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## Seven new representatives to SGA

By T'Neisha Jackson  
News Writer

Beginning in the fall semester, student representation in the Student Government Association will increase, as seven additional representative-at-large positions will be filled during student election week.

Currently, the SGA has seven representatives-at-large. The seven, as well as the class representatives, Miss TSU, the president and the vice president, make up the House of Delegates. But according to Article I, section 2, of the SGA constitution, the House of Delegates should include one representative-at-large for every 1,000 full-time students to represent

daytime students and one representative-at-large for every 1,000 full-time students to represent evening students.

"This is the first year that SEC has really emphasized that students can run...Students were not really informed that these positions were available."

Ronald Myles, director of student activities, said.

Quanita Johnson, SGA president, said, "The SGA was informed that the reason those positions were not run



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### 1998-99 SGA Representatives are sworn in.

was because the positions weren't defined in previous years."

But according to Dhana McCray, Student Election Commission chairperson, the

positions always have been there to be filled.

"Well, technically, in the past the positions have always been there to be filled, but no

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## Class officers making little difference

By Stacey Diltz  
News Writer

People run for class officer positions to make a difference, but some students wonder why candidates often don't make those differences once they get into office.

Class officers for freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes are elected during Student Election Commission week. The Tennessee State University student handbook does not give a specific job description for these class offices, but they are believed to be liaisons between the student body and the Student Government Association.

Class officers hold meetings in which they ask students about problems or suggestions, and in response, the officers take the matters to the SGA. In addition to attending meetings, class officers take part in the planning of class events, according to demand and general purpose.

With all the possible concerns that the student body has, students should be aware of who their class officers are and what they have done while in office. But this seems to not be the case.

"Honestly, I don't know who won the elections from last year," said junior Latoya Hinton. "If we have had meetings, I haven't heard about them."

Yolanda McCall, junior representative, said the junior class showed little participation in the officers' efforts. "We haven't done too much this year, but when we held meetings there were only a small number of students to attend."

Some students feel that whether there are class officers or not, it would not make a difference in the way issues are handled.

LaTasha Barnes, senior class representative, said the class officers should be more involved than they are. "There is nothing I can say that we as officers have done this year for our class. We should have had fund-raisers and workshops for example."

Barnes also explained that students feel as

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## '98 campaign promises revisited

By Altresha Burchett  
News Writer

Last year when candidates ran for office and were elected, many students wondered if the campaign promises that were made during the elections would be kept for the academic school year.

"Most of the candidates I voted for last year, I knew on a personal basis," Junior Koralyn Graham said. "I knew they would handle the business that needed to be handled."

During election week, students walked from table to table enjoying the food and campaign promises they wanted to hear. Those individuals who are running for an office are aware of the areas that greatly need improving at Tennessee State University. Thus, they make a direct link between those areas and what they will do if they are elected to office.

However, once the candidates are chosen, it comes into question whether

those promises are kept.

Ronald Myles, director of student activities, made an important statement regarding the promises of the SGA. "It does not matter what I think about their promises because the SGA makes assurances to the students, not the administration. It is important that the students see changes from their governing body."

Brandon Gray, a Student Government Association representative-at-large, said, "The main focus of the association is to obtain better communication between the student body, SGA and administration."

After the elections are over, students want to observe notable changes that have been implemented by the selected officers so that their vote will not be in vain. Students are complaining that they do not see anything that the elected officials are doing.

"I don't think that they have done anything, and I cannot recall any

changes that have occurred that the SGA has informed me about," junior Monique Edwards said.

"The President of the SGA has done a great job with getting to know the student body and addressing personal concerns, and the other SGA members should try to do the same," Junior Mia Ingram said.

"Without the participation of the student body in the general assembly meetings and any other cultural or social functions, we cannot function," Gray said "We need the students of TSU to become more involved in the issues that concern them and their livelihood."

A vital continuous interest of many students is security. Security gates, booths and more staff have been added in various sections around the campus. Also, safety doors are in the process of replacing the current doors at all dormitories.

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# Miss TSU's royal responsibilities

By G. Thaddeus Flowers  
Community View Writer

For the remainder of this week, seven young women will be campaigning for the most popular student position, Miss Tennessee State University.

What will be required of the next Miss TSU once she is in office and what will set the title winner apart from the rest of the campaigns will be determined by students and official school rules.

According to the Miss TSU Handbook, she is the official queen and representative of the university's student body. She serves as a voting member of the House of Delegates and is on at least three committees, including the homecoming committee. She will be held accountable for time management skills, a professional public appearance at all times and exemplary character, conduct and demeanor.

The handbook did not mention how Miss TSU will deal with food, housing and security problems, all of which are issues previous candidates have used as their platform to be elected into office. Reigning Miss TSU, Tiara "Lady" Wilson, points out that campus politics are not the queen's first priority.

"To be an ambassador. To be a host to the university. That comes first, and then to be a member of the SGA, help out with SUBG and SEC...You can't do it all by yourself. That's what the SGA president, SGA vice-president is for," Wilson said.

Miss TSU will be held accountable by her adviser and an advisory committee consisting of the vice president for student affairs, a public relations representative and a representative from the English or speech department. She can be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates.



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96-97 Miss TSU Robynne Manning

Once elected, the duties and guidelines that Miss TSU must abide by are clearly stated, preventing any confusion. The indecisiveness for students lies in determining who is qualified for the title and may just be smart, attractive, and a member of a Greek-lettered organization, rich and/or inappropriately outrageous.

Page three of the handbook states all that is required of a candidate, which includes her being elected, having a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, 90 credit hours by the end of the semester she is

her benefit.

"Each queen is different and has her own personality. We work with her strengths," Williams said.

Graduate student and Miss TSU 1996-1997 Robynne Manning pushes a true heart as the one quality it takes to win the office.

"You have to be real! Hot air balloons and barbecues don't mean anything if you are not real," she said.

In forming the picture of the ideal queen, you have a young lady who is aver-



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98-99 Miss TSU Tiara "Lady" Wilson ends her reign April 8

elected and being a female. However, meeting those four criteria will not get you into office.

Wilson knows that any young lady who wishes to be Miss TSU must start as a freshman. By being involved in campus activities and organizations, she builds a strong foundation for her tenure as queen.

"I want girls to realize you can't pop up your senior year and run for the position of Miss Tennessee State University. It is a process," Wilson said. "Proper preparation prevents poor performance."

According to Dale Williams, Miss TSU's adviser and former Miss TSU 1992-1993, one needs is a passion for the position and everything else can be improved upon with the help of speaking, posture and theater coaches once in office. As long as she has genuine love and loyalty for TSU, her personality can be used to

age in her school work, not necessarily popular, but is "real" with what she presents to the student body. However, meeting those criteria still will not get you into office.

James A. Hefner, TSU president, thinks anyone running for the office should be smart, informed and should communicate effectively.

"She (Miss TSU) ought to be articulate, she ought to be urbane, she ought to be a good student," Hefner said. "When she stands before an audience, and when she finishes her speech, everyone will know that she is Miss Tennessee State University."

Sophomore Business Information Systems major Sandrena Lee feels mental and spiritual criteria need to be met.

"My Miss TSU should be dedicated," Lee said. "She should be educated, know



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97-98 Miss TSU Jamila Engram

her history and the word of God."

There have been many opinions about how the candidates should campaign through election week. Those who have been around to see many Student Election Commission Weeks suggest things continue as in the past. The candidates should have big cookouts and intensive forums.

"I like the process," Hefner said. "I think Miss TSU should be scrutinized because she represents us. You have to rely on your ideas and different campaign strategies...All I want the students to do is to run in a fair manner. Be collegial with each other and campaign hard."

Manning, having somewhat raised the bar for the campaign process by producing one of the biggest campaigns in immediate TSU history, agrees with Hefner.

"I wouldn't change a thing about the campaigns, even the tearing down of posters," she said. "It shows who you are."

Williams, currently serving as the adviser to Miss TSU, has encouraging words to females pursuing the position.

"Any young lady could be Miss TSU," Williams said.

Manning, speaking with plenty of campaign and pageantry experience, offered a few words of advice.

"People will see through it if it is phony," she said.

Wilson, who is heavily involved in the communities surrounding TSU, knows that the stress of campaigning, time and energy needed to serve effectively as Miss TSU pays off and she feels there is an ultimate reward for being the queen of "Big Blue Country."

"The spark that you see in a little girl's eye when she sees you near her," Wilson said is worth every bit of the work it took to get her there. \*

# Former presidents share current accomplishments

By Metra Baugh and Sparkle Davis  
Arts & Entertainment Writers

A leader must carry the torch in order to illuminate the path for his or her followers.

In the past, many of the Student Government Association presidents have benefited from this role. TSU's former presidents have all become successful in their careers because of their leadership qualities, social skills, discipline and responsibility.

The Meter found three past SGA presidents and caught up with their careers.

Brian Williams served as president during the 1977-1978 term. He is now a successful lawyer in New York City with his own law firm. He says that TSU prepared him for his role as a lawyer because it was his first position that taught him leadership responsibilities and social status. He currently gives a stipend to the school and is a proud alumnus of TSU.

"It helped me to discipline myself to the challenges of the 'real world' and was able for me to gain my own business," Williams said.

Rubin Perry, 1957-1958 SGA president, wanted to become SGA president because he had a "desire to have a say as an individual."

"I feel that I served during a golden era," Perry said.

During his term he aimed and succeeded in increasing the influence of students in the direction of the university. While Perry attended TSU he was active with the basketball team.

As Air Force ROTC graduate, he spent eight and half years in the Air Force where he served on the B52 Crew and the Aircraft Crew.

In 1967 Perry joined IBM and was employed for 20 years. After retiring in 1987, he set up his own computer consulting company in Atlanta called Atlanta RP Enterprises. "At ARPE, we specialize in computer and managing ... consulting in areas of government, education, health and transportation (infor-

mation technology consulting)," Perry said.

Aside from being a hard worker, he finds time to give to the community through the Boys' and Girls' Club.

Perry was also appointed by the governor in Georgia to the Georgia Information Technology Policy Council. He served as the chairperson and helped to formulate and shape the technology for statewide agencies.

During the fall semester of 1998, Perry returned to TSU to attend the Vintager Program which is for former TSU students who have been alumni for 40 years or more.

Angela Dixon, the fourth elected female SGA president, served during the 1994-1995 term. Her focus was to bring the spirit back to TSU and to bridge the gap between the students, the administration and the community.

During Dixon's time at TSU, she was very active in several organizations including Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc., the Thomas Edwards Poag Players' Guild, University Peer

Counselors and Pre-Alumni Council.

"I felt very blessed that the student body had faith in me ... it was definitely an honor. It was interesting because (when she was running for office) the first female SGA president (Georgette "Gigi" Peek)

came from Former SGA president Angela Dixon is now North licensed by the Florida Bar Association.

Carolina to encourage me," Florida Bar, presently prosecutes crimes in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dixon said. From the time she stepped on the TSU campus, the spirit of loyalty toward the school was instilled in her.

"I had to continue that legacy," Dixon said.

Dixon, licensed with the



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Dixon had a few words of encouragement to give to future president of the SGA. "Have as much fun as you can, keep the students first and make well through out decisions," she said.

# Faculty member rallies for additional positions

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one ran," she said. "We were told by faculty that we were not advertising for the positions enough. The issue was brought to our attention by the faculty that it was not in the Constitution this year."

Then in January, SGA members were informed that elections for the additional positions would occur within the SGA.

"We received a document indicating how the ballot would look for the 1999-2000 elections," Johnson said.

The ballot included the seven positions for evening representatives at large. The SGA also received a letter from Sarah Curp, director of minority student affairs, indicating elections for the dormant positions.

Curp said the information about the unfilled positions was first brought to her attention by students, and she then brought it to the attention of the Division of Student Affairs.

"First I talked to Dean Myles, then I presented the issue to the president, then to the House of Delegates," Curp said.

"It came as a surprise at first," McCray said about the change. "But we've adjusted well to the addition of the

new positions."

As Johnson stated prior to this year's election, there was no clear definition of what those evening representative students would do, but recently the roles have been defined.

"The day representatives and the night representatives will represent all of the student body," McCray said. "It's not just day students being represented by seven representatives and night students being represented by seven representatives. Instead, there will be two representatives for every 1,000 students rather than one," she said.

With a good number of people showing interest in running for the new positions, McCray stressed the importance of students coming out to vote.

Last year only 20 percent of the student body voted. This year she hopes for a much larger turnout.

"Overall, the addition is a good idea ... There will be fourteen voices for the students," McCray said.

But there are also some potential problems that may arise, specifically with the SGA budget.

"Adding seven more people might

take away from the things they want to sponsor," McCray said.

Myles also brought up another possible financial burden.

"It could have some financial implications as far as travel goes...but collectively all representatives-at-large have the same concerns in general--the students," he said.

Traci Carter, a sophomore mass communications major, feels that the addition of seven more representatives is positive.

"The SGA is an organization established for the students. If there are supposed to be 14 representatives, then there should be," she said.

There are some students on campus who feel the addition of SGA members has more to do with diversity or including minority representation in the SGA, rather than equally representing night students, who largely are Caucasian, and day students.

"It's definitely a race issue," Meegan Barrett, a junior psychology major, said.

"Curp was the one who has found the loophole in the constitution to get the representatives," Barrett said. "She got applications and handed them out to the white

students on her own so they could run...She's doing her job. She wants white students represented," she said.

Neither Johnson or McCray spoke on Barrett's comment.

There is still some question on whether the addition of the Representatives-at-Large will lead to better representation.

"Unless we investigate it ourselves," Carter said, "We don't know what positions are being held or what their duties are."

Rather than add seven more positions, Barrett believes that the Representatives-at-Large should do a more competent job. •

Don't forget to vote for  
your  
SGA representatives

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Ambre S. Brown

Editor in Chief

There has been a lot of speculation lately about what exactly The Meter is doing.

When the editorial board decided to interview the candidates running for Student Government Association president, vice president and Miss Tennessee State University, we were met head-on by just about everyone. Well, everyone, it seemed, except the candidates.

You see, after explaining the procedure of the interview process and explaining that every major newspaper in the country and most college newspapers, take the time to interview candidates and write about them before the election, they seemed to understand.

The candidates were more willing to talk to the board about the position they were seeking and how the school would be better off with them in office.

## From where I sit

So why did we do it? The answer is quite simple. We all know that during election week, which starts on Monday at noon and ends at midnight on Wednesday, there is never enough time to get to know the person running for a leadership position.

For one thing, there are so many distractions. The fish, spaghetti, cake, buffalo wings, hot dogs, punch, ice cream, candy, etc., can be a little overwhelming. By the time most people finish eating, they can barely remember the name of the person who just fed them, much less anything they stand for.

We interviewed the candidates because this was our way of talking to them, one on one, about what they stood for before the madness began. The forums held during the week are monitored so closely that a candidate never really gets a chance to tell their side of an issue. They are bombarded with organizing flyers, giving away food and trying to talk to approximately 9,000 people in three days. They don't have the time or the energy to reach everyone. But we do.

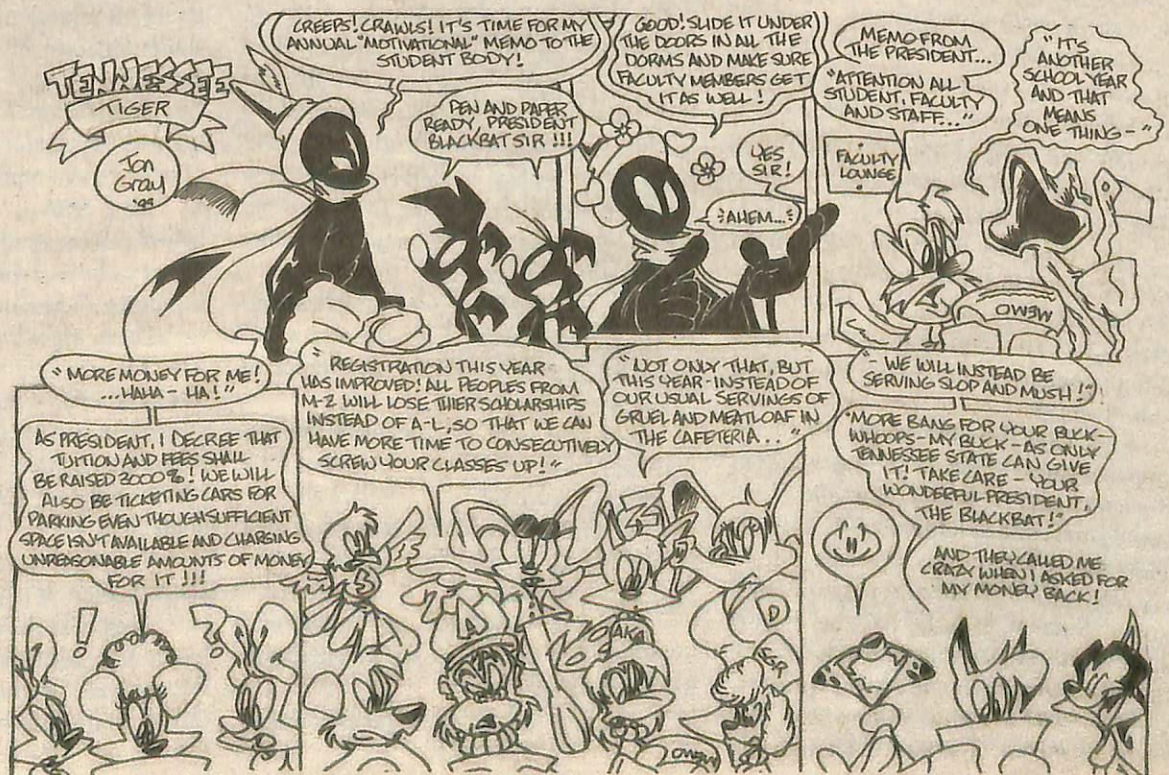
In addition to interviewing the candidates, we selected one candi-

date from each position that we collectively felt had the best plan for the university before the week began.

By no means are we telling you to vote for those people we selected, and we are not endorsing them. We are saying that these are the people who came across strongest in their interview. They had the strongest plan and a solid platform. They made the largest impression on the board. The decision was not easy to come by.

All 13 of the people running for the three offices would be excellent in their perspective leadership goals. After the interviews, I found myself wishing (but not too hard) that I would still be around to bear witness to the greatness the school is about to experience when this new administration comes on board.

I wish each candidate the best of luck and consistency. Because after all, we keep everything on record. We were not just interviewing to do what other people do, but we were also interviewing so that when they are elected, we can hold them accountable. We also want to make sure they do all the things they said they would do when we were eating, their fish, spaghetti, cake, buffalo wings, etc. •



# What We Think

In the midst of the barbecues, fish fries, give-aways and catchy slogans during election week, pertinent issues often go unheard at Tennessee State University.

Candidates are usually faced with the challenge of feeding the masses and presenting tangible items in return for votes. Unfortunately sometimes the people that present the real issues get overlooked and are even considered the underdog in the race.

This is why *The Aleter* has taken the initiative to give candidates an opportunity to present their platforms for the office in which they are seeking and to give students a chance to hold elected officials accountable for their election promises.

The information presented on each candidate is based on interviews conducted by the editorial board of *The Aleter*. Each candidate was viewed on an individual basis; no one was compared to another person. This is in no way a mechanism to sway voters, however, it is to offer voters a chance to make decisions based on the issues.

While all positions sought are vital for the productivity of the institution, the offices of Student Government Association president, vice-president and Miss TSU are the most prestigious and demand much from individuals.

## Candidates for SGA president

**Bernard Johnson**, who stands for improvement, has a plan and thinks that is the difference between him and other candidates. Johnson plans to combine some of the present committees into three main standing committees. The committees will be academic affairs, which will work on projects ranging from the grading scale to the quality of faculty; student affairs, which will concentrate on food, housing and security and public relations. Johnson said he has always wanted to be SGA president and decided not to run for office in the previous election in order to give younger students a chance to get involved.

According to candidate **Reginald Shareef**, who has never served on the SGA, unity on campus needs to be increased. His concern for incoming freshman seems to be genuine and he is focused on targeting them when they arrive to TSU. In his efforts to create more activities for students, he plans to have a "TSU Day" designed to allow students to meet and greet famous TSU graduates. Along with this he sees a need for a networking conference for graduating seniors. Shareef feels he has the closest contact with students and that he is the only candidate that can make the move.

Candidate **Melanie Wilson** says she is running on her experience. Though she

has only been an elected official in the SGA for one year, she has held office in other organizations on campus. Wilson said that she will deliver and that she has delivered for the university and students. She has played an intricate part in establishing firsts on campus such as LYLAS, the annual organizational fair and the stop sign at the corner of Albion and Claire streets. Wilson also added that she has a good rapport with the administration as she has secured a seat for a student representative on planning committees. She wants people to know that the SGA is a business and not all fun. She will hang out but will not down play the role of the association.

Setting goals to become SGA president has been the plight of candidate **Jacquay Waller**. He has been active with the association since his term as freshman class president. Waller plans to attack student apathy by having more forums and rallies in order for students to gain a stronger sense of self and to learn more of the history that TSU has. He plans to make a change in the current SGA by making class officers official SGA members. Waller also wants to preserve freshman delegation, a program established during **Quanita Johnson's** administration, because he said it builds leaders.

## Candidates for vice-president

The responsibilities of the SGA vice president are just as important as those of the SGA president. This person too must be a leader, responsible, effective and must compliment the president.

Bridging the gap between students and the SGA is a goal of candidate **Don Holloman**. He says if you do not have the student body you cannot get anything done. He is concerned about students, especially freshmen. Though he has never served on the SGA he has held leadership positions in other campus organizations. Holloman wants more unity at TSU and feels the answer is having more social activities for students. He wants to keep graduating seniors in touch by having a networking conference as well as a "Unity Day" for the university. He is student oriented and wants students to feel more comfortable when coming to the SGA with concerns.

No other candidate has the "quality experience" to serve as vice president according to candidate **Quinton James**. He has two years of experience in the SGA and stands on the platform of students getting things accomplished on campus. He wants to instill in students the importance of using their power. He cherishes the heritage and wants to see the SGA educating freshman in the orientation classes. He would like for the SGA to

get the results from teacher evaluations in order to force faculty to raise their standards. James says he is a man of few words. "Don't talk about it be about it," he said.

## Candidates for Miss TSU

The first lady of the university, Miss TSU, is a position that is held in high esteem and regard. She must be a leader, role model, articulate and a lady at all times.

**Martico Bailey** grew up in Nashville and said she has always wanted to become Miss TSU. She is not for the popular vote. She feels as if the office of Miss TSU has been blown out of proportion and wants to give the title a new meaning. Giving back to the community as well as the university are on her agenda. She said she has a big heart and she loves to love people. She believes Miss TSU should be courteous, well groomed and positive.

Holistic education is the foundation that candidate **Cherie Allen** stands on. Her idea of holistic education encompasses community activism, campus activities and tradition. She understands that Miss TSU is a representative of the university and she wants to inspire and encourage students. Allen feels her age, 38, will not be a handicap for her as the queen of the university. She said she brings understanding to the position as she has been in the position that the younger students are in. She wants Miss TSU to have more publicity, however, she would rather settle negative issues in-house before people go to the media.

**Zuri Mason** is a thinker and is well versed. She wants to unify the university as a whole using economic power and education. She would like to make On-Track, a mentoring program she currently participates in with her sorority, an ongoing community service project for the office of Miss TSU. She said she is a giving person and she wants people to have what she has. She said Miss TSU should be well versed, ethical and intelligent.

Being Miss Sophomore has helped in understanding and knowing the roles and responsibilities of Miss TSU according to candidate **Jonique Brooks**. She attributes her personality to never meeting a stranger. Brooks feels that Miss TSU should steer away from negative energy. She plans to create positive energy by encouraging mathematics and science awareness among students being that the new millennium is approaching. Reaching the community is a main goal of hers. She has proposed that professors give extra credit to students as an incentive for tutoring school age children. Along with this idea she wants to create an alumni web page to create a means for

networking. She thinks Miss TSU should be classy, respectable and positive.

Candidate **Courtney McCoy** believes the choices you make today will affect your tomorrow. She plans to attack alcoholism in college students by raising the conscientiousness of students toward it. Another goal she has focuses on empowering students for the future. She wants to host a spotlight on student entrepreneurs. This spotlight will give students an opportunity to present their talents and start early. McCoy feels alumni support is pertinent and she desires to research the causes for the lack of alumni participation in order to devise solutions. She thinks Miss TSU should be independent, open minded, and poised.

**Tracie Taylor** has a lot of ideas for TSU. She wants to implement Tigers 100, Tigers Place, On the Prowl and Growlers Information, all unique programs of her own. Tigers 100 is a group of students whose mission is geared toward school spirit and athletic involvement. Tigers Place would be designed to alleviate some of the existing housing problems by putting a lottery in place. On the Prowl is a computer literacy program designed to add on to the techniques taught in the core curriculum computer science course. Growlers Information is a program aimed toward improving the total student. Along with this, Taylor wants to raise alumni awareness through a television segment called Tiger Talk on cable channel 19. She said Miss TSU is a hostess, student and role model.

**Michelle Robinson** says she is willing to work if the students are willing to hire. Bringing forth her spiritual essence and true self she plans to increase campus participation among international students by having a cultural fest. She feels that communication is an area that she can improve at TSU. Robinson says she has a genuine desire to be Miss TSU and it is in her heart. She is interested in bringing more spiritual things such as gospel concerts to TSU. She thinks Miss TSU should be a role model and willing to work.

Each candidate has presented what they consider the issues to be, however, a decision must be made by voters select the most qualified and respectable candidate. We had the opportunity to talk to each of them and from those conversations and based solely on the issues, we think **Melanie Wilson** and **Don Holloman** offered solid solutions to the university's most serious issues. The board was split on **Michelle Robinson** and **Tracie Taylor** for Miss TSU.

By no means are we telling you to vote for these people. It is up to you to decide who you want to represent Tennessee State University. •

# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## SGA PRESIDENT



**Bernard Johnson**

Major: Electrical Engineering  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
Classification: Senior

Johnson was a member of the Student Government Association from the fall of 1995 through the spring of 1998. He has also participated in include the University Peer Counselors, the Honors Repertory Ensemble, the Pep Club, and the College of Engineering and Technology Pre-College Programs as a summer counselor.

"I am here to return Tennessee State University to an almost utopian state of family tradition.

"I can be used by this institution to promote family, high academic standards, and to increase the support of the administration and the Tennessee Board of Regents."

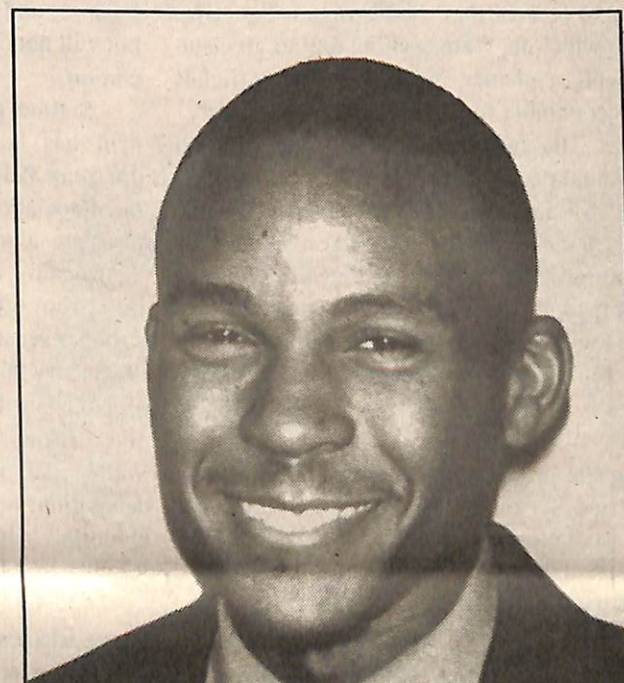


**Reginald Shareef**

Major: Computer Science  
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Penn.  
Classification: Senior

Shareef donates his time to helping the youth, community and his peers to achieve high scholastic values and to developing their moral attributes. The organizations that he is involved in include the University Honors Program, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Student Union Board of Governors, Peer Counselors and many others. He is currently Mr. Tennessee State University 1998-1999.

"I am the only man on this campus that can lead our school to the new millennium and shine as a positive light for others to follow. I plan to lead my students down the path of light and serve as the leader of Tennessee State University's student body."



**Jacquay Waller**

Major: Computer Science  
Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.  
Classification: Junior

Waller is currently a representative at large for the SGA, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Other organizations that he has participated in include the Pep Club, TSU Showstoppers, Collegiate 100 Black Men and the Men of Excellence Choir. He was also freshman class president and Mr. Honors 1997-98.

"During my freshman year, I set a goal to be SGA President. I have been very active on campus and have remained in touch with the student body so that I could voice their concerns and opinions when I was elected to office.

"I truly believe that I am the best candidate for the office of SGA President. I have experience, will work and most importantly, the Lord is on my side."

# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## SGA Vice President



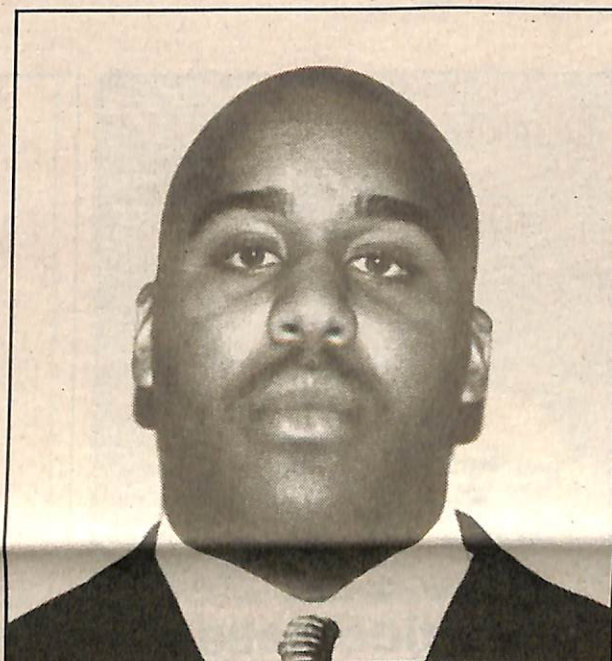
**Melanie Wilson**

Major: Political Science- Pre Law  
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.  
Classification: Senior

Wilson has several reasons for wanting to become the next president of the Student Government Association, but there is one main reason.

"My love for TSU students drives me to be the best student leader I can be, and to keep the needs of the students first."

She is currently serving as a representative -at-large on the SGA and founder and first president of LYLAS (a community service organization on campus). Melanie has also served as Vice Chairperson and Sergeant-at-arms of the Student General Assembly and created and co-chaired the Organizational Fair that highlighted all campus organizations.



**Don Holloman**

Major: Health Care Administration  
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Classification: Senior

Holloman is a member of several organizations including the Peer Counselors, The Pep Club, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. and the Student Union Board of Governors. He also volunteers his time by tutoring at McKissack Elementary School.

He wants to become SGA Vice President because he feels it is time for a change. He feels that voting in the upcoming elections will be important to students.

"Everyone talks about how much they love the university and how they always wanted to make a difference at this school. But little do the students realize that they have all the power on the university to make a huge difference on the campus and that power is to vote."



**Quinton James**

Major: Computer Science  
Hometown: Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.  
Classification: Junior

James is currently serving on the SGA as the Speaker of the House of Delegates, vice president of the Computer Science Club and parliamentarian of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Other organizations that he is involved with include Collegiate 100 Black Men, the University Peer Counselors and the Honors Program.

Upon graduation, he plans to continue his education by going to graduate school to attain a masters degree in information systems or computer science.

Eric feels that the most important quality a person should have is knowledge.

"Knowledge is the key to the world. With enough knowledge, one can achieve any goal, overcome any obstacle and step up to any challenge."

# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## Miss Tennessee State University



**Cherie M. Allen**

Major: Nursing and Psychology  
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.  
Classification: Senior

Allen first came to Tennessee State University in the spring of 1997. She is presently a member of the Honors Program, Psychology Honor Society and 1998-1999 Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Her other activities include being the school of Nursing class president, BSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing), representative to the Student Government Association's General Assembly and a member of the National Student Nurses Association.

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Major: Mathematics Education  
Hometown: New Orleans, La.  
Classification: Junior

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# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## Day and Evening Representatives At Large



**Carla Allen**

**Major:** Accounting  
**Hometown:** St. Louis, Mo.  
**Classification:** Freshman

Allen is a member of the Special Activities Committee and the mentoring board for the University Honors Program. She is also a member of the Tennessee State University Volleyball team. She is a volunteer with Special Olympics and the Run/Walk scholarship program.

"I believe I can be a real asset to the Student Government Association because I am a very positive person who is willing to work hard for my fellow students. I want to get everyone involved with Tennessee State University and I have a lot of ideas and ways to make it happen."



**Chris Berry**

**Major:** Business Information Systems  
**Hometown:** Easthampton, N.J.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Berry is currently the 1998-1999 Mr. Honors and a member of the Student "Y." He feels that he is ready to represent the entire student body as a whole. His plan, if elected, includes uplifting students to a higher level of thinking and motivating students to become more involved in various campus-related activities.

"One vote by a student truly can make a difference because without that one vote there cannot be a true election.

However, to increase voting, I feel that it should be under consideration for being a requirement for students."



**Dewayne Cid**

**Major:** Political Science  
**Hometown:** Charleston, S.C.  
**Classification:** Junior

Dewayne is seeking the position for Representative-at-Large of the Student Government Association. He is involved with the Air Force R.O.T.C. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

"Unlike the majority of both past and present student government so-called leaders, I am a man of action and very few words. I believe that there has been enough talk about Tennessee State University's problems and now is the time for action."



**Jymiela Ervin**

**Major:** Political Science  
**Hometown:** Louisville, Ky.  
**Classification:** Junior

Ervin is involved in NAACP and the University Honors Program. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She volunteers at the Preston Taylor Community Center and with girl scouts at the Salvation Army Magness Potter Center and with the elderly at Schrader Acres Senior Citizens Home.

"I feel that voting is imperative on this campus because without voting for people who are qualified and determined, students don't have a voice....The power positions are not just held by those people holding the offices; they are held by the student body in its entirety."



**Avita Fannin**

**Major:** Criminal Justice  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Ga.  
**Classification:** Junior

Fannin is a member of the Peer Counselors, Criminal Justice Organization, Pre-Alumni Council, Atlanta Club and various other organizations.

Her activities include the Honors Program Scholarship, the Dean's List and Lambda Tau Epsilon-Criminal Justice Honor Society.

"I very much would like to become a representative-at-large for the Tennessee State students simply because I want to work for them. Even though I am involved in an array of organizations and clubs, I still feel like I could do more. I want to have a deeper involvement, politically, with the school."



**Arris Ford**

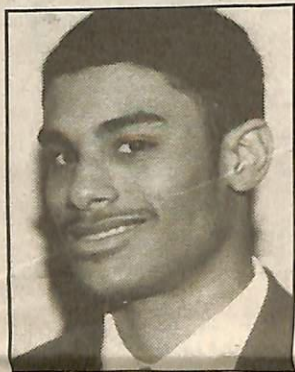
**Major:** Architectural Engineering  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Ga.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Ford is a member of the Pep Club, Architectural Engineering Institute, National Society of Black Engineers and Peer Counselors. He is also a founder and the vice president of the Atlanta club.

"In order for some changes to be made on the campus of Tennessee State University, more people should vote and elect to office the people who will work to make a difference on campus. I would make an excellent representative-at-large because I am willing to work hard to ensure that improvements be made on campus."

# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## Day and Evening Representatives At Large



**Edmund Ford**

**Major:** Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science  
**Hometown:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**Classification:** Senior

Ford is a member of the Aristocrat of Bands and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity. He said he would feel honored if he is elected representative-at-large. He wants to set an example for future students who will be attending the university.

He feels that voting is an important process on this campus that students should use. "Voting means that you have an individual decision or choice about a particular entity. If this voice stands out over a majority and is voted upon, then this voice shall be heard, but without those votes, this preponderance of votes shall be obsolete."



**April Frazier**

**Major:** Interdisciplinary Studies  
**Hometown:** Atoka, Tenn.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

After graduation, Frazier plans to attend law school to receive a degree in Juris Doctrate Law and a masters degree in philosophy. She is involved with Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, Honors Program, Golden Key Honor Society and the National Honor Roll.

"I am dedicated to bringing about positive social change for our society in the new millennium. I would be honored to be given the opportunity to serve my student body in the capacity of (SGA) representative-at-large."



**Kevin Gilliam**

**Major:** Biology / Pre-med  
**Hometown:** Clinton, MD.  
**Classification:** Freshman

Gilliam is the Honors Council treasurer, a member of the Collegiate 100 and the freshman delegation.

"As a representative it would be my responsibility to take the pulse of the student body and from this make decisions that I feel the majority of the student body would agree with.

"As a member of the freshman delegation I received a glimpse of the inner workings of the governmental system here at Tennessee State University and after seeing this, I would like to be a mechanism in this decision making machine."



**Kenya Gordon**

**Major:** Engineering  
**Hometown:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Gordon is currently the chairperson of the Publications Committee of the National Society of Black Engineers, a member of Students Against Driving Drunk, the University Honors Program and the Memphis Club. She also tutors at F. H. Jenkins Elementary School.

"The people bringing about change and voting is one of the most powerful weapons we have. Tennessee State University is the finest school in the country, but I would like to be an instrument for the student body to strive for perfection."



**Melonie Green**

**Major:** Mass Communications with a minor in English  
**Hometown:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**Classification:** Junior

Green currently is a representative-at-large and wants to be re-elected for another year. Her duties on the SGA included serving on the Food Service Committee and the Student/Faculty Advisory Committee.

"I am seeking the position of representative-at-large because I know that I am serving the students well as I currently hold the position. My work throughout this term has provided the students with improved conditions in the cafeteria, more information as to what is going on in the SGA, as well as over all representation of the students."



**Melorra Green**

**Major:** Mass Communications with a minor in English  
**Hometown:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**Classification:** Junior

Green currently serves as a Representative-at-Large for the Student Government Association and on the Food Service and Student Faculty Advisory committees.

"When you vote, you are saying to yourself and your peers that you plan to take an active role in your community, which is Tennessee State University. I choose to vote because I want my voice to be heard. I encourage all to not only vote on campus, but to vote in other elections as well."

# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## Day and Evening Representatives At Large



**Shana Jones**



**Julius Lockett**



**Lamont Oden**



**Jason Ridgel**



**Montez Ross**



**Ivo Thomas**

**Major:** Architectural Engineering  
**Hometown:** Detroit, MI  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Shana is a member of the student chapter of the Architectural Engineering Institute.

She is aware of the problems students face including registration complications, financial aid assistance and campus housing. She also wants to be an "arbitrator" for the both the student body and the Student Government Association. She enjoys helping people and listening to their problems.

"As a student body, we must have the opportunity to choose those who we feel will make a conscience and valiant effort to listen to the concerns, meet the demands and attempt to solve the problems that face our society."

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, GA.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Lockett's main reason for running for Representative-at-Large is because he wants to aid the university in preparing for the next millennium and offer the Student Government Association his leadership and dedication.

He is a member of the National Association of Black Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a co-founder and president of the Atlanta Club.

"Many students are not informed of the political issues and miss out on very important discussions and debates that have a large impact on their lives. I will work to make sure that more students become involved and are made aware of all important issues."

**Major:** Computer Science  
**Hometown:** Cincinnati, OH  
**Classification:** Freshman

Oden is a part of many organizations on campus including the yearbook staff and Student Government Association work study. He is a part of the first SGA Freshman Delegation. His main priority is achieving academic excellence.

"I am dedicated to making a positive change, and a perfectionist's touch in all I am involved in. From the simple things in life to the most complicated and time consuming, perfection can only be achieved upon completion.

"My goal, if elected is to do just that. Complete my term with a sense of perfection, confidence and completion."

**Major:** Electrical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Birmingham, AL.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Ridgel was voted treasurer of his freshman year and became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. his second year. He is also a volunteer at the Hadley Park Library.

"My interest in this position stems from first of all my love for my fellow students, second for the love of my school and third for my desire to bridge the gap between the two.

"I will work hard for the student body with a variety of helpful options that will help make improvements on this campus."

**Major:** Mass Communications  
**Hometown:** Nashville, TN  
**Classification:** Junior

Ross plans to enter the field of journalism. His hobbies include weightlifting and reading. He is an active member of the NAACP, Concerned Students Association, Society of Professional Black Journalists, National Broadcasting Society, National Association of Black Journalists, Pep Club and Peer Counselors. He volunteers his time at Preston Taylor, McKissack Middle School and St. Andrews.

"I want to run for the position of Representative-at-Large. I really feel as though I could at least make a strong attempt to address the students concerns. My motto is, 'God blesses us with a chance to learn something new everyday.'"

**Major:** English  
**Hometown:** Detroit, MI.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Ivo is currently serving as the sophomore representative for the Student Government Association, editor of the SGA Chronicle and president of the Michigan Club. She is a former member of FOLCRON, a French tutoring program at McKissack elementary school.

"As a candidate for Representative-at-Large, I would encourage all TSU students to increase their activism and learn to care for others and not just themselves. Along with student activism, voting is necessary for the growth and development of every college student. As a candidate for Representative-at-Large, I would not only ask students to vote for me, but just to vote even if not for myself."

# 1999-2000 Student Government Association Candidates

## Day and Evening Representatives At Large



**James Ussery**

**Major:** N/A  
**Hometown:** Detroit, MI.  
**Classification:** Junior

Ussery is seeking the position of Representative-at-Large for the 1999-2000 academic school year. He has been active as a peer counselor and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

"During my sophomore year I looked back on my freshman year and thought about why I was so concerned with the state of the union and not the state of my college campus. This is one of the reasons why I desire the position of Representative-at-Large.

Voting is very important on this college campus...if we could get more students concerned instead of being so complacent we could start from here."



**Sharifa Vinson**

**Major:** Electrical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Grambling, LA  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Vinson is seeking the position of Representative-at-Large for the 1999-2000. She is a member of the Tennessee State University Honors Program, NAACP, National Society of Black Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Mid-South Alliance for Minority Participation Program. She also served as Miss Freshman for the 1997-1998 school year along with tutoring and mentoring at F. H. Jenkins Elementary School.

"Each person who holds a seat in the Student Government Association represents each and every individual on this campus, and it is only fair that the students themselves choose the people who will represent their beliefs and values best."



**Kwanisha Walters**

**Major:** Cardio Respiratory  
**Hometown:** Detroit, MI  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Kwanisha is currently the reigning Miss Big and Beautiful and Miss Alpha Nation. She is a member of (Love You Like A Sister) LYLAS, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, Aristocrats of Bands, Boy Scouts of America, Students Against Drunk Driving and NAACP.

"It is up to the students to make the changes. We have to stop sitting around waiting for someone else to do it. That is the reason we must vote. There would not be a TSU if it were not for the students. So let's give our school everything it has given us."



**LaToya Williams**

**Major:** Accounting  
**Hometown:** Miami, FL  
**Classification:** Junior

Williams is seeking the position of SGA Representative-at-Large. She is a member of the Honors Program, NAACP, Queens Council, Peer Counselors, SIFE, Florida Club and My Sister's Keeper at Born Again Church. Williams is also a member of the women's track team.

"I would like to uphold the Representative-at-Large position because I would like to be one of the many student voices which expresses concerns of other students, student-athletes, and the university as a whole. With acceptance, I offer my dedication, loyalty and creativity in support of the Student Government Association."



**Torrance Winton**

**Major:** Hospitality and Tourism Administration  
**Hometown:** Huntsville, Ala.  
**Classification:** Sophomore

Winton is seeking the Representative-at-Large position for the 1999-2000 academic school year. He is involved in the Aristocrat of Bands, a university tour guide, sophomore class president and member of INROADS, Inc.

"By running for Representative-at-Large, I plan to raise the conscientiousness level of our students and inform them of some of the situations that will affect their lives. I believe that if we build an election on integrity and issues, people will come out and vote. If people stop making a mockery out of the system, with all the food...people will feel obligated to vote. The students that run for an office are the voices of the students who make up the university."

Remember to vote  
Thursday  
4 - 8 p.m.  
at the Avon Williams Campus  
and Friday  
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
at the Main Campus

Election results will be announced around 8:30 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment

Compact DISCUSSIONS

Atlantic Records

You may not be as familiar with this record company as you are with Bad Boy, No Limit or Death Row, but you are familiar with their artists. Atlantic Records boasts such names as Lil' Kim, Aaliyah, Twista, Changing Faces, Timbaland and Magoo and Brandy.

Prepare to welcome the artists that will guide them into the new millennium. From jazz to gospel, Atlantic Records has the industry on lock.

- 5- Blazin'
4- Explosive
3- Hot Like Fire
2- Smokin'
1- Burned Out

Nicole Renee Nicole Renee 2



Everyday artists enter the recording studio and risk two possibilities: either pleasing or disappointing their fans. If more artists took ample time to craft quality, meaningful songs, studio time would not be wasted.

The first segment of Nicole Renee's self-titled CD is disappointing due to her whinny, Prince/Keith Sweat-sounding voice, which is evident on tracks like "Cocaine Lane," "Sound Of Love" and "Ain't Nothin' Changed."

While she was rocking in her "Rocking Chair" and talking on

the "Telephone" to "The Boy Next Door," she should have been thinking about "How Many

the rural south. Anywhere in the south- Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky. The type of church with a handful of members, usually a couple of families who live, work and worship together. When these families worship, they give praises the only way they know how to- through song. I imagine Hawkins attended

backsliders sliding into the front pew. Hawkins also re-releases his award-winning, often-covered spiritual staple "Oh Happy Day" along with the European Mix of the song. KEITH BARBEE

Wayman - Tisdale
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tion, Wayman helps you get there. His smooth touch on songs like "Bassman," "Ready or Not" and "Fell in Love" are reminiscent of that distinct style that made him an underground favorite with his first two albums, Power Forward and In The Zone.

I'm glad someone told him to quit his day job! GEORGE REDDICK

DISCUSS This !

Russell Gunn Ethnomusicology, Volume I 4

By George Riddick Sports Writer

Know that this is not your father's jazz! Thrill seekers beware. If you are ready for this rollercoaster ride through Russell Gunn's musical mind, you are ready for the next millennium of jazz.

"74 Miles Away" prepares you for the ride this E. St. Louis, Ill. native takes you on. This song gives you the essence of high-end hip hop, and acid fusion jazz - Renaissance Jazz. "Shiva" is a level off keeping with the theme, yet still pushing the limits of your imagination. It is innovative, yet classic at the same time.

From there you drop into a corkscrew with "Sybil's Blues." You get a "D.C. Go Go/Maceo Parker" feel of distinct jazz that James Brown

helped to invent. Russell Gunn love of music.



From there, it never ends. With "Woody's Doll" to "Folks," each song shows deep emotions and intense vibes. Russell's uncompromised skill on the horns and behind the boards on production show his visions of a perfect merge between jazz and hip hop. This album gives you all that Guru wanted to do with Jazzmatazz, but doesn't drown you in intensity like Miles Davis' classic Bitches Brew.

As your ride ends, still pushing for that ultimate, euphoric mix of classic and contemporary jazz, you get off having enjoyed this divine experiment into the unknown.

took this sound to the next level. This song showed how diverse his listening tastes are and his true

Times" her fans will not listen to her CD.

"Sunshine" is the only track that is worthy of three minutes and sixteen seconds.

This CD will probably make you think, "Ugh!" this is terrible.

When will artists learn their lesson? Only time will reveal. METRA BAUGH

Edwin Hawkins Love Is The Only Way 4

With the hip hop energy of Kirk Franklin's Nu Nation and the inspirational lyrics of CeCe Winans and Karen Clark-Sheard, it would be quite easy for Edwin Hawkins to get lost in the shuffle- but he doesn't.

Imagine a small church in

such a church as a boy. It's in his voice and the way that he delivers a song. No dynamics, just spirit-filled praises. The title track is a wonderful song with the lead vocals of both Hawkins and Dita Jackson. Lynette Hawkins Stephens helps out on lead on "Another Day" and Brenda Roy was chosen to sing lead on "Chosen (He Chose You)."

Lawrence Matthews sings from the heart and for the Lord as he professes that he is a "Child Of The King" and Hawkins effectively delivers "Love Is The Reason" along with "Don't Forget To Pray," which also showcases the angelic voice of Matthews. Matthews also delivers on the explosive "Praise Medley," which will have all



Classic, Classic, Classic. Contemporary jazz at its all time best. This former power forward for the L. A. Lakers brings it to you with his third album Decisions.

From waking up to "Breakfast with Tiffany" to the superb trip to "Mexicoco" to getting "Miles Away" from civiliza-



Fat Joe Don Cartagena 4

Rapper Fat Joe grew up in a traditional Latino family in the boroughs of South Bronx, NY. Joe's first exposure to rap was through his older brother Angel. He quickly picked up an affinity for the music as well as for busting rhymes himself.

His debut album Represent was released in 1993 on Relativity Records and the hit single "Flow Joe" hit No. 1 on the Billboard hot rap singles chart.

Joe returned in 1995 with his second album Jealous One's Envy. He signed to Atlantic records in 1997 where he formed his own Mystic Entertainment imprint. His latest release Don Cartagena was released on Atlantic records in July 1998.

Fat Joe's Don Cartagena provides cuts like the title track which features the versatile Puff Daddy, "John Blaze" featuring some of the top rap artists in the industry such as Nas, Raekwon and Big Punisher, "Bet Ya Man Can't (Triz)" featuring Terror Squad along with other outstanding tracks like "Walk On By" which features Charli Baltimore and "Dat Gangsta Sh\*t."

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## Student Election Week Schedule

### Monday

SGA Nomination Convention  
12 pm (Kean Hall)  
Class Nomination Convention  
6 pm (Forum 210)

### Tuesday

SGA Forum (Downtown  
Campus) 12 pm  
Rally (Kean Hall and Room  
040) 5pm-7pm  
Class Forum @ 8pm (Forum  
210)

### Wednesday

SGA Forum (Main Campus) 12  
pm  
Miss TSU Pageant (Kean Hall) 7  
pm

### Thursday

Campaigning Ends @ 12 pm  
Voting 4 pm to 8 pm (Avon  
Williams Campus)

### Friday

Voting 7 am to 7 pm @ (Main  
Campus)

# Class Officers

### Senior Representative

Tameka Hill

### Junior Representative

Ebony M. Ingram

Dacia J. Sellars

### Sophomore Representative

Damyon J. Thompson

### Miss Senior

Larculia V. Exum

Demetria Harlan

### Miss Junior

Shena Ashley

Mignon D. Brown

Mia R. Evans

Naila S. Howell

Tavy J. Wade

### Miss Sophomore

Chandra Champion

Tamika D. Rolling

Karen Stevenson

Jacinta A. Tibbs

### Senior Class President

Dave Ragland

### Junior Class President

Jamal S. Hutchinson

Angela R. Montgomery

Hollie D. Ware

### Sophomore Class President

Nicole S. Bonner

Dwedor W. Ford

### Junior Class Vice President

Mary Michelle Fleming

### Sophomore Class Vice President

Charlene J. Gilmore

### Junior Class Secretary

Ebony Ingram

### Junior Class Treasurer

Patrice Hubbard

### Sophomore Class Treasurer

April M. Crawford

Yaritza Soto

## Lack of communication and respect, main problems for officers

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if the class officers are not as important as the SGA. "I think students picture the SGA officers as the primary power holders because the class president and vice presidents are not a part of the House of Delegates. They have no voting privileges," she said.

One student said it is not that she does not have issues or concerns to address, but that she simply cannot get in contact with class officers. "I know who some of them are but I never see them," said senior Candace Ingram.

Barnes admits that if she were not in office, that she would not attend meetings. "No one has raised any issues to the

senior class officers this year," she said. "The only question that I am waiting to hear is about the senior fees which a lot of people didn't know about."

There is no one to blame or true answer to this puzzle, but it is evident that both parties--general student body and class officers-- are not taking advantage of their opportunities. Students are not using their vessels to change the problems they so eagerly complain about in everyday conversations and student officers are not using their communication abilities to better their networking skills by executing the ideas that they platformed for their election.

## Student want to ask more questions

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"I have noticed some of the things that SGA has done, and I understand that it takes time and money to complete a lot of the jobs," said sophomore Shenika Douglas.

Another major concern of students is

the questioning process.

"Before I cast my vote during the next campaign, I would like to hear more question-answer panel discussions involving the candidates," said junior Andreka Crawley.

# Picks of the Pack

March 26-29

What is the most important issue that needs to be addressed during the Student Election Commission week?



Sonja Jones

"The housing process definitely needs an improvement."



Sydrea Torrance

"The only problem that I have here is with the food."



Leslea McCargo

"I think more scholarships should be made available to TSU students. Food is also a concern."



Dutchess Gray

"Teachers don't care about the students. They have attitudes with us."



Marcus Stennis

"Parking is the only thing that makes me mad."



Dorothy Lockridge

"Students have voiced their problems with housing and food."



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