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Left to right, Dwight Lewis, retired Editorial Page Editor for The Tennessean, shared stories of being editor of The Meter 45 years ago with current Editor in Chief Ashley Parmer. Lewis recently met with The Meter staff. He talked about stories he covered in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was hired at The Tennessean after graduating from Tennessee State University because of his experience at The Meter.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL



**ASHLEY PARMER**  
Editor in Chief

*By Ashley Parmer,  
Editor-in-Chief*

I would like to take a moment to analyze the shooting on Oct. 22, 2015 in which Cameron Selmon lost his life and

three females were injured, and offer my thoughts on the situation.

### Thoughts on the Incident

I am saddened by the death that took place on TSU's campus. And my heart goes out to those who were innocently walking by that night. However, I do wonder why a gambling game was even allowed to take place at a school that holds "gambling of any form" as a violation as stated in the TSU Police Department Handbook. Because of this game, things got out of hand.

### Thoughts on the Media

My university president's name is Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover. Not Linda. As a fellow journalist, I know that accuracy is important. Dr. Glover has been in office long enough and TSU has been on the news enough for a reporter to know her name. Now that I have cleared that up, I can move on.

I was surprised to see that my school

had made it to CNN, Good Morning America and the Today Show. But I was even more surprised that it took a tragedy to get us that type of coverage. As people say about the media, "If it bleeds, it leads." I would also like to commend Channel 5 for posting a positive story about TSU on the same day as these awful stories surfaced.

### Thoughts on the School

We need to all be watchful of what's going on, and we need to all work together. How can we work together to cut down on this crime? Should we beef up more security, or should we be aware and report those things that are occur on campus?

### Thoughts on the Students

I am disappointed in the reactions students took to the fight that happened just before the shooting. Why would you choose to record the fight instead of call the police to report the problem?

Using this as a time to grab entertainment led to injuries and death.

On another note, I am glad that we can unite in times of tragedy and stand strong. I am also glad that we can promote the positive sides of our school. But for how long? I have spotted the #ThisWontMakeittotheNews on several Instagram posts to highlight the accomplishments of TSU, but I only see these things as an in-the-moment trend. Where is the consistency? Promote TSU 365 days a year not just on the day of a shooting. How often do you really support the great things our school have done? And how often do you guys watch/read the news? Do you all really know what makes it to the news?

These are my thoughts, you may agree and you may not. I'd like to hear from you on what you think about the campus shooting.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Imagine this scene: It was unusually warm for an October night. I had just gotten off of work and I was feeling good knowing I was about to see my girlfriend, even if all we were going to do was study in the Courtyard. When we got there I noticed a group of guys in the corner gambling, but that wasn't uncommon. In fact nobody was paying them any attention until the shouting started. I could tell a fight was brewing, but I never would have guessed... I tried to get my girl out of there but it all escalated so quickly. When the first shot went off, all I remember is pushing her in the opposite direction and praying that we could run fast enough.

Nothing happened that way on Oct. 22 but it could have. Imagine if this young man had been you. Would you be able to wake up and go to class the next day as if nothing had happened? For many people, the answer is no. That is

why a number of students have begun to ask questions. With the knowledge that neither the shooter nor the victim were in fact students, the first one that comes to everyone's mind is "how did this happen?" Freshman Jerrica Cole said that the only thing that can be done is to tighten up security.

However, not everyone agrees with this as the only issue. Upperclassman Aliyah Gray says "you can feel the tension on campus, and to some extent that is our administration's fault. As students we feed off the energy of those leading and instructing us, but it seems as if our administration only cares about us when the cameras are rolling." In fact, various students have pointed this out. Although it is understood that no administration is perfect, and that even an improved one could not guarantee a change in atmosphere, it is clear that students believe that the people leading them should be more

involved within the campus.

Nonetheless, this tragic incident has not discouraged students from attending their beloved institution. Aaron Brown, Junior, says "I have been here

since freshman year and I feel attached to this school. No matter what happens, this is my HBCU and I would rather be a part of uplifting it."

**Ada Taylor**

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# Shootings Bring Unwanted Spotlight to TSU

By J. Michaux  
Meter Staff Writer

Recent shootings on and adjacent to the campus of Tennessee State University have thrust the HBCU into the national limelight. Students and alumni have taken to social media proclaiming #IAMTSU and #PRAYFORTSU.

The first shooting during Homecoming Week took place on Oct. 14 at a private residence on Albion Street, across the street from the campus. Three students were injured, one critically. The second shooting, related to a dice game, was on Oct. 22 near the Floyd-Payne Student Center. One person was killed

on the school's campus and the surrounding neighborhood. Mayor Barry was flanked by TSU President Glenda Glover and several Metro police officers during a news conference on Oct. 23. "The community must unite to fight that violence, which often invades TSU from beyond its borders," the newly-elected mayor said. "Tennessee State University and the community that surrounds it is an incredibly important part of the fabric of our city. It will be a goal of my administration to invest in and revitalize the area in order to improve the quality of life for residents and support the local economy."

To accomplish that goal, Barry said,



TSU President Dr. Glenda Glover attended a news conference with Mayor Megan Barry and Metro police officers

and three students injured.

Metro police spokesman Don Aaron said the Oct. 22 shooting stemmed from an argument over a dice game that escalated into a physical fight and then gunfire in a TSU courtyard.

Aaron said young people were gathered in the courtyard by the Floyd-Payne Campus Center when shots rang out around 10:50 p.m. Cameron Selmon, 19, of Memphis was killed. One or more of the bullets hit Selmon, who died at the scene. He was not a TSU student, a university spokesperson said.

Three female students, who were passing by the dice game, were injured. One woman was grazed by a bullet and refused treatment, Aaron said. The other two were transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where they were treated and released.

Freshman Terrea Thomas said she was saddened to find out about the shooting on Twitter. "I was even sadder because this has been going on for a while now," she said.

Hours after the shooting, a somber Mayor Megan Barry pledged to repair the damage violence has done

Metro police will patrol the campus at night, joining TSU police and security guards who already are on duty. The added security measure began on Oct. 23. "Despite the shooting incident (Thursday) night, we believe the TSU campus is a safe place," Barry said. "Our police department will work with Dr. Glover and the TSU Police Department to help ensure it stays that way."

During an interview Friday, Glover said TSU had invested \$1 million over the past year on campus safety improvements. Some of that money went toward new fencing, lighting and security cameras, she said. Glover said the university also is working to hire more campus police officers.

According to the news reports, TSU surveillance video captured two individuals fleeing shortly after the shooting. The Metro police department is teaming with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to offer a \$5,000 reward for information on the gunman's identity. That is in addition to a reward of up to \$1,000 offered by Nashville Crime Stoppers. At presstime, there had not been any arrests and

Source: TSUPD Annual Security Report 2015 Pages 1-16. Any offenses not listed ranked zero in all categories. (In no particular order)

Classification of Offense	2012	2013	2014
<b>Arrests on Campus</b>			
*Illegal Weapons	9	7	5
* Drug Law Violations	32	7	4
* Liquor Law Violations	10	7	3
<b>Arrests On Campus in Residence</b>			
<b>Halls</b>			
*Illegal Weapons	4	7	5
* Drug Law Violations	20	4	4
* Liquor Law Violations	2	7	3
<b>Criminal on Campus</b>			
*Robbery	5	12	12
* Burglary	16	36	18
* Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	1
<b>Criminal On Campus in Residence</b>			
<b>Halls</b>			
*Robbery	2	9	6
* Burglary	6	18	14
* Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0

For three years in a row, the TSUPD did not have any numerical data for murders on the TSU campus or in the residence halls in addition to zero reports of manslaughter on campus or in the residence halls. The report indicates arrests for possession of illegal weapons but does not clearly indicate if these were enrolled student possessions. The report also does not clearly identify if the illegal weapon was a firearm or a knife. However, the report clearly indicates there were no murders or injuries as a result of firearms if any being present on the campus.

anyone with information or footage of the incident is encouraged to call crime stoppers at (615) 74-CRIME.

The killing at TSU marked Nashville's 58th homicide this year and the third homicide that was reported that night. Last year at this time, the city had 34 homicides.

In the Oct. 14 incident, the students were shot after three people were denied entry to the off-campus party where over 100 were in attendance. The wounded included 19 and 20-year-old students from TSU, Vanderbilt University and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU).

Eric Freeman, a 25-year-old TSU senior studying mechanical engineering said, "I was walking up the street to the party to see my cousin when I heard gunshots, 'boom, boom, boom,' and I hit the ground. People were running in all directions. Cars started whizzing by." That's when Freeman said he got up and saw a body in the street at the intersection of Albion Street and 33rd Avenue North. It was his cousin.

At presstime, police were still searching for the three suspects. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 615-742-7463. Electronic tips may also be sent to Crime Stoppers by texting the word "CASH" along with their message to 274637 or online at [www.nashvillecrimestoppers.com](http://www.nashvillecrimestoppers.com). A cash reward is being offered.

These are serious issues but there are other important statistics and facts about the TSU Crime rates and occurrences according to the 2015 TSU Police

Department Annual Campus Security (TSUPD), Crime Awareness and Fire Report.

The Tennessee University State University Police Department (TSUPD) released their annual security report dated Sept. 11, 2015. Listed below are the statistics and classification of offenses from 2012 to 2014 reported, logged or managed.

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According to a recent issue of The Tennessean, Vanderbilt University ranked highest in every category of the 2014 occurrences of forcible/non-forcible sex offenses, domestic and dating violence and stalkings that occurred on local college campuses. Other local schools listed were Belmont, TSU, MTSU, Fisk, UT-Knoxville and Austin Peay Vanderbilt ranked zero in sex offenses, non-forcible, but so were the other seven schools.



# Campus Unites, Moves Forward

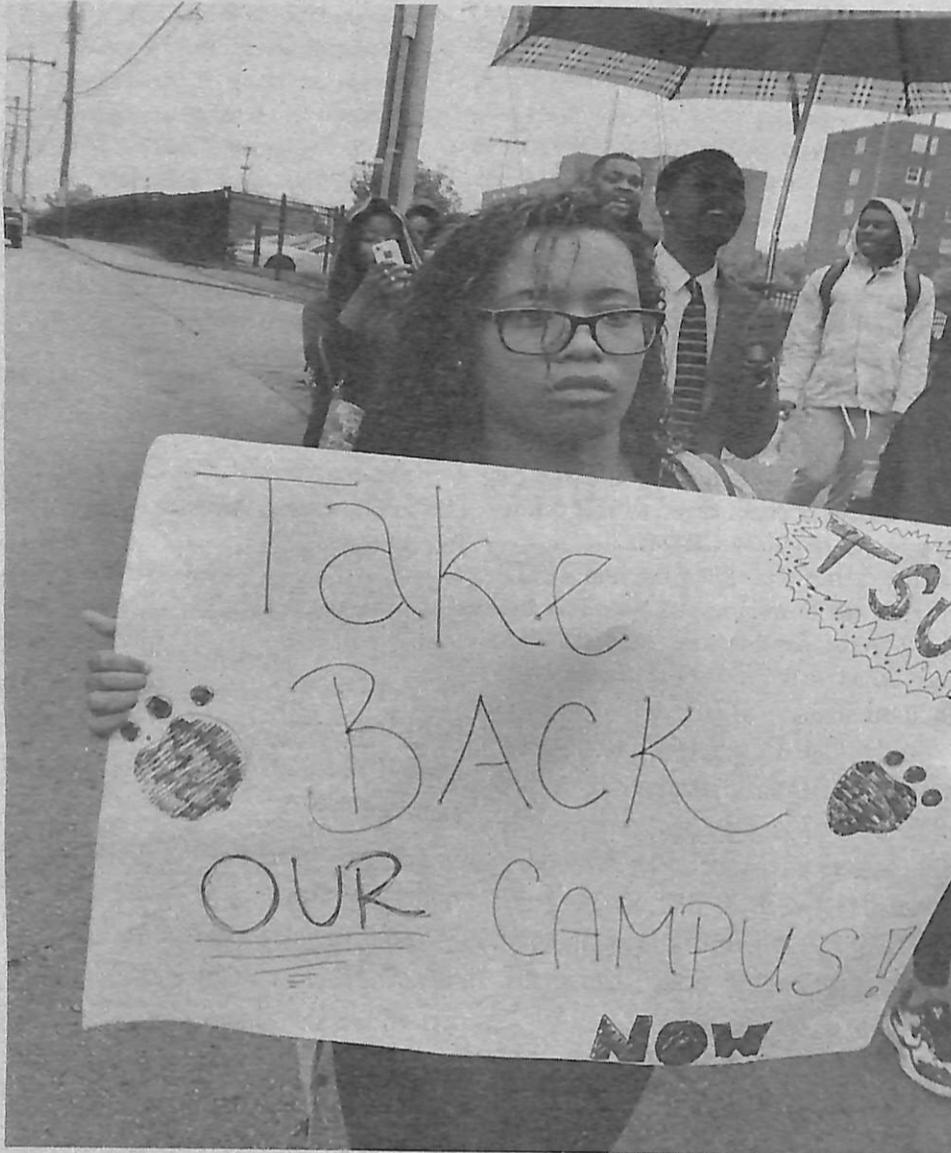
By Leona Dunn  
Meter Staff Writer

Tennessee State University Administration and Faculty did not waste time to address the concerns of students following the Oct. 22 shooting on the campus. On Friday, Oct. 23, a prayer service was held where Student Government Association President Racia Poston spoke, along with University President Glenda Glover, and Mount Zion Pastor Joseph Walker.

other and all I could hear was screams," freshman Oneshia Evans said.

An emergency town hall meeting was called on Friday, Oct. 23 as well. The students discussed what they believed should be done as the campus moves forward. Shootings have happened too often at the university and emotions were high as students piled into the room with solutions and testimonies.

"Last night I asked a security guard didn't three students just get shot and



Sophomore Jordan Spencer holds up take back our campus sign as she march in protest of the violence and need for safety at her university. Photos by Leona Dunn

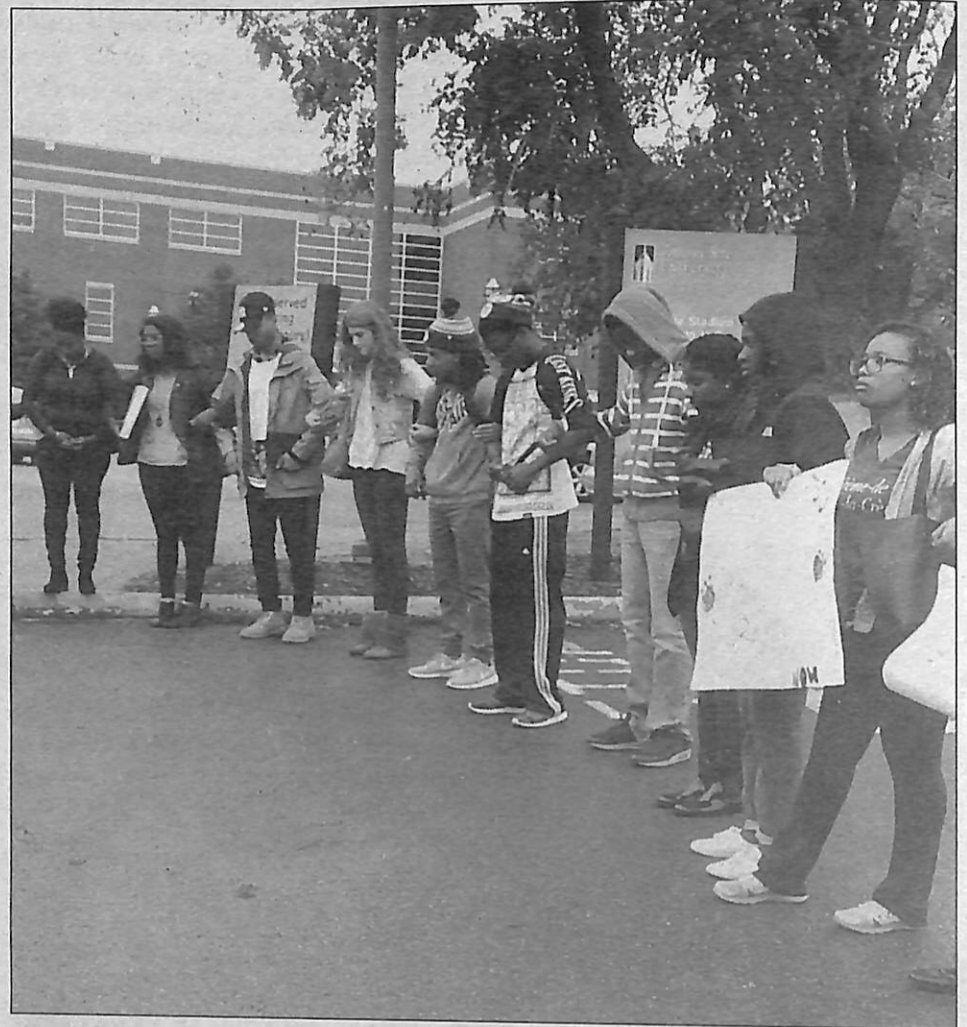
"Remind the students why they are here, they came here for an education. Hopefully this does not divide the campus but brings them closer together because this is a time where we all need each other's love and prayers," Rev. Walker said.

One male was killed and three females were injured, two shot and one grazed by a bullet during the late-night shooting which after a dice game went wrong near the student center. Former student Cameron Selmon was killed during the shooting.

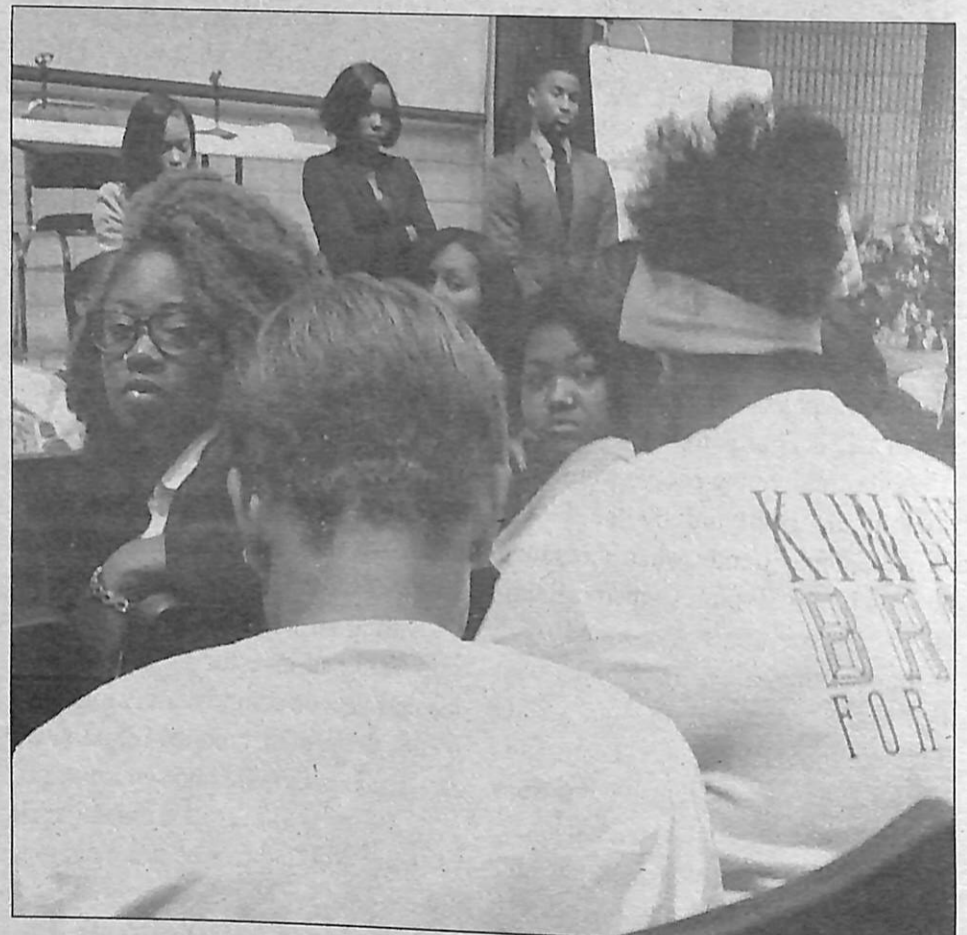
"While walking back to Hale passing the old courtyard, all of a sudden I heard gunshots, next thing I know I'm running, there's people tripping over each

he said yeah, then I asked so why aren't you checking ID's?" He then responded oh most people that come here are students, and I'm asking but what if I'm not a student. I'm asking him why doesn't he care, it's like they don't care. I have never heard gunshots before I came to TSU," sophomore, Kalynn Parks said, "If you have this job you get paid to do this you signed up to do this nobody told you to do it, you wanted this job, so take this job serious cause I take my life serious and I didn't come here to die."

At the meeting students charged the student body, TSU administration, and Nashville government to all take a part in creating a safer community on campus. Talk of enforcing check points,



Tennessee State students link arm in arm cutting off traffic by the front gate to pray and send a message letting the campus know that they are serious about change.



Racia Poston and Brett Jackson, president and vice president of student government association, listen to students concerns.

fencing the campus, finding out how to create unity in the student body, having foot patrols, and even opening up a recreational setting for kids to have a productive place to go after 10pm at night were all discussed during the town hall. "That could have been you out there in that courtyard, that could have been

your friend, you all should be heated, you all should be mad cause now it's not a Nashville problem it's a TSU problem, this is up to us if you think someone's going to come on campus and make everything okay that's not going to happen until we step up," Poston said.



# Campus Safety Plan Unveiled

TSU NEWS SERVICE — President Glenda Glover unveiled a 10-point safety plan during a press conference on Oct. 30. At press time, the shooter still had not been identified. The investigation had expanded to Memphis.

The 10-point plan emphasizes a partnership with Metro Nashville Police and other law enforcement agencies, an increased police presence, enforcement of the university's ID policy, the establishment of a TSU Police satellite office, centrally located on the campus where there is high student traffic, and a Student Safety Patrol.

"I have spent time with (Nashville) Police Chief Steve Anderson, Metro Police North Precinct Acting Commander Blair, and Mr. Mark Gwyn, director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to develop additional strategies that deal specifically with the incident," President Glover said.

**Below is the Tennessee State University 10-Point Safety Enhancement Plan:**

1. Increased visibility of the TSU police force.

We have a partnership with Metro Nashville Police, who have already joined

with TSU PD in providing increased patrols on campus. We have also begun the process of hiring more TSU Police and Security Officers to fully implement the increased activity.

1. The opening of a new TSU Police satellite office in the Floyd Payne Campus Center, near the courtyard area.

This satellite office will be fully operational beginning November 1, 2015.

1. Strict enforcement of the TSU ID policy, requiring students, faculty, and staff to wear IDs at all times.

We will strictly enforce TSU's ID policy, which requires students, faculty, and staff to wear their campus-issued ID at all times. IDs must be worn visibly and not contained in a pocket, book bag, or handbag.

Fines will be imposed for individuals not wearing IDs. (The first time there will be a warning or referral. The second time is a \$25 fine, and the third time is a \$50 fine).

The same policy will also apply to parking. Students and employees must show a campus-issued decal and ID to come on campus. Special IDs and parking passes will be issued to campus vis-

itors.

1. The incorporation of a tip hotline, through our Red Flag System, that will allow individuals to report information anonymously. We also have a mobile TSU Safety App which can be downloaded to cellular phones.

2. We are offering cash awards to students as a part of our See Something Say Something.

This initiative encourages students to report suspicious activity to the TSU PD.

1. The initiation of a Student Safety Patrol staffed by volunteers from male student organizations—which include fraternities, service organizations, and other related campus groups — to accompany individuals across campus.

The TSU Student Safety Patrol will consist of uniformed volunteers that will be strategically located across the campus for added patrol and provide assistance to students when requested. Recruitment has begun and will continue throughout the semester.

1. More frequent room inspections in campus housing.

Room checks are randomly conducted if there is reasonable cause to believe

that a student is using a residence facility for purposes that are illegal, constitute a hazard, or would seriously interfere with campus discipline.

1. Enhanced surveillance on campus, including cameras and lighting will continue.

2. Increased access control on campus through proximity readers.

We began this initiative with our classrooms and expand the program to include the Floyd Payne Student Center in approximately 3 weeks. Other campus buildings will come on-line throughout the year.

1. The completion of Phase II of the fence project on TSU's campus.

Phase I is approximately 75% complete. It is the existing fence with gates and access control from Kean Hall on 33rd to Hale Hall on Albion.

In Phase II — we will continue the fence to other parts of the campus. It will start from the existing chain link fence behind the Torrence Hall Engineering Building to the TSU steam plant area.

## Soul Fire Brings Poetry to Tennessee State

By Leona Dunn  
Meter Staff Writer

On Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in Room 103 in the Humanities building, you can hear all kinds of voices illuminating the halls with poetry. Soul Fire, a poetry workshop was started last year by five students after a day in Dr. Michelle Pinkard's freshman English class. The group uses that day each week to meet up, hear and critique poetry.

"One day me and a couple of friends asked Dr. Pinkard if we could make a club where people could just come and write; we would create a safe environment for people to express themselves," sophomore, founder and current secretary Alexis Johnson said. "We started towards the end of October (in 2014) with sign-up sheets in our dorms and flyers telling people about the meeting time and place."

Pinkard teaches freshmen English, Black Arts and Literature, and has studied poetry composition in the past. She thought the idea was amazing and still sponsors the club. She gives out prompts for students to go home and write. Her helper, Tia Mitch-

ell, is a spoken word mentor who helps the students learn different aspects of poetry. She critiques the students to help them both in writing and performance.

"Tia comes to us through a partnership with southern word," Pinkard said.

Soul Fire has an executive board consisting of a president, vice president, secretary, design artist, three ambassadors and someone in charge of social media. Everyone has a specific purpose in the new effort to promote the club so students become aware of it and the Nashville community eventually learns of it.

"I'm really big on getting us out there, finding us opportunities to present, finding connections, and really just doing public relations," senior and vice president Brandon Stepter said. "I really appreciate what we do because I feel like we are about the actual poetry, more or so the writing then just the performance aspect."

Soul Fire is planning to host its first event to let the school know that they are here and ready to be heard. On Nov. 12, Soul Fire will perform in the Forum.



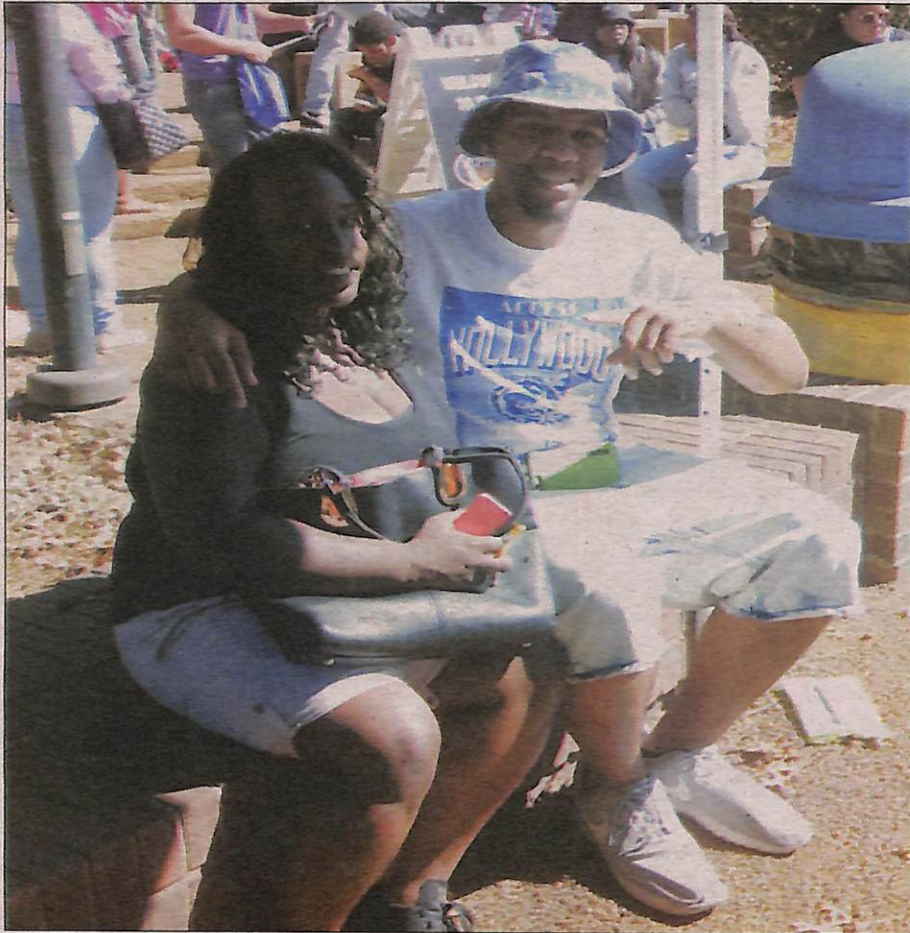
Students listen while original poetry is being read during Soul Fire meeting



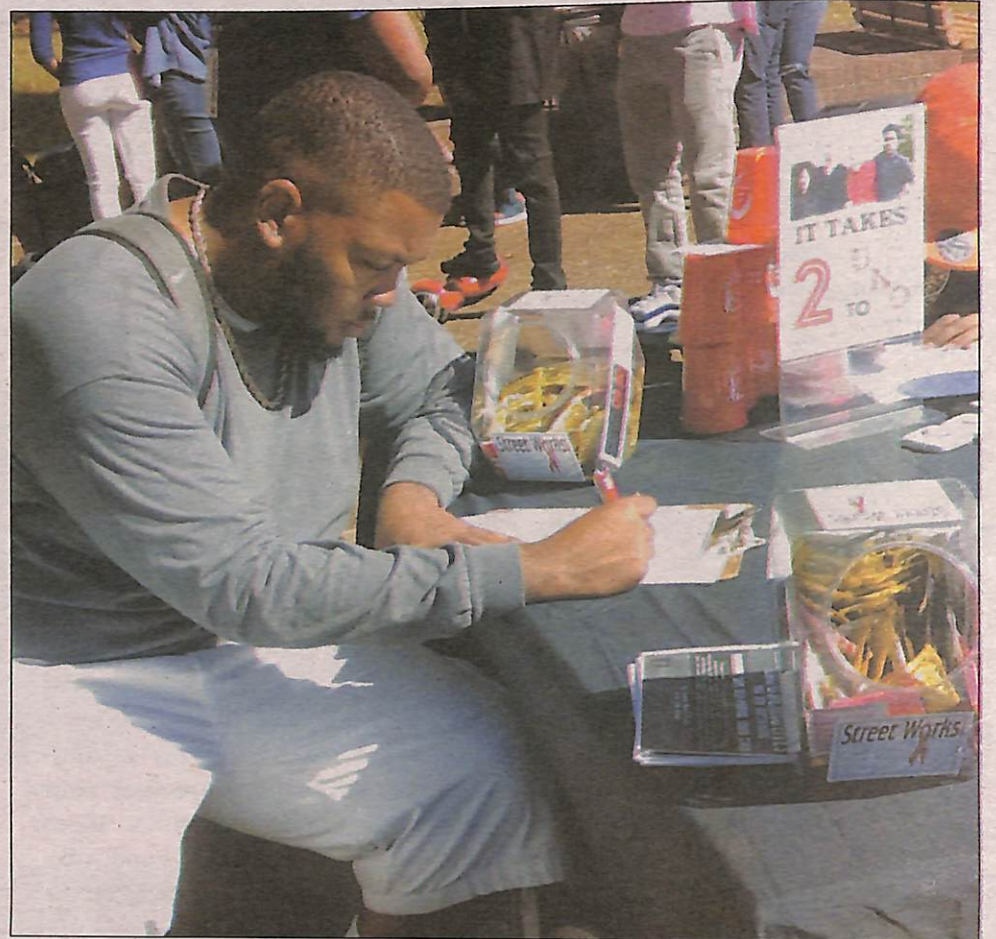
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# TSU Homecoming 2015



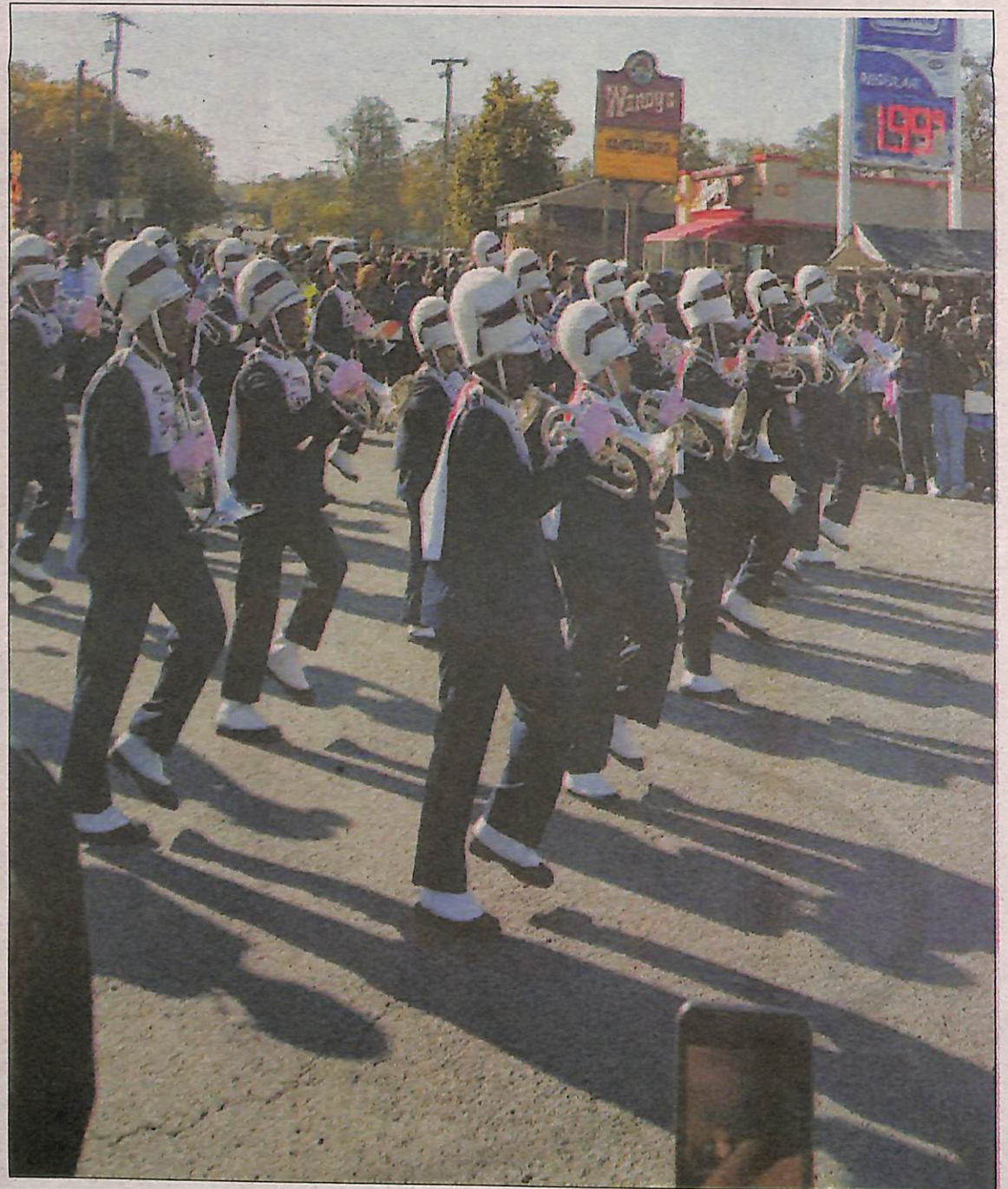
Sophomores Trey Holmon and Eastern Graves wait for the festivities begin.  
Photo by Leona Dunn



A booth for free HIV testing was sponsored by Street Works. They also gave out free condoms and condom holders. Photo by Leona Dunn



Sophomore Malcolm Muskin sings at the Aspire Hip Hop College Tour Talent Showcase. Photo by Leona Dunn



Tennessee State University Aristocrat of Bands marching down Jefferson Street during the Homecoming Parade Photo by Ashley Parmer





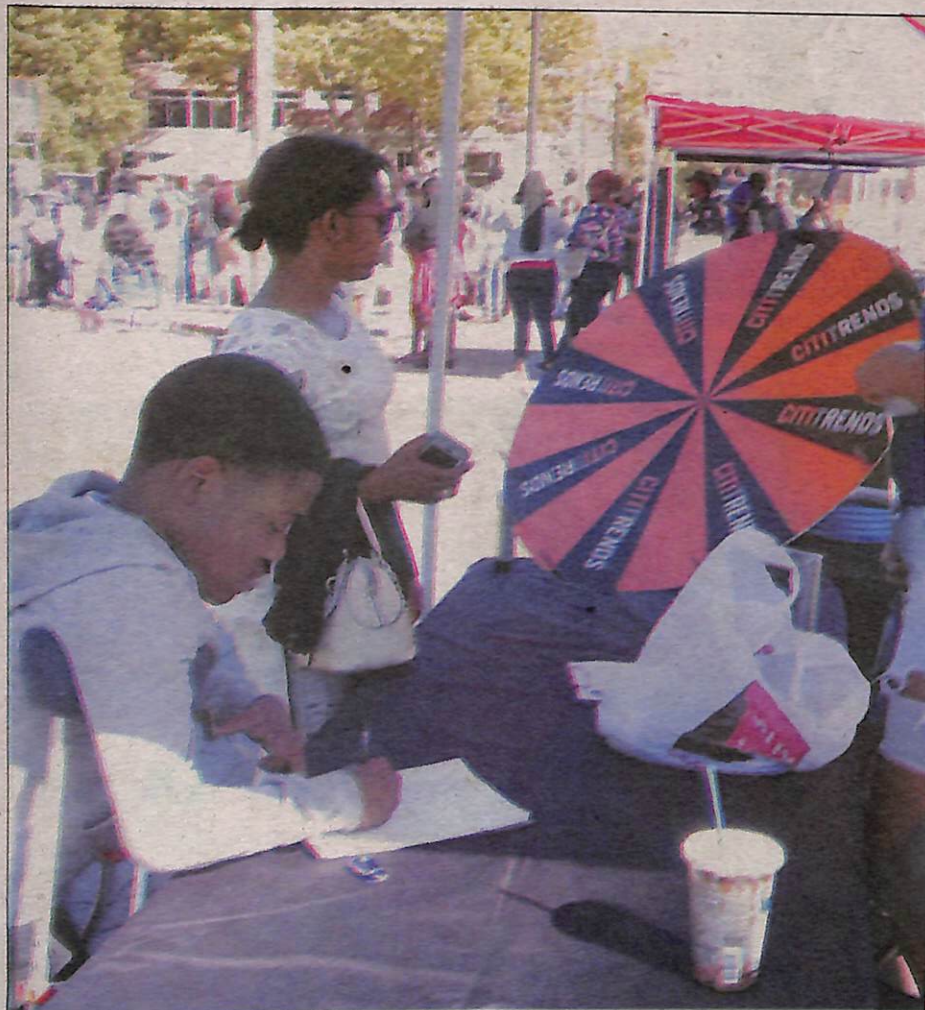
Seniors Devin Sutton and Hope Baynham represent their dance group Hypnotize at the Hip Hop Tour. Photo by Leona Dunn



Sophomores Teirhnee Taylor and Audrey Legett wait for the Hip Hop Tour festivities to begin. Photo by Leona Dunn



Drum majors of AOB lead the band during the Homecoming Parade Photo by Ashley Parmer



Freshman Gina Bailey spins the City Trends wheel hoping to win a gift card after answering some tough trivia questions while Michael Wilson signs up. Photo by Leona Dunn



Collegiate 100 stepping during the Non-Greek Yard Show; they won Best Male Organization of the Non-Greek Yard Show Photo by Ashley Parmer



# TSU Alumni Lewis Shares Meter Memories

By Shayla Simmons  
Meter Staff Writer

The Meter staff was presented with a special treat thanks to their advisor, Sandra Long Weaver. Tennessee State University alumni, Mr. Dwight Lewis, graced the staff with personal anecdotes as well as words of wisdom. With an extensive list of accomplishments, such as 40 years with The Tennessean, safely tucked under his belt, Lewis served as an untapped treasure trove of information.

As a native to Tennessee, Knoxville to be exact, Lewis enrolled at TSU in the fall of 1965. Though he majored in business administration on paper, he admittedly partook in the partying scene and pursued dreams of being a professional baseball player, causing Lewis to graduate in the spring of 1971. Despite this, Lewis favorably looks back at his time spent at Tennessee State where he even served as the editor of The Meter.

Utilizing the skills honed as a

staff member, Lewis reflected back on his time with The Tennessean, from which he has since retired. Entering as a “general assignment reporter” and retiring as editor of the editorial page, the alumni provided insight on his journey as a journalist. “Everything I’ve learned about journal writing I learned from Otis Redding and Aretha Franklin: you want people to feel as though they’re listening to good music,” reiterated from Roy Peter Clark, a former mentor.

Lewis also shared tips to column writing. Explaining that a column differed from an editorial due to the content showcasing personal opinions, Lewis shared the advice of Robert Maner that guided his writing. “The first thing is to know your subject. Secondly, don’t be afraid to say what you want and be willing to take whatever comes from it. Lastly, and most importantly, listen”.

After sharing a few more stories as well as laughs, Lewis left The Meter staff with this piece of advice: “Say it stronger.”



Former TSU Tiger and retired editor at The Tennessean, Dwight Lewis, visited his old stomping grounds to meet with the current staff of The Meter



Dwight Lewis shares writing tips with Meter Managing Editor Taylor Powell



Meter staff and guests from l-r, Leona Dunn, Shayla Simmons, Dwight Lewis, Ashley Parmer, Reggie Stuart, Martavius Morton and Taneisha Crockett



l-r, Dwight Lewis, guest speaker, Sandra Long Weaver, The Meter advisor and Reginald Stuart, guest speaker



The guest speaker for The Meter on October 5 was photographer PJ Fischer (far left). She discussed with The Meter staff how to take print-quality photos with their phones.



# Student Journalists Have Much to Learn

By Leona Dunn  
Meter Staff Writer

Reginald Stuart, a native of Nashville and a Tennessee State University alumni and retired journalist, posed questions to Meter staffers on Oct. 26 to make them think about what they need to know to be successful in the journalism business.

"What is a sesquipedalian," Stuart said, "This question is worth money." He told the students not to use their smart phones but to try and figure it out. Stuart worked at The Tennessean newspaper before becoming a reporter for the New York Times. He went on to work for Knight Ridder newspapers and the McClatchy Co.

As the students struggled to answer this along with other terms and names of people, Stuart just kept asking questions, and dropping hints. He gave the answers to some questions but most he kept to himself. He has challenged the students to remember all the names and

terms and go find out the facts for themselves.

"A sesquicentennial is 150 years. And it's been 150 years since the end of slavery which ended in 1865. Know for your own sake, not mine, who the people I named are and be able to summarize. Be concise and precise about what you're saying too, the more clear you are the more people believe you," Stuart said.

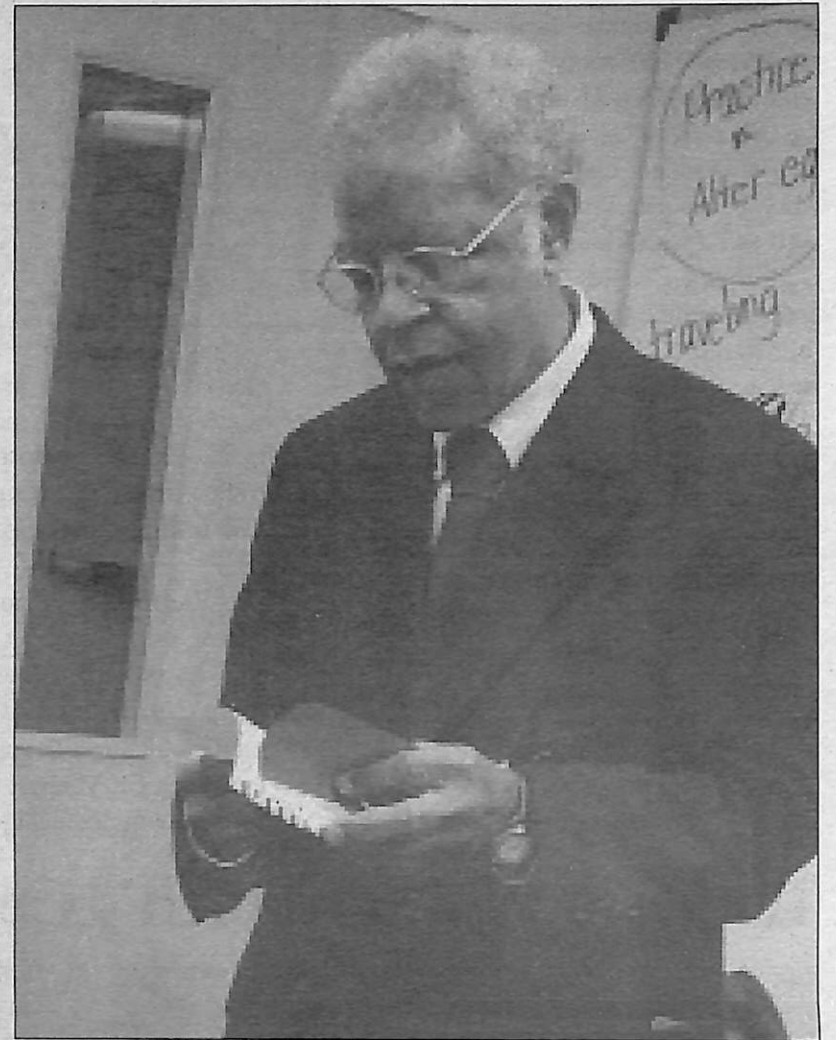
Stuart also gave the students a little history lesson about The Meter. He said it was started by Sam Yette, who went on to write "The Choice" and was a well-known journalist in the country. Yette is now deceased.

He then wrapped up the the evening's conversation with a story about him being a young journalist and his boss telling him that if he covered a story he would get a free continental breakfast. The young Stuart had no idea what a continental breakfast was and thought it was a grand, large breakfast. He was excited to go and ended up being disappointed with free coffee and donuts.

"As young journalist you don't start off

being smart and elegant such as myself, you start as dumb as a box of rocks. I don't expect you to know everything under the sun

but I expect you to go out there and try to learn as much as you can," Stuart said.



Reginald Stuart asked students if they knew who wrote the book "The Will To Win" not letting them know one of the authors where in the room with them at that moment, the book was written by guest speaker Dwight Lewis.

## Majoring in Engineering? Apply for this Scholarship

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee (ACEC of Tennessee) is accepting applications from engineering and land surveying students in Tennessee for state and national scholarship programs. The Tennessee Engineering Foundation will award four scholarships to engineering students who meet scholarship requirements.

Complete information and application forms are available at <http://acectn.com/engineering-excellence-awards/scholarships/>. Applications for all scholarships must be submitted by January 22, 2016.

ACEC of Tennessee will award up to two \$1000 scholarships to current college students. Applications will be judged on five criteria: cumulative GPA, essay, work experience, recommendation, and extracurricular activities. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen pursuing a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctor of Philosophy degree in an engineering or land-surveying program in Tennessee approved by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Students must be entering their junior, senior, fifth or graduate year in the fall of 2016 to qualify. Students are encouraged to showcase interest and commitment to the field of engineering in the essay. Winners will be announced in February, 2016.

Winners of the state scholarships are eligible for the national scholarship program of ACEC. It will award several scholarships totaling \$20,000, and the Council of Structural Engineers of ACEC will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a structural engineering student enrolled in a Master's degree program for Structural Engineering in the 2016 fall semester. These winners will be announced in October, 2016.

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# TSU Bleeds Blue at the NAAAHP Conference

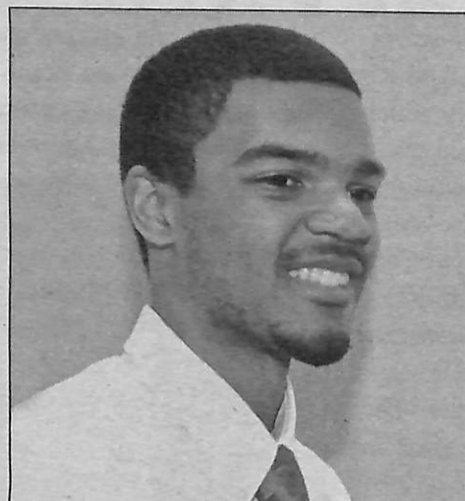
By Shayla Simmons  
Meter Staff Writer

Students from HBCUs and PWIs alike participated in the 24th annual NAAAHP (National Association of African American Honors Programs) Conference from Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 at the Grand Opry Gaylord Resort.

The students had a chance to network, participate in academic activities such as African Model United Nations, Quiz Bowl, Debates, various seminars and presenting their summer research to their peers. Events to break the ice such as the Halloween student party and "Honors Got Talent" gave students the opportunity to get to know one another.

Tennessee State University and Fisk University hosted the event for honors students from 54 NAAAHP member schools from all over the country.

Students looking to the future also had the opportunity to have interviews with graduate schools such as Nashville's Vanderbilt University, Meharry Medical College and Harvard University School of Law. The was also the



Chase Richard

opportunity to meet with possible employers like Kroger, whose Nashville branch sponsored and donated \$30,000, were also made available to the honors students.

Chase Richard, a sophomore from Little Rock, Arkansas, was among the students who presented research at the conference. He has worked with mentoring support and collaboration from TSU professor, Dr. Michael Ivey, on research focused on the feeding behaviors



Anthony Moreland

of sea anemone, for nearly two years.

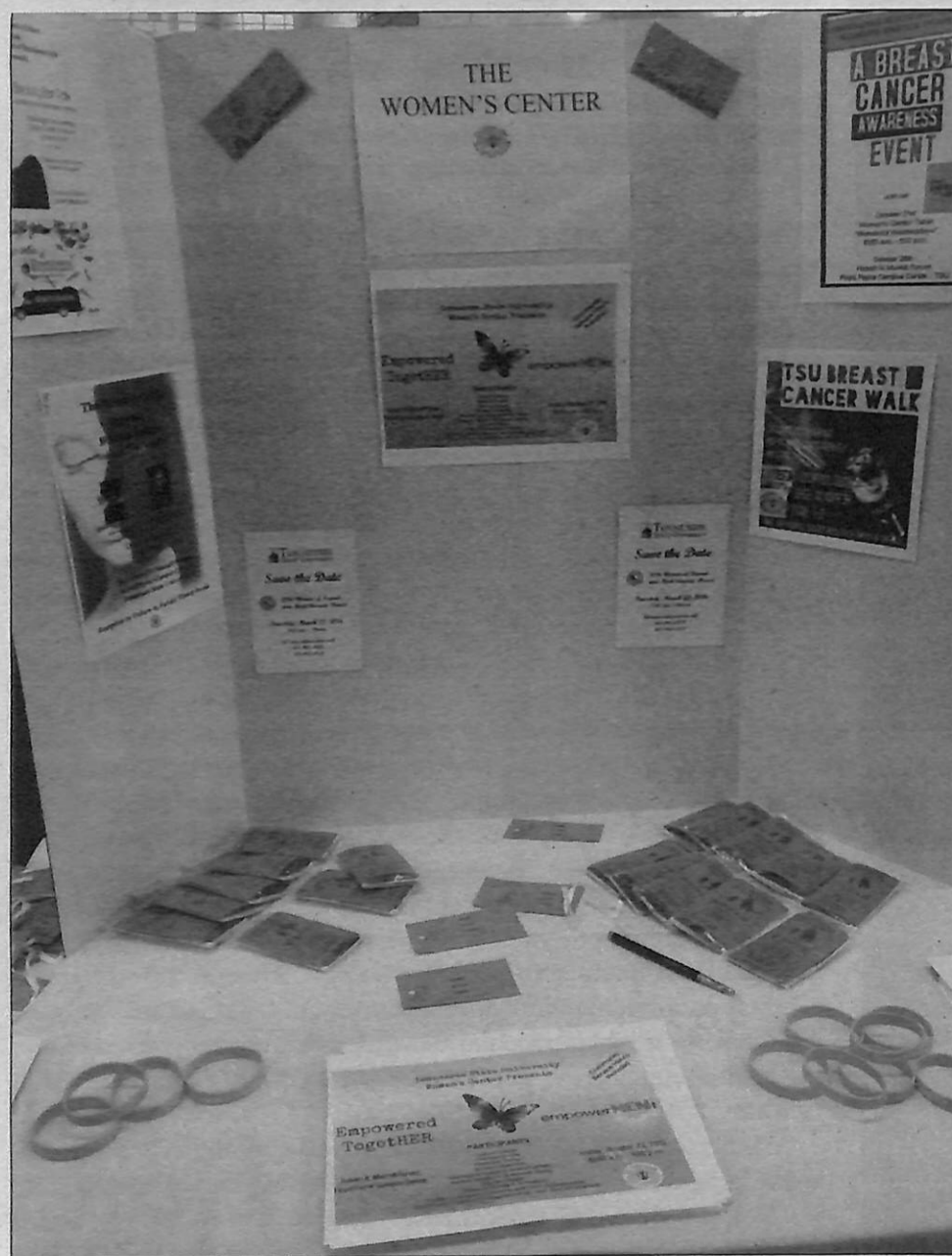
Also joining the NAAAHP conference was TSU student Anthony Moreland, a sophomore from Knoxville. With a 3.5 GPA, Moreland is also a Biology major who plans to go into the field of

dentistry with a concentration on oral surgery. Moreland said he wanted to be involved in the NAAAHP Conference, which brings together Honors students, faculty, staff and professionals, as a volunteer as a way to expand his network.

When asked about her best experience at the conference and her take away Etin-Osa Aibangebee, a sophomore Biology major, said "When I first got here I was shy but excited for the challenge presented. But the best part of the experience was meeting the various students and growing as a leader thanks to Dr. Coreen Jackson, president of the honors college and temporary president of the NAAAHP."

The event was a success by any standard with the record for highest attendance rate, 483 students with 45 from TSU.

## Tennessee State Women's Center



The Women's Center presented a breast cancer awareness table  
Photo by Taylor Powell

## Good Eating Experience at Monell's

Restaurant Review  
By Martavious Morton

"I'll just have whatever you have for today's special."

Those are my first words as I sat at my table getting ready to eat at Monell's Dining and Catering, an amazing cafe on 6th Avenue in Nashville. Monell's is a family-style restaurant that serves many foods that favor the southern tradition. The best part about eating here is the atmosphere that it creates. You can go inside and it feels as if you are in whole different time period in the south.

"It's definitely a different experience than your normal restaurant here in Nashville" said James, a fellow customer who did not give his last name.

The staff treats the customers with

the utmost respect from the time they arrive until the time they leave. During my visit at Monell's, I just decided to eat the smothered pork chops, some green beans, mac and cheese and some cornbread. It was definitely worth the trip.

The food is so rich in flavor and that cornbread is to die for. The setting around also helped to make eating at Cafe Monell's a unique experience. They ask if you would like to sit family style or traditional style. I'd recommend family style that way you can make some friends and enjoy a great meal in the process.

Thanksgiving is coming up and for those who cannot make that trip home for the holiday, you should definitely check out Monell's. You will not be disappointed!



Monell's Dining and Catering is located in Nashville on 6th Avenue



# TSU Salutes and Supports Veterans Educational Goals

J. Michaux,

USAF and DESERT SHIELD Veteran

Tennessee State University last year was designated as a Certified Vets Campus. This designation set TSU apart from other educational institutions as a way of committing to supporting the educational goals of Veterans help ease their transition from military service to college life. This is the result of the Tennessee Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) Act passed in 2014 as an honorary program for state colleges and universities to foster a supportive environment for Veterans.

As Veterans Day 2015 is celebrated on Nov. 11, it is important to understand that obtaining this designation was not a simple feat. In order for TSU to attain this designation, the school had to demonstrate it had the facilities and mentoring programs for Veterans. The university also had to ensure a system was in place for Veterans to receive academic credit for skills and training obtained during military service. TSU was also responsible for ensuring that faculty and staff was educated about Veterans' culture including combat-related mental and physical disabilities during and after their service.

The population of students that utilize this service are non-traditional students with families that need assistance as they



Tom Morrison (right), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Assistant Executive Director for Veterans Education, presents the title and certificate of designation to TSU President Glenda Glover, officially declaring TSU a certified "Vets Campus."

Photo by John Cross, TSU Media Relations

transition to college life. Being in the military gives a service member a sense of closeness, trust and camaraderie. Once a Veteran has enrolled in college and lands in a foreign cultural world of 18-year olds, they are often misunderstood by faculty and feel like outsiders.

The initial ability of the Veteran student to share the fact they are working on a second career is often delayed and/or misinterpreted. Before a student is known to be a Veteran with possible Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and missed edu-

cational opportunities because of duties, they are sometimes looked down upon as if they made poor decisions in life. Although discriminatory, this is a common occurrence among Veterans and younger students.

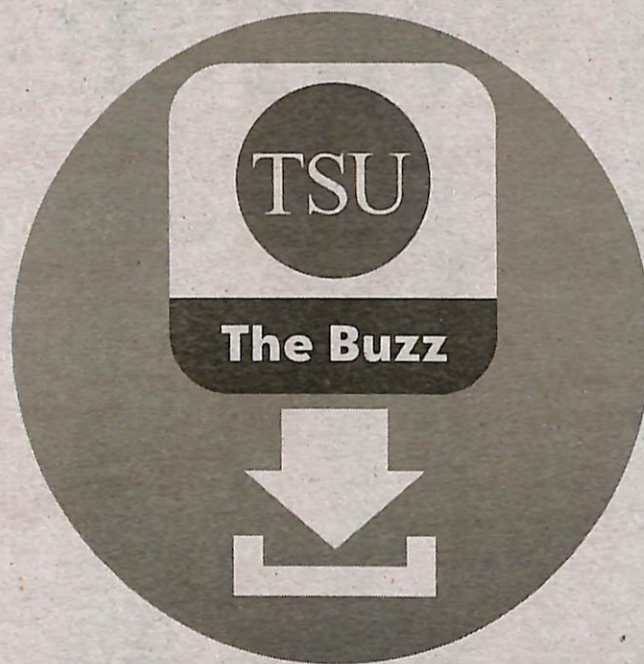
With the evolving landscape of the TSU student body, classmates have no idea if they are sitting beside a military Veteran that killed enemies or witnessed death in the Iraqi wars, lost a loved one to war or an individual that chose to serve their country before seeking a college degree.

This designation is sanctioned by the Tennessee Board of Regents and has support from governmental educational entities such as the Montgomery GI Bill, and the Veterans Administration. There are four federally approved programs for the educational support of Veterans and TSU participates in two of those four initiatives.

Former Army Chief Warrant Officer Brent Warner, of Santa Maria, California; Navy Petty Officer Ayele Tegegne, of Anaheim, California; and Army Staff Sgt. David Potter, of Detroit, all TSU students and junior Mechanical Engineering majors, who served at various times, recognized the need for this service. They came together and formed the TSU Student Veterans Association (TSVA) to extend the educational support and assistance provided to Veteran Students.

Veterans that served during wartime may have invisible and non-invisible wounds of war. The (TSVA) is an exclusive resource only for Veteran students that helps them navigate the maze of financial aid, scholarship opportunities, online classes and mentoring. They also serve as advocates to help university officials further understand the issues that veterans face as non-traditional college students.

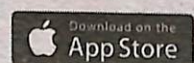
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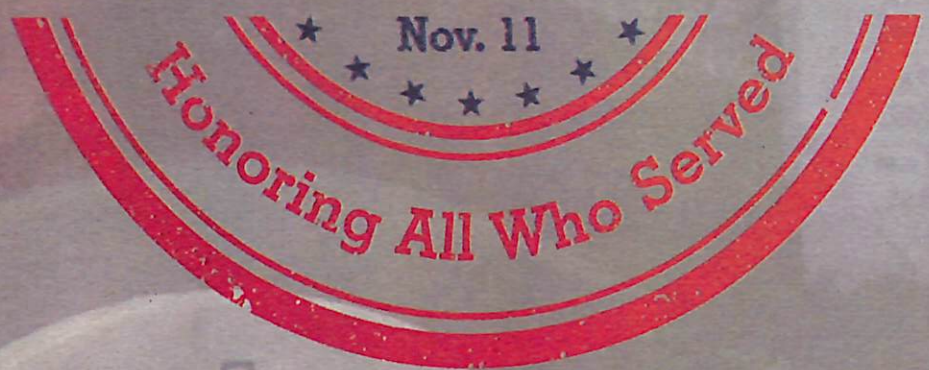


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veterans and all those  
who have served.*

**Including  
two veterans  
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