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## Welcome Freshmen!

### Welcome Returning Students to the Big Blue Family, 2015-2016

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TENNESSEE STATE **TIGERS** **VS** ALABAMA STATE **HORNETS**

SUNDAY ★ SEPTEMBER 6TH ★ 2015

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 (FORMERLY LP FIELD)  
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5:30 PM PREGAME STADIUM JAM WITH DJ KID CAPRI  
 6:00 PM GAMETIME

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The legacy of former TSU president, Dr. James A. Hefner

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Campus scenes

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Coach Ed Temple honored with statue TSU campus

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# New School Year, New Opportunities for TSU Students

The parking spaces are full; the cafeteria is packed. Fall semester is in full swing at Tennessee State University. The freshmen are eager; the sophomores are no longer the newbies; the juniors are ready for fun; and the seniors are just trying to graduate. As it does every year, the cycle continues. So let the new school year begin!

Each school year, we try to be better than we were the year before. We set goals to lose weight or not eat as much.

We intend to make better grades, and attend all of our classes. It's our new school year resolution. But like most resolutions, we start strong and trail off a month later.

We get so into the routine of class, papers, and parties that we forget the goals we set. This year, I challenge us all to make goals for this semester and stick to them. I've read that it only takes 21 days to create a habit. So let's make a habit for greatness this year.

One way we can stick to our goal is by writing them down. Writing things down often helps us remember them. This is a good tool you can use for studying as well.

Another way is by creating a vision board. The board allows us to visualize the life we intend to have by setting those goals.

Discuss your goals with friends. It's easier to stick with goals when you are not in it alone.

To start off this resolution challenge, I will set a goal to not fill my schedule with too many activities that in return creates stress in my life.

So as we sing "Auld Lang Syne" to old school year and begin a new school year, remember your goals and the success they can provide. May your goals last longer than your declining balance (DB). Welcome back!

## MEET THE EDITORS



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My name is Taylor Powell hailing from Memphis, TN. I am a Mass Communications major with an emphasis in journalism. I am honored to serve as your managing editor for the 2015-2016 academic school year.

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# TSU Mourns Death of Former President Dr. Hefner

By E. Freeman/TSU

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee State University family is saddened to announce the death of Dr. James A. Hefner, the sixth president of the University. He died early Thursday morning, August 27, surrounded by family in his Brentwood home following a long illness. Dr. Hefner was 74. Hefner served TSU as president from 1991-2005.

In a statement on the passing of Dr. Hef-

University saw marked physical, infrastructural and academic improvement, including the implementation of a \$112 million capital improvement plan. The improvement was part of the Geier agreement that attempted to end race-based disparity in higher education funding in Tennessee. Several new buildings were constructed, including the Floyd-Payne Student Campus Center, the Ned McWherter Administration Building and the Performing Arts Center.

He was viewed as the students' pres-

ident and enrollment reached an all-time high of 9,100 students, an achievement that has only been recently achieved during the 2014-2015 academic school year. The TSU endowment also experienced remarkable growth from \$500,000 to more than \$25 million (through fund-raising and settling a Federal Consent Decree). He positioned Tennessee State University as a premier institution of higher learning. TSU was listed in U.S. News & World's Report's "Guide to

from North Carolina A&T University, his master's degree in economics from Atlanta University, and his doctorate in economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

"My father lived a life of service to historically black colleges and universities and the students who attend them," said Dr. David Hefner, the youngest son of Dr. Hefner and a 1993 graduate of Morehouse College. "He was an intellectual disciple of W.E.B.

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— President Glenda Glover*

America's Best Colleges" for 11 consecutive years (1994-2005).

Dr. Hefner occupied the Thomas and Patricia Frisk Chair of excellence in entrepreneurship, a \$2.3 million endowed chair at Tennessee State University. He also established two other endowed chairs of excellence at Tennessee State. An advocate and proponent of African American intellectual achievement throughout his career, Dr. Hefner established two of the nation's top honor societies, Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi, at Tennessee State University and Clark Atlanta University.

After retiring as president of Tennessee State University in 2005, Dr. Hefner was a non-resident fellow at Harvard University in the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Research; Visiting Distinguished Professor of Economics and Presidential Leadership at Texas Southern University; and most recently as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Clark Atlanta University, where he worked diligently as he fought cancer up until the very end.

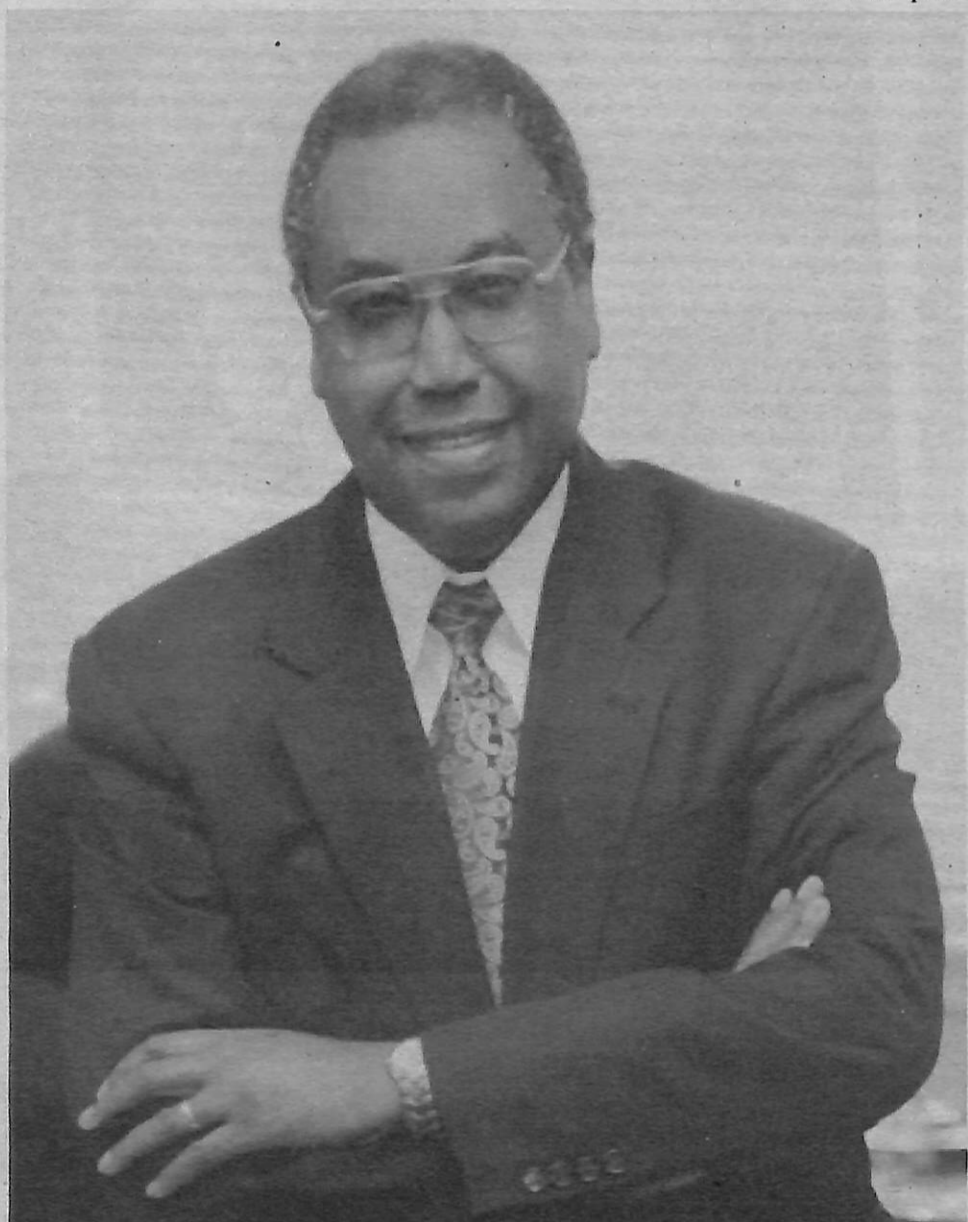
When recently asked how he wanted to be remembered, Dr. Hefner said: "As an educator who cared about black higher education and the welfare of students."

He earned his undergraduate degree

DuBois — a Fisk University graduate — in that he believed in the liberation that academic excellence promised to those who lived a life of service to the African American community, to truth and to humanity. So his legacy is a living one because there is still much work to do. And my father serves as an example of what service to HBCUs looks like, and we celebrate his life and legacy."

Dr. James A. Hefner died in state Wednesday, September 2, 2015 on TSU's campus inside the Walter S. Davis Humanities Building, Poag Auditorium and was followed with a memorial service. A reception was held immediately following the service at TSU's Ferrell-Westbrook Building (The Barn). A funeral service was held Thursday, September 3, 2015 at Christ Church Cathedral at 900 Broadway.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial gifts be made to the Dr. James A. Hefner Scholarship Foundation in his honor to the Tennessee State University or Morehouse College Development Offices. You may reach the TSU Foundation at 615-963-5481, for Morehouse 404-215-2660.



**Dr. James A. Hefner,**  
Tennessee State University's 6th president

ner, Tennessee State University President Glenda Glover said:

"The Tennessee State University family sends its deepest condolences to the Hefner family. Dr. Hefner devoted his entire adult life to serving others and expanding educational opportunities to all. As educators, we have lost a visionary and one of the best leaders to ever serve this great institution. He loved inspiring students and challenging them."

The university's progress during Dr. Hefner's tenure was unprecedented. While President of Tennessee State University, Dr. Hefner transformed TSU into a top-tier research university. He was deeply committed to TSU's land-grant mission. He pursued programs and efforts that aligned the resources of the university with the needs of students. His legacy will serve the university, the nation and the world.

Under his leadership, Tennessee State

## Dr. James A. Hefner President, Tennessee State University (1991-2005)

During Dr. James A. Hefner's 14-year tenure as president of Tennessee State University he oversaw the implementation of a \$112 million capital improvements plan, secured by former TSU President Otis Floyd and as part of the Geier Consent Decree, ending more than 30 years of federal court litigation addressing race-based disparities in higher education spending in Tennessee. Several new buildings were built on TSU's campus, including a campus center, an administration building and a Performing Arts Center. Under his leadership, enrollment reached an all-time high of 9,100 students.

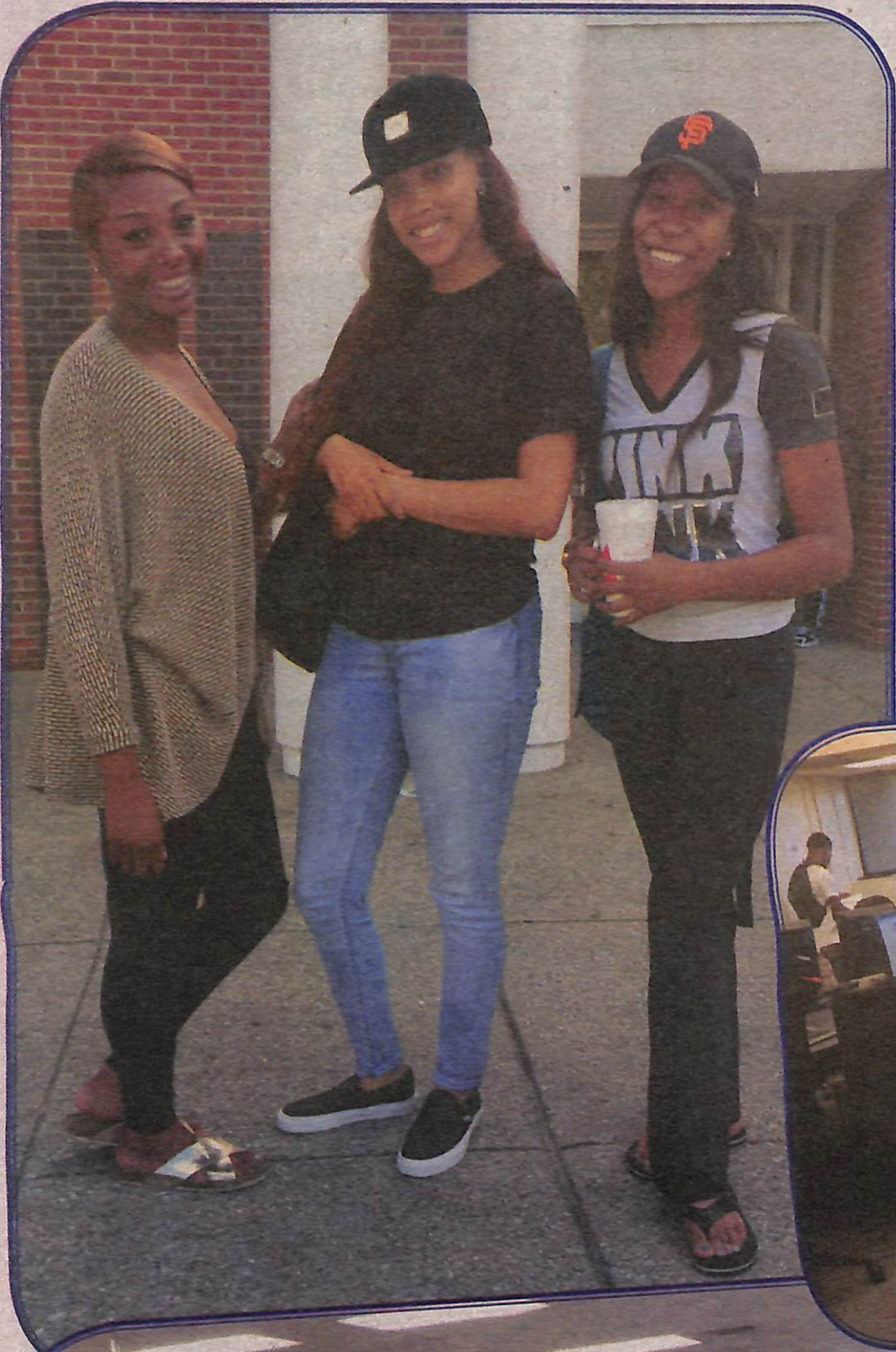
### Graduate Degree Program Highlights Under President Hefner

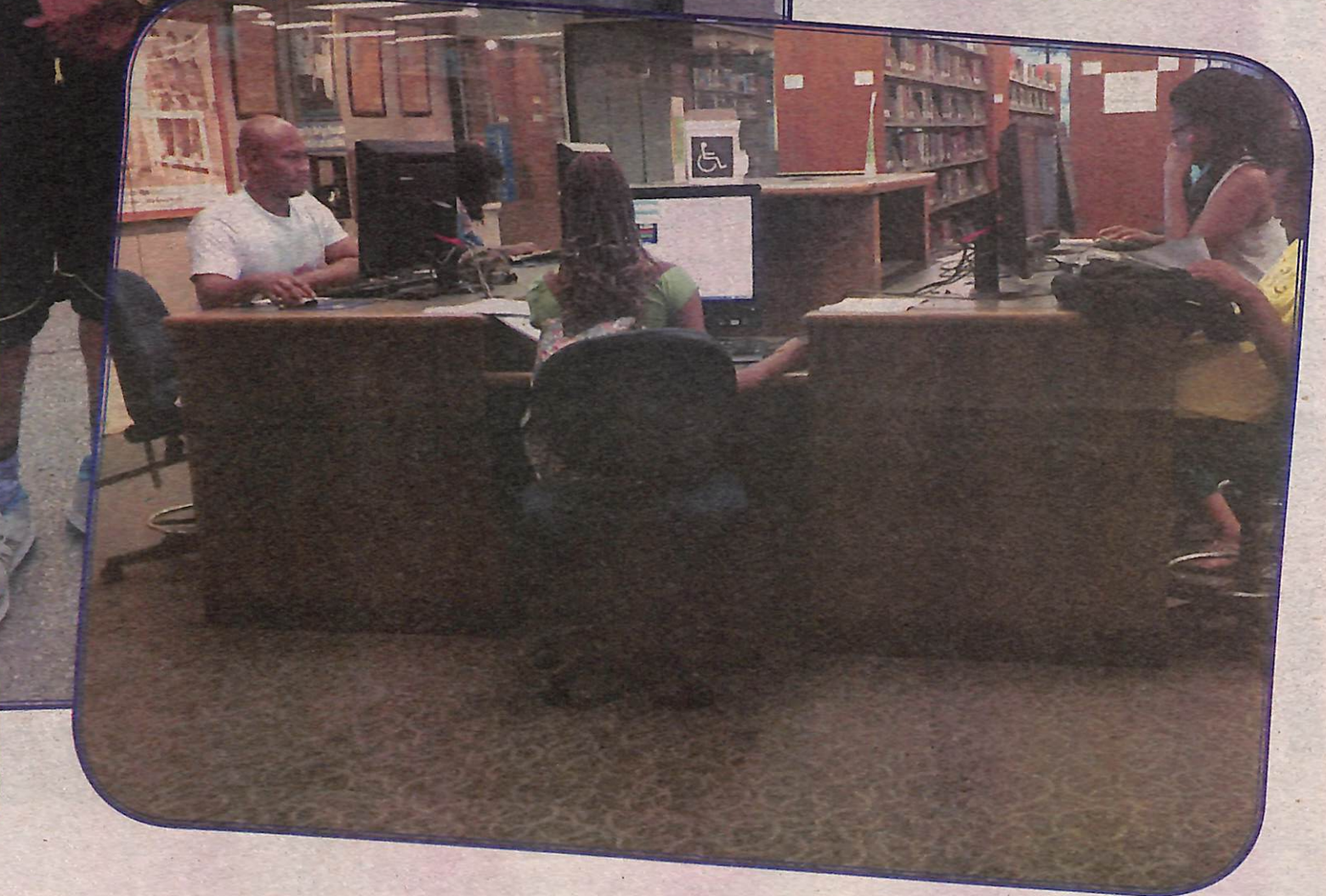
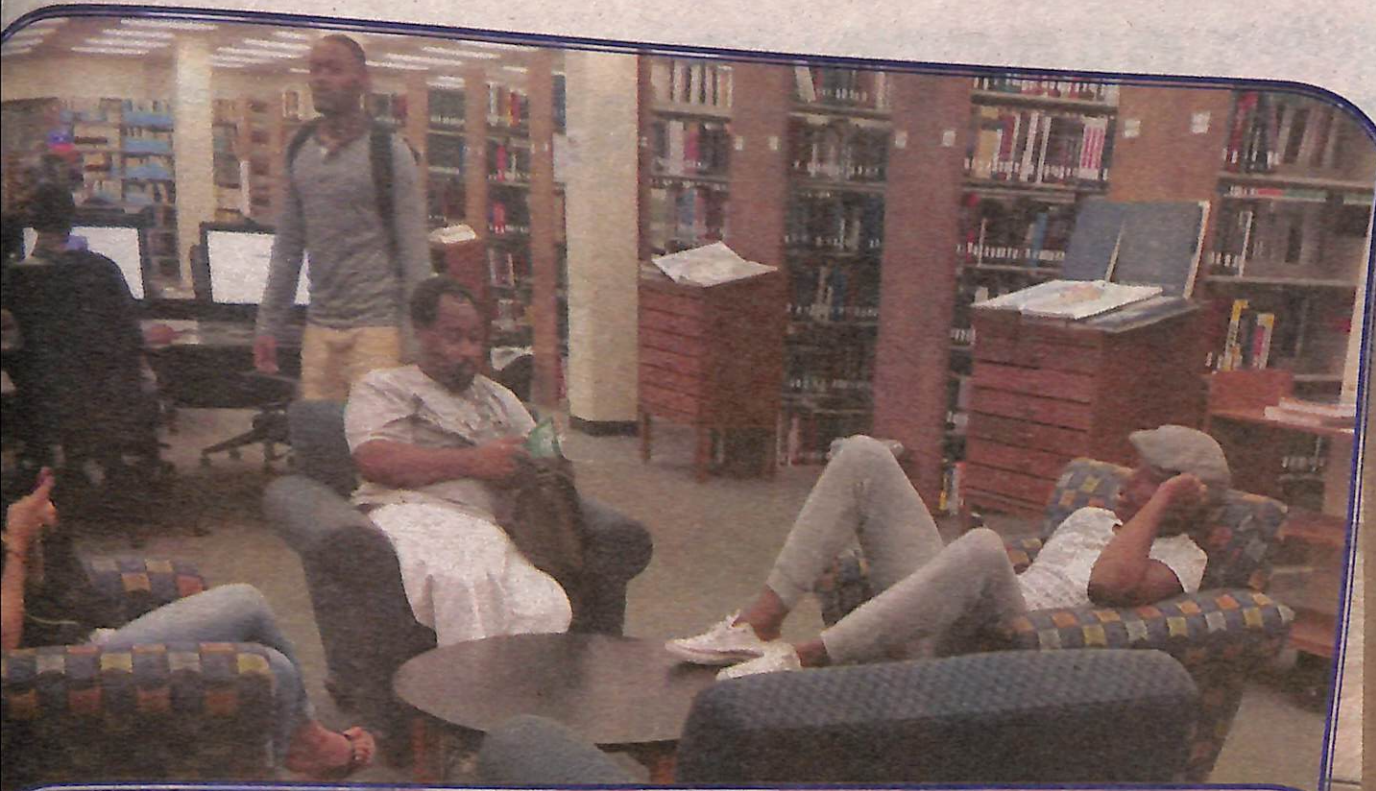
- 1991 The School of Graduate Studies and Research celebrated 50 years of Graduate Education.
- 1994 The Master of Science in Nursing Degree was initiated.
- 1996 The Psychology doctoral program degree designation changed from Ed.D. to Ph.D.
- 1997 The Master of Science in Computer, Information, and System Engineering (CISE) was initiated.
- 1998 The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biological Sciences was initiated.
- 1999 The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Computer and Information Systems Engineering was approved.
- 2004 The School of Allied Professions was changed to the College of Health Sciences
- 2006 The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program was initiated.
- 2006 The Master of Occupational Therapy was approved.

Sources: Tennessee State University, 2015; Tennessee Board of Regents; former Tennessee higher education officials.

Courtesy of The Tennessee Tribune

# First Week on Campus





Employment Opportunities

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**Graduate School**  
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**Come Prepared With  
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**Wednesday**

**September 23, 2015**

**10AM-2:30PM**

**Floyd Payne Campus Center  
Kean Hall**



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Top Students  
Big Blue





# EVENT SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

**Dr. Catana Starks Classic Golf Scramble**  
 Gaylord Springs Golf Links, 18 Springhouse Lane  
 \$95/person includes Green & Cart Fee, Range Balls,  
 GPS Service & Lunch  
 8:00 am Shotgun Start

**Classic Pep Rally**  
 Tennessee State University Campus  
 2:00 pm

**Classic Happy Hour & Reception**  
 WKND Lounge, 1703 Church Street  
 For Booth Reservations: [www.WKNDNashville.com](http://www.WKNDNashville.com) or call 615-739-6345  
 5:00 pm (No Cover Charge)

**6th Annual John Merritt Classic "Back to the Bridge" Mixer**  
 Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge  
 \*This is a Rain or Shine Event!  
 8:00pm

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

**Tiger Town Tailgate Experience**  
 Nissan Stadium  
 9:00 am

**Showcase of High School Bands**  
 Nissan Stadium  
 2:00 pm

**JMC Alumni Tailgate Tent**  
 Nissan Stadium  
 4:00 pm

**Kickoff DJ Pre-Game Showcase Ft. DJ Kid Capri**  
 Nissan Stadium Stage (inside the stadium)  
 5:30 pm

**John Merritt Classic XVII**  
 "It's Showtime!" 6:00 pm  
 Tennessee State University Tigers vs. Alabama State University Hornets  
 featuring the Halftime Performances by the  
 TSU Aristocrat of Bands & ASU Mighty Marching Hornets

**After Party featuring DJ Kid Capri**  
 WKND Lounge, 1703 Church Street  
 For Booth Reservations: [www.WKNDNashville.com](http://www.WKNDNashville.com) or call 615-739-6345  
 9:00 pm

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

**3rd Annual Classic Luau & Pool Party**  
 Wave Country (Student ID Required)  
 3:00 pm

**3rd Annual Classic Day & Patio Party**  
 Agenda Nightclub, 609 9th Avenue South  
 For Booth Reservations: [www.AgendaNashville.com](http://www.AgendaNashville.com) or call 615-678-1290  
 4:00 pm

**Rewind BBQ Concert @ Riverfront Park**  
 Artist Lineup: Midnight Star, Sunshine Anderson,  
 Shirley Murdock, Da Brat, Juvenile, & Chubb Rock  
[rewindbbqfest.com](http://rewindbbqfest.com)  
 6:00 pm (Gates Open at 4:00 pm)

## TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2015

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
SEP 6	Alabama State	NISSAN STADIUM	6 p.m.
SEP 12	vs Jackson State	Memphis, TN	6 p.m.
SEP 19	at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, AL	1 p.m.
SEP 26	at Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL	3 p.m.
OCT 10	at UT Martin	Martin, TN	2:30 p.m.
OCT 17	Eastern Illinois	NISSAN STADIUM	6 p.m.
OCT 24	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	2 p.m.
OCT 31	Austin Peay (Kid's Day)	HALE STADIUM	2 p.m.
NOV 7	Murray State (Sr Day)	HALE STADIUM	2:30 p.m.
NOV 21	at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, TN	2:30 p.m.



# Coach Ed Temple Honored With Statue

Photos by TSU Athletics

NASHVILLE — On Friday, August 28, 2015 hundreds were on hand as a 15-year effort to memorialize Ed Temple concluded on Friday as the statue of the legendary Tennessee State University track and field coach was dedicated near the right field entrance to First Tennessee Park.

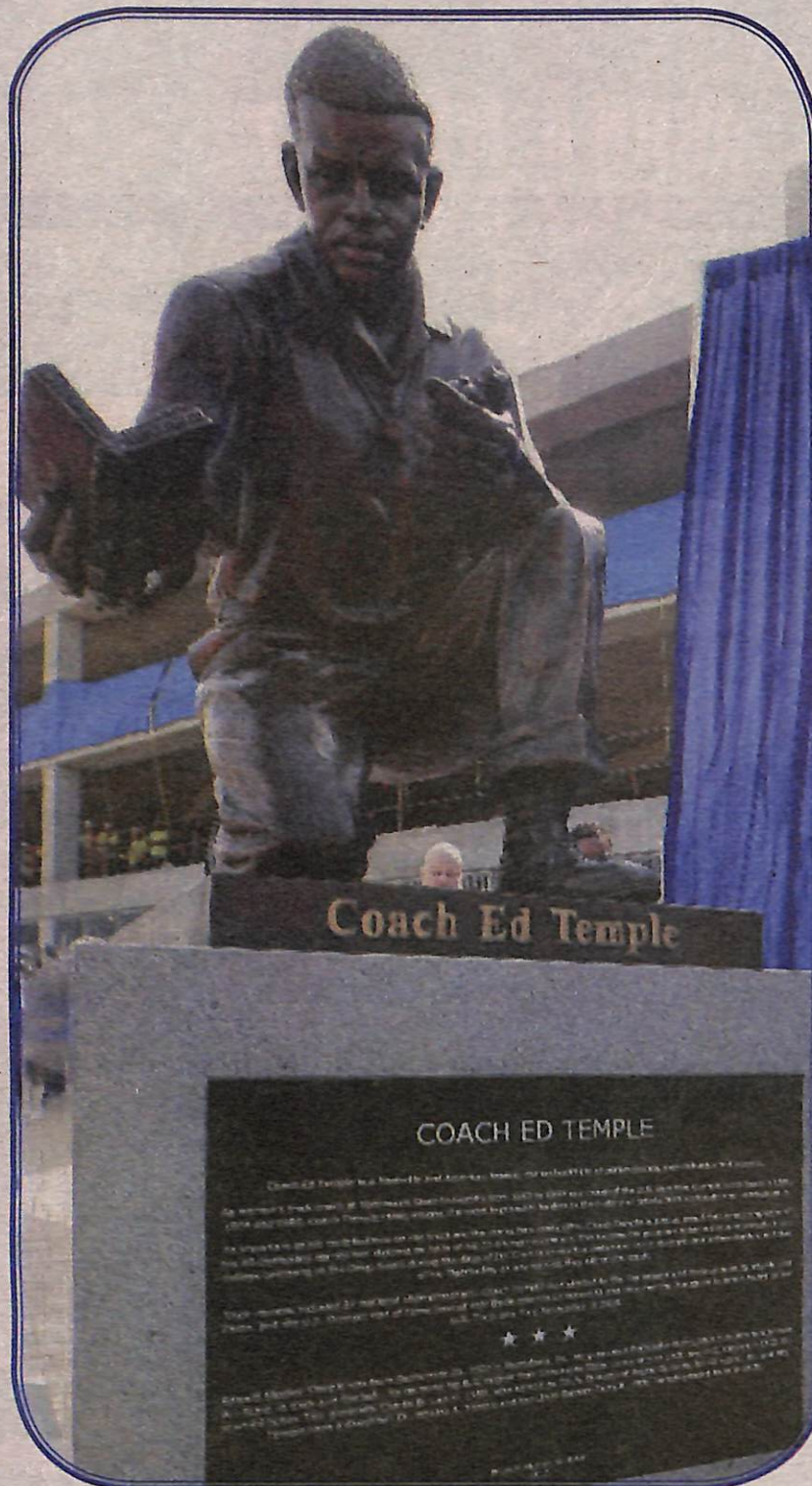
The 9-foot statue on a 11,000-ton granite base, crafted by world-renowned sports sculptor Brian Hanlon, is the product of a fundraising effort that drew contributions from 114 people, including more than 20 of Temple's Tigerbelles. Donations ranged from \$15 to \$10,000.

Temple was the women's track coach at Tennessee State University from 1953 to 1994, coach of the U.S. women's Olympic track team in 1960 and 1964, and assistant coach in the U.S. women's Olympic track team in 1980.

During the ceremony, Temple relived some of his fondest memories from his time as the TSU head coach, as well as his experience with the Olympic team. Temple, now 87 years old, recognized and thanked member of his family and the community, as well as former student-athletes and administrators.

Among the other speakers who addressed the crowd on the morning were Congressman Jim Cooper, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, TSU President Dr. Glenda Glover and Coach Temple Statue Committee member Bo Roberts.

Many of Temple's Tigerbelles were in attendance, and Olympic medalists Edith McGuire and Wyomia Tyus spoke as part of the ceremony as well.



By Carlos Mavins Jr.

NASHVILLE — Three, Two, One, BANG! The empire raises his hand and fires a gunshot. As the 1960 Olympic Track & Field event for women in the 100meter dash took place. Minutes later, athlete Wilma Rudolph stormed across the finish line in first place. Many people may remember the United States' success in the Olympics that year, but some forget who was the real mastermind behind the scenes.

Fast Forward thirty five years to 2015, The Woman Track and Field Olympic coach, Ed Temple, is being honored at Tennessee State University. The university along with the city of Nashville has revealed a 9-foot tall bronze statue of Coach Temple, which will sit on the greenway next to First Tennessee Park.

The legendary coach is not only known for his success at the Olympics, but he served as the Tennessee State University Women's Track & Field coach from 1950-1994, who later received the name "Tigerbelles" which was created by Temple.

During his tenure as coach, Temple lead his athletes to become national champions, and known all over the world. Tigerbelle athletes under Coach Temple won 23 Olympic medals, 13 of them gold. He also coached the 1960 and 1964 U.S. Olympic teams.

For some who attended the unveiling of this statue, was just a walk down memory lane, reflecting on all the accomplishments Temple has won over three decades ago. But for the new generation of students in the year 2015, this was a history lesson.

TSU student athlete James Shelton said, "Being an out of state student, I had never heard of Coach Temple. But being here at the ceremony has taught me so much about the TSU Track & Field legacy."

Coach Ed Temple is now 88 years old, who coached for half of those years. Temple was inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame in 2012. He has a street named in his honor on the campus of TSU, and now in the city of Nashville stands a tall statue of Temple.



Coach Ed Temple stands with his family and TSU President Glenda Glover as statue is unveiled.