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Will Justice Prevail?



**Royal Court, House of Delegates
Officials Face Possible Dismissal**

'Dirty Dent' inducted to Hall of Fame

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Contributing Reporters

TSU alumnus Richard L. Dent was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame Aug. 6.

"I'm very happy...When you start a career you never think about the Hall of Fame," the former Tiger said during the ceremony.

Dent was inducted alongside Shannon Sharpe, Deion Sanders, Ed Sabol, Les Richter, Chris Hanburger, and Marshall Faulk.

After graduating from the university in 1983, Dent was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the eighth round.

He played as a defensive end with the Chicago Bears for 12 of his 15 years in the league. Dent also played for the San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Dent was named the Most

Valuable Player in Super Bowl XX and was a Super Bowl XXIX champion.

Mike Jones, a current TSU football coach, a close friend and former Dent teammate, said, "If you can do your thing the way [Walter Payton] does his, the possibility is you will get in the Hall of Fame."

Dent and Jones played football all four years together at TSU 1980-1983.

"Dent was a very kind and gentle person off field, but extremely aggressive on field," Jones said.

In fact, Dent was so aggressive that he was given the nickname "Dirty Dent."

The nickname has stuck between the two friends even while Jones played opposite Dent in the NFL for the Minnesota Vikings.

Jones said he still keeps in touch with Dent because of TSU's tradition of brotherhood amongst

teammates that the coaches instill in all the players.

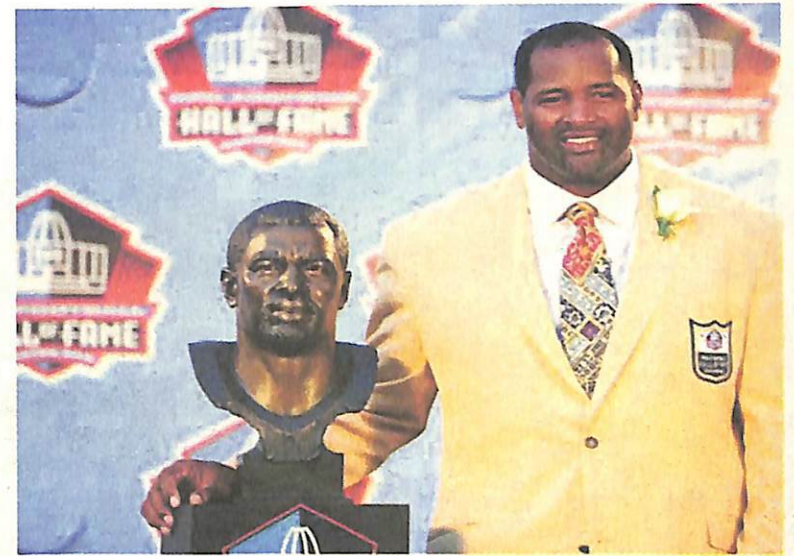
Jones said that a burden was lifted from Dent's shoulders after years of waiting and stressing over whether he would be inducted.

Jones said he also felt relieved and joyful for Dent. Having someone like Dent who is recognized alongside other TSU athletes like Claude Humphrey and Ed "Too Tall" Jones, does a lot for the athletic programs and for TSU.

"Dent's induction gives me faith that one day I too can become a NFL Hall of Famer," said Wesley Samuels, a sophomore physical therapy major from Birmingham, Ala.

Asia Ashley, a sophomore chemistry major from Memphis, Tenn., said, "Dent's induction to the NFL Hall of Fame is a wonderful blessing.

"He has proven that we have



TSU alumnus Rich Dent poses with his NFL Hall of Fame statue.

successful athletes and that you do not have to go to a Division IA school to go to the Hall of Fame," she said.

Student, alumni develop mobile 'Big Blue' app

BY CHRISTOPHER PATTERSON
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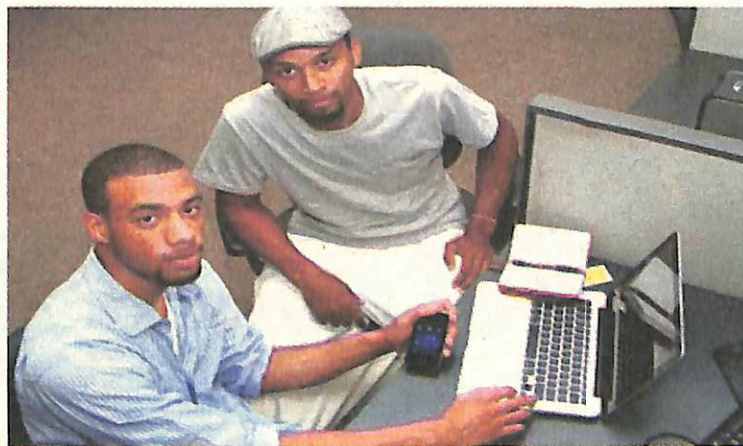
In order to stay current and connected with the community, a TSU student and two alumni took steps forward in designing and launching a new mobile application called "Big Blue."

The application, intended to help the university further connect with students and alumni, provides TSU-related news updates.

With the application, students can access the campus directory and the bookstore, and get information from the athletics department and the university's public relations department.

"I noticed a lack of communication and a high need for quickly spreading student-related information and events on campus," explained Andre Woodley, a junior computer science major from Portsmouth, Va., and the developer of the "Big Blue" app. "I just wanted to assist TSU in getting the word out with everything on campus."

He said he realized the uni-



Andre Woodley (left) and Patrick Calvin display their mobile app.

versity was having a problem-notifying students of campus events in the fall of 2010 when Kimberly Osorio, a featured speaker for the Samuel H. Shannon Distinguished Lecture Series, arrived to a low student turnout.

Woodley also noted that many other events had the same problem: poor participation and low student attendance.

His eureka moment occurred shortly thereafter, when he realized that on TSU's highly-connected campus, the one thing everyone has perpetual access to is a cell phone.

"After studying all the data, the best solution to the problem was the mobile application," said Woodley. "This way, students can't ever say they didn't know

what's happening on campus. Everything is right at their fingertips."

He wrote and submitted a 20-page proposal Michael Freeman, former vice president of Student Affairs.

In the proposal, he cited research about the percentage of students using computers, smartphones, and other electronic devices to access the internet.

He also cited four problems that TSU was experiencing in relation to its word-of-mouth news system: informing students in a timely manner, assisting faculty and staff, connecting with alumni, and recruiting potential students.

"When Andre first came and showed me the app, I thought it was fabulous," said Dr. Freeman. "It is past time the school needed an app."

The "Big Blue" application launched July 11 and managed over a thousand downloads in its first week with no marketing.

On July 27, Woodley made a status update about the app on

Facebook. It became a trending topic on Twitter for two days.

"I didn't say anything about it [initially] because I wasn't fully satisfied with it," Woodley explains. "I'm still not fully satisfied with it, but Rome wasn't built over night."

Now, the application can be downloaded for free from iTunes, and by all devices with the Android market. There is no cost for the application.

In the future, Woodley plans for the Big Blue app is to be faster, more reliable, more user-friendly and informative for faculty and staff.

Pending updates include live features and tutoring services.

Woodley, along with his partners, TSU alumni Edwin Morgan and Patrick Calvin, also have plans to expand the app to other HBCUs.

"We want to create an app for individual colleges and universities," Calvin explained. "In an effort to create a nationwide HBCU network within the app, we'll be bringing everyone together."

SGA House, Court could be dismissed

BY AJAIA SPICER
Contributing Reporter

All but five members of TSU's SGA House of Delegates, which includes the SGA president, vice president, Miss TSU, Mr. TSU, class representatives, representatives at-large and the Royal Court, have been commanded to "cease and desist" all SGA activities, following a Sept. 12 meeting with interim Vice President for Student Affairs Dexter Samuels and Dean of Students Peggy Earnest.

The "cease and desist" order was a disciplinary sanction issued by university officials after an incident at the Sept. 10 Southern Heritage Classic game in Memphis.

Extensive reporting by *The Meter* staff revealed that after SGA members arrived at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, sources said, SGA members discovered their seats in the area usually reserved for student leaders and the Pep Club next to the Aristocrat of Bands were not available this year.

Instead, the tickets SGA members received were in the "nose bleed" section of the stadium.

Refusing to sit in that section, SGA members then moved to other seats in the stadium, including those in an area reserved for the Aristocrat of Bands.

After a band director asked



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The Royal Court and all but five of the House of Delegates have been told to "cease and desist."

the members to leave, sources said, SGA members walked down to the field at the suggestion of Sonya Smith, director of the Office of Student Activities.

One female member of the Royal Court stated that blisters on her feet had started to burst. While

getting her foot wrapped, she was told she should not wear her heels for extensive amount of time during the game.

To support her, sources said, all female members of the House of Delegates then removed their heels for the remaining three hours of

the game.

Smith, however, then warned those members, sources said, that it was proper protocol for everyone to wear shoes on the field. Members declined to put their shoes back on, instead proceeding to stand barefooted.

Sources said Smith then informed members that if they remained barefooted, she would not support their actions.

At halftime members put back on their heels and proceeded to the 50 yard line to watch the band perform and walk the stadium.

After several failed attempts of instructing members to move elsewhere, around the end of third quarter, SGA members headed toward the direction of the President's Box.

They were told not to proceed by university officials, sources said; instead, they were told by university officials to attend the Sept 12 mandatory meeting with Samuels, interim vice president of student affairs.

After being escorted off the field by TSU officials, SGA members then decided to remain on the field until the end of the game.

Samuels informed the House of Delegates at the Monday meeting that they were placed on a cease and desist" status until all went through through the proper protocol and had hearings.

The SGA members were charged with two counts of disorderly conduct.

Numerous attempts by *The Meter* to interview Samuels, Earnest, and Smith were not successful. They were not "available for comment."

iPhone 5, iPhone 4GS on the way from Apple

BY PATRICK LEWIS
Contributing Reporter

Only months after iPhone 4 had its summer 2010 release, rumors began to swirl about an iPhone 5. Online media blogs exploded with reports that buyers would see the iPhone 5 in Apple stores as early as September.

Fall is a huge step away from summer because if consumers pays attention to tech giant Apple, every summer in June since

2007 buyers witness an iPhone release.

In 2007 the iPhone was born, in 2008 the iPhone 3G, 2009 the iPhone 3GS and in 2010 consumers were introduced to iPhone 4.

In 2011 the iPhone 5 may make an appearance for more than one carrier.

The rumors are forming that not only will consumers be seeing iPhone 5 but the possibility of an iPhone 4GS.

These two phones may drop this fall, making this a busy time

for technicians.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Sprint will be carrying iPhone 5 in Oct.

Considering that Verizon Wireless started selling iPhone 4 on Feb. 10, after months of denial from AT&T and Apple; the *Wall Street Journal's* reports may be true.

Unfortunately Steve Jobs the creator and CEO of Apple as of Aug. 24, resigned due to ongoing health problems he's been battling since 2004.

Jobs has been on medical leave

since January 2011, only to step back in the spotlight to unveil a new Apple product.

Stepping into Steve's place will be the chief executive officer of Apple Timothy Cook.

Cook was a VP over corporate materials for six months before being asked to join Apple by Jobs in 1998.

Prior to that Cook spent 12 years in IBM's personal computer business as director of North American Fulfillment.



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From Where I Sit
LaToya Pickett
Editor in Chief

The Meter through one of her Facebook statuses.

I wrote for my high school paper. So, I thought joining the newspaper at TSU would be a great chance to sharpen my journalism skills.

Now, roughly two years later and entering my junior year as a communication major, my evolution as a journalist and as a person has grown fiercely.

Kean Hall's suite 304 has not only become my place of work, but my home away from home. The people I have met there are not only colleagues and friends -- they are my family.

After spending countless hours with them, these people have the distinction of knowing the good, the bad and the ugly of LaToya Pickett.

By attending TSU, I have been forced to come out of my comfort zones. My hometown of Little Rock, Ark., is a five-hour drive from here, so I couldn't just run home on weekends.

Instead, only knowing a handful of people, I have had no choice but to make the most of my experience.

My journey at TSU has been a series of up and downs, from the relationships I have formed to me rethinking my decision on attending this school.

Though the road has been rough sometimes, I have always found reasons why coming to TSU has been one of the best decisions I have ever made.

One of those reasons is the impact *The Meter* has had on me. I would never be able to

see the things I saw, learn the lessons I learned, or experience everything I had nowhere else but TSU.

One thing is certain, since coming to TSU, I have become a lot more aggressive in the pursuit of my dreams.

A similar mentality is coursing through the veins in many of my counterparts; a great portion of the TSU population is hustling to get to the next step of their own evolution. We are all here to discover our dreams.

It is my job as editor-in-chief to bring this aggressiveness I have found in myself to communicate my vision for this publication, which is to ensure the highest quality of content appears in print and on the web at www.tsumeter.com.

Furthermore, it is my responsibility to hold my staff accountable for supporting our mission of "reporting the highlights and lowlights of TSU and its surrounding community."

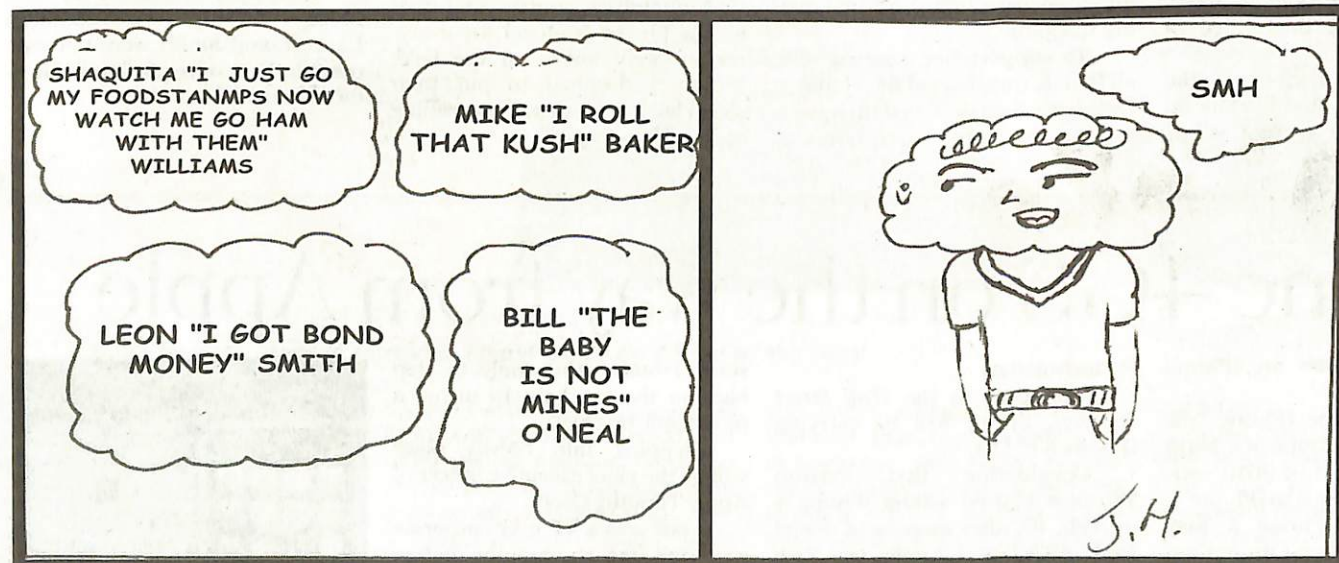
Finally, it is my task to bring an evolution of *The Meter*. I want *The Meter* to bring excitement, inspiration, and powerful messages through the articles, features, images, editorials and multimedia.

The Meter was created by students for students, so this is your paper. *The Meter* is not defined as just newspapers, but as a testimony to your life at TSU. Embrace it.

LaToya Pickett

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Tennessee State University Edition



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» **Q&A:** President Portia H. Shields

Shields reflects on time at TSU

STAFF REPORT

Interim President Portia H. Shields stopped by *The Meter* office for what was scheduled as a 30-minute chat on Aug. 24 to discuss changes she has implemented since being hired by TBR Chancellor John Morgan in January. Shields replaced seventh president Melvin N. Johnson, who resigned last summer.

Instead, the interview lasted for nearly two hours, as Shields candidly and exclusively discussed her priorities, her first impression and a myriad of other issues.

This isn't Shields' first time in the role of university president, having served as Albany State University's president in 1996.

Through her leadership, the school received a \$3 million donation from the late music artist Ray Charles, accepted \$25 million in grants, and complete a \$3 million on-campus stadium.

Here at TSU, Shield has shaken up things as well. In the span of eight months, positions have been altered, majors have been removed, organization structure has been redefine, among other changes.

Shields assured these changes were done with students' well-being in mind.

What are your main priorities for the 2011-2012 school year? How will you execute them to succeed?

My priority number one is to make sure the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) reports are in. That's the priority, to get that out the door.

My second priority is to make sure needs are met for every student. I think we have done a good job, but we could do better. I have been around asking for internships.

So what I am interested in doing is to make sure our students come in as freshmen, by the end of their freshmen year have a major. So they all have to do community service.



PHOTO BY VIVIAN FOX

The Meter's LaToya D. Pickett and Christopher Patterson interview TSU President Portia H. Shields.

Then, their second year they should have at least a shadowing opportunity or an unpaid internship, same thing for the third year.

I would also include an international opportunity and the fourth year should be a paid internship at a major corporation or company, representing their major. That's what I'm going towards.

My other priority is we are failing our African-American males as far as educating them.

We found that there is a 25 percent graduation rate in Detroit area high schools, 35 percent in other major cities.

So, we are trying to get our students, our African-American students, and our African-American males up ready and

lead.

Otherwise whom will the ladies marry? Otherwise who will take care of the children? Did you know we have almost 50 percent of our mothers at home with no daddies?

We have found in the research to show that it affects the students' academic quality.

So we are trying to establish an African-American male center that would include every male this campus, we're not leaving anybody out.

What are your goals for your remaining time at TSU?

PS: Once we get our accreditation done, we have designed a car — John Cade did this, it's called "Meet Me At TSU."

We are going to fill that car

with blue and white balloons and travel to every high school around here. My goal before I leave is to raise admission standards and also raise enrollment.

So, we will be going out on our own and standing outside of high schools talking to students to make sure they come. We need to raise the number of students who come here.

I have already begun raising scholarship money. When a student comes here from out of state it costs \$30,000; we have to help find that money. If we go out to get the best, we have to be able to pay them to come here.

At my old school, Albany State, we not only gave them a presidential scholarship, which means it covered tuition, room and board, fees and all of that.

Then, we made them HOPE-eligible - so we gave them the HOPE scholarship money back into their pocket so they could live.

HOPE is about \$4,000 a year. They can take that \$4,000 a year and keep it in the bank so they won't be able to take second jobs.

That's what I think we need to do about students on scholarships. So raising scholarship money, we already raised \$100,000 yesterday. Oh yes I'm so excited about that. That's not enough but that's a 100 to the good.

What are your impressions of TSU now that you have been here for roughly eight months now?

I just love this place. I love

Shields touts changes in security

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talking with students; these are some of the best students in America.

They want to succeed. If they get out of bed, we're going to make sure that happens for them.

My impression is we have outstanding faculty here, who really want to see the students succeed.

We have wonderful alumni, who are leading the way -- Alumni who historically paved the way for us to have this institution.

Now we have a few haters, you know, we hold up our hand and tell them to talk to the hand. Because we are doing the best we can.

Security has been posted around campus as promised. But could you explain the purpose of the guards in booths?

Security officers are supposed to be protecting you. Here are what I am expecting them to do, some are symbolic.

When I drove up here for the first time I drove on campus and no one was in the guard shacks. I just drove around and I could have been anybody.

I think your parents want better than that. We're not going to catch all the people, but it is a deterrent.

So we have somebody in there and he is supposed to stop everybody who does not have an ID.

Did you know I was told 150 IDs were taken away from people who had IDs and showed them and they were outdated?

People who graduated, drop-out, or never went here had an IDs. So that's why we put the person in caged in the evenings to make sure he stops people.

Now what should they not do? They should not harass our students. They should not sleep on the job.

You would let me know if they are doing that? You know I have a representation of solving those types of problems.



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TSU President Portia H. Shields speaks with press at the John Merritt Classic pep rally on campus.

What should students expect from you as president?

I think they need to expect that I will take care all of their academic needs. I will help them with any kind of social, emotional needs they have.

We are also, as I said, raising money to get internships for them to help them get a little money in their pockets because our students are working too many jobs.

I tell them don't act like you don't know me either, stop and say hey. They tell me what I need to know.

They don't report on teachers, but if they do I try to follow up on that too. They like the teachers, they like the faculty here, they just need a little something here. They need money and other support.

With all of the changes happening on campus, do you have any advice for students this year?

Go with the flow. We don't

make decisions lightly. We try to do what is best for students. I promise the parents that if we put the students in our hands, we will take care of them.

Any change you see, like police on motorcycles, are not to intimidate, they're to protect. Not only to protect the students, but the faculty and any visitors on the campus.

The changes we are making, they are for student, So I want them to go with the flow.

If they have any problems, come ask us. You know they should tweet me, some people tweet me. I just love to be tweeted.

What drastic change needs to happen here at TSU that the student body won't like, but needs to keep TSU relevant?

The one I don't like is going up on tuition. That was not our call, that was the state's call and we went along with it.

I didn't cry, but I certainly did not like that. I let everyone know, our students 99 percent of

them need financial assistance, but we had to do it.

We did not go up on tuition for out-of-state students, because that was already \$30,000 and that would have priced them out of the market.

The students are about to vote on visitation, I'm not going to like their vote. I know that right now.

But as long as we gave that opportunity to vote, we have to go with that. I also going to ask the students to respect their roommates in everything they do.

I went in one room where I couldn't sit down, it was just nasty. I want them to respect each other and if you're having visitation respect your roommate.

I would think the students here should sit with their roommate and formulate some rules.

One thing they may not like is we are bringing the (drug) dogs in; we're going to be bring the dogs in randomly.

The first time we're bring the dogs in, we'll tell you. If you have something, get rid of it.

Don't put it in a safe place, get rid of it because the next time we come and the dog points at your room, we're coming in.

We love you, but we have to see for your safety. They may not like that, but I hope they will respect that. We got to respect each other in this world.

How do you plan to change the culture of TSU? And, the of times negative perceptions people have of TSU?

You know here is what I've done first. Did you know we, TSU, turn out most of the teachers in this area? And they are doing a great job. Yet, somebody is telling the students they should not come here.

I've asked the superintendents to have a meeting here with all of the counselors and at that time I want to introduce them to some of our students.

So they can see the product that turns out here. When something happens in the media, they always say near TSU or by the TSU campus.

I have asked our new media

person, Rick Delahaya, to go talk to the people at *The Tennessean* and the news media to tell them if it is not ours, do not give it to us.

Just give the street name, people around the area will know. I think a lot of the negativity comes from that.

Fortunately since I have been here, the press has been far with us. We have good press, we've gotten fair press. We can't have perfect press because we are human beings.

I like the article, but they jumped the gun yesterday about the stadium. We have no approval, so they jumped the gun. You know what else they did? They put that ugly picture beside the article. Did you see it?

So I'm asking *The Tennessean* and I'm even going to Memphis to ask the news people there to tell them what we have going on here, to get the highlights out.

So at least they can do is balance the stories. Our crime rate is down almost 40 percent already. So what are we saying, we have a safe campus and students are doing what they need to do.

I believe some of our images have to do with how we behave in the city -- in the club dancing on the tables.

Those kind of things, negative people are looking for that. So I would ask our students to wear their TSU on their hearts when they go out. Behave yourselves.

Delahaya is also doing a great job with the social media, that is his specialty. I am also asking him to take over the website.

The website has to change because people are watching. People nationally are tweeting me. So we have to put positive things forward.

Our students are well behaved, our students do what they are supposed to do, and I think our image has already improved. We just have to keep it up.

We have grants, our deans are fighting over how much money they are bringing to the school. They have over 60 million dollars in research grants now. So we are coming and they are learning about us. I am proud to be here.

A 'Hole' Worth Saving?

Dwight Lewis: Return Tigers to 'The Hole?' TSU deserves better

Walter S. Davis must be turning over in his grave out in Nashville's Greenwood Cemetery.

Davis, Tennessee State University's second president and the man behind the success of TSU's storied athletic history, has to be wondering what in the world is going on out at 35th Avenue North and John Merritt Boulevard.

In Tuesday's *Tennessean*, interim President Portia Holmes Shields said she would like to see at least three of TSU's football games played at Hale Stadium on campus in 2012. She admitted her hopes are "pie in the sky."

Shields wants the team to return to the 15,000-seat stadium, known as "The Hole," as part of the university's centennial celebration. Since coming to TSU in January, Shields has come up with some good ideas for improving the school's academic programs, as well as making the university more student-friendly. But wanting to play three games at Hale is not one of them. In fact, it sounds like a desperately romantic idea gone bad.

TSU's Tigers haven't played in Hale Stadium, which has fallen into disrepair, since 1998, moving its home games the following year to what is now LP Field, home to the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

TSU pays \$130,000 a year to rent 68,000-seat LP Field. It also pays for regular game-day expenses — ushers, cleaning and security. In return, TSU keeps all proceeds from parking, tickets, concessions and merchandise sales.

If TSU can raise millions of dollars to renovate its campus stadium or build a new one, fine. But don't take games back to Hale unless it is renovated first. It doesn't make sense, especially when the university is talking about bringing in mobile modular restrooms for game days.

From 1943 to 1968, when Davis was president at TSU, he believed in "A-plus performance in deluxe fashion."

Davis wanted his football teams to be able to play in the biggest stadiums all over the United States to crowds of 40,000, 50,000 or 60,000 people.

TSU has done that. Why go backward, even at home? Not many NCAA athletes get to play their home games in a professional stadium with a first-class scoreboard. Can TSU officials duplicate that on campus by next year?

Yes, it's great to romanticize about having your own stadium, but show me the money to build it in these tough economic times. Instead, why not consider getting out of the Ohio Valley Conference and into a conference where they can play teams that will help draw more fans to LP Field?

And why not do more to promote TSU games? TSU plays Southern University in the John Merritt Classic at LP Field on Sept. 3, but what kind of advertising has been done to get people out to the game?

I've seen and heard Vanderbilt football coach James Franklin promoting his team's games; where is TSU's Rod Reed?

Madame President, speaking as a former TSU student-athlete, I hope you keep taking the university forward. Going back to an unfinished "Hole" would be like going back to the little leagues when I've gotten a taste of what it's like where things are done "in deluxe fashion."

TSU supporters deserve the best, whether in academics or athletics, and they deserve it just as much as anybody else.

Dwight Lewis, Tennessean editorial page editor, wrote this column on Aug. 26. The Tennessean granted The Meter permission to reprint it.

Brandon Wright: Celebrate Centennial in 'The Hole' next year

Interim President Portia H. Shields has high hopes for the institution's Centennial celebration — hopes that many think are farfetched.

According to *The Tennessean*, Shields plans to host at least three of TSU's 2012 season football games in "The Hole," the original arena for home competitions. An editorial by Dwight Lewis states that even Shields admits her hopes are "pie in the sky."

The Hole is a 15,000-seat stadium that has not been played in since 1998, due to repairing obligations. The TSU Tigers now play in LP Field, home of the Tennessee Titans.

TSU pays about \$130,000 annually to rent the LP Field; however, they receive proceeds from parking, tickets, concessions and merchandise sales.

With the centennial year quickly approaching, everyone has been thinking of innovative ways to celebrate.

Considering the majority of the options, this may be one of the most innovative ideas.

What better way to celebrate TSU's history and rich legacy than to bring our football team back to where it all began?

When I entered the Land of Golden Sunshine in 2008, I have heard upperclassmen constantly say that school spirit is not the same as it once was.

Of course the relocation of our home turf is not the sole reason for the decline in morale; however, it plays an enormous role.

When freshman are told that TSU plays at LP, they perceive it as going to 'LP Field: Home of The Titans,' as opposed to supporting

their home team.

We have a hard enough time getting students to wear school paraphernalia at LP Field.

They bring out one of their favorite outfits instead of their I Love TSU shirt, all because of the location.

Bringing the games back to The Hole will boost the morale of students, and simultaneously rejuvenate campus life.

Students will be more willing to support the games since they don't have to find transportation downtown.

The Hole will appear as a sea of blue because no one will be concerned about the fashion show.

Let's not forget to mention, we would be saving a ton of money by utilizing our own facilities.

Many may argue that TSU should not return to The Hole until it is fully renovated.

Unfortunately, that task will not be complete come centennial. If there are no health or safety risks pertaining to playing on the field, why not let them play?

This is not moving backward; if anything, it is a key opportunity to resurrect our school spirit.

Shields is only asking for three games for the centennial celebration.

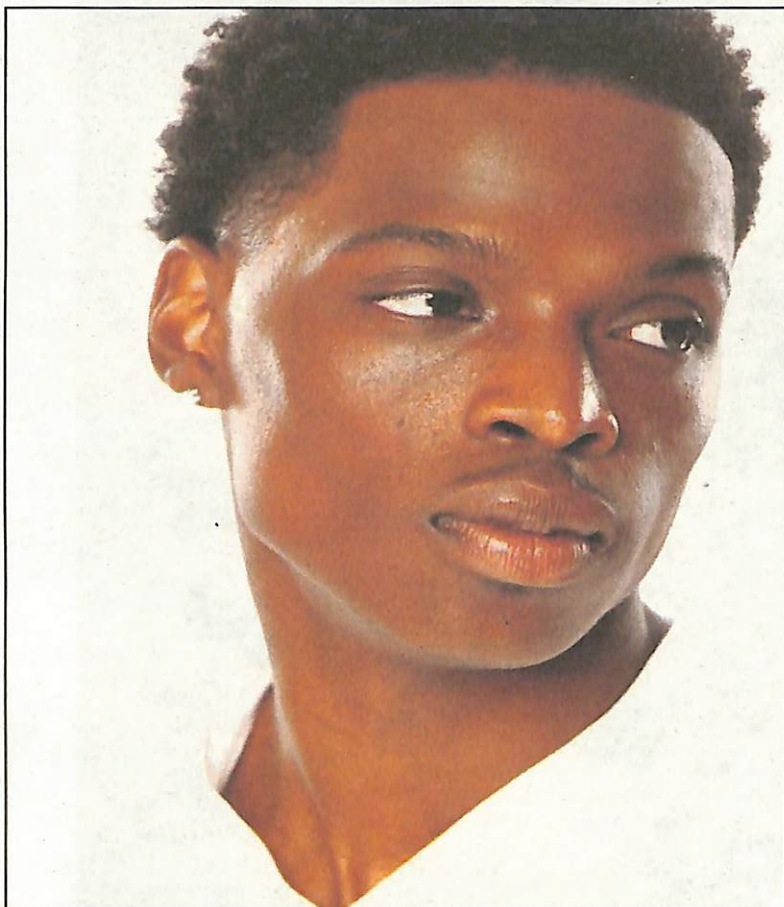
The players practice on that field everyday and I think that if the players are fine with the proposal, than there should be no further discussion.

At the end of the day, that is who matters most, the students.

And the students are the ones that voted for games to be moved back to The Hole.

Brandon Wright is the managing editor of The Meter.

Funny man preps for web close-up



Zachary "Zach Boog" Joyner is gaining a widening online fanbase for his parodies and sketch comedy skits.

BY JESSICA MOSELEY

Copy Desk Chief

Zachary "Zach Boog" Joyner has been making his mark on TSU's campus since his freshman year, when he stepped onto the scene as a party promoter for the party promotion company Fly Major.

Even though TSU was not Joyner's first choice in higher education—the top-ranked university was third on his college options list—a short college tour changed his mind.

"All I knew is that I wanted to go to an HBCU," said Joyner, a senior mass communications major from Gary, Ind. "My dad suggested TSU originally. During the college tour, I fell in love with the campus."

One thing that was never an option was his major: Joyner always knew he wanted to major in mass communications. By chance, however, he ended up in Fly Major.

After joining Fly Major, the group's disc jockey, Cordarius "DJ Crisis" Freeman noticed that Joyner was not just an average guy.

Telling jokes came so naturally to him that Freeman suggested Joyner should take things to another level.

"I encouraged him to follow his dream," Freeman revealed. "I

told him not to wait until he left college to do so, but to do it now."

With the advice, and encouragement from other friends, Joyner launched his "Boog Blogs," a YouTube-based video blog series that offered humorous sketches based around college life and relationships.

As his blogs soared in popularity, he began looking into adding new content.

His channel now boasts music video parodies, including a bad parenting anthem called "Won't Show Up" and based on rapper Wiz Khalifa's song *Roll Up*, which currently has over 44,500 views.

"Doing parodies is not what my main focus is," Joyner said. "However, [they're] a great way to promote myself. They draw people in, and it draws attention to my other videos."

People far removed from TSU have been drawn in: his weave-praising remix of Young Chris's hit song *Racks on Racks*—appropriately renamed as "Tracks on Tracks"—was featured on urban entertainment site World Star Hip Hop.

His parodies could also prove lucrative, as season three of the *Boog Blogs* is also set to come out on DVD soon and will include seven to ten of the blogs.

His 414,000 page views on

YouTube qualify him for the site's Partner Program, which pays its members a small commission each time one of their videos is viewed.

"Our Partner Program enables creators and producers of original content to earn money from their videos on YouTube through revenue sharing."

YouTube states on their website, "You can earn revenue by allowing relevant advertisements to be displayed with your videos, or by making them available for rental via streaming."

After graduation, Joyner plans to pursue comedy and radio professionally. He interns with Nashville's hip-hop and R&B radio station, 101.1 the Beat.

He also took the stage on Sept. 4 at Jazz and Jokes for his second stand-up comedy show, and will be performing in October with fellow comedian and fraternity brother, Vonterrio Jones.

For anyone interested in a career as an entertainer, Joyner, whose independent website, ZachBoog.com, will launch soon, offers sage wisdom.

"When pursuing entertainment, be yourself," Joyner shared. "I know everyone says that, but it's the truth. Do what you feel is the best, even if the industry is telling you its wrong."

Rap duo share their '106 & Park' experience

BY NAKEVA P. WILLIAMS

Opinions Editor

Two TSU students, DeRone "2Cent" Payne and Markavius "K.V.O." Leake, the video for their song *Hard Head* debuted on BET's *106 and Park* video countdown show.

Payne, a junior philosophy major from Memphis, opened up about their experiences in the music industry to senior staffer, Nakeva Williams.

How did you create the "Hard Head" dance?

Payne: K.V.O. just walked in my room one day and showed me the dance. I made a beat for it, we wrote and recorded everything right there.

Have you always been interested in making your own music?

Payne: Yes; I started in the 11th grade. I have my own production company called 2Cent Productions.

How do you feel about the support from your fellow Tigers?

Payne: It feels good. Twitter was crazy when the video was on BET! I looked at the trending topics for the different cities and we were trending in Nashville. I feel like we have created some positive light for the university. They wanted us to edit out the beginning (because) the video that shows the TSU sign, but we couldn't do it.

Who are some artists that inspire you?

Payne: My favorite rappers are Jay-Z, Lupe Fiasco, Eminem and Kanye West. I like Lupe because he is educated and Kanye because of his creativity.

How did it feel to have your video shown on BET's 106 & Park?

Payne: It has been a humbling experience. We shot the video in December and it was posted on

World Star Hip Hop and received good reviews. It was the same for YouTube and we just took it from there.

What are your long-term goals?

Payne: I want to independently build an empire and expand to fashion, movies and endorsements. I also want to open a McDonald's on campus because everybody eats and I know it would pop. If this music thing does not work out, that's something I would do.

'Dark' best seen as last ditch effort



Katie Holmes stars in Miramax Films' *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*.

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Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
Miramax Films
Grade: C+

Moviewgoers looking for a semi-scary, emotional, jumpy horror film should look no further than to *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*, a remake of the 1973 made-for-TV movie of the same name.

The one-hour, 40-minute film produced by Miramax provides short bursts of thrills with a few frightening pieces in between.

Film stars Katie Holmes (as Kim), Guy Pearce (as Alex) and young Bailee Madison (as Sally) deliver stunning performances in *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*.

Eight-year-old Sally Heist is sent to live with her father in Providence, R.I. Sally's father, Alex, and his girlfriend, Kim move into a gothic style mansion in hopes of restoring it, selling it and landing the cover of an important magazine.

Sally, who was abandoned by her mother has become distant

and began seeking other entertainment. Discovering a new room in the house, Sally begins to hear voices. These voices would try to guide her into become one of them, staying away from the light and guiding her to the dark.

The movie's setting was perfect and helped set the horror stage. The creepy camera shots and character focus really brought out the suspense.

However, Sally's aimless wandering, and the obvious "check out that noise" attitude seemed

unrealistic.

Also, the creatures in this film were scarier unseen; once they come to screen, the movie becomes a little easier to watch.

Overall, *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark* is slightly over-the-top, dramatic, and filled with holes in the main plot of the story.

The gothic style setting shows the overall sadness of the story, the emotionally vulnerable child, and the misguided father.

The actors in this movie were hit and miss. Alex, seemed to care

not whether his child and girlfriend survived or became victims.

Katie Holmes' character Kim emerges as the strong woman of the movie. Holmes becomes not only a voice of reason, but also the heroine as well. It was good to see a strong female role in a film where audiences will expect the father to stand up.

This movie is best kept as a last resort horror for a movie night with friends.

Jessica Moseley

Tigers fall to Jackson State in SHC

BY MICHAEL CURTIS
Sports Editor

TSU's football record drops to 1-1 with a 35-29 loss to Jackson State University during the 22nd annual Southern Heritage Classic Sept. 10 at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, Tenn.

For a second year in a row, JSU has broken TSU's seven Southern Heritage Classic win streak, with a close score of 29-35.

TSU now holds a 10-9 record against Jackson State in the Southern Heritage Classic, marking the first back to back win since 1995, 1996 and 1997.

The game began in Jackson State's favor with a 62-yard touchdown on their first play of the first quarter.

The lead was 7-0, but TSU offense came back scoring by way of Jeremy Perry to Travis James for a 54-yard touchdown to tie the score at 7-7.

Jackson State fired back and bumped the score to 14-7 with 4:55 left on the clock, however two minutes later TSU answered back and tied the score, 14-14.

The second quarter started off in Big Blue favor with the score at 21-14 early in, with Calvin McNairl serving an 11-yard touchdown reception.

However, six plays and 74-yards later Jackson State tied the score 21-21 with a little less than 10 minutes left on the clock.

A 43-yard field goal by Jamin Godfrey lifted TSU to take the lead at the half with a score of 24-21.

The second half of the game had both TSU and Jackson State defensive lines bumping heads.

Jackson State was able to prevail and score a touchdown in the third taking 11 plays and an 82-yard drive for a 28-24 lead.

Under pressure from TSU defense, the Jackson State quarterback fielded an awkward center snap and was called for



Junior runningback Trabis Ward dodges a Jackson State defender on Sept. 10.

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'intentionally grounding the football!' The third quarter ended with Jackson State up, 28-26.

TSU defense held strong against Jackson State for most of the fourth quarter.

JSU, however, progressed with an 11-yard pay for a touchdown with only 2:04 left on the clock, and took a 35-26 lead.

TSU attempted to fire back, and made it to kick a 33-yard field goal with less than 30 sec-

onds left in the game to close the score at 35-29.

The following inside kick was recovered by TSU, but a penalty was called on TSU for 'early touching' which gave the ball to Jackson State.

TSU gained 377 yards of total offense, 78 rushing and 226 passing, while yielding 477 yards of total offense, 140 rushing and 337 passing to Jackson State.

TSU earned 16 first downs,

5 rushing, 10 passing, and 1 penalty. Jackson State however finished the game earning 22 first downs, 8 rushing, 12 passing, and 2 penalties.

TSU quarterback Jeremy Perry passed for 226 yards and 2 touchdowns. Wide receiver Travis James gained 115 yards on 3 receptions and 1 touchdown.

TSU had two top rushers, Trabis Ward with 35 yards with 13 carries and 1 touchdown, and

Dante Thomas with 34 yards and 13 carries.

On defense, linebacker Rico Council led all tacklers with 11 tackles including 7 solo.

Council's record also includes 1 sack and 1 forced fumble.

TSU hits the road again Saturday, Sept. 17 to open up the Ohio Valley Conference play, traveling to play Murray State University in Murray, Ky.



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