



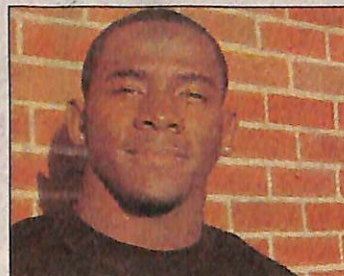
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TSU Flying Tiger brings home gold & bronze

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Ryan Fann, a member of Tennessee State University's men's track team, captured both individual bronze and team gold medals in late September at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece.

After capturing the bronze medal in the 400m on Sept. 22, by running a personal best of 53.64, Fann aided the United States 4x400 relay team in capturing the gold and breaking the world record previously held in the event.

"That was a personal best for him," TSU head men's track coach Kelly Carter said in reference to his individual performance in the 400m according to The Tennessean. "He picked a heck of a time to do it."

Fann along with fellow runners Danny Andrews, Raphew Reed, Jr. and Brian Frasure crossed the finish line in 3:27.00 eclipsing the prior record set in

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Flying Tigers sprinter Ryan Fann runs in 2002-03 track meet.

SGA president unable to find a white leader

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Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning asked Student Government Association President Chauncey Davis to find a white student leader to sit on the presidential search committee.

Davis however, was unable to fulfill the chancellor's request. Instead, she chose William Busch III, SGA speaker of the house is sits on the search committee with her.

"He asked for me to find a white student from the House of Delegates to serve on the committee," Davis said. SGA President Chauncey Davis



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Miss TSU still topping college queens

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Miss Tennessee State University Yolanda Robinson won second runner up at the 2004 National Black Alumni Hall of Fame Pageant making her the fourth Miss TSU to place in the pageants history.

As second runner up, Robinson receives a \$1,000 scholarship award and the right to perform any duties that the 1st runner up or Miss NBCA Hall of Fame are unable to perform.

"The pageant was a wonderful experience," Robinson said. "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to bond with the other participants from HBCUs all over the country."

Pageant participants are judged on oratory, talent, poise and projection, and presentation and image. Robinson joins the ranks of other TSU queens who have either won or placed in the pageant. Robbyne Manning Miss TSU 1996-1997 and Michelle Robinson Miss TSU 1999-2000 both won first place at the pageant during their terms, giving TSU the distinction of being the only HBCU to have had more than

one queen to win the pageant. Mia Evans Miss TSU 2001-2002 won first runner up in 2001.

The pageant, sponsored by the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Incorporated was held on Saturday, Sept. 25 in Atlanta



PHOTO BY MERIDITH MILLER

Yolanda Robinson

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Campus News

Minority enrollment slightly decreases despite effort

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Minority student enrollment slightly decreased to 1,924 from last year's enrollment of 1,985, according to the 2003 Tennessee State University Fact Book and The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research.

Minority enrollment fluctuates yearly dependent upon graduation rates and scholarships given to white students, according to the 2003 Fact Book.

Mark Gunter, director of minority student affairs, said his job is to retain minority students to the university. But, according to the 2003 Fact book and this year's enrollment number, there are no signs of a trend in decreasing the number of minorities. John Cade, dean of admissions for the university was unavailable for comment.

"Minority students who attend TSU will give them an opportunity to erase any myths or stereotypes that may be associated with African-Americans," said Wauna Coleman, a senior from Nashville, who is majoring in English. "By coming here, they will be able to see the diversity of our culture and the richness of our history."

In order to maintain or exceed the current minority enrollment of 18 percent, TSU has to award scholarships to quality white students.

Other changes the university had to make in order to attract more minorities include renovating the Avon-Williams campus, changing the Web Site to make administration processes smoother, and hiring a marketing firm, all per the Geier Consent Decree.

"Although this is a historically Black college I must agree with the changes made for white students to come here," said Demetria Curry, a senior from Fort Wayne, Ind. who is majoring in health information management. "School have quotas to reach and they have to do whatever is necessary to reach them."

The Geier Consent Decree was passed in Jan. 5 2001 as a result of Rita Sanders Geier filing a lawsuit in 1968 to eliminate the dual system of higher education in Tennessee. The University of

Tennessee, Knoxville wanted to establish a Nashville campus, but Geier felt this move would perpetuate segregation in the higher education system. Although schools were legally desegregated, Blacks and whites still went to separate schools.

By 2006 predominately white institutions in Tennessee like UTK, the University of Memphis, and Middle Tennessee State University were to update their universities to attract Black and non-traditional students. While TSU had to attract white and non-traditional students.

If TSU followed the Geier mandates the state of Tennessee agreed to contribute \$1 million annually for ten years to a TSU endowment. For the first 10 years of the Endowment, the state expects to match every dollar privately raised up to an additional \$10 million.

Other measures the university took in order to meet Geier mandates were to supply more financial aid for non-Black students and raise first time freshman admission requirements.

In-state students are now required to have a minimum ACT score of 19 or a SAT score of 900 and above and have a 2.25 grade point average, while out-of-state students must have a minimum

ACT of 19 or SAT score 900, but must have a 2.5 GPA.

"I came to TSU for two reasons," said minority student Amy Thomas, a senior from White House, Tenn. who is majoring in nursing. "I was told this school had a very good nursing program and they gave me a scholarship when no one else would."

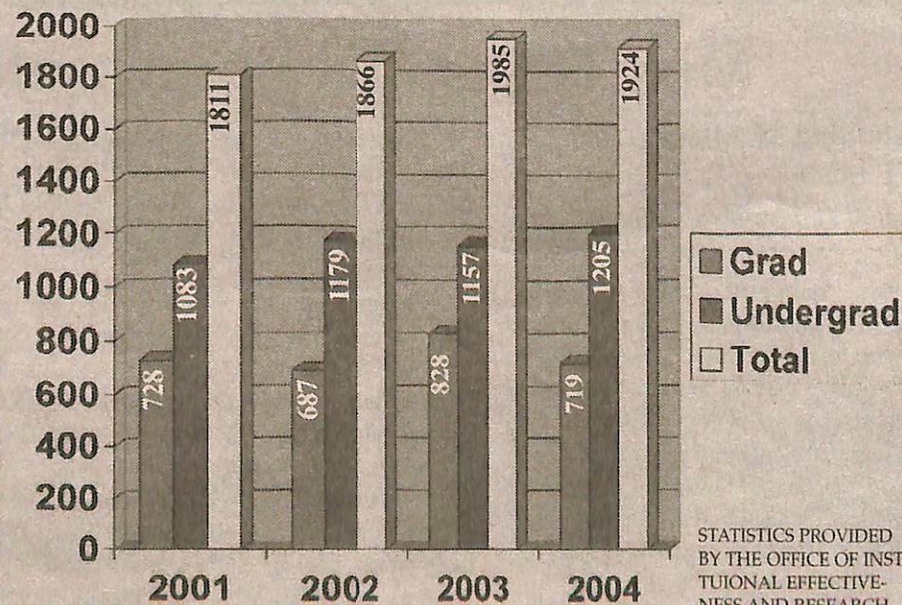
Institutions that have a problem attracting minorities such as UTK and MTSU offer minority scholarships and have established programs geared toward minorities.

MTSU has an organization called The African American Students Association, which is the oldest organization to address the needs of Black students, while UTK has an organization called the Minority Advisor Program that has 30 members and aims to make the transition to college life easier.

"Our program advises minority, transfer, and freshmen students to help them adjust to the predominately White environment," said MAP President Crystal Ellis, a minority student at UTK. "We just want students to feel comfortable, like they belong at our university."

For more information visit: www.tbr.state.tn.us/general_counsel/consent_decree_summary.htm.

Minority Enrollment Trends 2001-04



Events Calendar

Oct. 5

DST "Epitome of a Woman"
7 pm
LRC Auditorium

Oct. 6

Alpha Theta Forum
6 pm
FPCC Rm 210

Voter's Rally 2004

11 a.m.
FPCC Courtyard

Oct. 7

National Depression
Screening Day
10 a.m.

Kean Hall Gym (rm 040)

Oct. 8

Zeta Phi Beta Student Party
7 p.m.
Elliot Hall

Oct. 9

Delta Daze on the Yard
DST Cookout
12 p.m.
Old Plaza

Distinguished Lecture Speakers

•Sarah Jones,

Oct. 12

•Henry Louis Gates,

Nov. 30

All lectures expect to begin at 1 p.m. in the T.E. Poag Auditorium located in the Humanities Building

Campus News

TBR requests White students for leadership

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white students in the House of Delegates or in any of the branches of government.”

Mary Morgan, director of communications for the TBR, said the chancellor's request was typical because the TBR wants student representatives to represent the diversity on campus, regardless of the institution. Manning was unavailable for comment.

With over 90 organizations on campus, there are no white student leaders. However, Mark Gunter, director of minority student affairs, serves as mentor to minority students as well as an advisor to Campus Kaleidoscope, an organization that is not racially identifiable but reaches towards minority students.

“A lot of white student don't live on campus,” said minority student Ashley Goins, a senior from Murfreesboro, Tenn. who is majoring in nursing. “We just come here to go to school. A lot of us don't have time to get involved.”

Davis said one of her goals is to inform students that they have the right to attend any SGA meeting and is looking for a way to make sure every student is involved in student government and campus organizations.

“[S]ome people don't feel comfortable like they won't be accepted,” said minority student Gloria Hoch, a sopho-

more from McMinnville, Tenn., who is majoring in psychology. “They really should go to the organizations they are interested in and ask questions.”

Morgan said what typically happens at other TBR institutions are students in the minority receive mentoring from the same race of faculty or staff to encourage the student to become involved in campus activities.

“People need to realize that this is a predominately Black institution,” said Nathaniel Booker, a freshman from Chicago, Ill. majoring political science. “No matter what there are only going to be Black leaders.”

Davis also said that regardless of who is on the search committee she would do her best to ensure that all students are well informed of the search's progress.

The presidential search committee is currently made up of TBR members, TSU faculty, administration, TSU national alumni president, business community leaders, and other community leaders at large.

“I would not want to be on the presidential committee search,” said Amy Thomas, a senior from White House, Tenn. who is majoring in nursing. “I don't live on campus and it is hard for me to get involved enough to help pick the next president.”

Author uses personal experiences to motivate TSU students

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Author Erica Jong

As part of the Student Development and Presentation Series, Erica Jong, best known as the author of *Fear of Flying*, spoke to a group of students from Tennessee State University and encouraged them to use college to find themselves.

Jong began her presentation by expressing how her family background made a huge impact on her life.

She stressed that understanding and accepting your foundation, and possessing self-awareness and self-respect can be used as tools for self-exploration throughout college.

“College is a cocoon of time to explore,” Jong said. “It's time to figure out who you are.”

Jong stated that her past was not only a link for self-improvement but it was also the basic source of inspiration for her most successful novel, *Fear of Flying*.

“I wanted to write a book that showed what went on in a woman's mind,” said Jong.

Fear of Flying explores the concept of woman's sexuality and it has received a large amount of criticism.

“It caused a volcanic eruption in the literary world,” Jong said, “For a writer, the most important thing is to get a rise out of your readers.”

Jong was well recieved by the large group of freshman attending the presentation.

“I think that she was really good,” said Kimberly Peterson, a freshman majoring in business administration. “Her speech was a good source of motivation.”

Picks of the Pack

Minority Edition

If you sat on the presidential committee, what characteristics would you look for?



Name: Terry Bagsby
Classification: Freshman
Hometown: Fairview, Tenn
Major: Nursing

“The new president should be a people person. Someone understanding, knowlegable, and hard working. It would help if they were stern and worked well with people.”



Name: Amanda Wooley
Classification: Junior
Hometown: McMinnville, Tenn
Major: Criminal Justice
“Openmindedness”



Name: Laura Freeman
Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Nashville
Major: Criminal Justice

“Someone who runs the school well and does their job and makes sure things get done. The sex and race of the person really don't matter.”

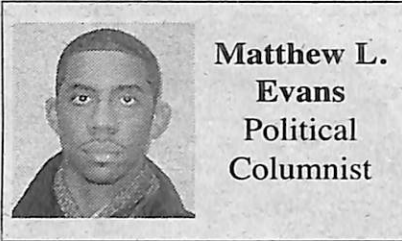


Name: Mark Searle
Classification: Senior
Hometown: Salisbury, England
Major: HPSS

“They should be hard working and able to complete task. They should also be a good person.”

Arts & Entertainment

Presidential debate gives knowledge of candidates



Matthew L. Evans
Political Columnist

The election is swiftly approaching the Democrats have chosen John Kerry and John Edwards to challenge incumbents President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. A knowledge of the candidates is necessary but knowing and understanding the issues is important as well. Both presidential and vice presidential candidates will be participating in several debates, it is an opportunity for them to express their plans for the future.

The first debate was held on Thursday, Sept. 30 and it gave the American people an opportunity to view each candidate as they expressed plans for leading the nation. This debate focused on foreign policy and gave Bush and Kerry the chance to explain their stances on Iraq, Homeland Security

and other major issues. The vice presidential debate is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 5 at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; the second presidential debate is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 8 at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo; and the final presidential debate will be on Wednesday, Oct 13 at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. Will the showing of debates on national television prompt students to give more attention to the candidates?

This election has been strongly encouraged by everyone from music media mogul P. Diddy to Bill Clinton.

"No one can deny how passionate Americans are about this election, said Kristien Benne, a junior majoring in nursing, from Omaha, Neb. "This election is no different than any other election, each presidential election is equally important."

There are some students who feel that the election holds more significance than others. Mario Payne, a senior majoring in business administration, from

Cincinnati, Ohio said, "It is important because the actions taken the past four years have hurt African Americans."

While there is a difference of opinion, the two students agree that the interest in the election has been heightened. Hopefully, every student at TSU is passionate about the election. Voting is very important. The presidential debates give students and all Americans the opportunity to put a purpose behind their reason for voting. Those individuals who choose not to watch will remain blind about the American political process.

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"A child born to a Black mother in a state like Mississippi... has exactly the same rights as a white baby born to the wealthiest person in the United States. It's not true, but I challenge anyone to say it is not a goal worth working for."

Thurgood Marshall

One of the most pressing issues on the campus of Tennessee State has been the growing presence of minority students at the University. Perhaps one of the reasons for this being an issue is that many students are not fully informed of the stipulations, decrees, and mandates handed down to TSU that are now beginning to take shape. The ultimate questions raised however are ones of fairness and opportunity. Do students of all races Black, white, Asian, Latino, and Native American have the opportunity to attend the same schools? Isn't the ultimate attainment of equality when students have the freedom to attend the institution of their choice regardless of race?

When Levi Watkins, a distinguished alumni of TSU, visited the campus last year he made a brief mention of the current situation at TSU and poignantly pointed out that TSU "never kept anyone out." TSU never denied any student, regardless of race, admission to its hallowed halls. Other institutions in Tennessee did, but TSU did not. So at times it does seem strange that the majority of the focus of increasing diversity in the TBR schools is on TSU. Of course the University must comply with the standards of compliance set forth by its governing body, but TSU seems to be the focal point of the TBR.

At Tennessee Technological University the fall 2004 enrollment of 9,217 had an 8.6 percentage of minority students. At Middle Tennessee State University with an enrollment of 22,322 there is a minority population for the of about 15 percent. Of all the TBR institutions only the University of Memphis with an enrollment of 20,668 with 35 percent of that being African-American, surpasses TSU's 9,100 student enrollment with an 18 percent enrollment of minority students.

Of course numbers can not tell the full story behind the enrollment of minorities at TBR institutions. A section of the Geier v University of Tennessee case stated that mandates handed down could be violated "by inaction as well as by action." TSU has taken the steps to increasing minority enrollment. Untimely the decision to enroll at this institution is at the discretion of the prospective students both Black and white. TSU has the unique position of saying that their was never a policy in place to deny admission to minority students. Ultimately if TSU's minority population doesn't increase due to self imposed de facto segregation by prospective students, TSU seems to have done it's job in reaching out to all segments of Middle Tennessee be they Black or white.

Special Election Week

Applications due- Oct. 4

Informational- Oct. 6

Nomination convention- Oct. 10

Class Officer Forum- Oct. 11

SGA Forum- Oct. 12

Campaign Ends- Oct. 14

Voting- Oct. 15

Forum

Voting aims to be dutiful



**Shaine
Robbins**
Campus News
Writer

This generation is not highly targeted by politicians because they fail to cast their ballot. According to www.fairvote.org, only 32 percent of voters between the ages of 18-25 voted in the 1996 presidential election. Can this generation of college students break the cycle of apathy? We will know on November 2nd, but as a harbinger of records to come, a random sampling of TSU students completed a simple survey indicating that this young flower is blooming.

Of the fifty students surveyed, 80 percent claimed to be registered and 95 percent of that group planned to vote in the upcoming presidential election on November 2. Sixty percent of these registered voters intend to cast their vote for the Kerry/Edwards (Democratic) ticket and just 10 percent say they will vote for the Bush/Cheney

(Republican) ticket; A whopping 3 percent will vote for Nader.

Surprisingly, 20 percent of the students polled have classified themselves as undecided. Voting requires a presence-away from home, work or school and many have problems with this sacrifice. Some may simply not feel like it while others will be kept ruthlessly in class by professors who may or may not understand the student's family and work responsibilities. For some, class time is the only opportunity to vote. Regardless of the situation, some who plan to vote will not.

For those who have little or no exposure to the 2004 political campaign led by George W. Bush and John Kerry, reading newspaper articles, and visiting the official website will aid in making informed decisions. The websites are www.georgewbush.com and www.johnkerry.com. As a prelude to those seeking information on these candidates, it should be known that these two men represent starkly contrasting versions of what federal policies should be. Aside from their privileged backgrounds, their similarities may be difficult to find. Perhaps their only current similarities are their intentions.

Whatever the case may be, John Kerry has quite a liberal voting record as a tenured Senator of Massachusetts. He supports such policies as affirmative action, abortion, gay marriage, tax increases for the wealthiest Americans, and increased federal expenditures for healthcare coverage.

The incumbent, George W. Bush, is running primarily on a security platform predicated upon the 9/11 tragedy and the subsequent "War on Terror." His social policies are parallel with his religious beliefs. For example, he supports a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages and has effectively led a ban on third trimester abortion.

Students need to know where they stand politically as Americans slip through the ballot curtains on Nov. 2. Hopefully you will make the decision to stand physically in a voting line; this will be more of a duty than a burden. •
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Preview party prepared Robinson for pageant

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and was hosted by actor Emmanuel Lewis and reality show drama queen Omarosa Manigault from *The Apprentice*.

Miss Bowie State University Tameka Wilson won the pageant and receives a \$2,000 scholarship award along with the honor of serving as the official national spokesperson for the NBCA Hall of Fame. The first runner up Miss Lincoln University Ogugua Anene-Maidoh receives a \$1,500 scholarship award.

"The most important thing I gained from being in the pageant is the knowledge that I learned about my heritage and the connection between the African-American community and the church," said Rashida Mingo, Miss TSU 2002-2003. "I still cherish (what I learned) to this day."

Thomas W. Dortch Jr., former president of the NBCA Hall of Fame, conceived and developed the NBCA Hall of Fame Pageant as another effort to perpetuate the organization's mission to assist

alumni associations in their efforts to save Black colleges and universities by ensuring their survival and stability.

For the past 16 years the pageant has served as a means to inform the general public of the many contributions that HBCUs make to the society and the world.

"Hearing the contestants sing Lift Every Voice," said Janelle Massey, interim coordinator of student activities. "It was great to see them come together and harmonize so well after only knowing each other for a short time."

Aside from the actual pageant performances, contestants also participated in preliminary activities such as panel interviews and judging throughout the pageant week. In order to prepare for the official events, Robinson hosted the 5th annual Miss TSU preview party, an event that showcases the wardrobe and performances that Miss TSU plans to display during the actual competition. The Preview Party was began by former Miss TSU Michelle Robinson and former Coordinator of Student Activities Dale Williams.



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Miss TSU 2004-05 Yolanda Robinson

"The purpose of the preview party is to get Miss TSU in the mind-set of being in front of an audience," Massey said. "It also allows the student body to give feedback on (Miss TSU's) performances before the actual pageant."

During the preview party students were allowed to fill out surveys to give their comments on Robinson's performances. Mingo, along with Robin

Atkinson Miss Junior 2001-2002 and Mya Robertson Miss Freshman 2002-2003, were all at the preview party to support Robinson, who also served as Miss Sophomore 2002-2003.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, the men of the Alpha Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. presented Robinson with a certificate and gift as tokens of their appreciation for all of her hard work and success.

"Yolanda is our Miss TSU," said Rodriguez Johnson, vice president of the TSU Student Government Association and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. "No one from TSU has placed in the pageant since (2001), and we just wanted to show that we support her and are proud of her accomplishments."

Robinson will officially be crowned as Miss TSU during homecoming week at her coronation on Nov. 3.



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Student makes music that's not just pop

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As a new generation of young soul singers like Justin Timberlake and Usher slam onto the Billboard charts and American households, one of Tennessee State University's very own aims to shine among the stars.

With boy-band good looks and a voice that falls squarely between Brian McKnight and Babyface, 22-year-old musician Jason Perry emerges to cause his own noise in the soul music genre. Aiming for the urban, soul crowd instead of the mainstream pop audience, Perry seems poised for success.

Seen as 'that talented dude with the beautiful voice', he has been turning heads since he arrived on campus and took home the first place award at the University Peer Counselor's talent show, *Freshman Idol*.

"He did a great job," said Janelle Carter, a junior from Pittsburgh Penn. majoring in psychology. "He's a sexy white boy and he's very talented. I knew he was going to win (the talent show)."

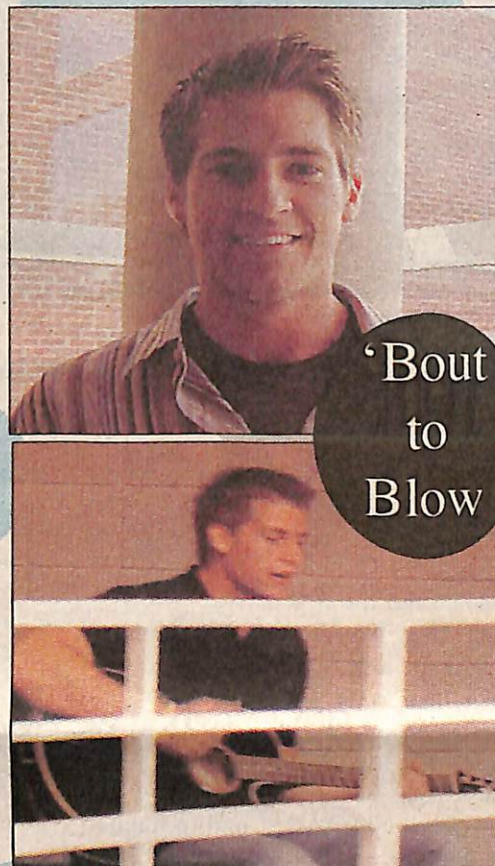
Following his victory at the talent show, Perry was invited to showcase his vocal talents at a Saturday morning career fair in Kean Hall.

Perry gained an early appreciation of music from his strong Christian household in Indiana. As the son of a pastor, gospel stood as his musical spring board. He counts gospel great Fred Hammond, along with Boyz II Men and Brian McKnight as his strongest influences.

"The church I grew up in was spirit-filled and passionate," Perry said. "It helped me to love music."

Perry's love of music led him to begin pursuing a career as a performance artist while he was in his teens. Before enrolling at TSU he was a member of the Christian pop group PlusOne. He came on as the fifth member after a chance meeting with the relative of a fellow group member. As a member of the group, Perry traveled and performed while honing his vocal and songwriting skills for what eventually led to his solo career.

"I left (PlusOne) because I wanted to take my music to the next level," Perry said. "I was a member for four years. It was time for a change."



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Jason Perry

Perry also wrote a book entitled, *You Are Not Your Own*, at the age of 19 before entering into college. The book, which Perry describes as an inspirational biography, explains how faith has influenced his life.

He says he chose to attend TSU because of the environment the university offers and the strong program it possesses in his area of interest.

"I love urban music," Perry said. "Whether it's jazz or R&B, I'm really into it. I wanted to develop in this environment."

Perry is currently working to put together his first solo album while pursuing an undergraduate degree in music at TSU. He labels the album as his blend of blue-eyed soul incorporating R&B and gospel.

Perry keeps a level head about his ability because he understands where it comes from.

"My story is not traditional because I was not promoting or doing demos, I was just being faithful and that took me places I couldn't even imagine."

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The Forgotten B-

Giving viewers a glimpse into the science fiction genre without much heavy mental content, *The Forgotten* is a clever and emotionally charged thriller.

The film opens with Telly Peretta (Julianne Moore), a woman trying to cope with the sudden loss of her only son Sam. It has been a year since his death, along with several other Brooklyn children, in a mysterious plane crash. Though her son is dead, Telly can't let go of his memory and despite her husband David's (Anthony Edwards) adjustment to the loss, she seeks regular counseling.

In the midst of her prolonged mourning, she realizes that without explanation,

everyone around her, including her husband, has no memory of her ever having a child. To add insult to injury, she is told by her trusted psychologist (Gary Sinise) that she has a form of psychosis that has made her imagine an entire life with a child that never existed.

Refusing to except her diagnosis, she flees her comfortable life in search of answers and ultimately—her child.

Telly searches for people who can understand and help her. There are no such people until she turns to the parent of her son's best friend and helps him realize that his child has been "forgotten" as well.

With the central players established, the film moves into caper mode when another woman desperately searches for her now believed-to-be-missing child. The government seems to want her contained so running becomes a mode of survival, not just a quick way to get around. As soon as Telly gets close to finding an answer or ally they are snatched away from her.

The film uses special effects to reach a surprisingly strong visual level. Nothing looks low-budget or computer generated, and the action sequences, with strong, dramatic spreads, are nothing short of amazing. This film also delivers a few well-placed audience jumps.

The film also does a great job of setting the mood of hopeless dedication and bravery with an amazing female lead.



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Julianne Moore and Dominic West star in *The Forgotten*

Moore as Telly Peretta is a hero whose intensely frightened yet strong-willed character forms a connection with the audience.

Moore and the rest of the cast, also starring Alfre Woodard, bring the sci-fi story back to earth.

The film's only problems come into place with the story itself. There is not enough of the antagonists' point explained. Some viewers will leave the movie questioning why it had to happen in the first place. This will immediately bring X-Files comparisons and there is

good reason: a female and male working on solving a mystery that the government seems to be in on, coupled with lots of action and unexplained events.

Bottom line: Lovers of a good story, compelling characters and well-done special effects with a purpose will be pleased. This is a smart and interesting film that plays with the senses. It won't be "forgotten."

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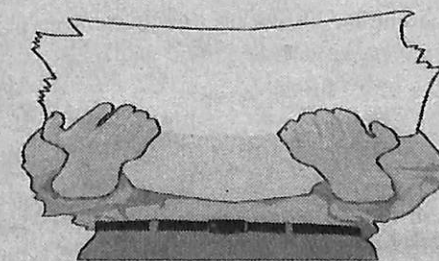
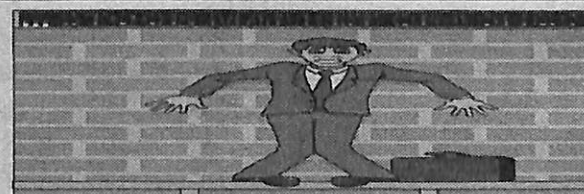
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Arts & Entertainment



Compact DISCUSSION Ratings

- 5/5: Instant classic
- 4/5: Ground-breaking
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The Brownstone Bullies- 4/5

The Tennessee State University alumni that delivered the classic long play by Chicago native and local emcee Drupy, have teamed up with an entire cadre of performers to release a set of tracks that are both club-banging and radio-friendly.

Hunnedspoke Entertainment's new release, *The Brownstone Bullies*, is positioned to dominate local area music and hopefully break full force into the main-

stream arena.

The album is headlined by Hunnedspoke co-CEOs Drupy and Big Kev along with several of the label's up and coming artists. From the first track to the last, the album is well put together giving a little something to all types of hip-hop listeners. There are tracks for the ladies, the fellas, the party animals, the socially conscious and the folks that just enjoy riding around with something crunk to listen to.

Among the tightest tracks on the album is the infectious, club banger *Need to Know*. Featured emcee, St. Louis delivers sharp-toothed rhymes over the expertly produced track with a trademark Midwestern twang. Not to be mistaken



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Hunnedspoke Entertainment co-CEOs Big Kev and Drupy

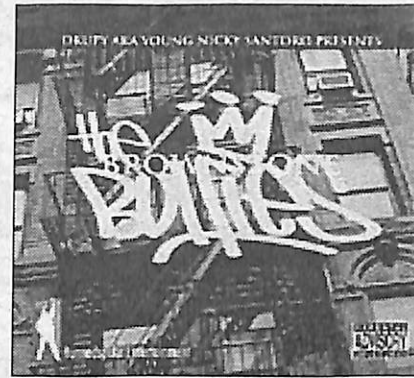


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The Brownstone Bullies LP

for the likes of Nelly or Chingy, this is a smooth flow without the half-singing. This quality makes the track unforgettable.

Hip-Hop magic is also made on *Eye Candy*, *Jackin' Our Slang* and *Lights Down Low* where Drupy, DonDizzle, Big Kev, Boogie Dollar S and Verbal Assault all jump outside of the hip-hop assembly line hip-hop and do something unique.

Another of the albums highlights is emcee Young Chance. His featured track and the album's closer, *Balla Balla* is a smooth mid-tempo gem. The production utilizes a guitar and a low drum beat that emphasizes the lyrics.

Production throughout the album is well done and never monotonous. There are enough changes in tempo and topic to hold the interest of the listener for the entire album. Nothing sounds incomplete or distorted, and the vocals are nicely layered onto the tracks. Not only are the songs interesting, but they are also easy to listen to.

The album's only weak point is the amount of variety on the disk. Though several topics are covered and approached in different ways, there are no different approaches to the music itself. In hop-hop, growth continues when chances are taken by combining different elements. Including a track with some soul, bigger instrumental or R&B elements would have shown the label's ability to make different kinds of good music and recognize the direction hip-hop is headed in.

Though the album shows a deep respect to the roots of the genre, it didn't add a twist to take it farther. To every listener that will not be a problem because most of the material is hot.

Bottom line: This album is full of strong emceeing, interesting music and solid production. That means hip-hop fans have a new album to purchase.

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Sports

TSU athlete goes for the gold and gets it

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the Sydney games in 2000 by five seconds. Fann runs in the T42-T46 category which is for athletes with an amputation of one or more limbs who compete in a standing position. Fann is classified as a T44.

"I think it's a great accomplishment," said Hugh Foster a senior majoring in civil engineering, and former member of the men's track team. "It's not just for him but for TSU and people with disabilities.

Fann a native of Carthage, Tenn. lost his leg at age three after being hit by a car. In addition to his achievements at the 2004 games Fann has placed Second in the 400m, at the 2004 Endeavor Games in Edmon, OK and first in the 400m, at the 2003 Rocky Mountain State Games in Colorado Springs, CO.

Fann now joins Ralph Boston as



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Ryan Fann

the only other male athlete from TSU to win a medal in an Olympic sanctioned event.

"He's proven he's good," Foster said. "It solidifies his greatness he is able to run against able bodied or disabled athletes."*

Women's hoops shooting at new goal

By Sheena Hamilton
Sports Writer

On the horizon of a new season, the Tennessee State women's basketball team has a goal of being more competitive.

After Sharon Allen was relieved of her head coaching duties after a 1-25 record in her only season over the Lady Tigers, Tracee Jones was handed the reigns as interim head coach for the 2004-05 season.

"Our biggest thing this year is trying to be more competitive," Jones said.

The Lady Tigers have added freshmen Madison Adams and Martina Peteet. Adams is a guard from Madison, Miss., and Peteet is a 6' 0 post player from Kosciusko, Miss., who Jones refers to as a "shooter".

Leslie Dean, a guard/forward from Huntsville, Ala., transferred to the Tigers from Motlow State Community College where she was a two-time All-Eastern Conference honoree and led the MSCC Lady Bucks in points (15 ppg) and rebounds (7.94 rpg) as a sophomore.

"They have a strong work ethic," said sophomore center LaRae Starr from Minneapolis, Minn.

Jones is the only familiar face maintained from last season as she enters her third season here at TSU. This is the second time in two years Jones has been named interim head coach of the Tigers. Jones returned to TSU from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where she coordinated recruiting and served as top assistant coach after her graduate assistantship at Chicago State University. A native of Belleville, Ill., she actually played on the Lady Tiger basketball team from 1994-1998. She was a member of the Lady Tiger team that claimed its second Ohio Valley Conference title in 1995. As a two-year starter, Jones also led the team in assists for two consecutive seasons (1996-97, 1997-98).

"She is inspiring and encouraging," Starr said. "I want to enjoy practice and desire the fellowship of my teammates. The better I feel about the back end, the better I believe I will do on the front end and I expect a productive season because of the chemistry of the players."

Jones is joined on the sideline by



PHOTO COURTESY OF KENISHA RHONE

Coach Tracee Jones

assistants Melvin Williams, Alysiah Bond and Chavonne Taylor.

Williams is a six-year veteran coach at the collegiate level and a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University. He comes to the Tigers from a head coaching position for men's and women's basketball at Chattanooga State Community College and will serve primarily as recruiting coordinator in the upcoming season.

Taylor will also have a hand in recruiting, but will serve as academic liaison and handle scouting for games. Taylor actually played basketball at Vanderbilt University before moving to an assistant coaching position at her alma mater Middle Tennessee State University.

"The coaching staff seems to have some experience behind them," said Elisha Reed, a senior English major from Nashville, Tenn. "I look forward to the upcoming season. I know there are six seniors on the team and I am confident that the class of 2005 will represent the university well."

Coach Jones says the Tigers are working on becoming fundamentally sound and each player doing their part for the team. The Lady Tigers begin this school year with team shoot arounds, open gyms, and a strenuous conditioning program.

"Overall, I have high expectations," Jones said. "I want these young ladies to execute on offense and be aggressive throughout defense. I want to see them play exciting basketball as a cohesive unit."*

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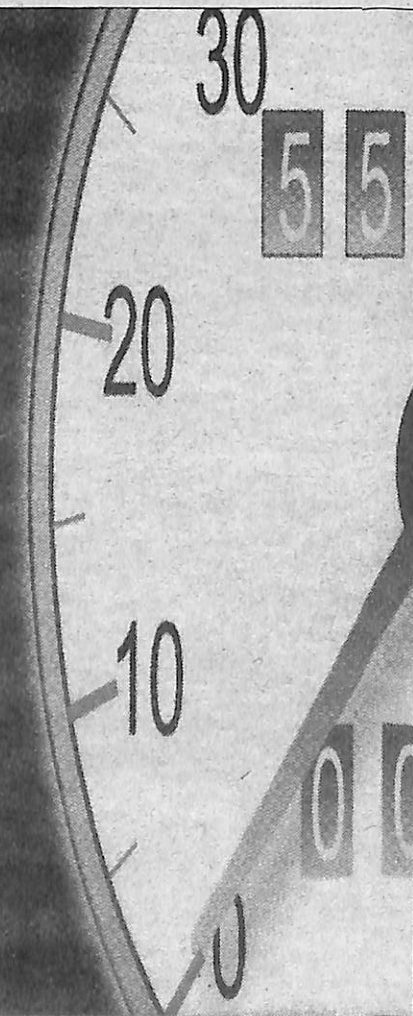
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Sports

Classic victory out of Tigers' grip

Tennessee State University football team (3-1, 1-0 Ohio Valley Conference) lost its first game of the 2004 season to the Florida A&M University Rattlers (1-3) 21-15 in the Atlanta Football Classic.

After a scoreless first quarter, Rattler senior quarterback Ben Dougherty found senior receiver Maurice Demps for an eight-yard touchdown pass, putting FAMU up 6-0. Sophomore defensive back Aaron Strong intercepted a Dougherty pass and returned it to the FAMU 10-yard line with almost one minute left in the second quarter. Junior quarterback Bryson Rosser then connected with junior receiver Fred Burnette for a 10-yard touchdown pass and senior running back Charles Anthony had a one-yard plunge as time expired to give the Tigers a 13-6 halftime lead.

TSU added to the lead with a blocked punt out of the end zone for a safety, giving the Tigers a 15-6 lead. FAMU then came back with Dougherty connecting with sophomore receiver Kiser Roosevelt for two touchdown passes late in the fourth, giving the Rattlers enough for a 21-15 win.

Anthony finished the

game with 155 rushing yards and 43 receiving yards. Sophomores Carlos Jones and Daniel Williams led Tiger defenders with 12 and eight tackles respectively. Dougherty finished the game with 340 passing yards on 30 of 47 passing attempts and three touchdown passes. Roosevelt finished with 181 receiving yards on 13 catches and two touchdowns.

"They are good," said TSU safeties coach Tony Turner. "They have got the best quarterback we have seen and a huge offensive line."

Third and 4000 yards for Anthony

Senior running back Charles Anthony reached the 4,000 yard rushing mark for his career at Tennessee State University in the Atlanta Football Classic Saturday, Sept. 25.

Anthony, a team captain from Orlando, Fla., has been the Tigers leading rusher every season since 2001, and is currently third on the TSU all time scoring list. He has also rushed for over 100 yards in 21 games.

Anthony has had season rush-

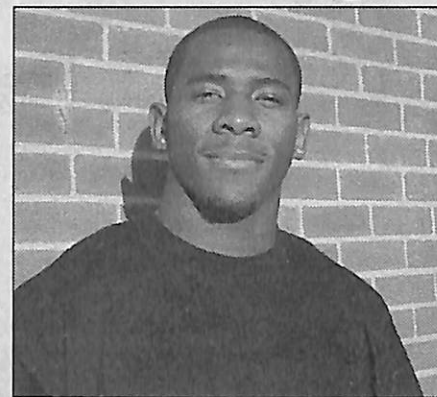


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Charles Anthony

ing totals of 728 (2001), 882 (2002), 1,708 (2003) and 689 rushing yards through the first four games of the 2004 season.

Throughout his career, Anthony has earned All-American honors from the American Football Coaches Association, Sheridan Poll, Sports Network and Associated Press, in addition to numerous Ohio Valley Conference honors. Anthony also is on the Walter Payton Award watch list as one of the nation's top Division I-AA offensive players.

Volleyball opens OVC play on the road

The Tennessee State Tigers (3-12, 0-2 OVC) opened Ohio Valley Conference play with road games at Jacksonville State and Samford Universities. The Tigers lost to JSU 3-0 (30-15, 30-12 and 30-16) on Friday, Sept. 24.

Juniors Jennifer Washington and Catherine Armwood led the Lady Tigers defensively. Washington tallied 10 digs and Armwood recorded four more. Freshman Kelly Davis also added four digs.

TSU dropped the match to the Bulldogs 3-0 (30-21, 30-25 and 30-21) on Saturday, Sept. 25. Freshman Allyson Buckner led the Lady Tiger offensive attack with seven kills. Armwood and Davis also added six kills each.

The Lady Tigers travel to Murray State University Tuesday, Oct. 5 and the University of Tennessee-Martin Friday, Oct. 8.

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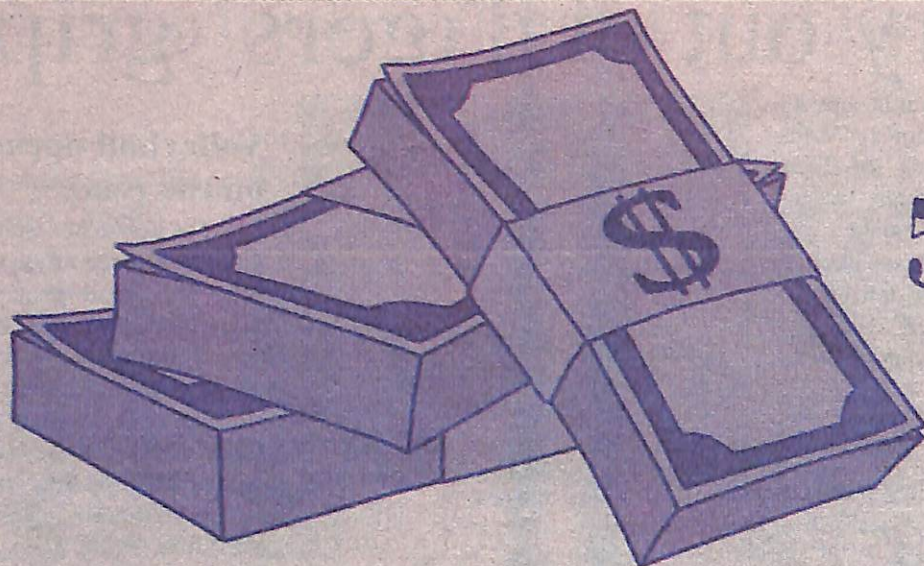
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