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Celebrating the Historical Accomplishments of TSU Women



Tennessee State University is known for legendary excellence. As we celebrate Women's History Month, take a look at the women of TSU who have pioneered various paths and made history along the way.

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ASHLEY PARMER
Editor in Chief

“Okay, ladies, now let’s get in formation.” This line from Beyonce’s anthem is for all women, especially this month. March is Women’s History Month, and it’s time we recognize our power.

Throughout history, women have had to suffer many hardships to find their place in society. Human beings, who birthed the world, were seen as invisible and not worthy. But after some time, women gained their voice and a vote, thanks to the women’s suffrage movement.

Decades later, women went from handling the home to dominating the workplace. In 2014, they represented 51 percent of professional and technical occupations, according to the De-

partment for Professional Employees. They further mention that “75 percent of all those employed in the education and health services industry were women.”

Women are also more likely to go to college than men. According to the Bureau Labor of Statistics, women represent almost “60 percent of all bachelor’s degrees, 60 percent of new master’s degrees, around 50 percent of all law and medical degrees, and 42 percent of all M.B.A.s.”

But at some point when women began to “run the world,” their self-esteem dwindled. They gave their power to likes on social media. They want their bodies like supermodels, but their brains to be filled with reality television. Instead of uplifting, they put down their sisters. While I know that some ambitious women still exist, what has happened to the rest of them?

Women have to remember the strides that have been made on their behalf and keep moving towards greatness. Women can do anything. History has proven that women can be astronauts, soldiers, even a presidential candidates.

This is no longer “a man’s world,” and “a real man can’t deny a women’s worth.” So ladies, “let’s get in formation.”

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Women of Legend and Merit Awards Dinner March 22

By Delvakio S. Brown
Meter Staff Writer

This year marks the ninth annual Women of Legend and Merit Awards Dinner. On March 22, the Gentry Center will be transformed into an evening filled with Jazz music, décor in resemblance of a royal feast with individuals who dedicate their lives to change. With great participation in previous years the ten-member committee for the event decided to bring the awards to Tennessee State University. Last year's event reached capacity and no local hotels in the area were able to occupy the expected number of over 600 guests for 2016. After a discussion, the committee saw fit for the event to be hosted on campus.

"We think everyone is going to be excited about how the Gentry Center is going to be transformed," stated Seanne Wilson, co-director of the Tennessee State University Women's Center.

The honorees for the 2016 awards include Ms. Jacky Akbari in the area of business, Mayor Megan Barry for government, Judge Angela Cox Esq. for legal, Dr. Sandra Holt for education, and

Ms. Latrisha Jemison for community service. There will be a surprise honoree that is clueless on her honor for her great works in striving to make a different in the Nashville community.

Black Girls Rock founder, Beverly Bonds, will be the special guest for the evening. Bonds selection as the keynote speaker was based off her ideology and what she strives to do with her foundation. It lines up with what the Women's Center is striving to do, which is, produce excellent women. The goal is to showcase entrepreneurs and leaders of the Nashville community who are doing great work for young ladies of Tennessee State University to meet and network with.

Last year, the event raised \$60,000 towards scholarship for female students. Many events will take place on the day of the awards including a private luncheon with speaker Beverly Bonds, the annual Honors College Convocation, and the distinguished lecture series. Because of events like this, women of TSU are granted opportunities that assist in academic and professional growth.

Williams Joins TSU as Associate Dean in College of Engineering

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Dr. Frances Williams is the new associate dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Engineering and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Tennessee State University.

In her new role, Williams will manage the graduate programs, provide oversight and coordinate research grants and contracts, as well as identify and initiate new research opportunities and collaborative partnerships for the college.

Before coming to TSU Williams was a faculty member and director of the Center for Materials Research at Norfolk State University. She also was the director of Norfolk State's Micro- and Nano-technology Center Cleanroom, a premiere research facility for fabricating micro- and nano-scale devices.

Her research focus is in the areas of advanced materials and devices, biosensors, and nano- and micro-electromechanical systems processing and devices. She has received grants totaling \$14 million as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator. In 2010 she received a U.S. patent for developing a micromachined sensor for monitoring electrochemical deposition.

Williams has received various awards including the 2013 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, the highest faculty award given out by the state. In 2012, she



Dr. Frances Williams

was named an "Emerging Scholar" by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine. She also received Norfolk State's top distinguished faculty award, the University Award of Excellence in 2010.

Williams is a member of several professional societies. She volunteers in various community programs that promote STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education for students from elementary to college age.

Williams holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, and a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.



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President Glover Addresses 10-Point Plan

By Shayla Simmons
Meter Staff Writer

From last semester's unsightly stint in the media to the state of the campus now, it is evident that a great change has taken place on the campus of Tennessee State University. The media has noticed this change once again, this time to bring awareness of these changes to the public.

On February 11, Channel 2 featured Tennessee State to review the state of the campus after the presentation and implementation of the 10-Point safety plan. President Glenda Glover was also interviewed to gain insight into her opinion on the shooting and how the school has changed since changes have been made. The interview was overall positive in its critique and highlighted the fact that



President Glenda Glover

TSU was once again a safe haven for its students.

After the feature story aired students began to voice their opinions on the state of their campus. While the commentary was mixed in its review, students generally agreed that the campus was much safer in comparison to the previous semester and years past.

"I can definitely see a difference on the campus since the introduction of the plan. It's much harder for students to enter into buildings or even the campus itself and even walk on the campus without having to show your ID. I think President Glover is doing what she thinks is best," says junior, Xefia Ford.

John Bradford, another junior, had this to say when asked his opinion, "Since the gates have been put up I do

feel a sense of security, and we're being asked to show our IDs more often. But it also gives off the vibe of being caged in sometimes."

Which leads to the widespread issue among the student body: violation of privacy.

"Yes, I do feel safer on campus, but the cost was my privacy. It makes me wonder which is the better deal," says a student who wished to remain anonymous.

Though the opinions of students vary, the general consensus is that the state of the campus has greatly improved. Students and faculty alike hope that this trend of improvement continues into the foreseeable future to ensure the best campus for current students of Tennessee State and those to come.

TSU Delves Into Governor's FOCUS Act With Students, Faculty, Administrators and Alumni

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University President Glenda Glover and State Rep. Harold Love, Jr. held a forum at TSU to discuss a legislative proposal that would restructure higher education governance.

Students, faculty, administrators, and alumni packed the Floyd-Payne Student Center auditorium on the university's campus on Feb. 23 to learn more about the Focus on College and University Success Act and express their concerns about the proposal being pushed by Governor Bill Haslam and that's advancing in the legislative process.

Love, who represents the university in House District 58 and is also an alumnus of TSU, said he wanted to address concerns about the impact the legislation could have specifically on Tennessee State University.

"I felt it was important to make myself available to answer questions," Love said before the event. "Tennessee State University has great leadership, students, faculty and alumni and it is my intention to convey their concerns to my colleagues in the Legislature and the Governor's office."

Currently, the Tennessee Board of Regents oversees 46 institutions: six public four-year state universities (including TSU), 13 community colleges and 27 technical colleges.

Under the FOCUS Act, TBR

would oversee the state's community and technical colleges only, and focus on promoting graduation rates at those institutions. Haslam has said the legislation is the next step in his "Drive to 55" initiative, which seeks to increase the percentage of Tennesseans with a postsecondary credential to 55 by 2025.

"With 46 institutions, it is difficult for TBR to meet all of the diverse challenges of the system," according to the governor's website about the legislation. "Community colleges arguably need greater focus at a system level in the Drive to 55, while TBR's four-year state universities could benefit from greater autonomy."

Glover said she has concerns about the legislation, but noted that of the nine amendments the university has proposed to the governor, four have been accepted.

She said one of her main concerns is that the legislation maintains an equitable funding process for all of the four-year public institutions, especially TSU.

"We have a mission that is far different from the other five institutions," Glover said. "The proposed legislation can't be viewed as one size fits all. This difference must be recognized. I have communicated these and other concerns to the governor's office and they are working with us. I remain hopeful that the final legislation will be fair and equi-

table for our students, faculty, and staff, but most important, our university. We're going to get through this together."

Glover said she would be persistent in talking to lawmakers about what's in the best interest of the university.

"Our University is in the planning stages of implementing FOCUS. We will host several meetings in an effort to keep the TSU family updated on any amendments to the bill as well as where we are in the implementation phase."

Another concern is the bill's makeup of local boards that will oversee the state's six four-year institutions. Some attending the forum questioned whether the eight members appointed by the governor for the 10-member panels should be handling certain higher education issues, such as schools' leadership, tuition, faculty tenure, and curricula.

"This bill appears to weaken the institutional leadership of the University and potentially allow a university board to manage the day-to-day operations whereby their credentials and vision may conflict with that of the president of the University," said Dr. Samuel Hargrove, dean of TSU's College of Engineering. "However, if this is the intent of the bill, I am confident TSU will respond strategically to continue its mission and purpose."

Faculty Senate Chair Michael Catanzaro said he's re-



State Rep. Harold Love, Jr.

ceived phone calls and emails from the Faculty Senate regarding concerns about the bill and its potentially negative impact on the university.

"Each college and school within Tennessee State University has specific curricula and requirements for diplomas and degrees as determined by accrediting agencies," Catanzaro said. "The FOCUS bill enables a Board of Trustees that may comprise people with little or no knowledge of accreditation requirements to have the power to develop curricula that may adversely affect the quality of education as well as violate the 'academic freedom' of professors."

Students also voiced their concerns about the proposal, with questions ranging from a name change, available funding for campus improvements, to student involvement on the new-

ly formed university board.

SGA President RaCia Poston said she had spoken with her counterparts regarding student participation with the board on student-related programs, fees, and activities.

"I've talked with student leaders from the other TBR four-year institutions and shared my concerns about the student representative being a non-voting member of the board," Poston said.

"As a legislative intern, I'm lobbying lawmakers during my time at the Capitol on why the student vote should count."

Love urged everyone to email the governor and lawmakers their concerns, as well as attend legislative committee meetings where the bill is being debated.

Tennessee State University is the only four-year public institution in Nashville and the only public four-year HBCU in the State of Tennessee. TSU offers 45 bachelor's degree programs and 24 master's degree programs and awards doctoral degrees in biological sciences, computer information systems, engineering, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, educational administration and supervision, and physical therapy. In entirety, Tennessee State University comprises eight colleges and schools.

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- ◆ TSU Staff can also learn about smoking cessation assistance through the Magellan Employee Assistance Program: Elizabeth Duncan in Human Resources: eduncan3@tnstate.edu

Tennessee State Timeline of Women

By Taylor Powell
Meter Staff Writer



1960 Wilma Glodean Rudolph becomes first American woman to win three gold medals in the Olympics.

Rudolph was an American track and field sprinter, who competed in the 100 and 200 meters dash. Rudolph was considered the fastest woman in the world in the 1960s and competed in two Olympic Games, in 1956 and in 1960.



1964 Wyomia Tyus was the first athlete to win gold medals in the 100-yard dash in consecutive Olympics.

Tyus is a former American track and field sprinter and Tigerbelle for Tennessee State University under the leadership of Coach Ed Temple. Although she barely qualified for

Olympics track team, she participated in the 1964 Summer

Olympics at age 19 and made history.



1968 Xernona Clayton Brady became the first black woman in the South to host a regularly scheduled prime-time talk show.

Born August 30, 1930 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Brady is an American civil rights leader and broadcasting executive. During the African American Civil Rights Movement, she worked for the National Urban League and Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where she became involved in the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her show, Variations became The Xernona Clayton Show on WAGA-TV in Atlanta.



1973 Oprah Gail Winfrey became the first female Black co-anchor for a CBS news affiliate in Nashville.



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University's Women's Excellence

Winfrey, born January 29, 1954, is an American media personality, talk show host, actress, producer, and philanthropist. She is also the first Black business woman to own a television network called "OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network."



1989 Thelma Harper is the first African-American female ever elected to the Tennessee State Senate

Harper, known for her stylish hats, is an American politician and a Democratic member of the Tennessee Senate for the 19th district, which is composed of a large portion of Davidson County including the urban core of Nashville.



2013 Dr. Glenda Baskins Glover becomes the first female president of Tennessee State University.

Dr. Glover was born in Memphis, Tennessee and raised in the Weaver Road vi-

city near Boxtown. After graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Tennessee State University, she earned the Master of Business Administration at Clark Atlanta University in 1976. She then completed her doctorate in business from George Washington University in 1990, and later completed her law degree from Georgetown University in 1994. She is one of two African American women in the nation to hold the Ph.D.-CPA-JD combination.



2016 Chandra Cheeseborough receives the Jimmy Carnes Lifetime Achievement Award.

Cheeseborough born January 10, 1959 in Jacksonville, Florida is an American track and field athlete. Cheeseborough broke onto the international track scene at age 16 by winning two gold medals at the 1975 Pan American Games, taking the 200 m in an American record time of 22.77 seconds. In 1976, she set an American junior record of 11.13 seconds in placing second at the U.S Olympic trials, then placed sixth in that event at the Montreal Olympics.

Women's Organizations

- National Council of Negro Women
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New Direction Wins First Place



Congratulations to TSU's New Direction Gospel Choir for winning first place in the Joyful Noise Showcase!

Time for Black Americans to Get In Formation

By Ada Taylor
Meter Staff Writer

Mountains are moved when Black Americans come together and Beyoncé is one artist who understands this. This is the message behind her recent single "Formation" which dropped a day before she performed at Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7.

But it isn't just her song that was inspired by Black Power, but her halftime per-

formance as well. Using the national platform of the Super Bowl, Beyoncé paid homage to the Black Panther Party with her costume choice. For some, this was upsetting. For others, it was empowering.

While some do not believe that entertainers have any place in politics, others loved to see their idol speaking out and uplifting their race. Women especially love the song.

At one point, Beyoncé reminded everyone how much

money she has now compared to how much she had before. She says that she might be a black Bill Gates in the making, and that you can as well. In fact, this is the entire idea behind formation.

To be in formation means that black people are working together instead of against one another, and this also extends to the larger community. This

is why Beyoncé was sure to include the Black Panther Party in her concept of formation, because that is exactly how the Black Panthers came to fruition. The Panthers were born 50 years ago out of a need for black unity, protection and uplifting the black community. They provided breakfast to children who were hungry. now it is time to get in for-

mation once again. It is clear that Beyoncé is taking a stand against police brutality in the video, even having officers raising their hands as if to say "don't shoot".

It is 2016, and race is still an issue for many people. What will you do to change this? Will you get in formation? And what can we do here at Tennessee State University?



Beyoncé performing at the Super Bowl on February 7, 2016

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- 4- Major Decisions Fair/10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m./ Location: TBD
- 23- Career Meet-up - Resume Ready/Career Development Center



- 5-8 Senior Success Week
- 5- Breakfast, Brag, and Brand/8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m./FPCC 302
- 5- Professional Development Check (Resumes, Business Cards)
- 6- Nashville Area Career Fair and LinkedIn Photo Shoot/10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m./Tennessee State Fairgrounds
- 7- Entertainment Industry College Outreach Conference/1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m./FPCC Forum
- 8- Graduate and Professional School Search Strategies/By appointment/ Career Development Center

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Please visit the Career Development Center for additional dates, times, and locations of career and professional development events

Event dates, times, and locations are subject to revision.

Luntz Educates Staff on Shooting Effective Video

By Melody Scales
Meter Staff Writer

With the world and technology steadily evolving, so does the way we tell stories. Jason Luntz, a social media strategist who helps organizations build a presence using social and multimedia and a professor at TSU, gave "The Meter" a visit to teach us how to shoot effective video from our cell phones.

"Have you noticed that videos uploaded directly to Facebook go viral more quickly? People are less likely to click links," says Jason Luntz.

The first tip to shooting great video is to shoot it horizontally. If you shoot vertically then you will be greeted by two black bars on the sides of your video because that is how the platform fills in the space. The other problem with shooting vertically is that you leave out a lot of action, and it is more difficult to follow the action.

Second, keep the video short.

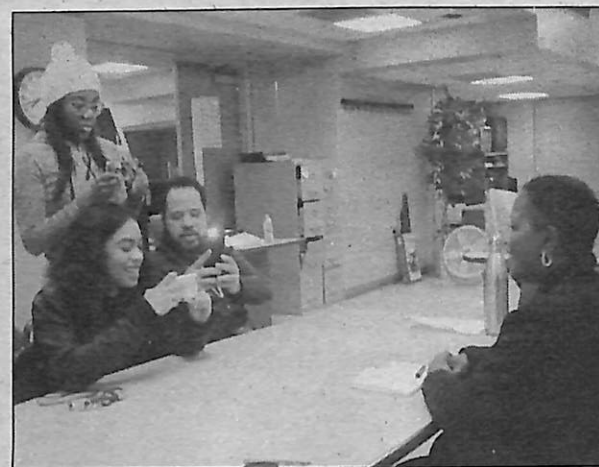
"Answer this question. Would you watch a video that is over three minutes long?" asked Luntz.

Also, try to grab the viewers' attention right away. If people are not willing to watch a three minute long

video then they definitely will not wait for the video to get interesting.

Finally, use your arms and the palm of your hands to keep your camera steady. One trick that professionals use is to bring the elbows in as close as possible to remove shakiness. Or try holding the camera between your palms.

Out of all the tips, shooting horizontally is the most important. It is easier to edit with especially if you are using video from another camera. Look forward to seeing these tips in practice on our website and app.



Journalism instructor Jason Luntz gives pointers about shooting video on smart phones to Meter staffers Taylor Powell (standing) and Shayla Simmons while advisor Sandra Long Weaver tells a story about the founders of the National Association of Black Journalists.

10 Tips to a Safe and Enjoyable Spring Break

By Shayla Simmons
Meter Staff Writer

Slowly but surely, the clock is winding down to Spring Break for us students. Study groups form in preparation for midterms. Travel arrangements are discussed between friends. The excitement of the memories to be made can be felt all across the campus. Where's the best place to go? What's the best deal? When are we finally leaving?

Yet unfortunately among these conversations one rarely overhear tips on how to properly plan and execute a safe spring break trip. To help in this planning process here are ten quick tips brought to you by the

Center of Disease Control.

1. Limit your alcohol intake - if you're of legal drinking age within your destination, be mindful of the effects of alcohol.
2. Be active- utilize your spring break to make up for lack of activity during the school year.
3. Plan a successful trip- prepare all vaccines, documents and any other necessities before departing.
4. Protect yourself - get tested before leaving and be sure to pack protection whether you plan to engage in sexual behavior or not.
5. Watch your step- take extra precaution if engaging in high-risk activities such as extreme sports.
6. Protect your eyes - do not skimp on proper con-

tact lens maintenance if you wear any.

7. Know the ropes - when swimming do not go outside of your personal limits.
8. Protect yourself from the sun- use sunscreen for prolonged exposure to the sun's harsh rays.
9. Eat healthy- take the time to eat a well-balanced meal for energy to enjoy your trip.
10. Be smoke free - do not engage in activities that can have long term effects on your health for a cheap thrill and avoid secondhand smoke if possible.

With these tips you can ensure that you will have a great spring break!

Empowering Women Novels

By Khandi Wilson

1. **Waiting to Exhale - Terry McMillan**
2. **Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail - Cheryl Strayed**
3. **Daughter: A Novel - Ashe Bandele**
4. **When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost - Joan Morgan**
5. **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou**
6. **A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini**
7. **The Color Purple - Alice Walker**
8. **Purple Hibiscus - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
9. **Assata: An Autobiography - Assata Shakur**
10. **Divergent Series - Veronica Roth**

Signature Programs

Division of Student Affairs

March

- 4th Career Development Center Major Decisions Fair, Kean Hall (10AM-2PM)
- 22nd Women's Center "Women of Legend and Merit," Gentry Center (7PM)
- 19th Annual Black Student Wellness Center Strength and Endurance Competition, Wellness Center (5:30PM)
- 4th Student Health Services Student Health Services Blood Drive, Kean Hall (10AM-4PM)
- 22nd Women's Center & Residence Life Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Residence Halls (7PM)
- 8th Student Council Annual Ice Cream Social Meet and Greet, Courtyard (2PM-4PM)
- 13th Student Activities HBCU Denim Day 4th Annual Balloon Dedication, Courtyard (12PM)
- 16th 24th Annual Black Student Wellness Center 3rd Annual Big Blue 5K Walk/Run
- 14th Women's Center Wisdom Speaks, The Forum (5PM)
- 21st Student Activities OSCARS (Student Organizations Awards Banquet), Kean Hall Gym (6PM)

April

- Campus Center, Intramural & Recreational Sports - Career Development Center - Counseling Center - Health Services - Men & Women Centers - Off-Campus Student - Residence Life - Student Activities - Student Conduct - Student Publications - Wellness Center

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TSU Job Fair Helps Recruit Recent Grads

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University was one of two higher education institutions selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help recent graduates find employment in the agricultural field.

TSU hosted a job fair on Feb. 5 that attracted 60 students from several southern colleges and universities. Alabama A&M University hosted a similar event the day before.

William Hayslett, Sr. is academic co-ordinator for TSU's College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences. He said he's honored that USDA officials selected TSU to host one of the job fairs.

"It says that we're on their radar, and that they thought we have something to offer," Hayslett said. "We also want to expose our students to job opportunities."

The USDA Pathways Recent Graduates Program is a one-year program for individuals who have recently graduated and seek a career development program with training and mentorship. Applicants must apply within two years of degree completion.

The benefit of the job fairs, according to USDA officials, is that they allow individuals to apply on the spot and avoid the online process. It's also an opportunity to ensure diversity in the selection process, said Marcus Brownrigg, deputy director at the USDA's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.



William Hayslett, Sr. (center) is academic co-ordinator for TSU's College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences and students

"We were tasked to see what we could do to increase the number of diverse student interns and recent graduates we brought onboard USDA," Brownrigg said. "And this is one of the mechanisms that we've been using. Going out where students actually are and taking their applications onsite is part of our overall recruitment strategy."

Recruiters at the TSU job fair took ap-

plications for farm loan officer trainees, who undergo a year of training before full federal employment.

Lauren Brewer, who is majoring in international studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, said she'd like to get one of the positions. But she said the job fairs are also an opportunity to network.

"It's a good way for students to come

together and network with officials," said the 21-year-old Brewer. "You just can't get that through an email or a phone call."

With more than 100,000 employees and 7,000 offices, USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management.

Nashville DA Funk Touts Safety on Campuses

NASHVILLE, TN — (TSU News Service) — Nashville District Attorney General Glenn Funk says he wants to work with the state's colleges and universities to help keep them safe.

Funk spoke at a Crime Stoppers meeting hosted by Tennessee State University on Feb. 11. The meetings are held at a different regional higher education institution or police facility each month, and allow security officials from various law enforcement agencies to come together and share information about criminal incidents that have occurred at surrounding colleges and universities.

"We try to collectively look at the crime that's happening in our area," said Thomas Jackson, commander of TSU's Police Department and the meeting's organizer. "And brainstorm about what we can do to make our universities and colleges more safe for our students, faculty and staff."

In the case of TSU, Funk said the DA's office has designated a person to be a liaison between the university and his office. He said if there's a criminal issue on the campus, TSU's leadership can go to that person and they can make prosecutorial decisions together.

"Whatever the issues are, the only way that we can effectively prosecute cases is to make sure that we have an understanding with law enforcement, or with security, in order to make sure that everybody is on the same page going forward," Funk said. "One of the reasons I wanted to come out here and talk to this group is I want to make sure that every one of your individual



Glenn Funk,
Nashville District Attorney General

agencies knows, my door is open."

Other issues at the meeting included efforts to educate students about domestic violence, as well as fraudulent activity.

"The sad thing with domestic violence is a lot of them don't even know the warning signs," said Aerin Washington, TSU's crime prevention officer.

She also said a lot of students fall victim to fraudulent activity, like credit card schemes.

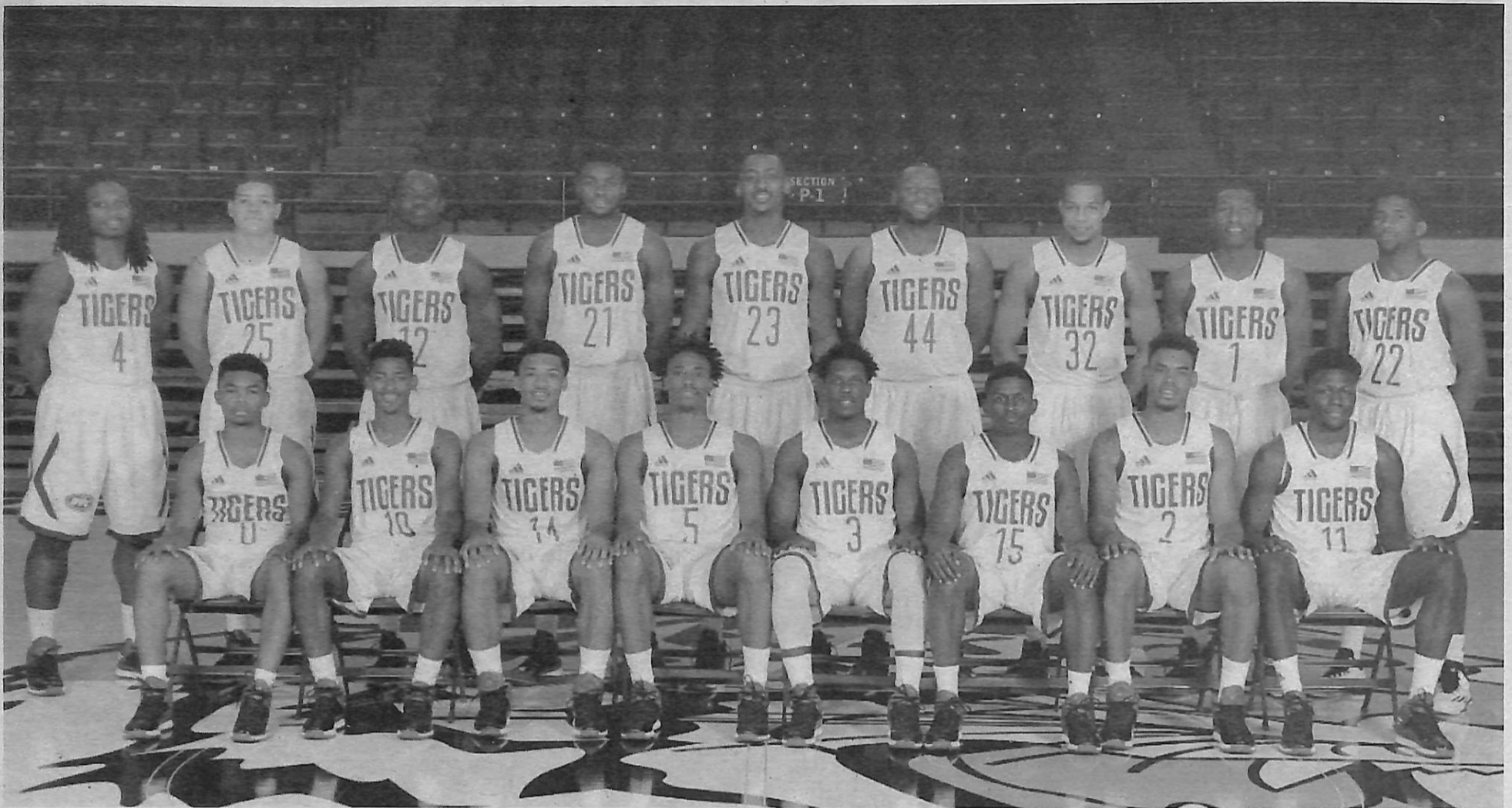
"We see quite a bit of it on campus," Washington said. "And so there's definitely room to educate our students about just avoiding the risks that are associated with those activities, and just educating them on how to prevent being victim."

Funk said he plans to attend future Crime Stopper meetings.

"Hopefully I'll be coming back to sit and listen," Funk said before the meeting. "This is kind of where the rubber meets the road when it comes to community safety, and community spirit."

Besides TSU, other higher education institutions that participate in Crime Stoppers include Aquinas College, Belmont University, Cumberland College, Fisk University, Lipscomb University, Meharry Medical College, Middle Tennessee State University, Nashville State Community College, Trevecca Nazarene College, Vanderbilt University and Vol State Community College.

TSU Tigers OVC Tournament Preview



TSU's Mens Basketball Team 2015-2016

By Javion Simmons
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It's March, and for college basketball fans that can only mean one thing, March Madness. The month, filled with conference and ultimately the NCAA tournament, is an annual tradition that has college sports fans busting out the brackets.



This year, the Tennessee State University Men's Basketball team is firmly in the tournament picture. The Tigers have had a phenomenal season, boasting a 19-9 record overall with an OVC record of 10-5. The Tigers trail only Belmont by two games for the first place seed in the tournament but will have the second seed. The Tigers

have gotten a lot of help from senior guard Keron Deshields, who currently leads the team in points, averaging just over 16 points a game. Deshields also leads the team in assists. Tigers Head coach Dana Ford, says that good defense is essential to the 'Tigers' survival in the tournament.

"I think that with our experience in the back court, sometimes that can kind of will us through games. But if we can't stop people then we don't have a chance," said Ford.

The Tigers' season is also generating some buzz around campus. Some students around the TSU community, like Kenny Jones, think that Tigers are poised for an OVC Championship and an NCAA Tournament berth.

"This year's team is probably the best I've seen since I've attended TSU. They have a different type of playing style and they play with so much energy. It looks like they play hard and having fun doing it," says Jones.

Check for updates in the OVC Tournament that began yesterday at the Municipal Auditorium.

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MARCH

- March 1-4** Student Study Week
- March 7-11** Midterm Exam Week
- March 14-18** Spring Break
- March 23** March Madness (basketball tournament with all orgs) (Tentative)
- March 23-25** Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Week
- March 28-30** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Week

APRIL

- April 3-9** SEC Week – Student Elections Commission Campaign Week
- April 13** HBCU Denim Day 4th Annual Balloon Dedication
Floyd-Payne Campus Center Courtyard
- April 17-19** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Week
- April 20** Tiger Fest 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Floyd-Payne Campus Center Courtyard
- April 20** Spring Concert (TBA)
- April 21** OSCARS Awards Banquet – 6:00 PM
Kean Hall Gym
- April 21-22** Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Week
- April 22** End of the Year Reports Due from ALL registered organizations
- April 23** Collegiate All Star Step Show (TBA)

MAY

- May 2-6** Final Exams

