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ASHLEY PARMER Editor in Chief

On April 21, 1950, The Meter was born. During a time when injustice was served constantly to African Americans, The Meter was a platform to make voices heard.

During the sit-ins of 1960, students from Tennessee State University and surrounding Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Nashville took a stand against segregation. The Meter was there.

And it seems that while the trials of injustice for African Americans continue on in 2015, The Meter is still here.

Over the years, The Meter has faced its own trials. The problems Samuel Yette had in birthing The Meter still occur today. President Walter S. Davis asked Yette, "Why do you want a newspaper?"

Yette replied, "To report the campus highlights, sir."

And to that President Davis asked, "But what are you going to do about the lowlights?"

"Well sir," he told him, "we'll just have to report those, too."

It is to no surprise that Tennessee State University has suffered lowlights throughout history. But what college doesn't?

It is during these times, when The Meter is there.

When TSU celebrates its victories and highlight its accomplishments, The Meter is there too.

Our mission "is to accurately and responsibly report the 'highlights and lowlights 'of Tennessee State University and its community." In following in the footsteps of Samuel Yette, I can say that we have done just that.



Sam Yette started TSU's student newspaper The Meter in 1950

The Meter is the measure of student opinion and sentiment. It is by this measure we will continue to amount to our potential. For 65 years, we have sought adversity, expressed our views, and gave a voice to the students of Tennessee State University. And in the coming years, The Meter will continue to be there.

Happy 65th Anniversary!

### 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. citi-

zen 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.

Look for the next issue of THE METER available on December 3, 2015



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# The Meter Began With Yette

Taylor Powell Meter Managing Editor

Samuel F. Yette was born July 2, 1929 and held many titles under his belt. Yette was the first black Washington correspondent for Newsweek. In 1995, he attended journalism school at Indiana University, being only one of two black students. He was also inducted into Sigma Delta Chi, the national journalism society.

was not only a journalist, but an author and educator who was influential to many. He covered numerous of events such as the civil rights movement, the bus in 1956. In 1971, Yette also boycott, the 1957 March on Washington and many others.

But before he made it to Washington, Yette attended

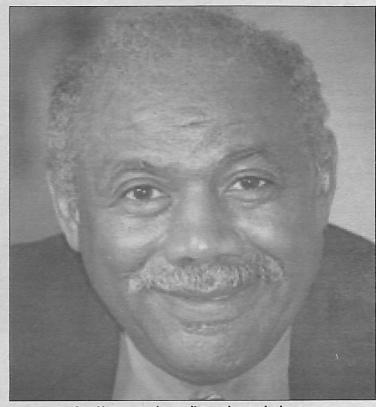
was here that he founded the student newspaper The Meter in 1950. This newspaper was able to educate and provide practical journalism experience to thousands of TSU students.

Yette graduated top of his class from the U.S Air Force's fixed wire in communications. When Yette graduated, he later took his talents into many directions including teaching high school English, coaching During Yette's career, he and becoming a sportswriter for the Chattanooga Times. After two years of teaching, Yette received his first journalism assignment at Life magazine wrote a book which is well known "The Choice: The Issue of Black Survival in America." He wrote the controversial

Tennessee State University. It book during the Vietnam era. The book was so well known and made many headlines that more than 50 colleges used the book for class reading.

> "The book dealt with things they did not want people to know about at the time," Yette told the Tennessee Tribune, which he joined as a columnist, in 1996.

> On January 21, 2011, Yette passed away. In an article about his death, Michael Yette said, "He was a natural teacher, and he wanted to spread knowledge and wisdom to particularly his people to help them advance the lives of his people, and journalism was his tool of preference in doing that."



Sam Yette was a journalist, author and educator

#### **PROCLAMATION TSU Great American** Smokeout Day Nov. 19

WHEREAS: It will be beneficial to promote awareness of tobacco-related risks to our student body, and for our student body, faculty and staff to support tobacco users' efforts to quit, even for one day. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States for both men and women, and yet the most preventable form of cancer death in the world. It is of upmost importance to keep the campus community aware of opportunities to obtain support and guidance for tobacco abstinence.

WHEREAS: The Great American Smokeout is an educational event sponsored by the American Cancer Society on the third Thursday of November each year. Smokers are encouraged to make a plan to quit on this day, even if only for 24 hours.

WHEREAS: It is especially important that the student body, faculty and staff be aware of all No Smoking policies on campus and recognize the importance of a Tobacco Free Campus here at Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS: All active organizations, clubs, and groups at Tennessee State University should join with the Legacy Tobacco-free HBCU Initiative Project Team in actively promoting the benefits of a tobacco-free community, and awareness of smoking-related cancers, tobacco dangers and risks.

WHEREAS: During this day all organizations, clubs and groups should make an effort to encourage smokers to take a step towards a smoke/tobacco free lifestyle, and spread the awareness of tobacco risks and dangers,

THERFORE: (I/We) (SGA official ) (Title of same), do recognize November 19, 2015 as Great American Smokeout Day

At Tennessee State University, and urge all students, faculty and staff to join in recognition of the significance and the benefits mentioned.

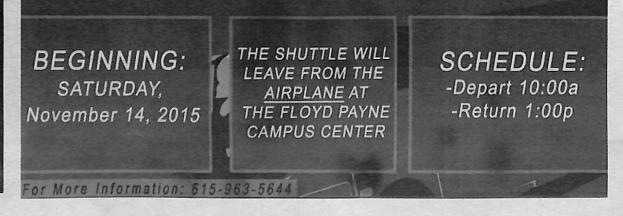


TSU SHUTTLE SERVICE TO NASHVILLE WEST SHOPPING CENTER

THE TSU SHOPPING SHUTTLE IS THE BRAINCHILD OF THREE TSU STUDENTS: CONNYE GARRETT, BRANDON NEAL, AND JEREMIAH CRUTCHER. THESE STUDENTS PRESENTED A PROPOSAL IN APRIL OF 2011. AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION LEADERS, STUDENT AFFAIRS AND FACILITIES WE ARE PREPARED TO RE-LAUNCH THE SERVICE.

STUDENTS WITH CURRENT ID'S WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE SHUTTLE TO AND FROM NASHVILLE WEST SHOPPING CENTER EVERY SATURDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION.

\*Seating is limited to the FIRST 30 students and it's FIRST-come, FIRST served\* "Moving TSU Students to Center of What we do



# Update on Campus Shooting

By J. Michaux

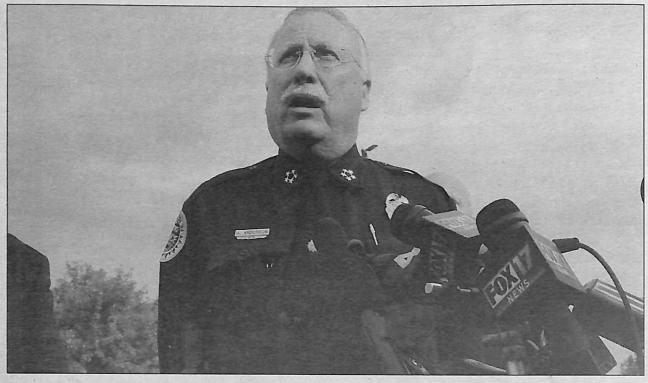
Metro police are in the "learning and fact-gathering mode" and appear to be close to identifying the two gunmen who investigators believe are responsible for the deadly shooting on Tennessee State University's campus resulting in the death of 19-year-old Cameron Selmon of Memphis, and injured three other students.

Investigators have traveled to Memphis to vet tips on the identities of the two gunmen involved in the shooting.

Police spokesman Don Aaron said "Metro Police are continuing to work with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office on a series of leads generated by anonymous tips."



Don Aaron, Metor Police Spokesman



Chief Steve Anderson, Metro Police Department

He also expressed optimism in the department's ability to ultimately confirm the identities of the gumen and hold them accountable.

The TSU surveillance video system captured two individuals fleeing shortly after the shooting. The video footage has been released to the public and the suspect(s) are still at large. Police have not released a description of the shooter(s) namely because the footage is not of sufficient quality. This is due to the darkness at the time of the shooting.

According to Metro Chief Police Steve Anderson, Metro Police seized three of the four TSU security cameras and revealed that only one camera was functional and recording footage. Although Chief Anderson was out of town during the shooting, he indicated that he spoke with President Glover and emphasized the importance of properly functioning cameras. Police spokesman Don Aaron, also confirmed that all cameras were not properly recording.

Nashville Mayor Megan Barry, Metro Police, and TSU officials immediately addressed campus security measures. Increased nightly patrols were launched between TSU campus police and on-duty security guards in addition to establishing an on-site satellite police security office.

The Metro police department is teamed 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. There have not been any arrests and anyone with information or footage of the incident is encouraged to call crime stoppers at (615) 74-CRIME.

### **TSU Stands With Mizzou**



TSU students wear black on Thursday, November 12 to stand in solidarity with the African American students of The University of Missouri as they fight against racism they are experiencing on campus

## Campus Walk Highlights TSU's Safety Plan

By Ashley Parmer Meter Editor-in-Chief

Students, faculty, alumni, community leaders, and elected officials joined President Glover for a campus safety walk at 10:45 p.m.on Nov. 5, just one week after the president unveiled her 10-point safety enhancement plan. The walk, which took place two weeks after the TSUPD and Metro Police Department joined forces, provided first-hand knowledge of how the campus is patrolled following the Oct. 22 shooting incident.

"It is most important that we realized two weeks ago that tragedy occurred, and we're going to ensure that safety remains a priority on our campus," said President Glover.

During the walk, residence halls, the new courtyard, campus center and the new TSUPD satellite office were visited to emphasize the improved safety of high-traffic areas.

The tour of the residence halls, which included both an all-female and all-male dorm, gave insight to the safety improvements taking place in the halls. Each student has an identifying sticker for their specific dorm on their I.D. This allows security guards and residence assistants to easily identify students that belong in those dorms and students that do not.

The new courtyard, the site of the shooting incident, will have additional lightening installed to "flood the walkways" once they get the correct fixtures, explained Dr. Curtis Johnson, director of Emergency Management.

"It's not something you can just go into Wal-Mart and buy," Glover said.

While some of these measures were a part of the six out of 10 points that were already in place but just enhanced, the newest measure was the new TSUPD satellite office located right across from the new courtyard. The office serves as a convenient location for TSUPD to be accessible to students.

The office, which opened Nov. 1, is open 24-hours a day. The police department uses this area as a substation. Police receive their roll call and assignments from the substation.

"Unlike a precinct where officers get roll call, receive their assignments, and go out into the community, this is a substation which is a little bit different. There is always somebody in this area around the clock, from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m. to 7 a.m." said Chief of Police Anthony Carter.

Students are able to come to this office if they have problems or need to speak to a police officer.

This safety walk was not the first safety walk conducted by the president this semester.

"Sometimes it's been the drive-through, but we have done it three or four times this semester. We didn't just start this, but it has become more prominent," said Glover. And this will not be the last one, she added.



President Glover speaks to participants of the walk All photos by Carlos Mavins



Chief of Police Anthony Carter explains the operations of the new substation as President Glenda Glover listens



Members of SGA in attendance at the Safety Walk



A view of the new substation located next to the new courtyard

# 'Letters in Motion' Causes a Commotion

By Shayla Simmons Meter Staff Writer

Gathering together to handwrite letters to Kenyan orphans, Tennessee State University students partnered with nonprofit "Letters in Motion" to give hope to those without hope.

The program also gives college students the opportunity to travel, make a change in children's lives and have an impact. TSU students reached out to the organization to take the initiative in providing companionship and messages of hopefulness to orphans around the globe.

What most noticeably separates Letters in Motion apart from others is that a select group of students involved are given the opportunity to hand deliver their labor of love.

In the previous year, the organization succeeded in transporting eight students who delivered 3,000 letters to the Nepal orphans. This year, Elizabeth Sanders, district coordinator for the Nashville area, hopes to deliver over 5,000 letters to Kenya with 15 students and revisit Nepal with 40 students.

The primary goal of "Letters in Motion" is to give college students the ability to make a global impact even in small ways. "The make up of a letter is pretty simple," says Sanders. "Every letter begins with 'Hi my name is', a simple introduction of the student's interest, and either a favorite Bible verse or quote. The letter is so simple, but it's something that can have a lasting effect."



TSU students gathered together to write their letters addressed to orphans of Nepal and Kenya in which a select group will be selected to hand deliver them. Photo by Shayla Simmons

For this reason, the Motions crew generates a large quantity of letters so that the children may receive a letter throughout the year. It reaffirms the connections between the students and orphans.

When asked what she would like to

tell TSU students who hope to get involved, Sanders said, "What I want to see from TSU is college students taking charge, leaving a positive mark on the world, and making a global change by being the leaders of that project. And my personal goal is to help them

accomplish such a lofty purpose."

For those looking to get involved with "Letters in Motion", students can contact Elizabeth Sanders, district co-ordinator via email at lim.elizabeth-sanders@gmail.com.

## TSU College Sunday Builds Fellowship

By Leona Dunn Meter Staff Writer

Tennessee State University hosted College Sunday Nov. 8 in the Gentry Complex center, an event produced by Mount Zion Baptist Church every year. All colleges and universities are invited to bring their students to the service. Thousands attend to hear music from the Mount Zion's choir, mainly consisting of college students, other musical and spiritual performances such as praise dance, and Presiding Bishop Joseph Warren Walker III preach the word.

"It was my first College Sunday, and I can't wait to come back for the next one," TSU freshman Ebony Harris said.

It all started with praise and worship where the audience was entertained by TSU's Aristocrat of Bands which also performed at the service last year.

"We played two songs first, 'He Reigned' by Kirk Franklin, and then 'The best is yet to come' by Donald Lawerence," junior band member Kamau As-Salaam Said, "After offering, we had to leave though to catch the bus to Memphis for recruiting purposes, but I just love playing for College Sunday it was another oppor-



Students and members of the Mt. Zion congregation gather in Gentry before the service began. Photo by Leona Dunn

tunity to represent the good parts of our university."

Special guest Kierra Sheard, a judge from Sunday's Best, a popular BET program that evaluates gospel singer voices, came and gave a performance singing an original song before lighting up the center with "It's the God in me" by Mary Mary. Yet, Sheard was not the only special guest present. Nashville Mayor Megan Berry also came to join the festivities.

"It was beautiful seeing the first female mayor of Nashville sitting next to the first female president of Tennessee State University, it shows how women are finally taking over," alumni Kari Johnson said.

Bishop Walker III then preached the story of the prodigal son. His message was titled "I Turned Up Before I Turned Around" relating college students struggles to the story of a man who blew all of his inheritance then came back home seeking forgiveness and gaining way more from his father's love.

"Right now we are a part of a generation that does not appreciate the value of waiting. We don't work for things, so we do not appreciate them," Walker said, "Having money lets you have things but it's hard to worship when you are being worshipped, just remember whenever you have cheese you attract rats."

### Avoiding the Dreaded Question During the Holidays



Ashley Parmer Meter Editor in Chief

The Thanksgiving tradition of family, food, and fun is soon to come, followed by the dreaded question that every college students wants to avoid"How's school?"

While simple in comprehension, this question can be taken in different ways. It can be the next gossip topic for a nosy cousin, a transition of shame from your big brother who is always messing up something, or a genuine concern from your mother or grandmother. No matter the source or reason, this question is one that doesn't offer enthusiasm.

When this question arises, there may be ways to avoid it.

Stuff your mouth - It's impolite to talk with your mouth full. With food in your mouth, you can't possibly answer the question.

Change the subject - There's always that one member that loves to talk about themselves, give them the

spotlight. They will not mind stealing your thunder.

Stay in the room with the football fans – Watching football with family members can get loud. When family members ask about school, pretend you didn't hear them. You could even pay attention to the game to show your mind isn't tuned in to anything else.

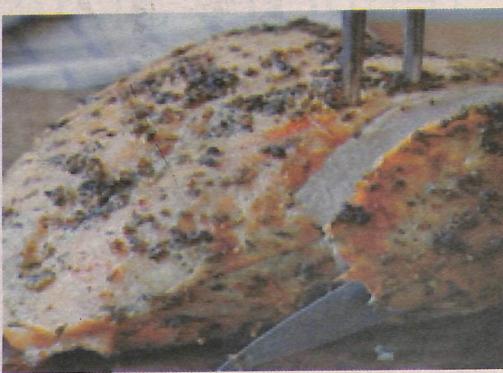
Have a story prepared- All family members want is a piece of detail from your life. Give them a story of a funny incident, whether it happened or not. Giving them a laugh can make the holidays better.

These suggestions, no matter how weird, will only buy you time. The best way to handle the situation is to face it head-on. Tell the truth. If school IS going great, you would want to let them know anyway. College is an exciting time, and any loving family only wants to hear that you are having a great time and that you are okay.

Let's practice!

"So...how's school?"

# Holiday Recipe HERB-ROASTED TURKEY BREAST



Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and we all know that is the time to be spent with the ones that you love and being grateful for all that you have. But it is also the perfect time to impress your family and friends with a great dish for the dinner table! For those of us who are having a hard time deciding what to bring to the table, here is a very delicious and simple dish that I guarantee everyone will love.

#### Recipe by Keimonee Burford

#### (This recipe makes 6 servings) INGREDIENTS:

- 1 whole bone-in turkey breast
- 6 1/2 to 7 pounds
- 1tbsp minced garlic (3 cloves)
- 2 tsps dry mustard
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh sage leaves
- 1 tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 2 tsps kosher salt, 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup dry white wine

#### **Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

Place the turkey breast, skin side up, on a rack in a roasting pan.

In a small bowl, combine the; garlic, mustard, herbs, salt, pepper, olive oil, and lemon juice.

Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour but no longer than 8 hours.

Loosen the skin from the meat gently with your fingers and smear half of the mixture directly on the meat.

Spread the remaining of the mixture evenly on the skin. Pour the wine into the bottom of the roasting pan.

Roast the turkey for 1 3/4 to 2 hours, until the skin is golden brown and an instant-read thermometer registers 165 degrees F when inserted into the thickest and meatiest areas of the breast not touching the bone. (I test in several places.)

If the skin is over-browning, cover the breast loosely with aluminum foil.

When the turkey is done, cover with foil and allow it to rest at room temperature for 15 minutes.

Slice and serve with the pan juices spooned over the turkey.



Tony Castello from gocomics.com

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# Accolades Keep Piling Up For Tennesee State's Dr. Winston



Dr. Tameka Winston has received the 2015 Woman of Achievement Award in Higher Education in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — A Nashville Business Journal Top 40 Under 40 winner for 2015, she has received yet another award with statewide recognition.

Dr. Tameka Winston, a professor in the Department of Communications at Tennessee State University, recently received the 2015 Woman of Achievement Award in Higher Education in Tennessee. The award was presented at the 35th Annual Women in Higher Education in Tennessee conference in Murfreesboro.

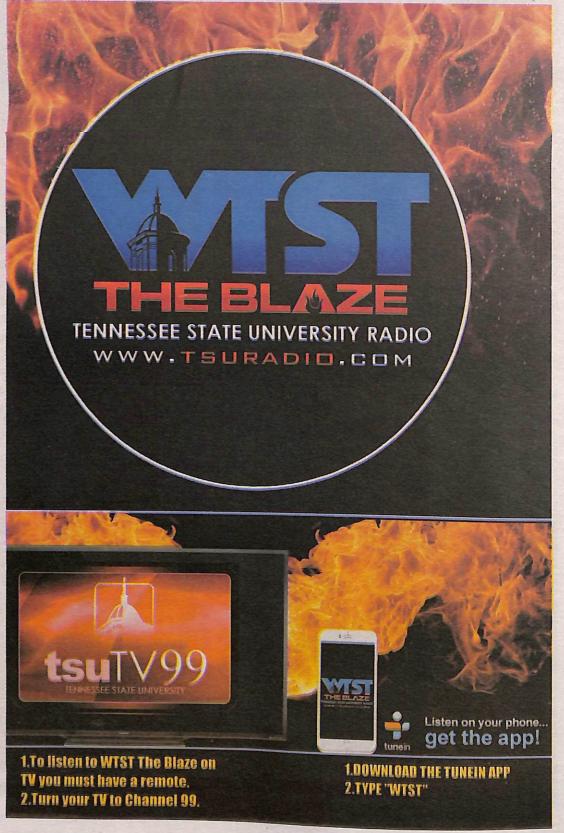
Past award recipients include Dr. Shirley Raines who is the first female president of the University of Memphis. Dr. Raines won the award in 2012.

The Woman of Achievement Award is presented to a dedicated leader who has earned admiration and respect, has vision and leads by example, faces challenges with grace and courage, and lives with dignity, integrity and honor.

"It was an honor to be recognized by the Women in Higher Education," said Winston. "WHET is a wonderful organization and many of the longtime members have served as great role models for me over the years."

Since 1980, WHET has sought to meet the needs of women in the academy, according to Winton. The organization holds professional development seminars, partners with the statewide Women's Leadership Conference for college and university students, offers annual scholarships, and supports members' participation in national leadership conferences.

Winston also received 3 other awards earlier this year including the College of Liberal Arts Professor of the Year for the 2015-2016 academic year.



### TSU Alumnus Makes Career of Mentoring Youth

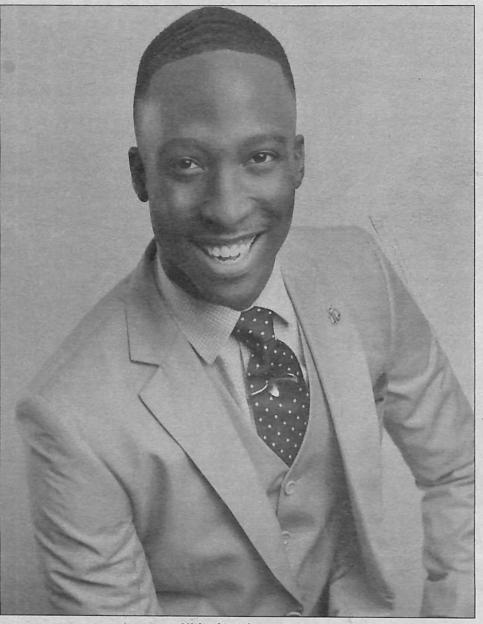
NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Michael D. Johnson, Jr. has made a career of empowering, connecting and marketing youth culture by exposing his peers and young adults to their untapped potential and unchartered opportunities.

Currently, he is employed with the United States Department of Defense as a Student Training & Academic Recruitment Representative. In this role, he works with students and veterans interested in internship, co-op, scholarship and job opportunities with the federal government.

In September 2015, Johnson participated in Tennessee State University's Career Development Center's Fall Career Fair providing information to students on how to hone the skills necessary to bolster their academic and career opportunities. The informational session welcomed all majors and classifications to participate.

He is the founder and president of the National Brotherhood Chain, Inc., an organization focused on linking high school and collegiate men with successful professionals striving to propel African-American men into economic, social and political spheres of brotherhood and power worldwide.

"It is our duty and purpose to keep



Michael D. Johnson, Jr.

young brothers encouraged, focused and inspired to keep pushing themselves pass their potential," according to comments on Johnson's website. "Programs such as the Brotherhood Chain are specifically designed to grant young brothers those opportunities that are not commonly provided to them."

Johnson is a Flint, Michigan native who made his way to Tennessee State University in 2010 after being recruited as part of the Men's Track & Field team, where he later became an Ohio Valley Conference finalist and champion. In addition to his athletic achievements, high scholastic achievement has always been his top priority. In 2014, he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Prior to graduating, he served as Mr. Tennessee State University for the 73rd Administration of the Student Government Association. In 2015, he earned a master's degree in Criminal Justice, also from TSU. He hopes to enroll in law school in fall 2016 with the goal of establishing his own law firm and becoming a sports/entertainment attorney.

He is an active member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, 100 Black Men, the Golden Key International Honor Society, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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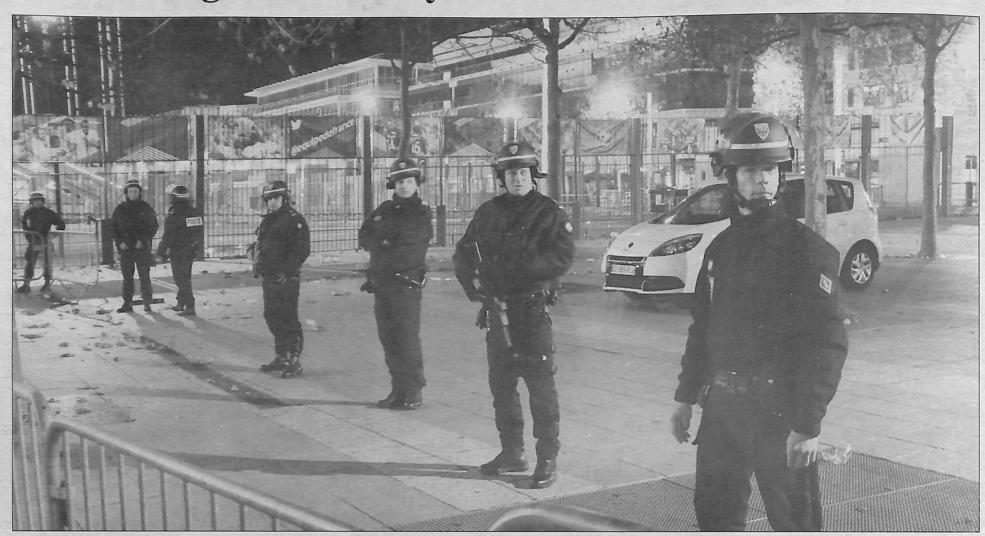
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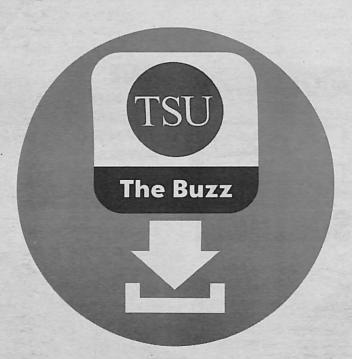
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### Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With Paris



Police stand watch after attacks in Paris where 129 were killed and more than 300 injured. In Beirut, 43 were killed in a suicide bombing. We pause to remember the victims and families of those killed in the recent terrorist attacks. The senseless murders are an attack on humanity. It touches all of us around the globe. We pray for peace everywhere.

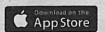


# TAP INTO WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS AND BEYOND.

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# **Updated Student Handbook Available**

Story/Photo by Leona Dunn Meter Staff Writer

The new Tennessee State University Handbook, with a focus on helping to enforce new rules and regulations recently adopted, has been distributed to the students and staff. The new book also makes sure students understand the new updated information in the different departments around campus.

"The handbook every year is a massive undertaking; we try to send it out and get all the departments input so that it is as current as possible with everyone's latest policies. It usually takes six to eight months for updates and is a very lengthy process," assistant Vice

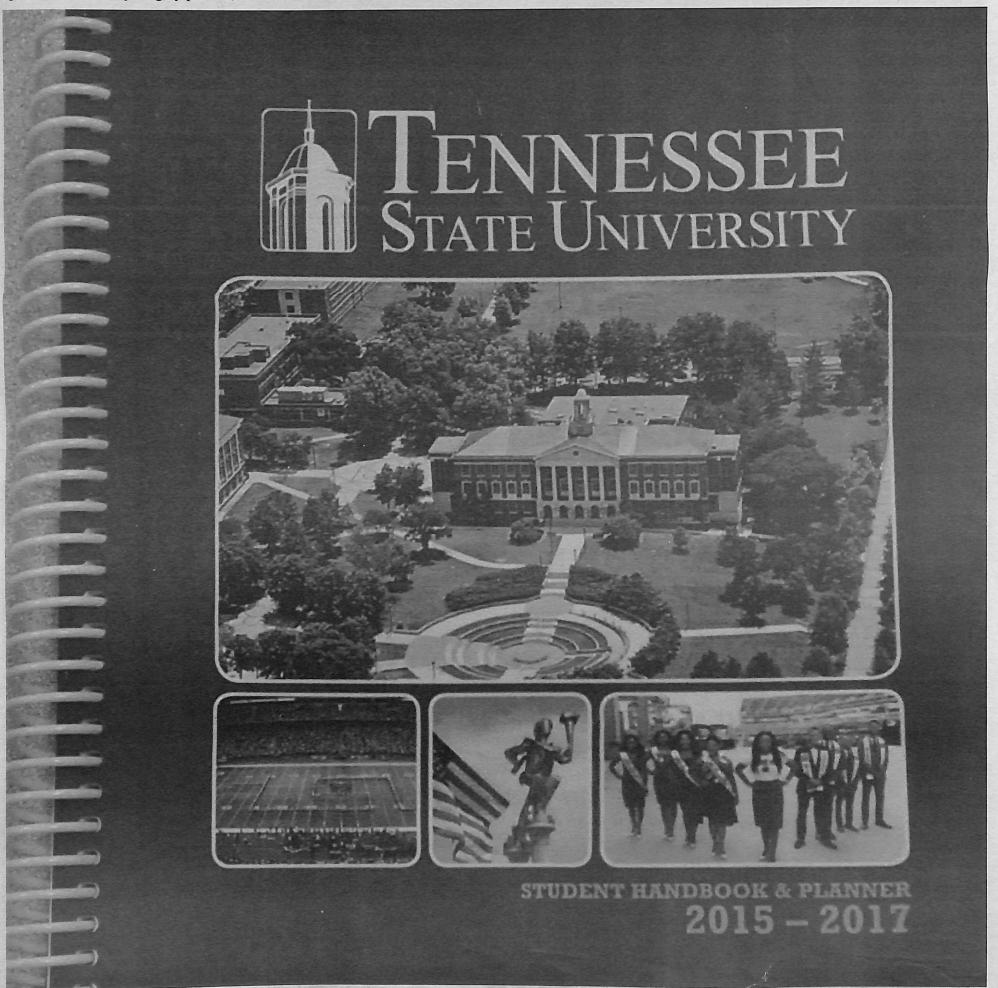
President for Student Affairs, Dr. Cheryl Green said.

The cover this year had the 75th Administration of the Student Government Association leaders of the house division, which has never been included in the previous handbooks.

"We wanted to emphasize that this was a student handbook so we tried to incorporate student images in the book. We put the school student leaders on the front to show what it's like coming in and metaphorically opening up the book. Then on the back of the cover there is a picture of graduation showing the ending of the book emphasizing the students leaving and accomplishing their goal, which is to graduate," Green said.

The printed version was distributed to all residence halls and offices where students generally came so that anyone can access one for free. There were fewer handbooks printed because there is an online version available.

"Cutting down the number of books printed saved money and trees since we are aware as a university that printing more than a couple thousand copies would result in just random handbooks sitting around not being read or used," Green said, "but we do hope they are used because handbooks are always equipped with planners in the back to help students with time management which is critical to being successful as a student."



Happy Thanksqiving! TO ALL TSU STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF