students who participate in the program actually go on to be hired by the company they co-op with.

He said the typical cycle for a student in the program is school, work and school. Gittens said about 300 students come through the program in which they attend TSU then work for a semester before return-

ing to TSU.

However, Gittens said so few students registered in the program because a stronger grade point average is sought by potential employers. Also, the program's two person staff of Gittens and secretary Melba Carpenter limits the possibility of a drastic increase in the number of students brought into co-op.

"It's a shared thing, not a vision, but a thing," Carpenter said. "I run, I ripe and I

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Circle City Classic



Campus News

Aramark uses extra features to attract students

By Kirsten D. Watkins
A&E Editor

At the start of the fall semester, the news that students would no longer receive a declining balance to accompany meal plans left some students feeling agitated.

Now Aramark, TSU's food service vendor, is strategizing on how to attract business to its facilities in light of the elimination of this service.

Over the last two years, Aramark introduced several new food service opportunities to the TSU campus. Onjeta's, the university latte shop with Starbucks coffee, is located on the first floor of the Floyd-Payne Campus Center next to the main cafeteria. The Sports Zone, located in Read Hall near the campus police department, offers students a menu of various foods in a laid-back sports environment. Plus, Aramark has opened a campus convenient store on campus.

However, with all the on campus dining opportunities, students fear that they will not be able to afford to enjoy the best of what Aramark has to offer.

"It's not a convenient store if there is no declining balance," said Carolyn Cummings, a senior chemistry major



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Sports Zone (above) is one of several on campus dining facilities where students benefited from the use of the declining balance.



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Aramark, TSU's food service vendor, is strategizing how to get students to eat at some of its facilities in light of students losing the declining balance. Above, Aramark workers open the new Sports Zone last spring.

from Memphis. "It's not convenient for me."

But on Wednesday, Sept. 21, The Sports Zone hosted a Grand Opening celebration that invited students to an outdoor celebration as WTST, TSU's campus radio station, provided music and entertainment for students. Also, other Sports Zone marketing techniques include 39-cent chicken wing Thursday nights and Bottomless Nacho Monday nights.

In addition to providing students with alternative ways of dining, Aramark has adjusted certain meal plan accommodations for students who wish to dine at The Sports Zone. The lunch equivalency, which is \$3.40, and apply it to any purchase made there said John Tate, Aramark's senior food director at TSU. This way any purchase that exceeds this amount, the student must pay the balance out of pocket.

"We are doing what we can to make this transition easier for students," Tate said. "We know that students depended heavily on their declining balance to enjoy these services and now it's gone so we are trying to find a happy medium. We are working on getting better."

Tate also said, TSU is one of three Tennessee Board of Regents schools that has an on-campus coffee house and the

only one institution with the Starbucks affiliation.

Tate said that Aramark has an "open door" policy for any students with complaints about campus dining.

"I am willing to sit down and talk to any student that has concerns about our operations," he said. "I know that at the end of the day I will not be able to please every student but I surely will see what I can do."

Aramark has also extended the hours of operation at the Kentucky Fried Chicken Express and the Tiger Deli in the Wilma Rudolph Residence Center. Tate said the hours are temporarily extended on Friday until 3:30 p.m., two hours later than the normal 1:30 p.m.

"We will run these new hours and see how the student body responds," Tate said. "If sales remain high, we will consider making this a permanent situation."

Ashley Ellington said she accepts losing the declining balance despite some student opposition.

"The situation is as fair as it's (going) be," said Ellington, a junior occupational therapy major from Omaha, Neb. "At least they're attempting to meet us halfway. But if they want more business at The Sports Zone they need to do more publicity."◊

Events Calendar

Today

Red Cross Blood Drive
Kean Hall
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Student Photos for Yearbook
Second Floor Campus Center
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SGA General Assembly
FPCC forum 210
7 p.m.

AIDS Awareness Seminar
Poag Auditorium
7 p.m.

Tomorrow

"Epitome of a Woman"
PMB auditorium 012
7 p.m.

Wednesday

Voter Registration
Second Floor Campus Center
11 a.m.

Breast Cancer Awareness
Sigma Gamma Rho
Second Floor Campus Center
11:15 a.m.

Bible Study
LRC Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Corrections

In the Sept. 26 issue of *The Meter*, Wesley Shinault was misidentified as a native of Memphis. Shinault's hometown is Joliet, Ill. and he currently resides in Nashville. Shinault's web site, visualbliss.net, was also omitted from the article.

The Meter regrets errors and will continue to bring readers accurate information.

Campus News

Interim VP bears the 'financial load'

By Madelyn Ragland
Campus News Editor

TSU's interim vice president of business and finance makes a big transition into her new campus responsibility.

But Cynthia Brooks' everyday tasks are those that she enjoys but she said they sometimes can be stressful.

Brooks' new position over the business and finance department primarily has her managing the university's finances and facilities. Another important duty includes supporting students in their learning and living setting by assisting with questions and analyzing their accounts.

"Brooks is a loyal and dedicated administrator," said Jocelyn Thomas, the bursar of TSU's Bursar's Office. "She is sensitive to the needs of our students, faculty and staff."

Four departments that report Brooks include finance and accounting, financial aid, budget and fiscal planning and the facilities management. Each of these departments have some kind of funding that helps students or the faculty and staff members.

"I credit the Bursar's Office, which



PHOTO BY MADELYN RAGLAND

Cynthia Brooks is TSU's interim vice president of business and finance.

is in general the accounts payable, general accounting, grants accounting, and payroll, because they handle large volume of work, under extreme time constraints," Brooks said, what expressed great appreciation for all departments that answer to her.

And some employees in those departments appreciate Brooks' likewise.

"I give plenty of respect to Mrs. Brooks," said Famitah Buchanan, an assistant to the vice president of business and finance. "Not just because of the position she holds but because of the person that she is. Brooks is thoughtful and

a caring person. Buchanan also said she will do just about anything (within reason) to help students."

She also serves as a member of TSU's transitional team members organized by new president Melvin Johnson. Brooks' role on the team is to assist a smoother transition between presidents, James A. Hefner and Johnson. Brooks' job was merely to update the new president on audits and budgets.

Brooks said that President Johnson is destined to do great things for TSU and that he is a progressive, disciplined, high-energy advocate for the university.

Brooks, who has worked at TSU for 13 years, has held positions such as the director of budget and fiscal planning, director of finance and accounting, and the assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Brooks received her Bachelor of Science in business management from Fisk University and her Master of Business Administration from Vanderbilt University before moving on to become a certified public accountant (CPA).

Brooks has been married for 23 years and has four children, two of which currently attend TSU.

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Lee: Living abroad within a foreign culture opens the mind

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to be more involved with campus activities, which is giving her quite an experience.

"Personally, I think all students should be required to spend at least one semester abroad," said Robin Lee, the coordinator of the ISEP program. "It sounds cliché but it is true that the challenge of living abroad within a foreign culture opens the mind and new windows to the world."

The ISEP program has several opportunities to offer beyond just the experience one may attain from particular program. ISEP has majors or minors in foreign languages, which benefit students studying abroad.

Virgine Gousse, a junior accounting major from France, said she decided to stay at TSU for the entire school year after seeing TSU on the Internet, so she could get the full experience.

"It was the TSU Web site that caught my interest (to come to TSU)," said Gousse.

She also agrees with fellow ISEP participant Weber that the people on TSU campus are very helpful and open-minded.

"They have (shown) me around campus and have also been very patient in understanding me because I am still working on my English," Gousse said.

"Personally, I think all students should be required to spend at least one semester abroad."

-Robin Lee, coordinator of student exchange program

The program is open to every student who has a 2.5 grade point average or higher. But while studying abroad, the student remains officially enrolled at TSU while still being eligible to receive all forms of financial aid, including grants, loans, and scholarships. Also, ISEP offers scholarships to help with living expenses.

However, students are required to cover their own airfare and the application fee of \$315. The application fee is refunded if the program is unable to place a student successfully at another institution. The application fee is refunded less \$50.

"It's an affordable and inexpensive way to study abroad," Weber said. "Everything is included in the fees that I pay at home, so I don't really have to pay for anything other than things for my personal interests."

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What We Think

Students should take advantage of the opportunities TSU has to offer

With all the opportunities available on the TSU campus, students have no excuse not to get involved in campus life in preparation for their life after graduation.

When a student takes part activities outside of classes, he or she might find out things about themselves that he or she did not know before. Becoming involved might bring out traits in someone that he or she did not know they possessed. It builds character because becoming involved has the potential to help a student grow mentally, physically and psychologically. In addition to that, it also opens doors to more opportunities.

Last week, the office of student affairs hosted its annual organizational fair. The organizational fair was a way for all or most organizations on campus to provide information about what they do and how students might get involved with their organization. And TSU offers a variety of things from departmental clubs and honor societies to social and religious organizations for students to become a part of.

Becoming involved with different organizations and programs on campus can only help a student. Many employees and graduate schools look at the involvement of a student in various organizations when deciding whether to hire them or accept them into their programs. Also, being involved gives students the chance to make new friends

and network. Students also have the opportunity to learn more about other people and other culture.

In addition to organizations, students should take advantage of the various programs to help them during their matriculation through TSU and after graduation. TSU has an international student exchange program that allows students to study abroad at other institutions all over the world. This gives students a chance to see what other countries have to offer and to learn about other cultures. It also provides an opportunity to travel.

There is even a national student exchange program through the university honors program. Students might not get to travel around the world, but traveling around the country is not a bad option.

There is also the cooperative education program, career center and the office of professional and graduate opportunities. Students can register with these offices or just stop by and many windows of opportunity are almost instantly opened to them. These offices also host the annual career and graduate and professional school fairs.

The graduate and professional school fair give students the chance to find out what various schools around the country have to offer in the way of master and doctoral degree programs. The technical and university-wide career fairs allow students to meet prospective employees and possibly to gain internships. Some students even walk away

with interviews or jobs. These fairs are practically laid out for the students and all students have to do is show up and they are subjected to wells of information and opportunities.

With so much going on, a student cannot really say that TSU hasn't provided the opportunity to help students when it comes to social and professional growth. If students take advantage of everything that TSU does have to offer, there should be no complaints at the end of four years.

However, it is up to the students to take the initiative to help themselves. If a student sits around and doesn't get involved in the things going on around them, they can only blame themselves. It never hurts to see what someone has to offer but how the information is put to use is up to the student.

When students find themselves, on graduation day or the day after, sitting around wondering where to go from here, they are going to wish they had taken advantage of the opportunities that were laid before them. Meet administration, faculty, staff and fellow students and take advantage of what these people have to offer and then a student definitely will not be able to blame the university.

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Letter to the Editor

Displaced sophomore explains her adjustment

At the first sign of the disaster, the human instinct is to primarily seek immediate relief, even if their knowledge of survival is vague. Though the intensity of a catastrophe can cause one to question his or her own strength, one must still be conscious of how to carry on.

Wow! Where do I begin? I asked myself hours after the wrath of hurricane Katrina shook the gulf coast. Inexplicable disaster has caused me to inadvertently act accordingly, to that end I chose to embrace the power of survival, as a result of inevitable change. I had to remind myself that transition demanded mental stamina. Not knowing what to do about the continuance of my education, or how to even go about re-capturing a sufficient amount of clothing, let alone

re-claiming a peace of mind, were my biggest worries, and on this day and many days to come, my greatest triumphs. Because we had to leave so soon, with the thought that we'd be back in matter of days we took for granted that we could possibly be ripped from each other for life, thus we were deprived a proper farewell. In the aftermath of the storm the spirit of Dillard was nonexistent, and the reality of fear and uncertainty was very present, and that alone has shattered my heart more than anything. Though these key factors have shaped the foundation of my present state, I knew that this setback was a setup for something greater, and I had no choice but to answer the call and endeavor to keep living.

News coverage and reports from all over said that 80% of our city was con-

sumed with water, and what wasn't impacted by the flooding, was more than likely burned beyond recognition. Because of this fact we were all doomed to sudden change in every aspect of our lives. Giving up has never been an option for me, so I knew that I would have to relocate else where to seek education at another institution. I contacted schools everywhere, and then my spirit was pleased to find that most institutions were taking us as we were, with "nothing". Tennessee State said that we could come and find refuge within their walls, but in order to make it under the deadline for registration that we'd have to come by the following Tuesday. According to the calendar that was in two days. I had nothing but I knew that I had to act fast, thus I proceeded to prepare my mind for this sudden move.

Upon my departure, churches, and organizations deemed it their number one priority to help those who were like myself in desperate need of some type of financial relief. Due to my willingness to survive, I made it, and here I am in the land of the tigers.

I understand, realize, and clearly aware of the fact that I am a survivor, I always have been, and in order to overcome you must be determined to survive.

Amelia Scruggs
Sophomore
Displaced student from Dillard University

This letter was printed in the format in which it was received. It has not been edited for style or content, though we reserve the right to do so.

Online Feedback

Minority student displeased with minority students

With the beginning of the new school year, I am seeing more caucasian students on campus than ever before. Sadly, it is those same students I now see smoking on campus. I believe TSU is a non-smoking campus and this is the first time I have ever been subjected to the smell of cigarette smoke every time I enter a building. Sitting outside the Humanities Building last Friday, I counted over 50 cigarette butts littering the front of the building. As a caucasian student myself, I am proud to be attending TSU and receiving the education I am there. I would like to ask the caucasian smokers as well as the others, please don't litter the beautiful campus with cigarette butts. Please give it the honor and respect it has obviously been given in the past.

Susan West

Tigerbelle fan thanks TSU greats

I have long been a Tigerbelle fan...coach Temple, Wilma, Chandra, Martha Watson...all heroes of mine. I first became interested in Track & Field when I saw Wyomia Tyus win the Olympic

Gold Medal in the 100m in Mexico City in 1968. Because of her at age 11... my life changed for the better. I started running track in 1969, made several US Teams in the Pentathlon and went on to a very successful 24 year career in the corporate world. I recently left the corporate world to return to my first love...Track and Field. I am now coaching HS Track & Field in San Francisco and think of Ms. Tyus often. She inspired me and I am thankful to her. I am now dedicated to inspiring and motivating young people to do the great things they are so capable of doing. I was in Sacramento CA at the 2004 Olympic Trails and just missed meeting Ms. Tyus. Can you please send this on to her. I would so very much appreciate it. I still hope I will have the opportunity to meet Ms Tyus so I can share with her the positive impact she had on my life. Thank you Tennessee Tigerbelle for all the great role models and those memorable and exciting races. What an incredible legacy you have left behind.

Sincerely,
Lisa Kinimaka

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Preparing young minds for the business world



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Whether you know it or not, your financial future begins now.

Many college students fail to recognize that the stability of their current financial state reflects and depends upon the knowledge and security of money.

In an ever-changing society with an unpredictable economy, it is imperative that students are familiar with the concepts of business and finance.

Financial independence comes in all shapes and forms. The most important aspect in relation to the common independent individual is his or her income.

The means of how one disperses and/or allocates earned income is far more than simply paying bills.

Ensuring financial security and success is simple. However, to do so, one must be able to decipher what is exactly a safe and smart economic decision.

Not only will one obtain information about the basics of financial freedom, this column is to go as far to the limits of advancing one's knowledge of the whole scope of the financial arena.

Even though it may not seem that college students are ready to have the financial maturity of investing, a sound monetary status is achievable through various investments. Stocks, bonds, certificate of deposit (CD's), insurance and etc., are all ways in which investments have the potential to pay off.

Sometimes a student is in such a hurry to obtain a credit card. Unfortunately, if one does not know how to handle this burden responsibly it will

result in a future of unwise decisions and a poorly scored credit report.

A credit report is managed by one's credit score. By reading this column, students will be introduced to the three credit bureaus that will manage one's good or bad standing with creditors, teach individuals how to read and understand their credit score, and tutor students on actions they will need to take when disputing collections agencies. It will act as a guide which will train young minds to make wise and beneficial decisions that will foster their financial future.

Budgeting in college is one of the most important financial skills one can

learn. College years are filled with learning experiences both large and small. Budgeting categorizes as that of the large.

Tips on different tactics and methods of budgeting will aid the average TSU student in developing the ability to decide between swiping one's card for a Wendy's value item or saving that swipe for a rainy day.

This bi-weekly section will serve as your guide to managing your financial health. By reading this column and taking heed to advice given, the basic knowledge of a successful, well-rounded, economically sound individual will be achieved.

"Budgeting in college is one of the most important financial skills one can learn."



Dairanetta Spain
Sports Editor

As soon as a minor turns 18 years old he is legal and viewed by credit card companies as legal reign.

Too often, teenagers and young adults are targeted by creditors, mainly credit card companies. The most common attackers are known as the departmental charge card.

"For students not to have jobs and have credit cards creates debt and causes burden later in life," junior architectural engineering major Sharif Akram said. "But, if you have a job and have credit cards, that's cool. Credit is probably the most important thing you'll have next to your identity, so be careful."

Junior aeronautical engineering major Anthony L. Hunt, Jr. of Memphis said. "I know plenty of people who have department store credit cards. Once they get them they usually max them out and then they have to pay them off. They begin to live from pay check to pay check and eventually run out of money when it is time to pay their bill."

Students should beware of the plastic

According to a recent survey performed by student loan provider, Nellie Mae, 83 percent of college students have at least one credit card. This is up from 1998 when only 67 percent had cards.

Upon entering their respective campus, college students are hit once again. Creditors often contact them through mail with a simple and easy pre-approved application. Others take it to the core and go where the students are—on campus. Marketing tactics range from offering free food, clothing, trips, cars and much more.

Students should not be fooled by all the gimmicks and be aware of the traps.

Unbeknownst to the average freshman college student and sometimes upperclassman, the consequences are silent but great.

Before picking up another pen to fill

out another application, students should read the fine and bold print too. The average interest rate for merchandise cards can be as high as 21 percent.

"Guard that card," Suntrust Bank first vice president of community economic development Denise McBride said. "Once you have a credit card, you are legally responsible to pay for all charges you make on it."

It is easy to be approved in a matter of seconds for a merchandise card, but the reasoning behind the approval stretches farther than a couple of seconds.

Students are also warned of the dangers of merchandise credit cards due to the fact that most college students are inexperienced when it comes to finances. Maxing cards out has the ultimate potential to lead to debt for years to come.

"Since retailers want to sell merchandise, they have a bit more lenient credit requirements," said Jan L. Davis, president of TrueLink, which provides credit reports and other credit-based products to consumers, according to The Washington Post.

According to Hunt, department stores such as Macy's, Hecht's and the Gap all appeal to the average student and being approved for the card is rather easy. However, without a steady job and income, keeping the bill up to date is rather hard.

For instance, Hunt's cousin is a prime example.

"My cousin for example is from Seattle, Wash.," Hunt said. "They have Bond Macy's and down here we have Goldsmith's Macy's. He ran up a \$2,500 credit and he was only 18 at the time."

Junior business administration major Sean Moore of Chattanooga said "It is all a business, I don't think retail stores care if you have a steady income or not they're just trying to get their name out there and sell their product."

"Once you have a credit card, you are legally responsible to pay for all charges you make on it."

-Denise McBride, Suntrust Bank

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Familiarize yourself with credit score



**Kirsten D.
Watkins**
A&E Editor

Most young people know that as consumers your credit affects your ability to make certain purchases. However, our generation has not fully grasped the concept of protecting your credit or even how to obtain a credit report.

With a nasty credit history, it will not only hurt your chances of obtaining a credit card but it will also hurt you in applying for an apartment and even getting a job.

The first step in attempting to manage your credit is requesting your credit report. There are three major credit agencies that businesses comply with in terms

of tracking your activity: Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion. Consumers may contact these corporations and receive one free credit report per year. Do not continuously apply for credit from unnecessary places in order to receive a credit update. This damages your credit score.

"I regret applying for certain credit lines only to get rejected," said Candace L. Witt, a junior business administration major from Nashville, "but I did not realize how bad it would hurt me. Every time I applied for something I would get denied, and I couldn't get a student loan when I really needed one."

Now, one may ask what is your credit score and how does it affect your credit approval? According to Consumer Federation of America, out of 1,000 people only one-third understood that your credit score measures your likelihood to pay off a loan. Your credit report is much

like a report card and your credit score is equivalent to your grade point average. Your credit score is based on credit history and predicts your future credit behavior.

The credit scores range from 300-700 on a point system. The grid below explains the credit scale. The higher the credit score is, the more reliable creditors see you as being.

Students need to be aware of the marketing schemes used to wheel them in and get them to sign over their futures. In order to keep your credit score unscathed, here are a few helpful tips. Do not continue to apply for unnecessary credit cards. Stay away from departmental credit lines. Fashion trends will fade and you will be stuck with debt. Also, if necessary, have one major credit card and make early payments that slightly exceed your minimum balance due.

"It's a scandal," said Jamil Hunter, a

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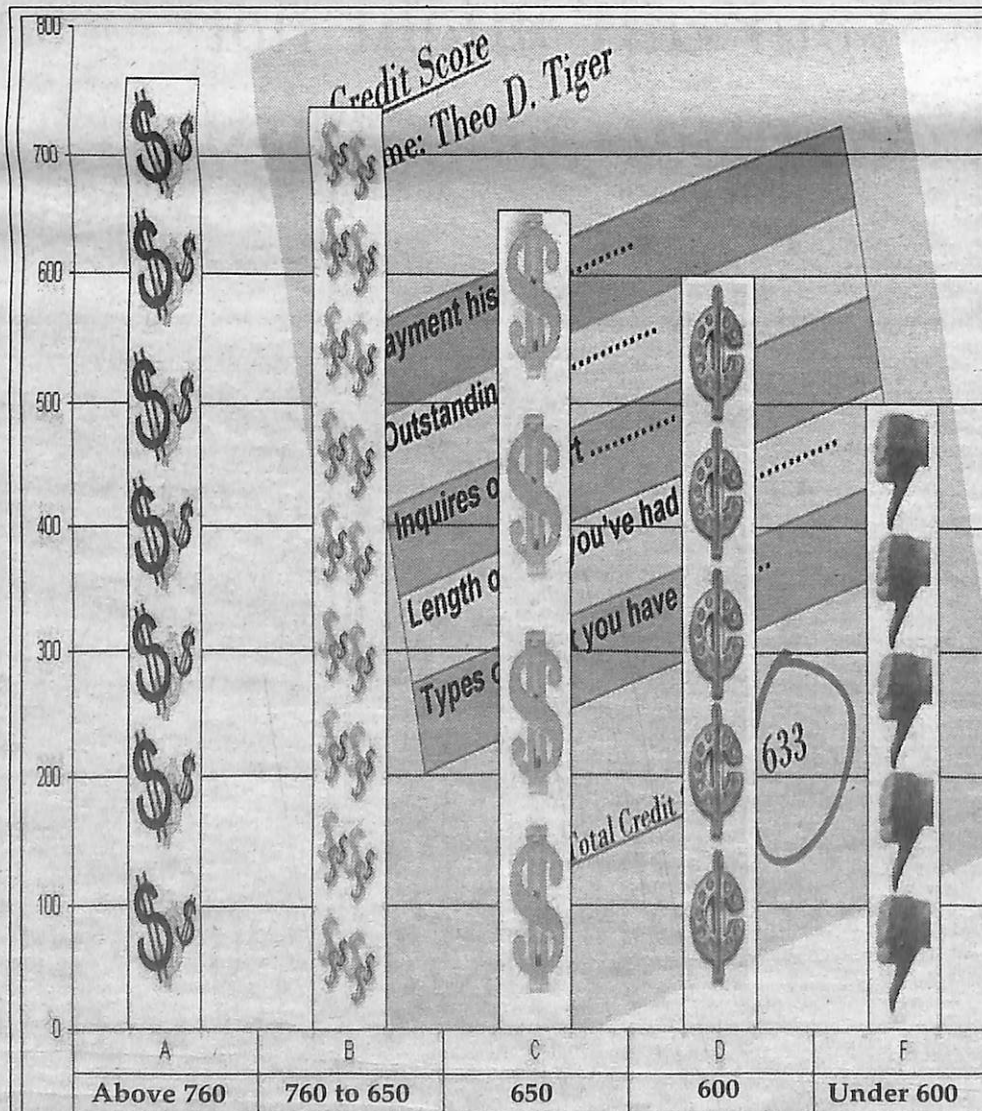
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junior mass communications major from Atlanta. "Credit cards put more Americans in debt. They don't worry about servicing us with things that we need until we can pay it off; their primary concern is making money off of us. They know we can't pay these cards off because the interest rates are so high, so we are just stuck in a mess." •



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Credit scores range from 760 and above to 600 and under and graded A-F.

Smart banking for students

There's a lot of people that want to step their game up this year, especially when it comes to their finances.

Money does not grow on trees (just like your mother used to tell you), and it is most definitely no good when it is at home under your mattress. So, which is the best bank to open up a checking account? This may differ dramatically for each student.

We've compared five banks in the greater Nashville area that offer a variety of diverse checking account options. These banks include AmSouth Bank, Bank of America, First Tennessee Regional Bank, SunTrust National Bank, and Union Planters National Bank.

There are plenty of similarities among these banks. Each provides check cards, online banking options, including the ability to pay bills online, and no daily minimum balance is required to maintain a checking account at these banks.

First Tennessee and SunTrust do not require a minimum balance to open up a checking account.

"We do not offer interest-bearing accounts for students and our accounts does not require a minimum balance", said Don (last name was withheld due to security reasons), a SunTrust accounts

representative.

Bank of America requires a minimum deposit of \$25 to open a checking account. AmSouth requires a minimum deposit of \$50 to open a checking account, and Union Planters requires a minimum deposit of \$100 to open a checking account.

The next distinction among these institutions is the options pertaining to overdraft protection. 'Overdraft' simply means you have spent more money than you have in your account. The 'protection' is found when the bank transfers the difference into your checking account.

Bank of America and SunTrust has a \$10 daily transfer fee for all overdrafts and/or returned checks. AmSouth has a \$20 daily transfer fee for all overdrafts and/or returned checks. First Tennessee does not offer overdraft protection and Union Planters will offer overdraft protection only on a case-by-case basis.

"An important part of overdraft protection is that you have to sign up for it. Some banks will not automatically cover you just because you have a checking account or a credit card with them," said Nicholas Hathaway, an accounts representative with AmSouth Bank.

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Kirsten D. Watkins •**

Campus News

Program gives students opportunities

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market.”

Gittens said, “The opportunities are plentiful, but you have to have what (companies) want.”

So, before sending students to work for a particular company, the co-op program helps prepare them for corporate America.

Gittens said the program helps students with their resume, interviewing skills and research of their possible industry in an effort to “enhance your economic future.”

Co-op has also provided all stu-

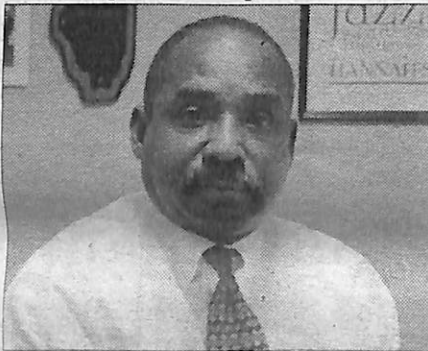


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William Gittens, co-op education program director, has been with the program for 18 years.

dents with the chance to benefit from the program whether registered with the office or not.

On Monday, Sept. 19, a discussion was held in the Learning Resource Center auditorium titled “How much am I going to invest in my future?”

The meeting helped shine a light on the program which featured students who have participated in the co-op program tell about the experiences.

“The co-op program is doing a good job,” said Trey Ragland, a junior computer science major from Rome, Ga. “I’ve been thinking about registering because of the program gives students so many great opportunities.”

The co-op education program is scheduled to host interviews for students Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Kean Hall.

A few of the companies expected to attend include the NASA Glenn Research Center, Rolls-Royce Corp. and the Southern Company.

If you go:

Contact: William Gittens

Phone: 615-963-7481

Where: Floyd-Payne

Campus Center suite 306

More big-name speakers desired for lecture series

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variety of people to come to speak, like your Michael Jordans, your Quincy Joneses and your Maya Angelous.”

Thomas Martin, former vice president of student affairs, created the series to benefit freshmen orientation but the series eventually became open to all students.

The series was funded by a Title III grant that was created by Martin and Dorothy Lockridge, interim of student affairs.

The 2005 Symposium Series will run throughout the year with such choices as Illyash Shabazz, Malcolm X’s daughter; Joe Dudley, human rights activist and Willie Gray, a civil rights advocate.

Po Bronson was one of the first speakers in this year’s series Tuesday, Sept. 27.

“Your gift might not always be your passion,” Bronson told students during his speech.

Bronson said even though someone has a skill that they are very good at, that doesn’t mean that they will want to do it all their lives.

Bronson said, in high school he had a passion for math but was only average at writing. Now, in his later years, his love of writing and speaking make him think about how he doesn’t even like math anymore.

Judge Marilyn Milian is the next expected speaker at TSU on Oct. 4 in the Humanities Building.

“Your gift might not always be your passion.”

-Po Bronson

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Sunday, October 9

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6:30 pm

Monday, October 10

**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL
DAY**
12 noon Luncheon/Induction
Business Casual Dress
6:00 pm Forum "What About
Honors?"

Tuesday, October 11

PHI KAPPA PHI DAY
9:00-3:00 Regional Cluster
Meeting
12 noon Sophomore Recognition
Luncheon
Business Casual Dress

Wednesday, October 12

GOLDEN KEY DAY
9:00 – 12:00 am Literacy
6:00 – 8:00 pm InRoads Forum

Thursday, October 13

**NATIONAL STUDENT
EXCHANGE DAY**

Saturday – Tuesday, October 15 – 18

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
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The Honors Literacy Program is up and running at full speed. With a \$1750.00 grant from Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the UHP has students dispatched to ten schools in the community. Honors students read to children and give them books as gifts to take home. UHP students come on out and get your community service hours. Contact the UHP office (963-5731) for information.

ALERT TO ALL FRESHMEN

Keep your GPA's up so that you can be invited to membership in Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society Spring semester. Contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Eric Schmeller in the History, Geography, and Political Science Department.

NEW GOLDEN KEY FACULTY ADVISORS

Mr. D. Lee McGahey and Dr. Jun Rivera are the new advisors for Golden Key International Honor Society.
CONGRATULATIONS!

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE RECEPTION

Mrs. Racquel Davis, Coordinator of the National Student Exchange hosted a reception for new exchange students Tuesday, October 27. The affair was held in Hale Hall the TSU Honors Residence Hall.

STUDENTS VISIT TOP COMPANIES

Tennessee State University Honors students recently visited the 39th Annual Atlanta University Center Consortium Career Fair, an annual fair that exposes students to career options and graduate opportunities, and enhances student development. Students April Thomas, Josef Robinson, Jerry Johnson, Ayodeji Olojo, and William Clements visited Deloitte Touche LLP and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as representatives of the TSU's Honors Program Leadership Development Program. They were accompanied by Small Business Development Office Director and Honors Leadership professor, Mr. William Latham and Honors Program Director, Dr. Sandra Holt.

SOPHOMORES HONORED

All TSU sophomores with a 3.4 or better GPA will be honored at the Annual Sophomore Recognition Luncheon co-sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Societies. All sophomores who qualify should call 963-1830 to RSVP.

HOMECOMING PARADE

All UHP students interested in helping decorate the car for HOMECOMING should contact Fredrica Piphus, Special Activities Co-Chair on the Honors Student Council.

SPECIAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 2005-06 Honors Student Council and all new students in the University Honors Program will be honored and inducted at a special luncheon during Honors Week. Monday, October 10 is

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL DAY.

Honors Freshman and Friends of Honors should call the Mrs. Wells at 963-5731 to reserve a seat. New Council members are Jerry Johnson, Hodari Brown, Jacquita Parks, Jayson Hill, Carl Darnell, Marsheila Joy Hayes, McLisa Davis, Resheda Winford, Sherrae Hayes, Patrice Brown, Fredrica Piphus. Please dress Business Casual.
CONGRATULATIONS!

HONORS LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Approximately 40 Honors students will attend the Honors Annual Leadership Retreat to be held at the Regal Maxwell House Hotel during Fall Break. Some of the outstanding leadership trainers include Michael Grant, Derek Young, Allyson Young, Eric Holt, Janeth Brown and our own William Latham. Denise Marcia of ESSENTIALS! will conduct etiquette training at the Sunday lunch.

ORIENTATION CLASS TAKES FIELD TRIP

The students in the Honors Orientation class will take a field trip to Green Hills Mall Oct. 11 & 13 to participate in a "Dress for Success" Seminar arranged by Mr. Kevin Mitchell, doctoral student, who co-teaches the class with Paula Roberts of the Small Business Development Center in the College of Business.

Campus News

Campus renovations ease mobility woes

By Darlisha Stanfield
Contributing Writer

There have been some building upgrades around campus over the summer that has made getting around less of a hassle.

Improvements like the current installation of an elevator in the Women's Building and extra handicap parking spaces between Hale Hall and the Performing Arts Center are just a few additions around the TSU campus. Some of these renovations include changes that are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA.

The ADA of 1990 states that state and local governments must give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all offered programs, services, and activities, according to the ADA accessibility guidelines.

"'In compliance' is also a statement that assumes several things," said Steve Gillette, director of the Office of Business Affairs. "ADA parking nearby, automatic door or at least easily opened doors, and simple, clear path to ADA compliant bathrooms and elevators."

The elevator in the Women's Building is a job still in progress but this new elevator will meet all ADA requirements and is projected to cost approximately \$200,000, which includes all related work, according to the Office of Business Affairs. This project has been under way for about two years.

Now administration has to find effective ways to continue construction while keeping existing offices and classrooms enacted, which caused the rally of 250 students in the spring 2004. This rally spurred out of the Africana Studies Department being moved for the building of the new elevator.

The old elevator was just four feet by four feet, while ADA requires an elevator to be 6.6 feet wide, five feet deep, and the doors must open at least three feet wide.

Additional upgrades include additional restrooms and restroom renovations in two different buildings, the Dental Clinic and the LRC, handrails at Kean and Clement Halls, added paths and ramps near the Performing Arts Center, Clay Hall and Clement Hall, and new entrances near the Humanities Computer Lab.

"This is my first year at TSU," says Sierra Taylor, a junior nursing major from Detroit. "But I've noticed much more accessibility for the disabled compared to other campuses I've visited and my previous school."

There were at least 250 students registered on campus last year, according to Patricia Scudder, director of the Office of Disabled Services. However,

these students are not required to register, unless they require special accommodations so therefore, an exact number of how many students are benefiting from these renovations cannot be tallied.

On the other hand, everyone is not as enthused about the renovations.

Some students feel that these upgrades are a start but there are still many components of the campus that are insufficient and do not fully meet the needs of disabled students on campus.

"I am pleased about the improvements, but they are inadequate," said Alicia Highler, a sophomore criminal justice major from Chicago, Illinois. "Many ramps are uneven and the automatic doors don't always work. The bathrooms are marked for the disabled, but aren't large enough, my chair still can't fit."*

TSU ADA Renovations

Quantity	Description	Location
14	ADA Parking Spaces	Between Clay Hall and Boswell Complex
1	ADA Bathroom	Dental Clinic
1	Ramp and Entrance	Humanities Computer Lab
3	Sidewalks from the parking lots	Performing Arts Building, Clement and Clay halls
4	Automatic Doors	Campus Center, McWherter, Crouch and Clement halls
1	ADA ramp/Interior elevator path	Learning Resource Center
3	ADA Parking Spaces	Near Goodwill Manor and McWherter

SOURCE: Steve Gillette, Business Affairs

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Tuesday - Boyd/Eppse

Wednesday - Hale/Hankal

Thursday - Rudolph/Watson

Friday - New Residence Center

Tuesday

10am - 2pm Photo Session for Student Leaders
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Student Center Lobby

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Greeks give money, discuss love

By Danielle Sims
A&E Writer

As some students struggle to find ways to buy typical school necessities, two campus fraternities have lent a hand to aid students in need.

Both TSU's Alpha Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and the Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. have given out scholarships to help TSU students.

Sophomore Mia McCain and junior Krystle Alexander were the recipients of the Kappa Alpha Psi book scholarship for \$250.00 each on Sept. 21. The criteria for the scholarship were a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and a well-written essay on the subject of the role of the African-American student.

"I became interested in the scholarship because of the advertisement and

because I needed money for books," said McCain, a sophomore accounting major from Memphis.

Freshmen Courtney Ward and Shannez Martin were winners of the Alpha Phi Alpha's Hershel King Scholarship of \$100 each on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

"We understand as college students that school is expensive," said Ayodeji Olojo, a junior agricultural business major from Detroit and member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "We know that financial aid may not cover every college expense, so we try to help out the students as best we can."

Both fraternities also sponsored seminars which allowed students to come out and discuss issues affecting them.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, in the Floyd-

See "Greeks" on page 16



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William Busch III presents Mia McCain (left) with a \$250 book scholarship, Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Forum. Krystle Alexander (right) smiles as she accepts a \$250 book scholarship from the Alpha Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. McCain and Alexander wrote essays to win the awards.



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New network merges new with the old

By Kirsten D. Watkins and
Michael Holloway
A&E Editor and
A&E Writer

TV One is a television network that was launched early 2004 that has committed itself to uplifting the African-American experience.

The idea behind the network was providing entertainment programming that showcases Blacks as an intellectual and diverse community said Kathy Hughes, Founder of Radio One. Radio One, the largest urban radio broadcaster, is given credit along with Comcast Cable Company for birthing this new channel.

According to tv-one.tv, TV One

President and CEO Johnathan Rodgers sends praises that this channel offers programs "that feature us, are about us, have settings familiar to us, and are respectful to us."

Bringing back the soul of the past, the cable channel runs several of the popular shows of the 70's, 80's, and 90's. *Good Times*, *227*, and *It's Showtime At The Apollo* run quite frequently, just to name a few. Many of these aged classics run in syndication on other networks, but few run on the same channel.

Also, several shows that broadcast on this network were quality programs but could not play the ratings game on other major networks (*Boston Public*,

The cast of the *Living Single*, a hit prime time sitcom in the 1990s. Old and new African-American Classics, such as *Living Single*, can be seen on the new television network TV One.

See "TV One" on page 16

Arts & Entertainment



Compact DISCUSSION Ratings

5/5: Instant classic

4/5: Ground-breaking

3/5: OK album, worth a listen

2/5 Buy the bootlegged copy

1/5: Don't waste the money

Rihanna- *Music Of The Sun*- 4/5

The newest member to the Def Jam family, Rihanna, has released her debut album *Music Of The Sun*. This 17-year-

old native of St. Michaels, Barbados brings the Caribbean sound and fuses it with traditional R&B, making a quality sound that not many female artists can do.

The Caribbean sound has been around for some time but in the last couple of years Reggae and dancehall (Sean Paul, Shaggy, Beenie Man, Elephant Man) has flooded the urban American radio market with its irresistible flavor and tantalizing beats.

Rihanna caught the attention of New York producer Evan Rodgers and Carl Sturken who helped her climb to the office of Mr. Def Jam himself, President Jay-Z. Rihanna was so confident in her interview with Jay-Z that she turned down meetings with other labels.

Rihanna, born Robyn Rihanna Fenty, blew us away with her summer hit *Pon the Replay* where she asked the DJ to play her song again and again until the whole club was winding and grinding to the *Music of the Sun*. With a certified summer anthem under her belt, Rihanna's follow-up is the second single *If It's Lovin That You Want*. Don't sleep on *You Don't Love Me*, the remake of Dawn Penn's reggae classic and Rush,

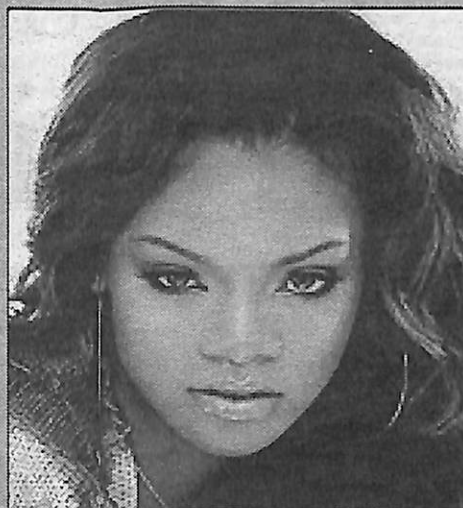


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Rihanna, is the newest member to the Def Jam family and has released her debut album *Music Of The Sun*.

which features Kardinal Offishall. Other guests on Rihanna's 13-track debut include Elephant Man and Vybz Kartel.

Def Jam's debutante is a hot commodity these days. In the last month, she has performed on *The Today Show* and was chosen to perform at the 2005 NFL Kickoff Game in Los Angeles, alongside Kanye West and Maroon Five. Rihanna

credits her soul-filled album with her teenage influences such as Beyonce, Alicia Keys, and Mariah Carey.

If *Pon The Replay* did not infiltrate the radio this summer, who knows how much longer it would have taken for Rihanna to break through in America. But believe me, she's not a one-hit wonder. With H-to-the-IZZO by her side and Caribbean soul in those brazen eyes, she may have longevity that will carry her far in this industry. Yes, the album is very good, but keep in mind that she's a new artist and she'll have room to vocally grow.

Michael Holloway •

Got Poetry?

If you possess a passion and talent for poetry and would like to share it with the TSU family, please send your submissions to tigersubmission@yahoo.com



The Man - C

Director Les Mayfield (*Blue Streak*-1999) has presented his latest movie *The Man*. This film originally slated to be released Oct. 7, but it found its way in theaters across the U.S. on Sept. 9.

The Man, an action comedy with mediocre laughs, stars talented veteran actors Samuel L. Jackson (*Coach Carter*, *Pulp Fiction*) and Eugene Levy



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Eugene Levy (left) and Samuel L. Jackson (right) star in the new feature film, *The Man*, directed by Les Mayfield.

(*American Pie*, *Bringing Down The House*). Jackson plays Derrick Vann, a Special Agent with a huge chip on his shoulder. Vann is given 24 hours to recover a multi-million dollar stolen guns heist and to find the killer of his crooked

and deceased partner. This is where Levy fits in as Andy Fidler, a dental supply man from Wisconsin. The New Line Cinema release begins as Fidler is mistaken as the arms smuggler and murderer in a coffee shop where he is given a cell

phone and a gun by one of the film's bad guys. *The Man* is set in Motor City, U.S.A. (Detroit), which has been popularized by the film industry in the movies *8 Mile* and the more recent *Four Brothers*.

The unlikely pairing of Jackson and Levy does provide some hilarious moments as expected, but that apparently is not enough to save this film from the category of pointless cinema. Perhaps director Les Mayfield knew how bad this film was, judging by the length of one hour and 20 minutes. It is rated PG-13 for profanity and violence.

Besides the numerous reviews knocking this film into the genre of horrible films, perhaps the box office results foreshadow a disaster for movie-goers. Historically, September releases are not big carriers in the box office business. However, *The Man* did not even fall into the top 10 grosses for the Sept. 24 weekend. As of Sept. 26th, the film has only projected \$8,072,000 and Jackson's salary alone probably surpasses that. However, movie goers will be the judge, but the best bet is to wait for the DVD under your Christmas tree.

Leonard Wilson, Jr. •

Arts & Entertainment

I'm Just a DJ But...It Makes Sense To Me - B

With the release of his new book, syndicated radio host/philanthropist Tom Joyner, known as the "hardest working man in radio," becomes the hardest working man period.

Joyner steps from behind the microphone and hits the spotlight as he gives excellent advice about a young boy with a dream growing up to be a successful man who has achieved it.

Joyner, who is nationally known as "The Fly Jock," came from humble beginnings in Tuskegee, Ala. As a young boy, he was very interested in music and was disturbed that the local radio station did not play African-American musicians. This was at the height of the Civil Rights Movement and he found himself on the way to making

change.

I'm Just A DJ... chronicles the life and times of Joyner, and he gives advice to young people as an inspiration that any and every dream that one has dreamt can be attained and to immerse oneself in it.

Joyner is the host of a nationally syndicated talk show, *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*, along with his co-hosts J. Anthony Brown, Myra J, and Ms. Dupree. He is also founder of The Tom Joyner Foundation, which Joyner firmly

believes that as one has been given an opportunity he or she should also give back. He is a proud supporter of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and has made it a personal pledge to assist young minority students further their education. According to www.blackamericaweb.com, Joyner even placed a bid to purchase the financially-defunct Morris

Literary Highlights

Brown College in 2004 after talks of closing the school were made public. However, the sale was not made possible.

I was inspired by Joyner's hunger to be an encouragement to the younger generation. Joyner is a hero to African-Americans not just because he is rich and popular but because he didn't let his wealth and popularity change him. In his book *I'm Just a DJ But...It Makes Sense To Me*, Joyner informs Black people not so much on how to live their lives but on how to not make their jobs live them, to enjoy every opportunity both given and earned. At the book's close, Joyner gives his readers 36 steps to what he believes will make you a better person. The book takes us through a series of anecdotes - some hilarious, many serious, others poignant. This book is an engaging page turner that entertains and informs.

Michael Holloway

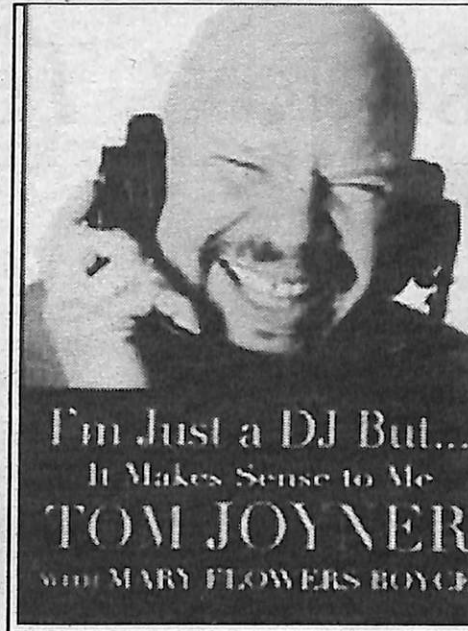


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Tom Joyner's new book is now available in stores.

Lyricist Lounge

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What has occurred, no one can take it away
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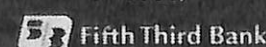
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America's Next Top Talk Show Host

Supermodel Tyra Banks is a woman of many talents, but this fall she is stepping into a new arena—the arena of daytime talk shows.

Most Americans know Tyra Banks as a supermodel, actress, and of course, as creator of the hit TV show “America’s Next Top Model.” But this fall we will see Banks in a new light as she hosts her own talk show, *The Tyra Banks Show*.

The show plans to focus on topics that affect the self-esteem of the total woman, not just her physical appearance. “The Tyra Banks Show” intends to shatter myths about the conventional ideas of beauty while still keeping viewers updated on the latest fashions. As Banks and her guests achieve their goal or find solutions to their problems, Banks instructs them to take their well-deserved stroll down the catwalk.

The first episode aired a few weeks ago. The show opened with an inspiring theme song written and recorded by India Arie. This episode was light and fun, but Tyra states that she wants to tackle

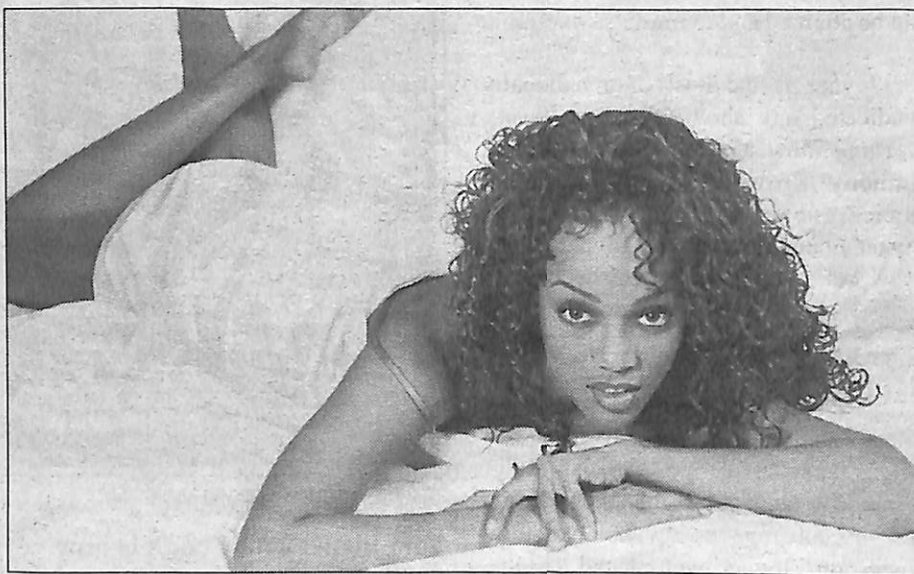


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Supermodel Tyra Banks strikes a new pose in the daytime television realm this fall. The show plans to focus on topics that affect the self-esteem of the total woman, not just her physical appearance.

tough issues in future episodes. This particular episode continued with a makeover, but not a regular makeover, it was a life makeover. Banks not only transformed someone physically, but she helped

with other life challenges, including finding the makeover recipient a job, a place to live, and providing educational opportunities. The makeover displays the desire that the show has to help real people.

The issue is whether the show is trying too hard. Clearly, Miss Banks is new in this market, but maybe she will have better luck than the motivating Iyanla Vanzant and rapper/actress Queen Latifah. But for now “The Tyra Banks Show” will continue to aid its viewers in whatever crisis may arise whether fashion related or not.

“The Tyra Banks Show” airs daily on Fox Channel 17 at 2 p.m. central standard time.

Tanasha Phillips*

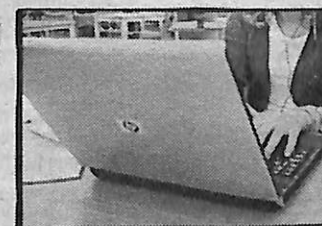
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Arts & Entertainment

Fall 2005 TV lineup: More Black faces



Kirsten D. Watkins
A&E Editor

In 1999, the NAACP went to Congress with the complaint that the African-American experience was not being validated on network television.

Kwesi Mfume, the organization's president at the time, demanded that the four major networks (ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX) make the proper adjustments in their programming schedule that not only open the playing field to minorities, but also to provide programming that would nullify the common stereotypes of our race.

Now, here we are six seasons later and I am proud to say that the NAACP's hasty actions and constituents lobbying for mirrored images of themselves on the small screen has made the corporate world move their behinds. This season, each major network has a plethora of new show additions but more than half of them feature African-Americans in leading roles.

For example, CBS premieres "Criminal Minds," which highlights

Shemar Moore ("The Young and The Restless," "Diary Of A Mad Black Woman") as a special agent in a show that features a team of FBI profilers, and "Close To Home" starring Kimberly Elise (John Q and Woman, Thou Art Loosed) as a no-nonsense legal attorney in corporate drama. ABC welcomes back its award-winning show "Desperate Housewives" with the help of Alfre Woodard ("Down In The Delta," "Miss Evers' Boys").

Actress Gabrielle Union ("The Brothers," "Deliver Us From Eva") helps the ABC network launch the new series "Night Stalker," where she plays an investigative reporter. BET steps the reality television game up a notch with

Damon Dash's "The Ultimate Hustler," where he gives young hopefuls the chance to carry on in a position of one of his multi-million dollar companies. UPN seems to have scored big with "Everybody Hates Chris", a show loosely based on comedian Chris Rock's teenage existence. According to Nielson ratings, "Everybody Hates Chris" is noted as UPN's biggest sitcom premiere for the network since its inception in 1994. That is a huge accomplishment for a show that might not have been.

FOX and NBC have very few inte-

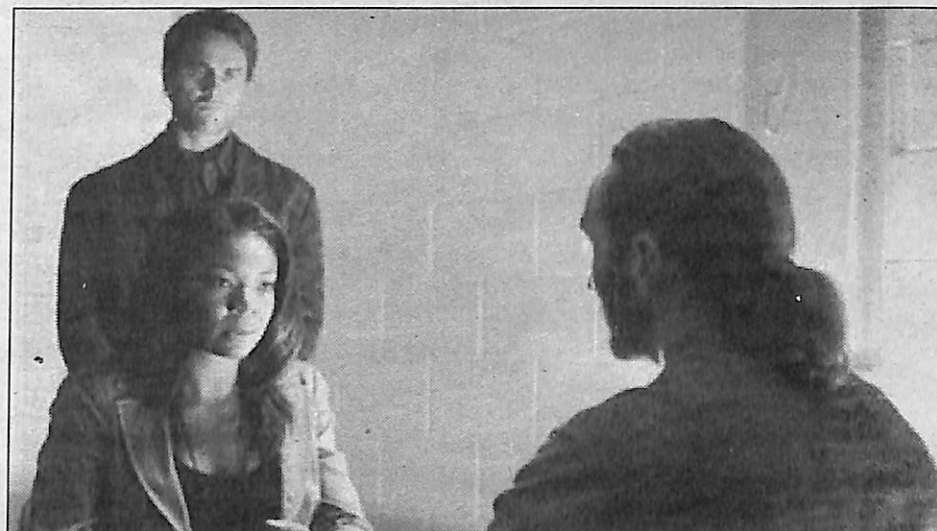


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Gabrielle Union (center) helps the ABC network launch the new series Night Stalker, where she plays an investigative reporter. Union is one of several new African-American faces on network television this season.

grated shows and African-American sideline parts are very scanty.

The truth of the matter is that viewers do not just need to be entertained. Viewers, especially minority viewers, need to feel as though their lives and the circumstances in them are being validated by seeing individuals such as themselves on the tube. Generally, African-Americans featured on network television have been in all-Black cast situation comedies. However, we need to see more variety. We are a diversified people who need to see our reflections every-

where. The demand on behalf of the NAACP also involved an agreement for more minority hires within the networks.

Oftentimes, African-Americans and other minorities are not in positions of power that will enable them to see themselves on television.

I'm glad that times are finally changing. I just hope that this chance for great actors to be seen is just that and not just networks counting the black dots on screen, trying to reach a quota. It is to be hoped individuals will tune in and receive what so many have fought for. •

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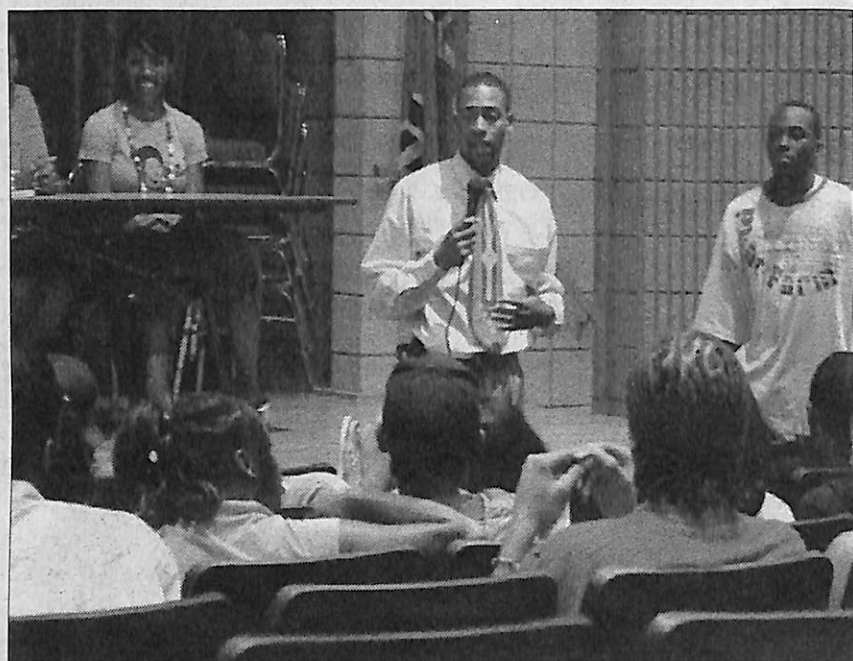


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Courtney Hale, president of the Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., addresses students at their "Now that's a Bad Chick" seminar Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Greeks host seminars to aid campus community

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Payne Campus Center room 210, Alpha Phi Alpha put on a forum titled "Now that's a Bad Chick." Olojo said the focus of the night was to discuss the current "state of the African-American woman."

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, again in FPCC room 210, Kappa Alpha Psi held a forum titled "College Relationships: Does Faithfulness Still Exist?" This seminar allowed the student body to partake in intellectual dialogue on the four-letter word: love.

Some topics discussed were does true love still exist and can faithfulness exist in a relationship here on the campus of TSU?

"I think the seminar was a success

because we were able to answer a lot of questions and see the views that both genders have on faithfulness," said Larry Henderson, senior Industrial Engineering major from Cleveland and member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

The panel speakers ranged from those who were in committed relationships to those who were single. They approached this delicate issue with honesty and a true desire to understand the opposite sex.

"I think the seminar was a success," said Jihan El-Shabazz a junior health professions major from Atlanta. "But I think people need to be more mature in their outlook on relationships and be more positive. But overall it was a success."•

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-Larry Henderson

TV One scores fans in the TSU community

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Under One Roof, and *City Of Angels*).

"I love that I get to see my old favorite shows like *New York Undercover*," said Shaana Worlds, a junior English major from Moss Point, MS. "TV One just brought it all back for me."

Not only does *TV One* remember the oldies, but it has also developed original programming such as singer Patti LaBelle's weekly viewer invitation into her life and her city of Philadelphia in *Living It Up with Fatti LaBelle*. In addition, *Quiet On The Set* with host Mary Major, provides a platform for some of Hollywood's most prominent figures at Howard University.

TV One has also produced programs

that feature public affairs information and documentaries such as *American History*, that highlight African-American periods of history. Such periods include the Civil Rights Movement and the Reconstruction.

While many are pleased with the channel and all its features, others are displeased that it is not picked up in the basic cable package.

"I was under the impression that *TV One* was everywhere because I have basic cable at home," said Jana Buchanan, a junior psychology major from St. Louis. "But I was also disappointed that I couldn't get it in my dorm room, and we have cable."•



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One beginning, two endings

Two TSU football legends end up on different sides of the league and law

By Freddie S. Jackson and Dairanetta Spain
Contributing Writer and Sports Editor

Two former TSU football stars were on identical paths during their collegiate careers. However, five years later, they are in vastly different places.

All-Americans Michael "Moon" Thompson and Bennie Anderson were two offensive linemen plowing through opponents as they led TSU to two consecutive Ohio Valley Conference championships in 1998 and 1999 under then head coach L.C. Cole.

Thompson, a Savannah, Ga. native, was highly touted following his four years at TSU. He was first-team All-OVC and a Sheridan Poll All-American his senior season before being voted the Division I-AA Offensive Lineman of the Year by sportspage.com.

Anderson, a St. Louis native, had college accolades comparable to Thompson's. In 1999, he was an All-American and an All-OVC first teamer both his junior and senior season and was also a first-team All-Black College team selection as a senior.

But two gridiron stars' similar paths

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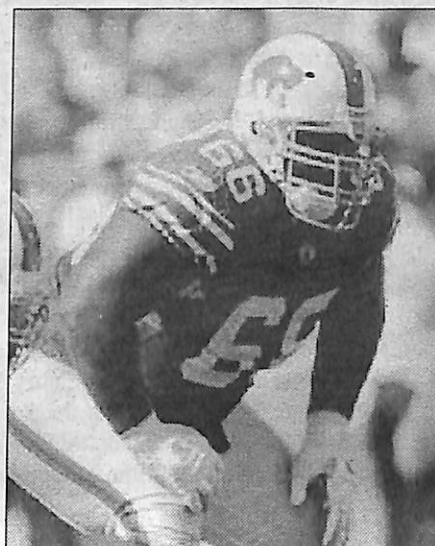


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Former TSU standout Bennie Anderson is currently a starter for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. Anderson's road since TSU has differed from former teammate Michael "Moon" Thompson.

Low priced paraphernalia hard to find

By Melissa Thompson
Sports Writer

TSU students may find it hard to dig into their pockets and purchase school paraphernalia.

If one were to take a look and compare prices at the TSU Bookstore to other shops that sell TSU paraphernalia, he or she wouldn't find much of a price difference. Many local TSU gear carriers such as Champs, Footaction, Target and The College Crib sell TSU merchandise prices that are no cheaper than the campus bookstore.

At Target, the cheapest item is a men's T-shirt for \$14.95 and the most expensive item carried is a hooded sweatshirt for \$49.99. The cheapest T-shirt in TSU's bookstore is \$11.95 while the highest is priced for \$16.95.

"TSU should promote the sale of their items at a cheaper price," said Danielle Sims, an elementary education major from Memphis. "If I saw it at a cheaper price, I would buy it. I'm a college student not a baller."

However, TSU's bookstore prices aren't unreasonable, especially when fans are directed to more expensive places.

For instance, on tsutigers.com, TSU's official athletic web site, there is a Tiger apparel link which directs fans to truelegendssportswear.com, which is an affiliate of the sports outfitter Kross Star Partners.

All of truelegendssportswear.com's baseball hats cost \$21.99 and their polos are \$49.95.

"The merchandise we carry has a wide range of pricing from \$11.95 for a t-shirt to \$50.00 for a jacket," TSU general merchandise coordinator Ann Myers said. "The prices are based on the quality of fabric used in the garment and the

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Classic attendance scarce at TSU games

By Dairanetta Spain
Sports Editor

TSU's annual neutral site classics have suffered significant drops in attendance this season.

The Memphis Liberty Bowl, site of the 16th Annual Southern Heritage Classic, and Atlanta Georgia Dome, site of the 17th Annual Atlanta Football Classic, was filled on the weekends of Sept. 10 and 24 respectively, but not with fans, instead with empty seats.

"The game (Atlanta) was rather empty and we were especially outnumbered," said Meghann Hill, a junior english major from St. Louis.

Junior health professions and clinical sciences major Christyn

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PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Several of TSU's annual football classics have sputtered lower attendance numbers this year. Above, thousands of seats were empty during the Atlanta Football Classic Saturday, Sept. 24. TSU loss 12-7.

Sports

Tigerbelles win in Atlanta

By Dairanetta Spain
Sports Editor

Three Big Blue Tiger programs competed in Atlanta the weekend of Sept. 24.

But one would come out with a win, one with a 6th place finish and the other with a defeat.

Prior to the TSU football team losing 12-7 in the 17th Annual Atlanta Football Classic football game, the TSU Tigerbelles' and the Flying Tigers' cross country teams would start the weekend on a lighter note with a win in the Oglethorpe University Classic.

Cross country coach Warren Wilson said the team's hard work and practice have proved to pay off for the team.

"It's almost like a new squad," Wilson said. "This team is better than the last two years. They work very hard and their times will drop because we aren't exactly at our peak season."

The race, which was set to start at 9

a.m., was delayed 45 minutes. But the Tigerbelles would still set off on the 5K (3.1 miles) course at Mozley Park and would finish with a time of 31 minutes and 37 seconds.

Senior Rae'ven Richard would lead the team and the race by placing first with a time of 21:37 which was 33 seconds ahead of second place winner Inez Pickett of Clark Atlanta University.

"Rae'ven did an outstanding job," sophomore Tierra Boyd said. "She is a great team leader and very motivated. The team stuck together to win the meet. It was great."

Other participating teams' scores included an 86 from Benedict College, an 88 from Paine College and a 138 from Tuskegee University.

With a time of 22:23, freshman Brittany Carpenter would come in third overall and sophomore Felicia Jeffers finished fourth at 23:19. Eighth place finisher freshman Rahab Kagaruki clocked in at 24:37 and sophomore Tierra Boyd came in 16th with a time of

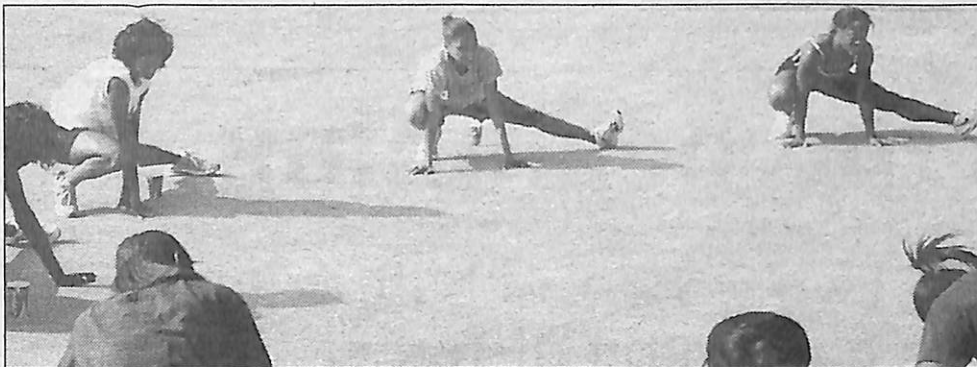


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The TSU Tigerbelles stretch before practice at the Ed Temple Track and Field. The Tigerbelles won the Oglethorpe Classic in Atlanta, Sept. 24.

25.26.

"We are looking forward to having a good country season," Richard said. "We have about five or six solid runners and we are working really hard. As for me, I'm just really trying to have a great senior year."

With five runners, this year's cross country team is practically both young and new. The team consists of two freshmen, Carpenter and Kagaruki; two

sophomores, Jeffers and Boyd and one senior, Richard.

The Tigerbelles have four more weeks to go in their 2005 cross country season and the outlook of expected performance is good and only expected to get better with more practice.

"It's hard to gage the exact outcome," Wilson said "Everyone is doing very well. With this squad we will do great in the OVC."*

Football legend faces legal woes, other excels

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to success have separated just last month. Thompson was arrested on three counts of armed robbery in Suwanee, Ga., according to *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. Capt. Clyde Byers of the Suwanee Police Department told The AJC that Thompson apparently had become desperate for money.

"Not being fully aware of all the details, it is safe to say that Michael, who has always been positive for TSU, has fallen into the old saying that 'trouble will find a football player,'" said Randy Fuller, TSU wide receivers coach. "For whatever the reason, maybe there is a strong attraction between athlete's and trouble."

Thompson allegedly robbed three guests at gunpoint outside the Admiral Benbow Inn, ironically, located less than a mile from the former location of the Atlanta Falcon's Training Camp.

The Falcons drafted the 6-foot 4-inch and 291-pound tackle in the fourth round of the 2000 National Football

League Draft with the 100th pick overall.

"It is what it is," said John Hunt, a mass communications major from Benton Harbor, Mich. "You have some good and some bad. I can't really explain it. It would be ideal for them to both go to the league. That was the plan."

But somehow the 6-foot 5-inch and 345-pound Anderson slipped under the NFL radar and went undrafted following his days at TSU. He was signed as a free agent to the St. Louis Rams but was cut during training camp. Anderson would become somewhat of a journey man as he wound up playing football for the

Chicago Enforcers, an Xtreme Football League franchise.

After a stellar showing in the upstart league, Anderson was signed by the NFL's Baltimore Ravens in 2001 and as a rookie he played in every game and started in the final 13 and two playoff games. Over the next four years Anderson would establish himself as a fixture on the Ravens offensive line.

Last spring, Anderson signed a three-year contract with the Buffalo Bills worth \$5.1 million with a \$1.5 signing bonus accompanied by \$400,000 worth of incentives, according to

billsdaily.com.

"Bennie Anderson is reaping the benefit of what many former TSU Tigers have so richly deserved," Fuller said. "He has shown that hard work does pay off and that if you can keep your eyes on the prize then you too can play the game at the highest level and receive the ultimate prize -- a big payday!"

But after minimal performances with the Falcons, Thompson was traded to the Seattle Seahawks for a 2004 draft pick but was eventually waived. Later, he was picked up and cut by the New York Jets and never recovered athletically.

"The same opportunity is questionable because of unforeseen circumstances," Fuller said. "They both got a chance to fulfill a dream; they both made it. Now one is still playing; the other is in trouble. But at the end of the day we wish them both well and pray that they live productive lives and continue to uphold the university motto- 'Think, Work and Serve.'"

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-Randy Fuller, TSU wide receiver's coach

Sports

Local store acts as source for TSU spirit gear

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artwork placed on the garment. This allows students to find just what they are looking for."

Treachery Price, owner of The College Crib, a sports shop which specializes in Black collegiate apparel, said since there is no "warehouse" where TSU items can be purchased for sale, he has to create the selection that he promotes.

Price said the bookstore's prices are so unreasonable because they are a business aside from the university and have their own profits to be concerned with. He went on to say that the average T-shirt cost is \$10 a piece, however, the most expensive T-shirt at College Crib is a \$21.99 polo.

"The demand (for sports gear) isn't enough to warrant a profit for most companies," Price said.

While Price argues that there isn't a high enough demand, Myers says that far more goes into simply selling sports



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Above is a small selection of TSU sports gear available at The College Crib on Jefferson Street.

gear. Myers says some vendors are licensed and others are not. The TSU bookstore is licensed and the items carried have been approved to be sold.

"We carry all licensed merchandise from a variety of vendors," Myers said. "The vendors we use are licensed and can accommodate what apparel students are looking for. You have to compare the quality of the product not the price especially when it is made by a different vendor."•

High prices blamed for classic attendance decrease

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Breckenridge from Memphis said, "I feel that the turnout wasn't as large as normal due to ticket prices. It's ridiculous to charge us more. We are students. We are supposed to matter most."

The SHC had an announced attendance of 48,300 fans who witnessed TSU defeat the Jackson State Tigers 20-14, thousands less than the 2004 crowd of 55,015. In Atlanta 56,297 watched as the Florida A&M Rattlers defeated TSU 12-7, notably smaller than the 2004 season's crowd of 67,712. In 2003, the largest ever Atlanta Classic crowd of 70,185 attended the game.

"I think that the increase of the sell of tickets played a significant role in the low attendance at the FAMU vs. TSU game," said Johnnie Smith, TSU assistant athletic director.

Student ticket prices were \$10 for the SHC which featured two winless

teams at the time, however, this season's contest in Atlanta priced student tickets at \$20, eight dollars more than the \$12 in 2004. Student tickets were \$10 in 2003. Last weekend's Circle City Classic student tickets were \$15.

"A lot of people did not go to the (Atlanta) game because the tickets were \$20 in advance and they were even more the day of the game," said LaTia Wiggins, a junior biology/pre-med major from Cleveland.

But despite the increase in ticket prices, TSU students still bought more student tickets than FAMU, according to TSU athletics supervisor Aaron Jerome. TSU sold about 3,000 and FAMU sold about 2,500.

Student tickets are not the only area in which the price of tickets was raised. General admission prices went up as well.

Jerome said that it is important to note that TSU only sells the tickets. Also,



Tiger Top 5



The week of Sept. 19 - 24

1. Rae'ven Richard - Cross Country

Junior - Psychology

Jacksonville, Fla.

Richard placed first in the Oglethorpe Classic in Atlanta on Saturday, Sept. 24.

2. Evan Wimberly - Cross Country

Junior - Architectural Engineering

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Wimberly led the Flying Tigers by placing sixth in the Oglethorpe Classic in Atlanta on Saturday, Sept. 24.

3. Frantzy Dorlean - Defensive Lineman

Senior - Criminal Justice

Spring Valley, N.Y.

Dorlean shined defensively with five total tackles and two sacks for 17 yards in the Atlanta Classic game against Florida A&M on Saturday, Sept. 24.

4. Kelly Davis - Outside Hitter/Setter

Sophomore - Psychology

Farrell, Pa.

Davis recorded 28 kills against Samford in the Lady Tiger win over Samford on Saturday, Sept. 24.

5. Fred Burnette - Wide Receiver

Senior - Special Education

Brownsville, Tenn.

Burnette had six catches for 96 yards against FAMU in the Atlanta Football Classic Saturday, Sept. 24.

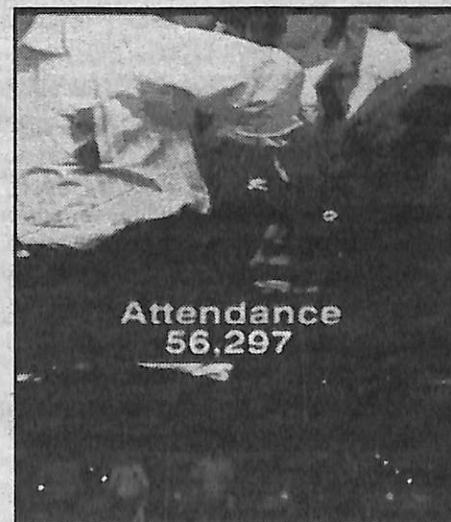


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Above is the listed number of fans that attended the Atlanta Football Classic, Sept. 24. The AFC has seen a drop in attendance over the last three years from 70,185 to 56,297.

Saturday's Circle City attendance was 42,310, down from 51,082 in 2004. The lowest turnout since 1986.

"I feel like we shouldn't have to pay for student tickets," Wiggins said. "I agree with getting one free and being charged for more thereafter, but games are student activities so why can't they come out of our fees?"•

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Sports

Tigers turnover third straight loss in Indy

The TSU Tigers (1-4, 0-1 Ohio Valley Conference) traveled to Indianapolis for the 22nd Circle City Classic and returned with a turnover plagued 16-3 loss to North Carolina A&T (2-3, 1-1 MidEastern Athletic).

Defensively, the Tigers were led by senior linebacker Wesley Holmes who produced 12 tackles, two sacks and three tackles for a loss. Holmes effort earned him the Circle City Most Valuable Defensive Player award.

Offensive bursts would be contributed on behalf of redshirt freshman running back Javarris Williams who ending the game with 79 yards on 11 carries. Williams' 46-yard run would be the highlight of the Tigers' second half.

The quarterback position would be split between red shirt sophomore Andre Davis and junior Richard Hartman. In his first collegiate start at quarterback, Davis completed five of 10 for 66 yards. Hartman completed five of 13 for 49 yards. Both Davis and Hartman threw 2 interceptions each.

The Tigers are to resume OVC play on Thursday, Oct. 13 and will face conference opponent Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn. at 7 p.m.

Dairanetta Spain

Lady Tigers kill again

TSU volleyball team (10-8, 2-1 Ohio Valley Conference) swept conference foe University of Tennessee-Martin 3-0 Friday, Sept. 30.

The Lady Tigers won 30-26, 30-28 and 30-22 led by sophomore Kelly Davis. Davis posted 12 kills and senior Katrell Armwood led the defensive effort with 15 digs.

Juniors Meesha Jackson and Kara Kiefer both tallied 11 kills each.

UT-Martin (2-18, 0-3 OVC) is expected to meet TSU again on Saturday, Nov. 12.

TSU's next game is at Murray State Tuesday, Oct. 4 before returning home to host Samford University Friday, Oct. 7.

Eddie R Cole Jr.



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Meesha Jackson (center) spikes on two Alabama A&M defenders, Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the Gentry.

Volleyball road trip brings back one win

The Lady Tigers returned from a two game road trip in Alabama making stops in Jacksonville and Birmingham, Ala. against two Ohio Valley Conference foes.

The first stop was at Jacksonville State. The Lady Tigers were overpowered by the Gamecocks (4-7, 1-0 OVC) 3-0 (30-23, 30-25, 30-17).

Sophomore outside hitter/setter Kelly Davis led the team with eight kills and junior setter/outside hitter Tiana Maua had 22 assists on the night.

Picking up their slack from the previous night, the last stop against the Bulldogs of Samford University (3-11, 0-2 OVC) was a win for the Lady Tigers 3-1 (30-19, 30-27, 22-30, 30-18).

Three players had kills in the double-figures, Davis had 28, junior outside hitter Kiera Kiefer 12, and junior middle blocker/outside hitter Kelley Smith had a .471 hitting average. The Lady Tigers improved their record to 8-8 overall, 1-1 OVC.

Brittini Barnes

Three yards too far for TSU offense

The Big Blue Tiger football team came up short on the last four plays of the Atlanta Football Classic against the Florida A&M Rattlers (2-2, 1-1 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) Saturday, Sept. 24.

The game would come down to a

first and goal from the three-yard line and a failed tough-fought effort to score, with TSU falling 12-7 and losing to FAMU for the fourth consecutive year.

However, the Tigers jumped out early scoring 53 seconds into the game. Junior quarterback Richard Hartman would ignite the crowd with a 67 touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Richard Gayle.

TSU continued to provide the announced crowd of 56, 297 with first half highlights with a 42-yard punt return by senior wide receiver Gerald Morrow.

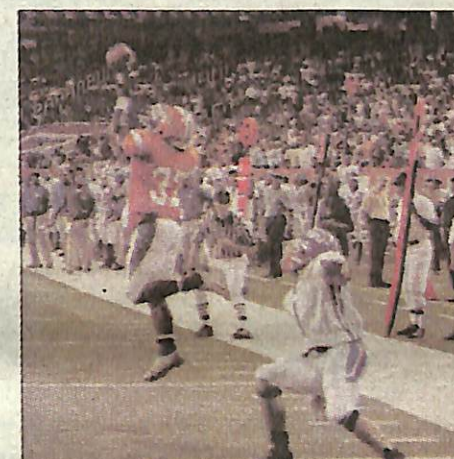


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LeJuan Walker (orange) of Florida A&M intercepts a TSU pass by Richard Hartman before fumbling.

The Tigers, however, wouldn't be able to score off of the return.

Defensively, TSU was led by senior linebacker Wesley Holmes who recorded 10 total tackles, seven solo and a sack. senior defensive lineman Frantzy Dorlean also contributed with five solo tackles and two sacks.

Hartman was voted TSU's most valuable player for completing 17 of 33 pass attempts for 238 yards, despite having thrown three interceptions.

Dairanetta Spain

Wimberly finishes sixth in Oglethorpe Classic

The TSU Flying Tigers Cross Country team finished fifth in the Oglethorpe University Classic in Atlanta on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Finishing 1:21 seconds shy of the top spot, junior Evan Wimberly finished sixth overall with his time of 29:51. Wimberly led a Flying Tigers team, which finished with a final total of 171.

Other competing teams included Morehouse College, Benedict College, Paine, Clark-Atlanta and Tuskegee.

The Flying Tigers are expected to travel to Southern Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 8.

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The TSU Flying Tigers join together at a practice at the Ed Temple Track.

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