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Largest media convention to be held in Nashville

By Kamaria Mack
 Campus News Editor

Nashville is hosting the largest annual media convention for college and university media which has attracted 2,500 students world wide.

The Eighty-third annual National College Media Convention, sponsored by the Associated Press and College Media

Advisors, in partnership with College Broadcasters Inc. is being held this week starting on Nov. and ending Nov. 7. The event, which is held at the Nashville Convention Center and the Renaissance Hotel, invites student broadcasters, journalists and advisors world wide, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the CMA.

"The convention presents learning opportunities from people already in the

field," said Lacey Lyons, editor of *The Division*, Belmont University's newspaper. "It also helps students figure out whether or not they want to become involved in journalism at all."

The purpose of the convention is to unite, uplift, encourage and inform student journalists along their paths of success.

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Members of the volleyball team preparing to defend the net.

Volleyball team steals first OVC win in seven years

By: Dairanetta Spain
 Sports Writer

The Tennessee State Lady Tiger volleyball team (4-22, 1-10 OVC) won its first on court Ohio Valley Conference win in seven years against the Morehead State Eagles (7-15, 6-4 OVC) in an intense weekend of conference play.

TSU defeated the Eagles 3-2 with scores of 23-30, 21-30, 33-31, 31-29 and 15-10 Saturday Oct. 23. after being down in the match two games to none Saturday, Oct. 23. Although they recorded a win last year by Murray State's forfeit, this year's win was the real deal with a hard fought legit victory.

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Sorority finally scores dorm dedication

By Kamaria Mack
 Campus News Editor

The Alpha Beta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. dedicated Rudolph Residential Center on Sunday, Oct. 31 in recognition of the chapter; the sorority is the last of 5 of the Pan-hellenic Council to have a residence hall dedicated.

The residence hall was dedicated to the sorority by placing the national shield in front of the dorm.

During the ceremony, former national president and homecoming parade honoree Katie Kinnard White was also honored as apart of the festivities.

"It's our chance to give back to a specific community, and we are embracing it," said Alpha Beta president, Natasha Wilkins, a senior from



PHOTO BY SHANTANA COLLINS

Shield that was unveiled Sunday.

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Professionals to speak at convention

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This year there are a host of notable, veteran journalists who are expected to deliver keynote addresses throughout the convention. Journalists such as, John Seigenthaler, former publisher of *The Tennessean* and member of the board of directors of the Freedom Forum; David Aikman, longtime *Time* magazine correspondent and author of several books; Leonard Pitts, Jr., nationally syndicated columnist for the *Miami Herald* and recipient of 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary; and Rob Curley, director of new media for the Internet division of the *Lawrence Journal World* newspaper and 6 News television station.

"It is important to learn and listen about how professionals deal with issues that arrive in the real world," said Corie Burris, a David Lipscomb University student from Nashville who is majoring in English.

The convention is designed to provide well rounded experiences for students. There are workshops, round tables discussions, 300 break-out sessions, on-site critiques, a career fair, award convocations, student publication displays, trade shows, vendor sessions, receptions, an advisor luncheon as well as "Freedom Sings," which is a popular musical about the history of the First Amendment, produced by The First Amendment Center in Nashville. The musical has been performed throughout the country and features a cast of musicians, singers and narrators.

"I would like to attend the sessions because they would offer great learning techniques," said Tyreka Banks, a senior from Memphis who is majoring in mass communication. "Unfortunately, I can not attend but I know its going to be helpful."

The breakout sessions are available for different areas of student media, including print and online newspapers,

magazines, yearbooks, and radio and television broadcast. The sessions are conducted by media professionals, working journalists, media advisors and a panel of select students. Special sessions are provided on areas of business management, press law and ethics, photography, technology and news design and advertising.

The National Public Radio station is providing training programs where students may showcase talents through a broadcast.

"Radio training is needed because TSU has a difficult time getting people to participate," said Faheem Goree a junior from Washington, D.C. "Any opportunity radio students can get to train and learn more should be taken advantage of."

The Black College Communications Association is also hosting a special convocation for members and other interested students.

Minorities and special interests

groups, including African-American, Asian-American, gay and lesbian, Hispanic and Native-American will have an opportunity to engage in round tables discussions, which are expected to be preceded by a keynote address.

"If you want to have a complete understanding of the world, having only one viewpoint gives you a distorted view of the world," said Donald Paige, a TSU communications professor. "Multiple viewpoints create diversity."


Student journalists had an opportunity to enter ACP's Best of Show competition that is free to ACP members and open to non-members for a small fee OF WHAT. The on-site competition is limited to the convention participants but is designed for newspapers, magazines, yearbooks and broadcast news programs. The awards are scheduled to be presented during the closing convocation on Sunday, Nov.7.

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Pan-Hell Greeks get new building

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Birmingham majoring in business administration.

Nearly each member of the Pan-hellenic council has a residence hall dedicated to them and become responsible for building relationships with members of each dorm. Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. is in charge of Eppse Hall; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. covers Wilson Hall, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. oversees Hale Hall, while Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is in charge of Hankal Hall. Watson and Boyd residence halls do not have a Greek organization to communicate with.

The shield, which is located on the main entrance of Rudolph, faces the campus. The colors of the shield are blue and gold and have been designed as an open book, accompanied by other ornate details that represent the sorority.

Members of the Alpha Beta chapter, members of the Upsilon Sigma chapter, members of the TSU administration, Kinnard and her family, as well as some student leaders.

"It is a proud day in our history," said Erica Cheatham, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority who

organized the event.

"Everyone is really excited to have the shield displayed in front of the entire campus.

The members of the sorority host bimonthly events for the residents of Rudolph. The Pamper Night, seminars, and group games have attracted a large turnout from Rudolph residents, mainly freshman.

"I have attended some their activities I really enjoyed myself, said Nicole Smith.

Mentoring to the small community at Rudolph is only a small portion of the community service efforts in which the sorority members engage. They are involved in Project Big Book Bag, a school supply donation program; tutoring programs and many other national projects.

The honoree, Katie Kinnard White, who is a graduate and former professor at TSU served as the national president from 1988-1992; she is also the honoree for the Homecoming parade.

"She truly symbolizes everything that our sorority stands for." Wilkins said, "There were cornerstones overturned under her leadership."

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Picks of the Pack

What does the shield dedication mean to you?



Name: Eryka Cheatham
Classification: Senior
Major: Mass Communication
Hometown: Detroit

"I am very excited about the Shield dedication. This has been in the works since my induction into the sorority in 2002."



Name: Kim Johnson
Classification: Junior
Major: psychology
Hometown: Milwaukee, Wis.

"The dedication is a representation of our love for our sorority, each other and our campus. This dedication is a landmark event to everyone."



Name: Latoya Trice
Classification: Junior
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Memphis

"I am very excited about the Shield dedication. It represents the sisterhood and service of our sorority and I am glad it can be enjoyed by the entire campus."



Name: Natasha Wilkins
Classification: Senior
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.

"To see the vision of the shield unfold for such a worthy cause and honor, a person like soror Dr. Katie White, is breathtaking."

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I've Got Jungle Feeeeeever

By A.J. Griffith
Black College Wire

"You'd better not bring home any white girls," said a female friend during a long-distance phone conversation some years ago. "Of course not," I replied. A.J. Griffith

At that point in my life, I couldn't even conceive of dating outside my race. To my mind then, black people had enough trouble to deal with in "white America."

We didn't need to bring trouble home with us to dinner. Dating white women would have meant that I was losing touch with my roots and betraying my sisters.

Then the hard times came. I was a lonely brother in search of female companionship and I needed a friend.

All my black female friends were either married, in relationships or too busy with school to have time for me. I couldn't buy a date. I was the invisible brother.

One day at my job, I had a conversation with an attractive white girl. She was a student at Louisiana State, and I was considering going back to school but had apprehensions. I explained my fears as she patiently listened.

I noticed her eyes as she gave me her undivided attention. She applauded my quips with a warm smile that made me feel special. She gave me words of encouragement that I desperately needed.

For a brief moment, there was a

pause in our conversation, followed by an intimate gaze and an echo of heartbeats that suggested one thing, chemistry. This was completely new to me because I had never gotten the type of attention from a white female that I was used to receiving from black females. It was strange even feeling attracted to her in the same way, but her skin color didn't even matter to me; the support she gave me right then did.

Did we exchange phone numbers and have deeper, late-night conversation as a result of this encounter? Did we go out and become romantically acquainted? No. In fact, that was our last conversation.

However, the experience opened my mind and made me see outside of the racial box I had placed myself in.

I realized that by limiting myself to dating within my own race and not taking into consideration the possibility that someone of another ethnicity could have a sincere interest and desire for me, I was missing out on a valuable experience that could change my life for the better.

It was then that I realized that love is something that must not be confined by racial or cultural differences. I learned that where hearts are concerned, preoccupations with skin color should be looked upon merely as a thin wall that need not be climbed because by doing that, its height only increases.

That wall should be broken down and the affection for another

human being should be allowed to be experienced, expressed and enjoyed with no barriers.

Regardless of what race we may be, we all have something beautiful to offer one another. Skin tone should not hinder us from exploring this notion in our search for emotional satisfaction.

Don't get me wrong. My ideal queen is an ebony angel with deep, brown eyes and a summer evening smile.

I'm looking for an Eryka Badu-, Jill Scott-type of sister to vibe with and carry my seed. But if a Christina Aguilera-, Britney Murphy-type comes along and can prove that she sincerely wants to be on my team, I'm only one man with one heart.

Whoever steals it first will be the one. And if the latter-mentioned type beats the sister to my heart, she'll be my queen.

That means you'll see us together holding hands at the mall with matching "dead prez" T-shirts, or cuddling at the Bayou Classic feeding each other nachos, or sitting up front at the poetry readings like it's our world.

I wouldn't treat her any better or any worse than I would my black women. I would not consider her whiteness a prize. That would be irrelevant to our relationship. And whoever I wind up with — Caucasian, Asian, Latina, Indian, whoever — the black woman will always be my sister, foundation and source of inspiration.

I'm her, she's me and that's the way it'll forever be. We may not be bound together as man and wife, but we'll always be bound by our plight as black people. I realize that the person I choose to love will never make me blind to that fact.

Love is a beautiful test. It challenges us to see past each other's differences. It beckons us to embrace those things that separate us culturally and learn from them.

True love is a color-blind third eye that looks directly past physical differences such as skin color and outer pulchritude and sees only the beauty of the soul.

A.J. Griffith, a student at Southern University, is opinions editor of The Southern Digest. •

What We Think Presidential dodgeball

President James A. Hefner's last days as leader of the university are steadily approaching. Upon noting this significant change in Tennessee State University history, our campus news editor tried to meet with him to discuss his final and future plans. President Hefner cancelled.

Initially, the president's secretary asked us to submit a list of potential questions prior to the interview. Upon receiving them, she informed us that the president would be unable to meet with and suggested that we try again next semester.

Next semester? Why do we have to wait another two and a half months in order to speak with the leader of our university, who happens to be the same man who coined the phrase "Students Matter Most?" The president's avoidance of us makes it seem as though he is avoiding all types of press besides TSU's public relations department.

Hefner does have a record of avoiding the media. Last semester when the audit reports were released, instead of talking to *The Tennessean's* higher education reporter Michael Cass, members of the *City Paper*, and *The Meter*, he held a press conference in which Hollis Price, the newly appointed director of university relations and development read a statement from him describing the status of the Foundation accounts and scholarships. When the athletic audit was released, he wrote a letter to the TSU community admitting what happened in the report. Hefner has yet to make a full university appearance this semester, even going as far as to have Thomas Martin, vice president for student affairs, speak at the annual fall convocation. That has never happened; the president always speaks at the convocation.

The Meter does have a responsibility to report the highlights and lowlights of TSU and its community per our mission statement, yet we do not wish to exploit or belittle our great president. We just want to meet with him because we care. •

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Letters to the Editor

TSU Alpha's reach out to the community with alumnus member

Since May 12, 1934, the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Beta Omicron chapter have continued to strive to uphold the motto set forth by our founders, "Scholarship, Fellowship, & Devotion."

In an effort to celebrate seventy years of "Scholarship, Fellowship, & Devotion," the brothers of the Beta Omicron chapter will host a 70th Anniversary Homecoming Luncheon, incorporating the theme "Bridging the Gap." The luncheon will take place at 12 noon on Saturday, November 6, 2004 in Jane Elliot Hall (Women's Building) on the campus of Tennessee State University. Brother Harvey Johnson, mayor of Jackson,

Mississippi, will serve as the keynote speaker incorporating the theme "Bridging the Gap."

Brother Johnson, a 1966 Beta Omicron chapter initiate, will also serve as the Grand Marshall for this year's homecoming festivities.

With a mixture of both graduate and undergraduate brothers present at the luncheon, we hope to bridge the gap between the generations comprising our chapter's great legacy.

Please direct any correspondence to the Luncheon Chairs; Der'Ivan Kelly (Phone: 205-862-3808, Email: DerIvan_Kelly@hotmail.com) and Isaac Addae (Phone: 601-462-4240, Email: IsaacAddae@hotmail.com).

"Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men." - Lao Tzu

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Arts & Entertainment

Fall fashion show falls short

By Dayna Lovelady
A & E Writer

The seventh annual Groove Wear Fashion Show left a crowded audience dissatisfied after they learned that R&B singer Donell Jones was a no show and old merchandise was featured on the runway.

The fashion show took place on Friday, Oct. 22 at John Henry's located at 1036 Jefferson Street with the goal of displaying some of today's urban wear fashions.

"The clothes were things I've seen in Groove Wear within the last couple of weeks," said audience member Veronica Waters. "I wanted to see fresh looks. This show was not as good as the previous shows. The whole show seemed rushed, and I was not impressed."

The show hosted by Brandi Innocent of 106.7 The Beat was scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. but did not start until 9:30 p.m. which was earlier than last year's show that began 45 minutes late and took place at Gibson's Guitar Showplace in Opry Mills.

R&B singer Donell Jones was scheduled to perform but a large, red, construction paper, hand-written sign appeared on the wall as guests walked into John Henry's stating that Jones was "sick and unable to attend."

"He lost his voice," said Groove, owner of the store Groove Wear located at 2519 Clarksville Pike. "I found out last night."

The outbursts of many audience members proved their disappointment as one person in the audience yelled, "Donell Jones is the only reason I came. This was a waste of money."



The flier Groove Wear distributed among potential fashion show viewers.

The other featured entertainer for the evening, spoken word artist Red Strom, who appeared on Def Poetry Jam, did however show up and receive a standing ovation from the crowd after each poem.

The Chicago native who grew up with Groove debuted on Def Poetry Jam on Sept. 19. According to Storm, he gets his inspiration from being in and out of jail. The poem that received the most love from the crowd was a piece about President Bush and the society. This poem displayed his passion about being a black man, going through the judicial system and dealing with the outcome of his circumstances.

"The spoken word artist was great," said Nashville tailor Dr. Jasper Brewster. "I really wish I could have seen Donell

Jones though."

Despite the late start, the show began with a scene intended to be an attention-grabbing introduction. The traditional T-shaped runway used in most fashion shows gave way to the non-traditional J-shape runway used in this year's production.

The show featured approximately 32 male and female models wearing fashions from Phat Farm, GiGi Hunter, Girbaud, Azzure, J-Lo, Varsity and Fetish. The show was divided into different scenes each of which had a specific theme.

"I enjoyed the show," Brewster said. There was a lot of energy, and I liked that there was a full figured model.

Out of the 32 models, Robin Wilson was the only full-figured representative.

"It was a good show and it ran smoothly," Wilson said. "I am (a) curvy (woman) with flava' and I would like to see more of us next year."

The dominant female clothing color for this year's show was pink. Women's fashions displayed in the show included mini-skirts, dresses, pants suits and stretch, blue-jean, capri jumper suits.

Men's fashions featured in the show primarily consisted of pants and footwear such as jeans and leather pants, Timberland boots, and patent leather Air Force Ones. The male models ripped off their short sleeved T-Shirts and A-Shirts, better known as "wife-beaters", to show-off their bodies.

"The show went well," said model Chandra Walton. "It was quick and to the point and it ran smoothly."

One of the audience's favorite scenes was scene five, the "hot in here" scene. This scene started off conveniently with Nelly's *Hot In Herre*, which was dramatized by the female models fanning themselves with either their hands or actual fans and removing garments of clothing such as their jackets and sweaters.

All models took one last walk down the runway in all black T-shirts with white Groove Wear lettering and blue jeans during the finale. The models stood at the top of the runway applauding Groove as he strolled the runway in a camel colored suit accompanied by his daughter.

"There were a lot of behind the scene problems," said model Lori Lothery. "But it still went well, and I will do the show again next year."

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Historian professor to be honored

By Kamaria Mack
Campus News Editor

The Tennessee State University homecoming parade, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, will honor Kathy K. White, historian and former biology professor at TSU.

The homecoming theme, "Empowering Our Students with the Formula to Succeed," provides an accurate description of the honoree's life. White has strived to do her best, and her mindset about life has allowed her to touch many lives.

"Education is extremely important and it must be placed at the top of our agendas," said White. "If you are an educated person, then you can do anything."

White, who strongly values the importance of a strong education, began proving herself by being an excellent student in elementary school and graduating as high school valedictorian. She was promoted two levels higher than her expected educational level and entered college at TSU at the age of 16, where she regularly held a space on the dean's list and graduated with honors earning a bachelor's degree in biology.

"I did not accomplish what I've accomplished, alone," White said. "I had wonderful teachers at TSU that were very supportive."

After graduating from TSU in 1951, she obtained a master's degree in education from Vanderbilt University and a doctorate in biology from Waldon University located in Florida?

She used her knowledge while serving in the Nashville and Shelbyville school systems for ten years where she served as a chemistry, physics, French and biology teacher. The remaining 35 years as an educator were spent in the TSU department of biological sciences.

In 1975, she was named "Teacher of



PHOTO BY DESHANEE MINER

This display of White's achievements can be found in the TSU library

the Year" and was awarded an Exxon award and citation through which she received an award check.

"I don't know anyone so is more dedicated to the training of students," said Terrence Johnson, biology department head. The classroom is not the only avenue White uses to reach others; she is a member of the Alpha Beta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. She became a member of the sorority at TSU in 1951 and has increased her community involvement since that time.

The parade is not the only time during homecoming that White will be honored. The Alpha Beta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is honored her at their shield dedication ceremony on October 31.

White has held every office on the executive board, as well as the Southeast regional director, national vice president and national president. She also served as an advisor to the Alpha Beta chapter when she was a professor.

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TSU set to advance in OVC play for Homecoming 2004

By Turron Wilson
Sports Writer

The Tennessee State Tigers are all fired up for the 73rd homecoming game in school history when they play host to the Southeast Missouri State University Indians at 7 p.m. Saturday, November 6 in the Coliseum.

TSU (3-4, 1-2 OVC) first played SEMO (1-6, 1-3 OVC) in 1991 in a 37-34 lost. The Indians lead the all-time series meeting 7-6 winning the last two seasons. However, the Tigers are also 7-2 in homecoming games against current Ohio Valley Conference teams. TSU holds a 61-10-1 record in homecoming games, with a 13-13 tie against Fisk University in the 1926 inaugural homecoming game.

"We are fired up to play SEMO,"

senior running back Charles Anthony said. "This is our first chance to redeem ourselves from a close lost at home to Samford."

Against SEMO last season, the Tigers allowed 555 yards total offense in a 52-35 lost. Indian running back Jamel Oliver led a rushing attack that accumulated 291 yards. SEMO was also lifted to 264 passing yards by the shoulders of quarterback Andrew Goodenough.

The TSU offense recorded 24 first downs and 345 yards total offense against the Indians. Running back Charles Anthony had 37 rushing attempts for 157 yards in last season's contest.

"This year we are looking for

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"I feel so privileged to even know her, and I have so much respect for her," said Erika Cheatham, a member the Alpha Beta chapter.

Under White's leadership, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., was involved in many different community services and projects. One project that she spearheaded, "Mwanamugimu," which means from little acorns grow mighty oaks, was designed and catered for elementary and secondary aged school children. The program promotes heritage appreciation and it educates about how Africans have

made contributions to society. Through the program, students also learn how to write and research information in preparation for publication.

White stated that she believes that it is very important to possess quality writing skills.

"If you didn't write it down, it did not happen," White said.

The quality writing skills that White developed from working with the literary guild in high school only strengthened over the years when she began writing professionally. She co-authored four lab manuals; one book, *From Whence We Came*, the second historical publication

of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., *The Legacy Continues*; and numerous articles.

"If you are not successful in life then you are a liability," White said.

This mindset has prompted her to give over 100 percent throughout life and her hard work has not gone unnoticed

According to the Alumni relations office, the honoree is always a person who is a retired professor or staff member.

"This is a truly mind-boggling experience," White said. "I hope that I have or can prove myself worthy of this honor."

White, the second child of share-

cropper, tenant farmer from Williamsburg County, Tenn., is married to Dr. Joseph C. White and they have three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"She is a God-send, the best thing that has ever happened to me and I am very proud of her," Joseph White said.

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Organizational queens suffer significant drop

By Kamaria Mack
Campus News Editor

During this year's coronation 78 organizational queens are expected to present gifts to Miss Tennessee State University Yolanda M. Robinson, this number will be 12 queen decrease from last year's record of 90.

Robinson expects to be crowned by 2003-2004 Miss TSU, Carla Stitt during the sixty seventh annual coronation on Thursday, Nov 4. The coronation is a night and ceremony that is dedicated to Miss TSU and her royal court.

"There are several more queens who want to participate in the coronation," said Miss senior Tionn Fambro, an English major from Chicago. "They are not on the program because their organizations are not registered as official campus organizations."

According to Fambro, organizational queens can participate although they are not registered. They also can choose whether or not they will participate up until the coronation day.

"Miss TSU serves others on a daily basis," said Janelle Massey, interim coordinator of student affairs. "[C]oronation night is an opportunity for the university to demonstrate its appreciation for her."

Robinson, a native of Albany, Ga., is a senior majoring in speech communication and theatre who plans to attend graduate school to study global journalism.

The preparation and planning of the

coronation has been handled by Massey, who has put every effort in into making the night a memorable event for Robinson and her court.

"I have really been trying to design the presentation in a manner that represents her personality and who she is," Massey said.

"I look forward to participating in the coronation and I hope that she enjoys her reign as Miss TSU," said Kalandra Holloway, Miss Epsilon Gamma Iota who is a senior from Lafayette, Al majoring engineering.

Throughout her matriculation, Robinson has been involved in various organizations such as: LYLAS Inc., sophomore ambassadors, the pep club, TSU peer counselors, University Honors program, Golden Key Honor Society, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, The New Direction Gospel Choir and was a member of the Sophomore Ambassadors simultaneously serving as Miss Sophomore.

Robinson has dreamed of becoming Miss TSU since her sophomore year and encourages everyone to do what he must to achieve goals his goals.

"In order to reach the rainbow," Robinson said. "You must endure the rain."

The coronation will be the court's first official presentation to the university. The court members include Fambro, Miss Junior Natasha Johnson, Miss Sophomore Melaney C. Whiting, and Miss Freshman Michelle Renee Ashley.

"I can't wait to see the coronation,"

Robinson said.

Throughout coronation, the presentation will reflect how others view and respect Miss TSU, but Robinson considers her life the most accurate reflection of herself.

"I want to be remembered as a personable and amicable person who is defined by servitude, because that is

what Miss TSU is," said Robinson.

Immediately following the coronation, a reception will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown. All students are welcomed and are permitted to enter at no charge.

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Homecoming Preview

Tiger Eye 9

By Meridith M. Miller
A & E Editor

Homecoming hot list

One of the biggest celebrations of the academic year is back and ready to get students "geeked" as Tennessee State University's 2004 Homecoming festivities kick off. Fueled by the student theme Tiger Gras, the Student Union Board of Governors along with other campus organizations have worked hard to give TSU students an entertaining and memorable week of activities with a touch of Mardi Gras flare. This Tiger Eye 9 showcases the week's hottest, not-to-be-missed events.

1) **Battle of the Residence Halls, 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1, Kean Hall**-The showdown goes down when representatives from Wilson Hall and Watson Hall to the New Residence Complex and Ford Residence Complex come together to see whose residence can showcase the best talent. This event is known for getting the crowd hype, and students always enjoy watching their peers sing, dance, act and have a good time. Hale Hall won the 2003 Battle of the Residence Halls, but a new champion will be crowned.

2) **Mr. TSU Pageant, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, Kean Hall**-This year's Mr. TSU pageant features five contestants competing for the coveted title. The theme for the pageant is Masquerade: A Touch of Class. The contestants will be evaluated by five judges scoring presentations based on confidence, poise, appearance, creativity and speech. Pageant scenes include personality, swim wear, talent, business and questions and answer. The winner will be crowned at the end of the pageant and take the place of current Mr. TSU Jarrod Uddin.

3) **Miss TSU Coronation and Coronation Ball, 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4, Kean Hall**-Her Majesty Yolanda Michelle Robinson will officially be crowned Miss TSU during the 2004

coronation. The coronation will also feature all campus organizational queens and escorts, as they present Robinson with tokens of appreciation. Special tributes will also be a part of the program, and the night of elegance will continue with dining, dancing and fellowship at the coronation ball.

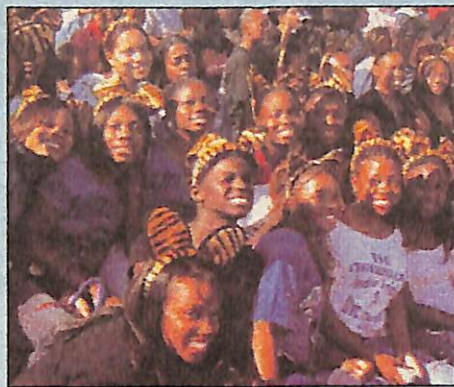
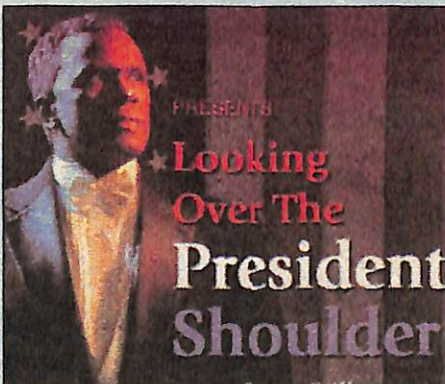


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Tigerbelles enjoying last year's pep rally

4) **Student Pep Rally, Noon, Friday, Nov. 5, Hale Stadium**-Game day excitement begins with the biggest pep rally of the year on Blue and White Day. Current students and alumni enjoy shouting their favorite cheers and displaying their love for Big Blue Country. The Aristocrat of Bands, Sophisticated



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The flier distributed to advertise the play.

Ladies, Tiger Gems and Cheerleaders keep the crowd pumped, and the level of excitement continues for the rest of the weekend.

5) **Looking over the President's Shoulder, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, Performing Arts Center**-The American Negro Playwright Theater presents *Looking over the President's Shoulder*, a theatrical performance about the life of Mr. Alonzo Fields, the first African-American Chief Butler in the White House. The performance follows Fields as he struggles with his responsibility to financially support his family and deal

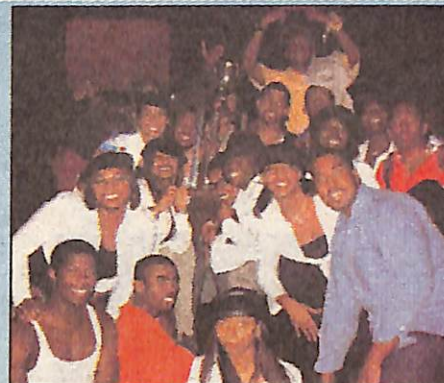


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Last year's battle winners, Hale Hall posing after their win.

with his desire to explore artistic expression through song. The performance stars Barry Scott and is directed by Robert Guillaume. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$10 for students with identification, and \$5 for TSU students with identification. The show runs through Nov. 7.

6) **Homecoming Comedy Explosion, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, Gentry Center**-TSU students can get their laugh on at the Homecoming Comedy Explosion hosted by BET Comic View and Def Jam comedian Spike Davis. The show will feature performances from Comic View comedians Arnez J, Cocoa Brown and Lil J.J. Local comedian Snoop will also be giving a comedic performance. Comedy show doors open at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are available for \$10, \$15 and \$20.

7) **Homecoming Parade, 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 21st Street and Jefferson Street**-Big Blue spirit and tradition continues with the homecoming parade featuring TSU organizations along with local businesses and organizations. Visitors from surrounding areas also participate in the parade to show

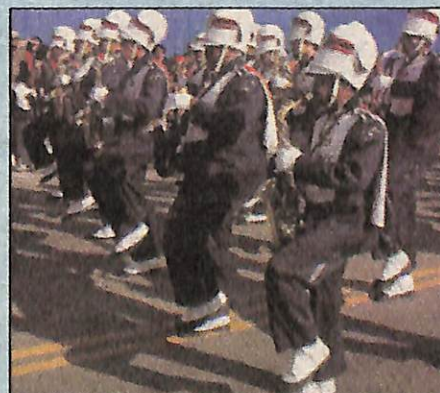


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The Aristocrats of Bands marching in last year's parade.

their support and share the homecoming spirit. This year's Grand Marshal is the

Honorable Harvey Johnson, and the Honoree is Dr. Katie Kinnard White. The Parade begins at 21st Street and Jefferson Street and ends at 33rd Street and John A. Merritt Blvd.

8) **Old School Greek vs. New School Step Show, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6**-Fraternalities and Sororities go head to head and step to step in the annual homecoming step show. This year's show carries the old school vs. new school theme, and will feature performances from National Pan-Hellenic organizations as well as local step teams. Only Pan-Hellenic organizations will compete for first, second, and third place prizes. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and all of the proceeds from the step show will benefit the TSU scholarship fund.

9) **Homecoming Victory Dance, 10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, Millennium Maxwell Hotel**-After the tigers bring home a football victory the celebration continues with the Homecoming Victory Dance at the Millennium Maxwell Hotel. The cost for entrance to the dance is \$20.

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Tiger offense no match to Indians'

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contest.

"This year we are looking for revenge especially since we lost at their place last year 52-35," Anthony said.

As of the midpoint of this season, the Indians have proven to possess a strong offensive attack. Their pass offensive is ranked the highest in the OVC with 291.3 yards per game. Two of Goodenough's top targets are junior T.J. Milcic and senior Ray Goodson who average seven and five receptions per game, respectively.

In contrast to the Indians having the top offensive passing attack in the OVC, they also have the worst defense in the conference. SEMO allows a league worst 521.3 ypg and 42.7 ppg. The Indians also allow 242.7 rushing ypg as they line up opposite of Anthony who is currently leading the OVC in rushing at 165.1 ypg.

"This year SEMO is not playing like I have seen them play," said Christopher Tate, a junior business information system major from Memphis. "I feel that we will win if we run the ball because our quarterbacks haven't been playing well."

This season the Tigers' offense averages 27 ppg and 355.6 ypg total offense. The TSU defense gives up an average of 26 ppg and 395 ypg, with 237.9 of which being passing yards.

As the TSU enters into this game, strong play is not the only thing the



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Charles Anthony, one of TSU's offensive weapons

Tigers will have to depend on in order to claim victory but fans have been always been there for homecomings.

Last season's 24-14 homecoming win against Eastern Illinois University was witnessed by an announced crowd of 25,037 and in 2002 a 26-8 victory over

University of Tennessee-Martin recorded a crowd of 22,438.

"If our student body comes to the game and gives 110% crowd participation we will be like the 12th man on the field," said Brandon Burt, a junior mass communications major from Detroit.

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Homecoming week features annual event

The Ralph Boston Golf Tournament is an annual event of the Tennessee State University's homecoming week. The tournament will be held at the Springhouse Golf Course, 18 Springhouse Lane. Each participant must pay \$75 dollars, in which all proceeds will benefit TSU's athletics department and the athletic scholarship program be held Friday, Nov. 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Ralph Boston is a 1962 graduate from TSU and a three-time Olympic medal winner in the long jump. Boston set a world record for long up in 1960,

and from 1960 to 1967 was ranked number one in the world in the long jump and also won the AAU outdoor high hurdles championship in 1965 and had the country's longest triple jump in 1963.

The tournament is comprised of a four-person scramble, which is played in rain or shine. Lunch will be provided and there will be souvenir shirts, trophies and other give-aways. Boston partially underwrites the event and helps to secure sponsors. The theme for this year is "TSU's empowering our Students with the Formula to Succeed."

Compiled by Shantana Collins

Events Calendar

Sunday Oct. 31, 2004

Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest 3 p.m., Murrell Forum
Gospel Concert

Nashville Alumni Chapter Fish Fry 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
McWherter Administration Building

Pep Rally 12 p.m. Hale Stadium

Monday Nov. 1, 2004

Battle of the Residence Halls Talent Show 7 p.m. Kean Hall

Omega Psi Phi-Rho Psi Alumni Chapter Registration 4-9 p.m. Millennium Maxwell House Hotel Lobby

Tuesday Nov. 2, 2004

Mr. TSU Pageant 7 p.m. Kean Hall



Comedy Show 8 p.m. Gentry Center

Wednesday Nov. 3, 2004

Miss. TSU Tea 4 p.m. Hosted by Mrs. Edwina Hefner (Invitation Only)

Saturday Nov. 6, 2004

National Alumni Association Registration Tent 8:30-4 p.m. President's Lawn

Homecoming Class Reunions of 1969, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999 Farrell-Westbrook Agriculture Research Extension

Complex (The Barn) 12:30 p.m.

Christine Sharpe Distinguished Lecture Series 6 p.m.

Frederick S. Humphries Hall Room 118

Miss. TSU Coronation 7 p.m. Kean Hall

Coronation Ball Immediately Following Miss. TSU's coronation TBA

Homecoming Parade 9 a.m. 21st and Jefferson St. to 33rd and John A. Merritt Blvd.

Showcase of Bands 12 p.m. Hale Stadium \$5.00

Old School Greek vs. New School Step Show

1:30 p.m. Gentry Center \$10.00

Homecoming 2004 Tailgate Party 4 p.m. The Coliseum

Football Game TSU vs. SEMO 7 p.m. The Coliseum Student tickets free before Thursday with TSU ID \$15-25 for the general public

Alumni Mixer Farrell-Westbrook Agriculture Research Extension Complex (The Barn) 8 p.m. (\$5.00)

Homecoming Victory Dance 10 p.m. Millennium Maxwell House Hotel \$20.00

Friday Nov. 5, 2004 Blue and White Day

Ralph Boston Golf Tournament 8:30 a.m. Springhouse Gold Course \$75 per person \$300 per foursome

Sunday Oct. 31, 2004

Sigma Gamma Rho Shield Dedication Ceremony 4 p.m. Wilma Rudolph Residence Center

Arts & Entertainment



The Grudge—B-

From the same studio that translated Japanese horror flick, *RingU* into the American hit *The Ring* comes a new film that is sure to scare viewers with an intriguing tale of murder and punishment.

The Grudge is a hi-tech horror film with enough chills and suspenseful peaks to keep the average audience member on his or her toes.

The film features classic horror queen Sarah Michelle Gellar starring in a movie that uses her as a part of the story rather than the movie's star, and it works well.

The film begins with a professor committing suicide in front of his unsuspecting and clearly unprepared wife. The graphic detail and gory representation of this death sets the hauntingly dark tone for the entire movie.

A demonic curse haunts a Japanese villa that served as the site for a series of

brutal murders. Anyone who sets foot in the house and comes into contact with the ghost guarding it will undoubtedly suffer a gruesome death at its hands.

One American family who is completely unaware of the horrors that occurred there decides to move into the house after the murders due to the suggestion of a crooked realtor. Soon after moving in, the couple's mother develops a mysterious, acute mental condition that stops her from communicating with her family. Do they move after this? Of course not.

The family hires a company to treat her at home. This company sends out personal care specialists to care for the couple's mother during the day. After one appears to be missing, Karen (Gellar) is appointed to take her place. Once inside, she quickly finds the horror that sent the other specialist through the roof.

This movie does a good job of painting a mood of impending, ugly doom connected with the strikingly beautiful house. Though the viewer has no idea what is going to happen to the characters, he or she knows it is going to be big.

The spirits in the film are some of the best ever created for a movie. They all have different motivations and powers and they add to the film's spookiness.

The cast of this film is also well selected. Gellar leads the film with real fear that doesn't make her seem like an absolute sap. She is strong, yet feminine, and this makes the crowd root for her. The performances by Bill Pullman, Clea DuVall, Ted Raimi and Jason Behr, give the film great story building support that carries the movie through to the end. Everyone performs well and the movie

benefits from the performances.

The film's weaknesses is because it is a translation of another movie. Producer Sam Raimi, attempted to cure this by nearly re-working the entire film, but some movie elements that are distinctly Japanese will alienate some American viewers. The non-linear storyline may also kill the experience for some as well. Quentin Tarantino films use the system with a type of briefing before jumping into the flashbacks, but unfortunately this film does not. One might have to pay closer attention than usual to avoid confusion.

Bottom line: *The Grudge* is a movie packed with enough thrills and suspense to please horror fans everywhere. Just pay attention!

Gregory Brand

Friday Night Lights—B+

In the vein of high school football films like *Remember the Titans*, and *Varsity Blues*, *Friday Night Lights* aims

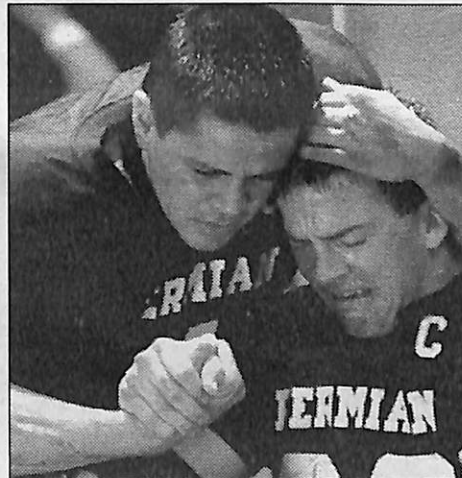


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Jay Hernandez comforting Lucas Black in *Friday Night Lights*

to paint a clearer picture of football in small-town America. The film illuminates 'football is life' and the town of Odessa, Texas treats it as such.

The film follows the entire 1988 football season of the Permian High Panthers as they reach for the top of the state championship.

Instead of taking reign with motion pictures about life and football like the previous films, *Friday Night Lights* is truly a football movie that gives blow-by-blow field action and the emotion that goes along with it.

The Permian Panthers are a championship-caliber team led under the stern leadership of Coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton). He pushes his squad of

young players to their limits and brings consistent victories to Odessa.

The town looks at football as an integral part of life and the boys are expected to be more than human on the field. These expectations work to their advantage when they carry victory, but if they lose the town suddenly and roughly turns its back on the team. This glimpse at reality puts the viewer in the helmet of a player in a small town and helps them see how hard it is living up to the expectations of a community.

The team's starters are extremely talented and deserving of the praise the town showers them with. The result of the praise has left the players with bloated egos and horrible behavior. They are the elite, and the school and town praise them as football gods.

The power of the players is left unchecked when a new and promising player joins the team and threatens the balance of power for the older players. It is understood that for some, the glory of football ends by the age of 18. This means everyone is fighting for the attention given by the Friday night lights.

In their fight for gridiron glory, the players represent valiantly, finally landing in the state championship against a giant inner-city super team from Dallas.

The film's strong points rest in the amazing cinematography. The camera is on the field during the games and they capture the power and panic associated with a game in play. The camera becomes a member of the team, running, jumping and taking tackles as if it is a player. The action the camera captures is also amazing to watch. These are some of the most realistic football action scenes in a film—ever.

The acting performances by the teammates are also great in this film. Derek Luke, Lee Thompson Young and Jay Hernandez are all strong and show the diversity of attitudes on the team. Country star, Tim McGraw, also does a great job as an abusive alcoholic father to the team's quarterback.

The film's only weaknesses is the incomplete story. Viewers are expected to believe this team is amazing with few practices and extremely troubled players. Thornton's performance is also very dry and uninteresting. How does the team follow a man that has barely any passion for them or the game?

Bottomline: *Friday Night Lights* is a great addition to the football movie family and definitely worth a look to anyone even vaguely interested in sports movies.

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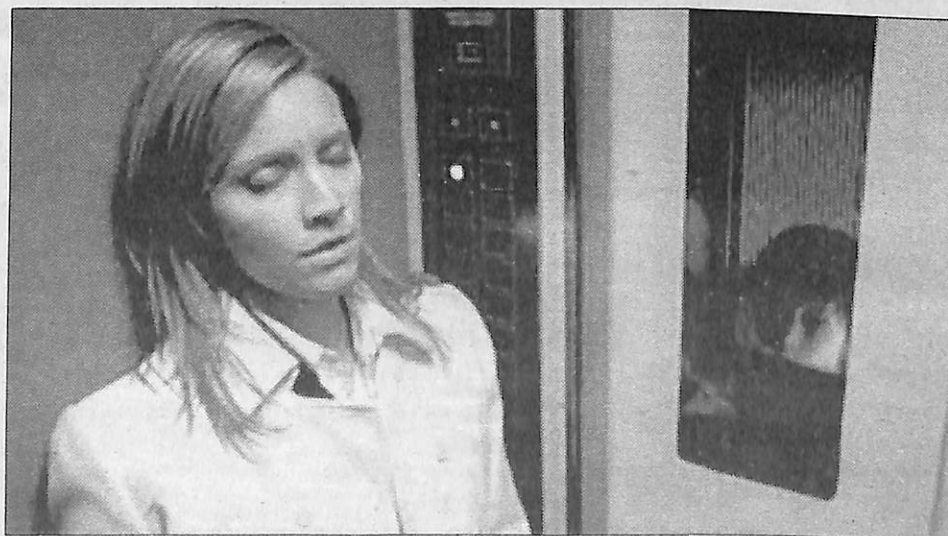


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Kadee Strickland avoiding a ghost in *The Grudge*

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Compact DISCUSSION Ratings

- 5/5: Instant classic
- 4/5: Ground-breaking
- 3/5: OK album, worth a listen
- 2/5: Buy the bootlegged copy
- 1/5: Don't waste the money

Mos Def

The New Danger 4/5

Mos Def has most definitely been keeping himself busy since his debut solo album *Black on Both Sides* dropped more than five years ago.

In addition to appearing in five films including *The Italian Job*, Mos also took on the task of being the host for Russell Simmon's experimental and suc-

cessful *Def Poetry Jam*. For most hip-hop artists, ventures into so many different endeavors would be a recipe for career suicide, but Mos is not most hip-hop artists.

The album begins with a mellow Mos singing on the intro track *Boogie Man Song*, which can best be described as the calm before the storm of the next three tracks.

The first rock-tinged track begins with Mos' band, Black Jack Johnson, flexing their creative muscle on *Freaky Black* and sliding into the Jimmy Hendrix styled *Ghetto Rock* affirming the conjoined nature of hip-hop and rock. The rock and roll bender continues on *Zimzallabim* which is a surprisingly well produced song despite the guitar-heavy intro.

Mos unleashes his lyrical skills on the freestyle inspired *The Rape Over*, borrowing the beat from Jay-Z's *The Takeover* in which Mos exposes the real powers that are currently controlling hip hop such as AOL-Time Warner.

Mos then jumps into the blues inspired *Black Jack* using the universally accepted blues riff "dun dun dun." The album's only real misstep is *The Bedstuy Parade* which doesn't boast good lyrical content or take the listener anywhere. The catchiest track on the



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Mos Def is back with sophomore album

album is the brass and cymbal driven *Sex, Love, and Money*.

The appeal of this album is anything but commercial with the exception of the Kanye West-produced *Sunshine*. Mos, who is not afraid to incorporate his singing talents, opts to croon over several tracks including the Marvin Gaye inspired *The Panties* and *Modern Marvel*.

As on the track *Umi Says* from *Black on Both Sides*, Mos tends to add a Jamaican tinge to his voice when he sings. Although he's not a particularly gifted vocalist, his effort surpasses his

talent and the emotion he attempts to convey comes through.

Another exceptional aspect about the album's content is that it is filled with political and social commentary as Mos vents on the war, society at large and his personal issues on the tracks *War*, *Grown Man Business*, and *Life is Real*.

Taking a look inside *The New Danger's* liner notes makes it obvious Mos has drawn inspiration from his film roles, especially his role in *Bamboozled*. Mos presents himself as the new danger; an artist fully aware of the trappings of the music industry and rejects attempts to have hip-hop pigeonholed.

The final song of the 18-track offering is the self explanatory *Champion Requiem* paying tribute to fallen members of the hip-hop community from Notorious B.I.G. to Aaliyah.

The New Danger is an innovative and bold attempt at challenging the status quo of the redundant and humdrum status of hip-hop. While the album does miss a beat from time to time, the overall experiment Mos attempts is a success.

Even though this sophomore solo album doesn't have a radio-friendly buffet of easily discernible tracks, this is actually what makes it a worthwhile listen.

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Sports

Volleyball team played part in record night

The Tennessee State Lady Tigers (4-22, 1-10 OVC) lost 3-1 to the Lipscomb Bison (7-14, 1-4 Atlantic Sun) with scores of 30-19, 30-25, 28-30 and 30-20.

TSU was a victim to the youth of the Bison as Lipscomb freshman Erin Schremp set a school record 31 digs. Another Lipscomb freshman Jessica Enderle recorded a double-double with

Tiger Briefs

17 kills and 15 digs. Three other Bison players recorded double-digit kills.

Junior Catherine Armwood led the Lady Tigers with her own double-double performance of 15 kills and 30 digs. Junior Thereza Wright recorded 12 kills with a .571 attack percentage and freshman Kelly Davis had 42 assists.

Long time TSU broadcaster to go off air after season

Metro Nashville Vice-Mayor Howard Gentry, Jr. is planning to discontinue his run as play-by-play announcer for Tennessee State University football games at the end of this season.

Gentry's father, Howard Gentry, Sr., was head football coach for TSU from 1955-1960 posting a 42-10-1 record. Gentry, like his father, also served as TSU athletic director and has been broadcasting Tiger football games for 30 years. He is also a broadcaster on TSU's weekly radio show.

Tigers shine as individuals near top of OVC

The Tennessee State University football team (3-4, 1-2 OVC) has several players listed near the top of several categories in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Senior running back Charles Anthony leads the OVC in rushing with 165.1 yards per game and 192.9 all purpose yards. Anthony's 12 touchdowns are second. Offensively, senior quarterback Riley Walker is second in pass efficiency with a 138.3 rating. Sophomore receiver Jarrett Morrow is third with an 8.8 punt return average.

Defensively, senior safety Justin Williams' five interceptions are tied for first, and senior defensive end Paul Thomas is first with ten tackles for a loss. Sophomore defensive end Jonathon Edwards is second in sacks with three and fifth in tackles for a loss with 7.5.

Compiled by Eddie R. Cole Jr.

Tiger Trivia:

Who is Tennessee State University's second all-time leading rusher?

Answer for last week's trivia:

In 1998, Tennessee State University hosted the University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks for homecoming and set the William Jasper Hale Stadium attendance record of 22,046.



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Player discuss their next move

Tiger football could dominate in OVC

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"I see good things with them," said Jamal Nettles, a junior from New Orleans majoring in interdisciplinary studies. "I think with the new coach they will be a prominent threat in the OVC."

The Eagles dominated the first two games however TSU battled their way back. The Lady Tigers went on to win games three and four to force a game five. Armwood recorded three vital plays in game five, including a block and back-to-back kills. The game was tied at eight before freshman Kelly Davis would finish the game with a kill down the middle of the floor for the 15-10 win.

Armwood led the way for the Lady Tigers offensively recording 18 kills and 13 digs. Washington marked a season high with a match-high 28 digs and Davis made her contribution as if she were a veteran of

35 assists.

"They came a long way," said Shambria Henry, a sophomore from Chicago majoring in biology. "If they keep working at it they win a championship."

The Lady Tigers fell to the first place Eastern Kentucky Colonels (20-3, 10-0 OVC) 3-0 the night before. TSU was not allowed to come close to the OVC's top ranked Colonels as they went on to lose all three games 30-21, 30-10 and 30-20.

Freshman Allyson Buckner and junior Catherine Armwood both tallied nine kills each in the losing effort. Armwood's 11 digs along with fellow junior Jennifer Washington's 12 digs, accounted for the majority of the Lady Tigers' 45 digs.

The Lady Tigers are expected to play at cross-town rival Belmont Tuesday, Nov. 2. @ 6:30 p.m. •

Men's Cross Country finishes seventh

The Tennessee State Flying Tigers finished seventh in the men's four mile Front Runner Invitational at Moccasin Bend hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Saturday, Oct. 16.

UTC runners Colin Sullivan and Steven Kocsis finished one and two leading the host school to finish in first with 21 points.

Samford University and Middle Tennessee State University finished two and three to round out the top three positions with scores of 62 and 67 respectively.

TSU finished the cross country meet with 180 points.

Tigerbelles take fourth in Chattanooga

The Tennessee State women's cross country team clocked in fourth at the Front Runner Invitational at Moccasin Bend hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The Tigerbelles were led by Rae'ven Richard who posted a time of 12:47 for a 22nd place finish as TSU finished the meet with 131 points. Samford University finished with 28 points and host UTC finished with a close second with 29 points. Alabama State University and the University of Montevallo were last with 144 and 172 points respectively. Tigerbelles Rebekah Robinson (13:21) and Felicia Jeffers (13:31) finished 29th and 30th.

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Sports

All-American answers any doubts

By Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Sports Editor

If anyone had a doubt about how valuable running back Charles Anthony is to the Tennessee State Tigers, his record setting performance in a 42-36 overtime lost against Samford University answered any doubts Saturday, Oct. 23.

After being held to two rushing yards in the first quarter, Anthony went on to finish the contest with 285 rushing yards on 35 attempts and three receptions for 75 yards. This feat broke former Tiger Darron Davis's rushing record of 233 yards against Austin Peay in 1993. During this career day, Anthony accounted for every offensive touchdown as he carried the Tigers back to a 36-36 tie, after TSU was trailing 34-7.

"Charles Anthony is like the team motivator," said Corinne McClendon, a sophomore from Atlanta majoring in biology. "I think all the team looks to him for support, if he does well they all

tend to."

Despite a steady rain, the majority of the game, the announced crowd of 5,041 witnessed TSU's all-time leading rusher surpass Tennessee Tech's Larry Schreiber and Akron's Mike Clark to become second on the Ohio Valley Conference's career rushing chart.

Anthony's first score was a 10-yard run that came with a 1:06 left before half-time. The score was set up by a 63-yard run. Coming out of the locker room trailing 34-14, Anthony continued his assault on the Bulldog defense and scored on a 38-yard run with 3:38 left in the third quarter. He then took a screen pass 59 yards for his third score and scored on a 25-yard run after a Samford muffed punt return to set up senior quarterback Riley Walker's two-point conversion run to tie the game at 36.

"I am glad I play defense...because it is excited to see him run," said sophomore cornerback Darnell Ray, a transfer from the University of Illinois.

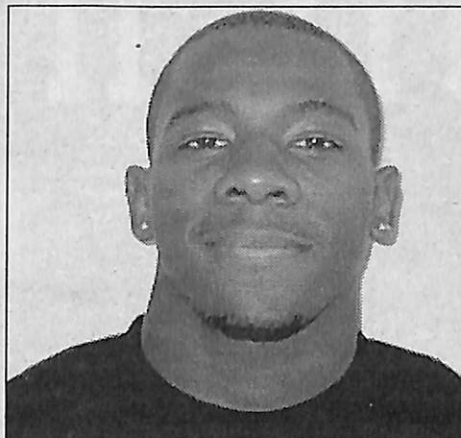


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Charles Anthony breaks another record this past weekend.

Anthony's outing was another highlight to an already stellar career in the Tiger backfield. Since his arrival at TSU from Jones High School in Orlando, Fla., Anthony has accumulated a career total

of 796 rushing attempts, 4,474 yards, 42 total touchdowns and 727 receiving yards.

"My preparation for the game is 100 percent mental," Anthony said. "I always use music to help clear my head and focus on the task at hand."

In addition to his school record for career rushing yards, he also holds several others. Anthony holds the TSU record for career rushing attempts, single season rushing yardage and most career rushing touchdowns. He also has 23 games in his career where he rushed for at least 100 yards, and two this season where he eclipsed the 200-yard mark.

"He does it so easily that it's kind of expected," Ray said. "He's ranked among some of the best running backs I've seen or played with."

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