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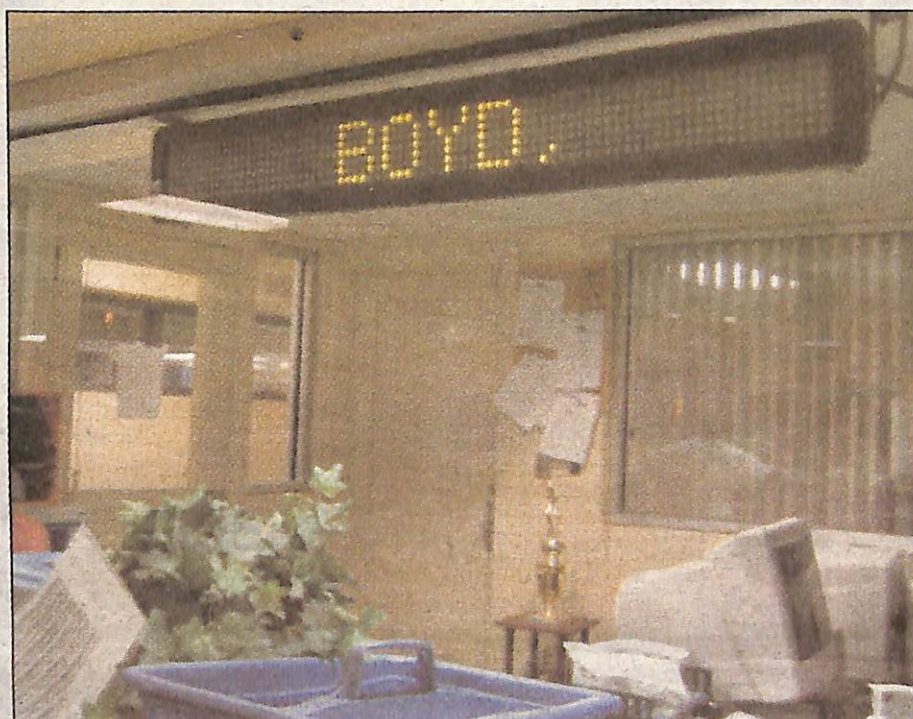


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This marquee is one the many new additons to Boyd Hall

## Changes make Boyd better

By Kamaria Mack  
 Campus News Editor

Boyd Residence Hall has made changes and improvements in a concentrated effort to provide a more safe and accommodating environment for its residents.

Thomas Martin, vice president of student affairs, said one of his final tasks while in office, was to make Boyd a better living environment. In order to reach that goal, Boyd has undergone three changes: a change in management, structural renovations, and an officer acting as a law enforcer and mentor.

"We had gotten too many complaints about Boyd," said Dean of

Housing, Peggy Earnest. "We decided it was time to make a change."

Due to complaints about the living environment and building conditions of Boyd Hall, Duane Smith, was removed from his position as director to Ford Residential Complex where he became the assistant director. The assistant director of the FRC, Shawn Modina, became the interim director in Boyd Hall.

Earnest said she felt Modina was the best person to handle the job and she was confident the he would make the proper changes. Both Modina and Smith declined to comment.

In addition to adding Modina, Boyd  
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## TSU athletes excel in academics

By Sheena Hamilton  
 Sports Writer

Tennessee State University athletes ranked third in academics among the eleven universities governed under the Ohio Valley Conference for the 2003-04 school term.

The OVC Academic Achievement Banner is annually awarded to the institution whose student-athletes have the top combined grade point average as compared to the average of the complete full-time undergraduate student body. The Jacksonville State University Gamecocks won this year's academic banner with 84 student athletes earning OVC medals of honor. JSU's student-athletes had a combined grade point average of 2.88, which surpassed

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## Nelly's *Sweat and Suit* make music history

By Meridith M. Miller  
 A& E Editor

On Tuesday, Sept. 14 three-time Grammy award winner rapper Cornell "Nelly" Haynes will make history as the first hip hop artist to release two new CDs on the same day. Nelly's new albums *Sweat* and *Suit* put him in a select group with rockers Bruce Springsteen and Guns 'n' Roses, the only other artists to drop two albums in one day.

According to VH1, Nelly had enough material to contemplate releasing three albums in one day. Instead, he chose to release what will be his fourth and fifth solo albums.

*Sweat*, the up-tempo, street savvy album boasts its first release as the Neptunes produced *Flap Your Wings*. *Sweat* also includes tracks featuring

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## Campus News

# Boyd improvements bring in new management

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also has added a new assistant director, Julius Proctor, and a graduate assistant, Cleveland Gibbs, who aid in managing the residence hall.

Boyd Hall is making large efforts to redesign the reputation among students and parents for being one of the roughest dorms on TSU's campus.

"I never wanted to live in Boyd," said Andrew Davenport a junior from Decatur, Ga. majoring in education. "When I got assigned to that dorm I moved off campus. I couldn't imagine paying to stay in that dump."

Hosea Lewis, the housing supervisor, said that he wants to create an environment where students want live.

Boyd has also undergone drastic cosmetic changes: the lobby has been accented with new furniture and a new large screen television, the entire building has received extensive cleaning and

new alarms have been place main exits.

In efforts to develop stronger relationships with the students, the TSU police department has appointed, Officer Les Jones as the official liaison between

the residents living in Boyd and Watson and the administration.

"We want Officer Jones to serve as a father figure," Martin said.

## Boyd Hall Improvements

- Barber shop
- Information sign at the front desk
- Conference area for parents
- Weight room
- New security locks
- New blinds and desks
- New carpet in the office
- New television in the lobby

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Voter registration  
12 noon- 1:30  
FPCC Lobby

SGA Assembly Meeting  
7 pm  
FPCC 210

### Sept 15

Voter registration  
11 am-1:30  
FPCC Lobby

Alpha Theta Forum  
6 pm  
FPCC Rm 210

Miss TSU Preview Party  
7 pm  
Poag Auditorium, Humanities Bldg

### Sept 15

Voter registration  
12 noon- 1:30  
FPCC Lobby

New Student Jamboree  
2 pm- 5 pm  
Kean Hall

### Corrections

- William Lawson never acted as a professor at TSU.
- Gloria Johnson is the former associate dean of College of Arts and Sciences.
- Lawrence Carpenter is on page 1 of The Meter.
- Clay Harkleroad's name was misspelled.

*The Meter* regrets errors and continuously strives to improve.

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# Honor code aims to increase academic honesty

By **Kamaria Mack and  
Tor Ajanaku**  
Campus News Editor and  
News Writer

A committee of Tennessee State students and administrators is creating an honor code in effort to encourage academic honesty.

The goal of the team, Committee to Promote Academic Integrity, is to promote academic honesty and create a Honor Council, consisting of reliable students who will serve as disciplinary officers.

"I was struck that TSU did not have an honor code," said Emily Orlando, Asst. Professor of English and committee member, who added she was surprised by the number of students who plagiarize in her English classes, "There have been many discussions of a greater need for academic integrity amongst the students' behavior when it comes to cheating."

The honor code will be in the form of a contract. It will state that the consequences of cheating or plagiarizing will be an automatic F on the assignment or in the course. The contract will be available to sign and the signatures will

represent the students' commitment to academic integrity.

"We don't want TSU to be known as the weakest link, and we need to raise the respect for this university instead of embracing all the negatives we see too often in the newspapers," said Samantha A. Morgan-Curtis, chair of Committee to Promote Academic Integrity. "We want the students to know that we as teachers do care and this movement for academic integrity should be something that students should be involved in establishing."

The Committee to Promote Academic Integrity is doing research on

honor codes at other universities, such as Duke, University of Southern California, and University of Tennessee at Knoxville, for guidance in creating an honor code for TSU.

"There is a great need for Academic integrity at this school because many students do not fully value their responsibility as scholars," said Student Government Association vice president, Rodriguez Johnson. "Cheating is like a white lie, you might feel like you're not doing anything wrong or harming anyone, but you really are."

The honor code is expected to be implemented by next school year?•

## Tennessee State, Dell Computer team Up for new major

By **Gregory Brand**  
Senior Visuals Editor

Dell computers, Inc. has given TSU a \$150,000 grant to support a new supply chain management program.

Dell, a leading computer manufacturer with a facility in Nashville awarded the grant to the College of Business to keep the university with the job market.

"We are excited about this partnership between Dell and TSU," said Tilden Curry, dean of the College of Business. "This grant shows Dell's commitment to the local community and reinforces TSU's standing as a world-class educational institution."

Tennessee State President James A. Hefner named Festus Olorunniwo head of the Department of Business Administration, to lead the new unit.

The program for supply chain management was advertised to students in fall 2003

"The recruitment is going really well," said Olorunniwo, "We have enrolled 14 people so far. "Students tend to announce their concentration in their junior and senior years. We expect an increase in student interest, especially from that group."

Graduates of the supply chain management program will be qualified for a

variety of jobs that involve scheduling, purchasing, wholesaling, inventory management, transportation, packaging, retail stocking, database management, customer relationship management and data mining.

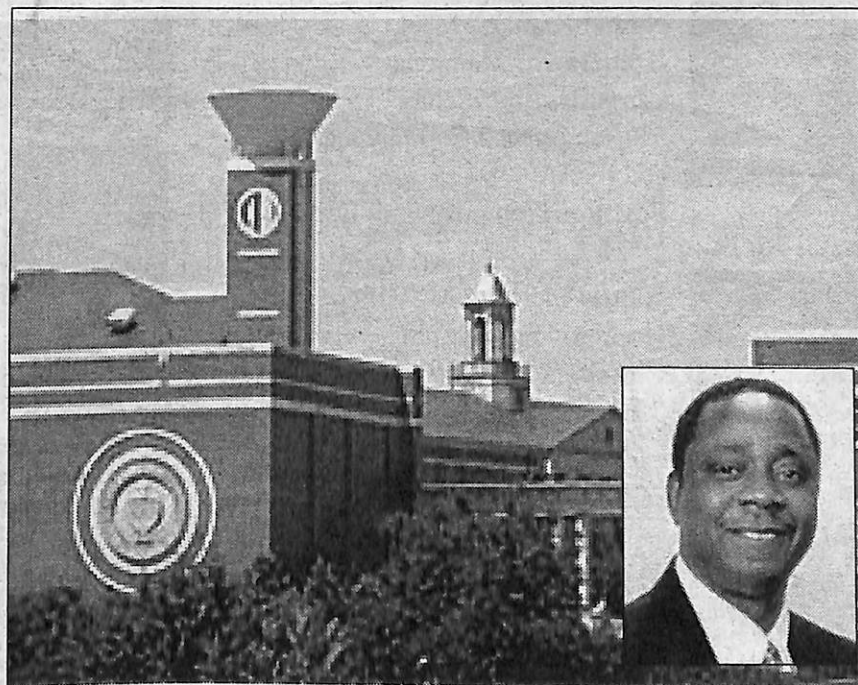
According to U.S. News and World Report, supply chain management is one of the hottest job areas of the 21st century, while logistics, a key component (of supply chain management), is the second largest employment sector in the United States.

"More companies are realizing that the supply chain is important to their businesses," said Olorunniwo. "Finding students with knowledge of the field is very valuable."

Negotiations over the grant began in November. The grant is to be used over the next three years to develop and promote the new undergraduate programs, recruit students, help secure quality internships for students and faculty and recruit faculty for the program.

"We look forward to offering a top-of-the-line supply chain management program and the generous support from Dell will go a long way in helping us accomplish that," Tilden said.

Dell already recruits employees from TSU to its facilities in Nashville. The company describes itself as "a pre-



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**Dr. Festus Olorunniwo has been named head of the new supply chain management department in TSU's College of Business.**

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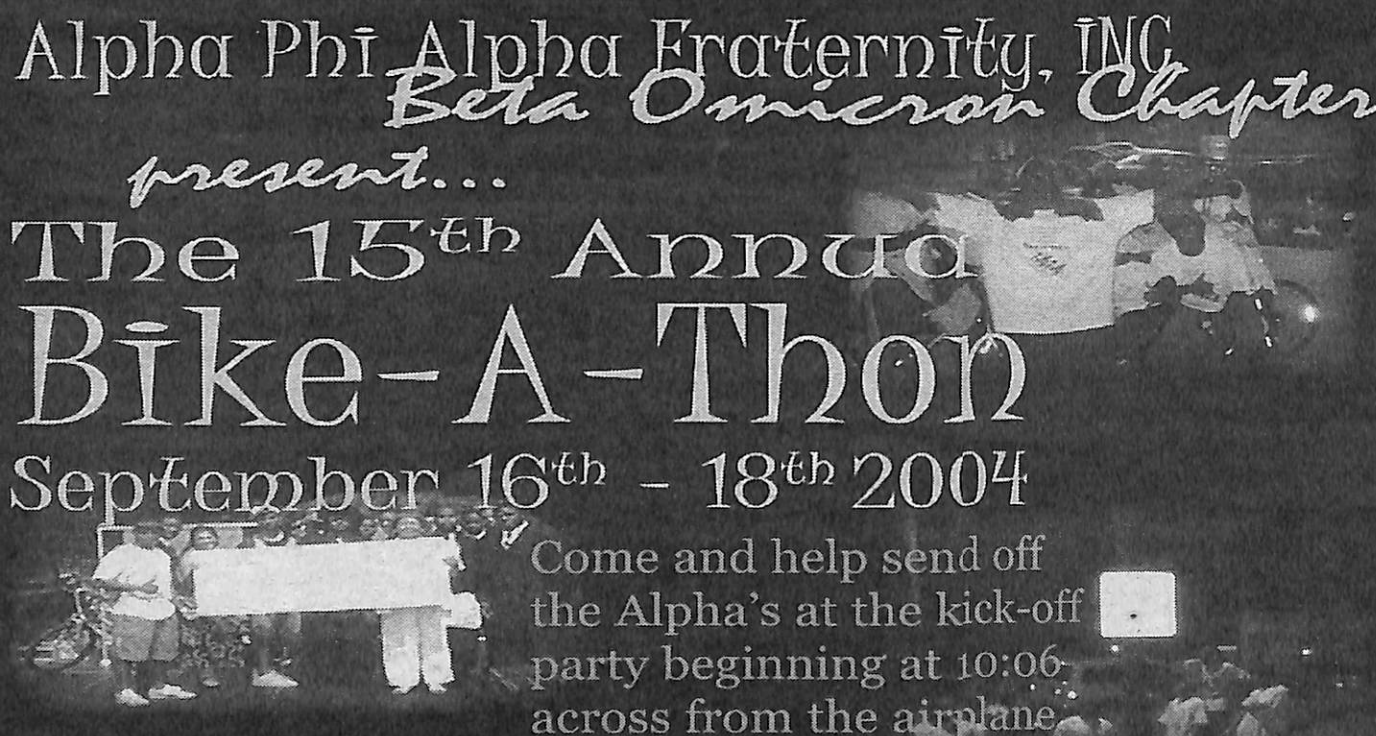
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# TSU upgrades Web site for professional look

On Sept. 3, Tennessee State University's newly designed official website went live in order to better convey the quality and professional nature of the university. One purpose of the new website is to provide a "one stop shop" capability for the students, faculty and staff on campus. The new website design and content management provides an easier method of updating information and providing services. The new website includes searchable job listings, a calendar of events, searchable employee listings, a scholarship database, as well as other links. The Avon Williams Campus also has an area of focus, and all important

searches can be found through the search feature or selected under student services, academics, or faculty. The new site cost the university \$72,000 and was taken from the Geier Consent Decree funds.

### Fall Convocation opens up new year

Fall Convocation was held Thursday, Sept. 9 for incoming freshmen and new students. The speaker was Thomas Martin, vice president of student affairs.

Compiled by Kamaria Mack and Ashley Northington •

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## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## New album poised to break records, barriers

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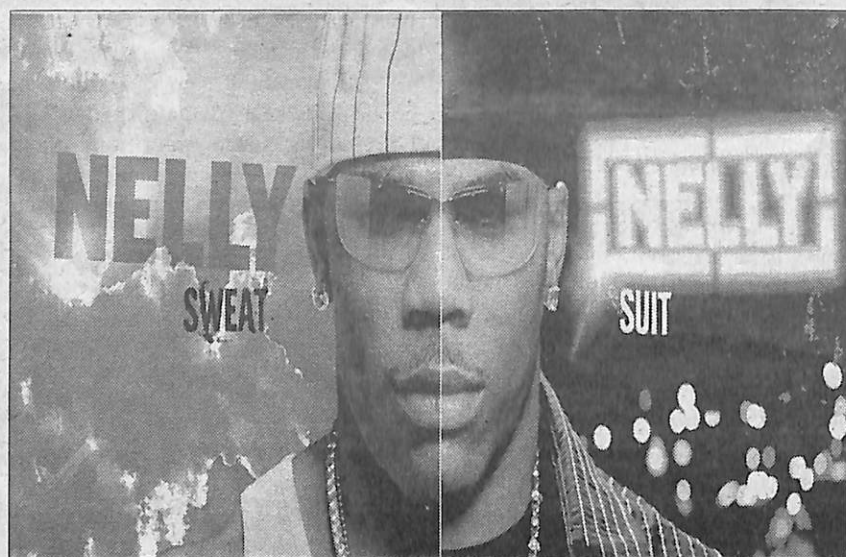
Christina Aguilera, Fat Joe and Remy Martin, Jazzy Pha, and Mobb Deep.

The *Suit* album showcases *My Place*, featuring Jaheim, as its first single. In Nelly's own words this "grown and sexy" album has a more relaxed tone and includes icons such as Snoop Dogg, Ronald Isley, and country music star Tim McGraw. *Suit* also features Mase, Anthony Hamilton, and Pharell Williams.

Though *Sweat* and *Suit* are major accomplishments, Nelly has already received major accolades. The three-time Grammy award winner released his debut album *Country Grammar* on Jun.

27, 2000, which became a nine-time platinum seller. In 2002 he released his six-time platinum sophomore album *Nellyville*, followed by his release of the certified platinum album *Da Derry Versions* in 2003.

Outside of the music realm Nelly is working on his starring role in the remake of the movie *The Longest Yard*, also starring Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. Though the rapper is busy, he plans to go on tour in the beginning of 2005. For more info on Nelly check out VH1's *Driven: Nelly*, which is set to air tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. •



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## Arts & Entertainment

# Classic concert brings street beats, behavior to Gentry Center

By Meridith M. Miller and  
Kamaria Mack  
A&E Editor and  
News Editor

The excitement of the crowd at the sixth annual John A. Merritt Classic concert lead policemen to use force in holding back the students behind the iron gates at the base of the stage.

The concert held on Sunday, Sept. 5 featured the Youngbloodz, 8Ball and MJG and Lil Wayne. The action heated up as the Youngbloodz took the stage and performed hits like *Do It Big* and *85*, both of which caused the crowd to attempt pushing through stage security.

"I think the concert (was) cool," said Rico Malike, a junior from Washington, D.C. majoring in speech communication and theatre. "But they could have done better with more preparation."

Gentry Center Director Eunice Bell along with the athletics department handled most of the promotions for the concert which included giveaways at high schools, campus dormitories and pep rallies.

This year Bell and others involved in coordinating the concert surveyed the student body to see which acts would most likely incite the best student participation.

"I basically let the students choose who we bring to the concerts," Bell said. "Whoever receives the most votes on the survey is who we go with, as long as the artists are not too risqué."

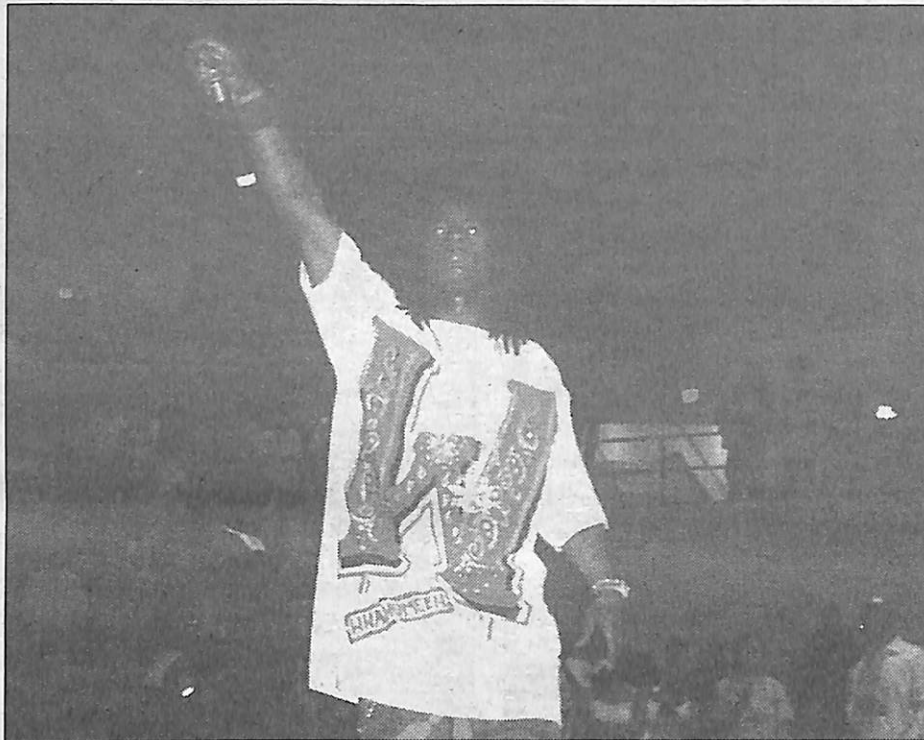


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### Lil Wayne hypes the crowd at the John Merritt Classic Concert

Although the crowd was smaller than the 5,000 guests that Gentry center officials anticipated, what the audience lacked in number it made up for with enthusiasm.

The concert was hosted by Dolowite and Scooby of local radio station 101.1 The Beat, kicked off with a performance from local rap artists the Young Stunnaz,

the T Boyz, and Tom. Most of the local talent had some lyrics that the audience was familiar enough with to sing along, but the highlight of the local acts was a surprise visit to the stage from Nashville's newest hip-hop star, Young Buck.

"The Youngbloodz brought back some old school (hits)," said Tiffany

Bray, a sophomore from Houston majoring in health. "I really like that."

8Ball and MJG took the stage next with a remake of the hit song *Just Like Candy* and their other famous hit singles, including *Pimp Hard*, *Sho Nuff* and *You Don't Want Drama*.

According to the level of excitement from the crowd, the best performance of the night came from rapper Lil Wayne of the Cash Money Records. He performed crowd-pleasing favorites like the title track from his album *The Block is Hot* and new singles *Bottom of the Map* and *Go DJ* from his latest album *The Carter*.

Toward the end of the production Lil Wayne sent the crowd into frenzy when he allowed audience members to join him on stage during part of his performance. More than thirty men, women, boys and girls rushed the stage to be a part of the action.

"I thought the concert would be bootlegged like a TSU talent show," said LaDeidra Jackson, a senior from Atlanta majoring in speech communication and theatre, who joined the crowd on stage. "But these artists really showed out. It was worth my money. Whoever put the show together did a good job."•

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## Arts & Entertainment

# Tune technology may be newest campus amenity

By Meridith M. Miller  
A & E Editor

Tennessee State University officials are working toward purchasing the university's first system for students to legally download music from the Net.

Plans to purchase the online database began in the summer of 2004, when the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) weighed the option of purchasing a system-wide, online database for all universities in the TBR system.

"TBR initially adopted the idea and wanted to make it system-wide," said Bob Adams, TBR vice chancellor for business and finance. "But there was not enough support from the TBR universities to do a statewide contract for the service."

The best deal that TBR officials found was a service that offered the music downloads for \$10 per month for each student, which would average approximately \$50 per semester for each student.

While no final decisions were made as to how the service would be paid for, one suggestion was that the cost of the service would be included in student

activity fees.

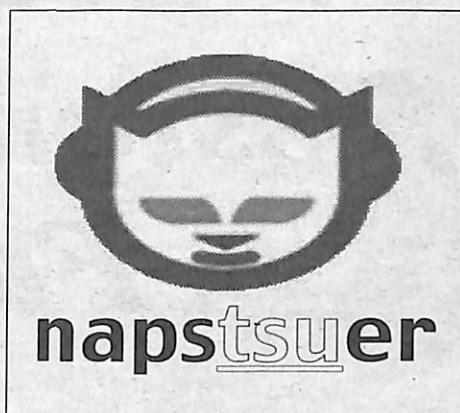
"Some members at various institutions thought it would be unfair to add the charges to tuition costs because all students would be forced to pay when all students may not use the service," Adams said.

Because of the lack of university interest TBR tabled the idea of purchasing a service for the entire system, but TBR universities were given the permission to pursue the purchase of a downloading system individually.

According to Adams, TSU was the university with the strongest interest in purchasing a system for its students. Dr. Dennis Gendron and Howard Gentry of TSU's Technology and Administrative Services have both been working to explore various providers of music downloading services to see what services would be most cost effective and beneficial to the TSU student body.

"We wanted to purchase a monitored and controlled downloading system for our students because it is the legal and ethical thing to do," Gendron said.

Gendron and other university officials considered purchasing a Napster service similar to Vanderbilt University's



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Will the new deal be music to the students ears?

new VUmix, a Napster-based service which Vanderbilt students will begin using on Oct. 1. The Napster service was ruled out as a possibility because it was not the most cost effective venue.

According to Gendron, whichever service that TSU decides to purchase will be a free service to students living in TSU residence halls. The technology department plans to finance the service through the university's cable television

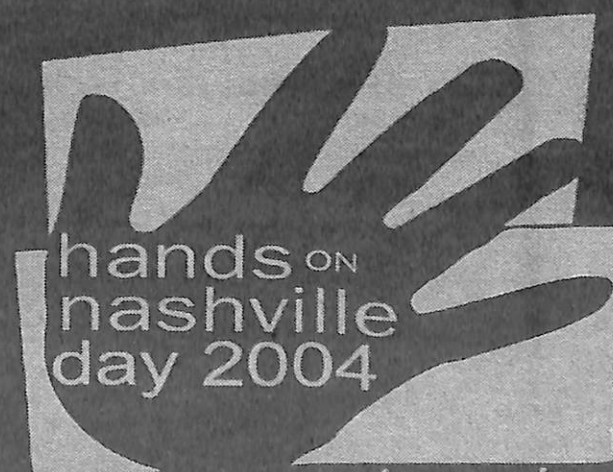
contract.

"Anyone who is a TSU resident would be able to access the service that would provide tethered downloads," Gendron said. "Tethered downloads allow students to download a particular song to three (or) four PCs. To move the download to an instrument such as an I Pod would cost 99 cents."

Vanderbilt's VUmix costs its students \$16 for nine months to download an unlimited amount of songs to students' computers, but they too must pay the 99 cents to transfer downloads to an MP3 player.

Plans for the service is still in the works, but technology officials as well as members from the Student Government Association are working to provide the best possible service for TSU students.

"I think it would be beneficial to survey the student body to see if this service is something the students are truly interested in," said Kendrick Boykin, SGA representative-at-large. "Before we purchase a system we need to be certain the students believe that it is worth purchasing."



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The discounted cost for the GRE is \$320.00 for TSU students and alumni. You must make a \$100 payment at the time of the practice test (09/27/04) and the remaining balance of \$220 is due on the first day of class (10/04/04). You must register with the office of Graduate & Professional Opportunities by September 20, 2004.

<b>TIME</b> 6:30p to 9:30p	Monday 9/27 <b>Practice Test</b>	Monday 10/04 <b>First day of class</b>	Monday 10/11	Monday 11/01	Monday 11/08	Monday 11/15	Monday 11/22	<b>Recommended Computerized Test Date: Wk. of Nov. 29, 2004</b>
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### GMAT (Condensed Course)                      Humanities Building Rm 202                      [www.gmat.com](http://www.gmat.com)

The discounted cost for the GMAT is \$320.00 for TSU students and alumni. You must make a \$100 payment at the time of the practice test (09/29/04) and the remaining balance of \$220 is due on the first day of class (10/05/04). You must register with the office of Graduate & Professional Opportunities by September 20, 2004.

<b>TIME</b> 6:30p to 9:30p	Wednesday 09/29/04 <b>Practice Test</b>	Tuesday 10/05 <b>First day of class</b>	Wednesday 10/06	Wednesday 10/13	Wednesday 11/03	Wednesday 11/10	Wednesday 11/17	<b>Recommended Computerized Test Date: Wk. of November 29, 2004</b>
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### LSAT (Regular Course)                      Humanities Building Rm 202                      [www.lsatsat.org](http://www.lsatsat.org)

The discounted cost for the LSAT is \$550.00 for TSU students and alumni. You must make a \$100 payment at the time of the practice test (09/28/04) and the remaining balance of \$450 is due on the first day of class (10/12/04). You must register with the office of Graduate & Professional Opportunities by September 20, 2004.

<b>TIME</b> 6:30p to 9:30p	Tuesday 9/28 <b>Practice Test</b>	Tuesday 10/12 <b>First day of class</b>	Thursday 10/14	Tuesday 11/02	Thursday 11/04	Tuesday 11/09	Thursday 11/11
Tuesday 11/16	Thursday 11/18	<b>LSAT Test Date: Saturday, December 04, 2004</b>					

### LOCATION

Classes are held on the TSU Main Campus. Classroom locations will be provided later.

### REGISTRATION

If you would like to register for a Princeton Review course, please sign up in the Ofc. of Graduate & Professional Opportunities by the deadline date of Monday, September 20, 2004. No classes have been scheduled during mid-term week, fall break, or on any holiday recognized by the University. Please make all checks payable to Princeton Review or you may use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. All payments are handled directly by the Princeton Review. If you have questions regarding a course or a payment, please contact Mr. Wade McKinney, Director of the Princeton Review, at 615-269-5033.

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## Arts & Entertainment



### Capricorn - (Dec 22- Dec 21)

Dear Capricorn, you may be trying to get settled by looking for a job, but the good news is that you will get a job if you trust your instincts and capabilities. There are lots of places hiring so don't give up. You might have had a quarrel with a close buddy or family member. Don't worry about it. You both will work through it. Just don't be too stubborn.

Good color-green  
Lottery # 837

### Aquarius - (Jan 20- Feb 18)

Hello Aquarius. You may be looking for ways to improve your financial situation. Even though you have a job, you still end up broke. Don't fret. A new person coming into your life will show you how to save and maybe help support you financially. But be careful not to let your greedy ways cause you to lose this person's kindness. You might want to keep this person around as long as you can.

Good color- pink  
Lottery # 491

### Pisces - (Feb 19- Mar 20)

What's up Pisces? You may be worried about a friendship or relationship on the rocks. Don't focus on this relationship because you have more important things to worry about. School and work should be your main focus. You are also being watched at work for a promotion.

Good color -light blue  
Lottery # 562

### Aries - (Mar 21- Apr 19)

Dear Aries, you may have just met someone that you think could be the one for you. Although you haven't been in a long term relationship for a while, it doesn't hurt to give this person a try. This could be a winner.

Good color- yellow  
Lottery # 633

### Taurus - (Apr 20 - May 20)

Poor Taurus! This semester may not be starting off as you expected. Perhaps you should step outside of your little world and join something. Make yourself useful instead of being depressed. Everything will work out well if you get to know some new people.

Good color - red  
Lottery # 124

### Gemini - (May 21- Jun 20)

Hi Gemini. You may have discovered that someone you were considering for a potential mate is not really faithful or trustworthy. You may think no one understands your feelings. Don't worry. There are other fish in the sea. They are not all sharks. A new job may come through for you and enable you to meet other people. You won't always be lonely.

Good color- orange  
Lottery # 423

### Cancer - (JUN 21 - JUL 22)

Hello cancers. You may be thinking of calling it quits organizational commitments because you don't feel appreciated. You are not wrong for your feelings, but you don't want to be a quitter. Take comfort in knowing the world needs more people like you. Don't focus on the negativity. Everything will be looking up soon. If you do decide you need a change, make sure you think it through.

Good color- white  
Lottery # 544

### Leo - (JUL 23 - AUG 22)

Hey lions, this is the best part of the year for you. Most aspects of your life are running smoothly, but it seems that funds are a little low. You should consider a part-time job. If someone offers you a job don't be afraid to take it. It could be better than what you think. Just don't

give up keep on looking or you'll regret it and miss all the fun.

Good color- blue-green  
Lottery# 649

### Virgo - (AUG 23 - SEPT 22)

Dear Virgo, you may be searching for some true friends to hang out with. You need someone you can tell your feelings to and receive advice from. Don't worry. You'll meet someone while socializing, but don't focus on them. They'll come to you. You do want to look good because the person you are going to meet is going to be up for going out and having a good time.

Good color-purple  
Lottery # 929

### Libra - (SEPT 23- OCT 22)

Hello Libra. You may be upset because a good friendship has gone sour, but try not to think about it and spend time with your significant other to feel better. If you notice that someone else always has your outfit on look for rare colors like chartreuse and odd accessories to spice up your look. Watch out for a rage of jealousy from someone you least expect.

Good color- Silver

Lottery # 751

### Scorpio - (OCT 23 - NOV 21)

What's up scorpio? It may be time for your yearly check up. Take it easy and wear a jacket in this changing weather instead of sacrificing health for fashion. You can still look nice in your jacket. Although you have been saving money for others don't be cheap with yourself. Let whatever you are trying to support, support itself, and make whatever it is you work for work for itself.

Good color- maroon  
Lottery # 876

### Sagittarius (NOV 22 - DEC 21)

Hello sagittarius. It seems your year is starting off well since you have everything together. This academic year you will meet lots of new people. You may even be asked to join campus organizations because people recognize you are a very hard worker. Your hardwork doesn't go unnoticed. You may be approached for a new relationships too. You will advance in everything you do. Just keep socializing and stay out of your room.

Good color- black  
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## Sports

## Being competitive in sports echos in the classroom

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the 2.36 average of the entire full-time undergraduate student body.

"Athletics is about competition; we want to win in the classroom and on the field," TSU athletic director Teresa Phillips said. "We want our student athletes to lay their best on the line every day."

Forty-one Tiger athletes were placed on the Commissioner's Honor Roll for 2003-04. Seven Tigerbells were awarded for both Women's Cross-Country and Women's Track and Field, adding 14 medals of honor to players under women's track and field head coach Chandra Cheeseborough last year alone.

"You have to be student first," said TSU's head women's track and field coach Chandra Cheeseborough. "Coach Temple used to stress academics first, athletics next and also, extremely importantly, being a young lady. This is very important to me. We have a rich history academically and all we have to do is continue; the table has been set for us all we have to do is sit down and eat. A lot of the girls do not want to be in study hall, so that encourages them to keep track of their course work."

Seven members of the football team, including quarterback Bryson Rosser, who is majoring in elementary education, and wide receiver Kevin

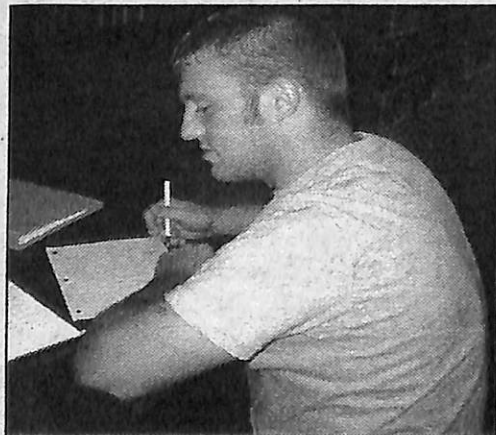


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**Freshman football player Gordon Keene studies in the library**

Hollis, who recently graduated summa cum laude with a degree in biology, also earned their way to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

"This shows that TSU is a school that strives to make sure that athletes are doing well in athletics as well as the classroom," Hollis said. "Being a student athlete is a lot of responsibility and if you can do it, it makes you a better person."

Aeropostale, Inc., a mall-based specialty retailer of casual apparel, gave away \$4,000 total as a part of this award. JSU, Austin Peay and TSU will receive \$1,750, \$1,250, and \$1,000 respectively.

"We're pleased Aeropostale has joined us in recognizing the academic achievements of our student-athletes," said OVC Commissioner Jon A. Steinbrecher. "This conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field but, more importantly, in the classroom."

TSU won the OVC academic banner for the 2000-01 season after Tigers took the OVC championship in football for two consecutive years in 1998 and 1999 and have been in the top three since then.

"(I)t is difficult to be a student athlete," said former Tiger cheerleader Melinda Dollar, a senior education major from Decatur, Ga. "Athletics can produce a hectic schedule. Practices in the morning and sometimes in the evening, class all day, study hall in the evening for some, and weekend road trips for others; it can overwhelm you if you let it, but as a whole athletes at TSU seem to have found a balance."

Another award, the all-time OVC Scholar-Athlete Award, was awarded to Tigerbelle Mery Udoji during the 2002-03 season. The award is the highest individual honor that can be earned by OVC student-athletes, and is given annually to three men and three women senior student-athletes for their accomplishments in both the classroom and athletic arena, and because of their leadership qualities. Udoji is the only TSU athlete known to have received this honor.

## OVC Commissioner Honor Roll 2003-04

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Zekeya Anderson  
Kasheena Powe

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Porsche Buckner  
Ashley Byrd  
Tiana Daniels  
Rae'ven Richard  
Dairanetta Spain  
Anniece Spencer  
Juanita Thomas

### FOOTBALL

Kim DeLarge  
Kevin Hollis  
Aaron Mars  
Bryson Rosser  
Ahmed Safeullah  
Tewann Tepper  
Terrell Tepper

### MEN'S GOLF

Jordan Roberts  
Phillip Watkins

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Martene Fair  
Melanie Whiting

### SOFTBALL

Misty Adifield  
Tarah Evanisko  
Shannon Hicks  
Sabrina Smiley  
Catriona Smith  
Joy Thompson

### WOMEN'S GOLF

Morgan Brown  
Leslie Scarborough  
Nicole Winn

### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Porsche Buckner  
Ashley Byrd  
Tiana Daniels  
Rae'ven Richard  
Dairanetta Spain  
Anniece Spencer  
Juanita Thomas

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Catherine Armwood  
Jade Cabell  
Jennifer Corral  
Krystie Kaukola  
Shelby Meyers

## Attention Students

Do you often find yourself looking through old yearbooks trying to find that special pose or practicing your smile in the mirror? If so, then this is your moment to show TSU Tigers your wonderful look.

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### Picture Dates:

#### Students and Faculty

Oct. 4-15, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Downtown Campus

Oct. 8-15, 2004

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Clubs and Organizations

Oct. 12-14, 2004

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

In the Floyd Payne Campus Center Forum

## Sports

# Tigers will break tie in Memphis

By Eddie R. Cole, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The Tennessee State University Tigers (1-0, 0-0 OVC) will be looking to break the 18-18-2 tie in the all-time series meetings with the Jackson State University Tigers (0-1, 0-0 SWAC) Sept. 18 in the 15th Annual Southern Heritage Classic at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

Following last week's Ohio Valley Conference opener at UT-Martin, TSU is scheduled to enter its classic stretch of the season, which usually precedes the OVC games, but does not affect OVC standings.

"I told the guys UT-Martin is part of the real (OVC) season," TSU head football coach James Resse said. "This is the season that matters the most."

The first game between TSU and JSU was a 49-13 TSU win in 1949 under Coach Henry Kean. Since the start of the SHC, which dates back to a 23-14 win over JSU in 1990, TSU has a 5-9 record in the annual classic. However, the start of the SHC was not the first time TSU and JSU met on the gridiron at Memphis's Liberty Bowl. In 1984 TSU won 34-14 and in 1987 TSU tied JSU 17-17. The SHC, with an average attendance

of 45,886, has proved to be a fan favorite.

"The SHC brings in a lot of revenue to the city," said Pamela Young, a sophomore from Memphis majoring in allied health. "(W)hen people come to Memphis they usually think of Elvis and Beale Street. We also have a lot of historical sites there. The game is only one part, but it's being able to see new things."

Last season TSU thrashed JSU 44-14 before a crowd of 52,603. Special teams accounted for two touchdowns and the defense recorded a safety in route to the victory. Ex-Tigers Ahmed Safeullah and Carlos Wright returned a lateral off a blocked punt and scored on a 36 yard run, respectively, accounting for the Tigers first half touchdowns, while senior Paul Thomas forced a JSU fumble in the end zone for a safety, leading TSU to a 16-6 halftime lead in a torrential downpour.

After the break, senior Charles Anthony scored on runs of 16 and 36 yards and Wright caught a seven-yard pass from sophomore Richard Hartman to end the offensive explosion. Sophomore Jarrett Morrow returned a punt for the final TSU score. JSU won

the battle in total offense 378 to 341 yards but that was not enough to top TSU.

"I had fun last year, despite the rain," said Ryann Mcguire, a sophomore from Dayton, Ohio majoring in nursing. "I expect for us to win by another blowout like last year."

The Tigers gathered 355 yards total offense in this year's season opener, 150 of which came in the first quarter. The TSU defense allowed 325 yards.

JSU started the 2004 campaign with a 38-19 loss at Hampton. The Tigers from Mississippi were able to accumulate a decent rushing attack with 196 yards. Senior quarterback Brian Green was nine of 27 passing attempts for 176 yards.

The SHC will kickoff at 6 p.m. and can be seen live on Black Entertainment Television.

\*stats accurate as of 9/6/04•

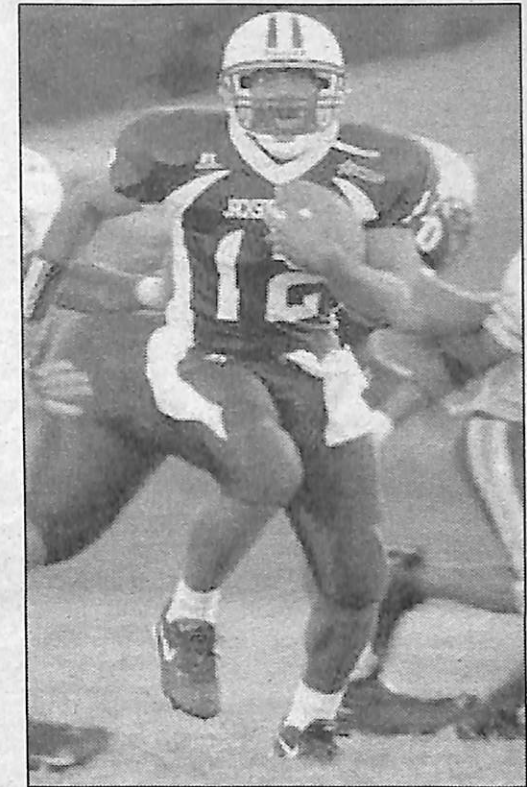


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Jackson State quarterback Brian Green

## Volleyball Tigers expected to be disciplined

By Shantana Collins  
Sports Writer

Tennessee State University's new head volleyball coach Kathy Roulhac said she expects her players to be disciplined in anything they do, especially on the court.

She said she is looking for chemistry among this season's eight returning players and four freshmen.

"I'm most impressed with junior Catherine Armwood and freshman Kelly Davis," Roulhac said. "Armwood is energetic and...Davis is powerful and strong. Both are very good, aggressive all-around players."

In 2003, Armwood moved to the libero position to lead the Tigers' defensive charge. Armwood led the 2003 Tigers with 402 digs, finishing fourth in the OVC, and also racked up 115 kills

and 13 service aces. Freshman Davis of Farrell, Penn., finished her high school career with 1,490 kills, 1,485 assists, 730 digs and 38 service aces. Davis also holds the Farrell High School record for 441 blocks.

Freshmen Allyson Buckner from Humble High School in Humble, Texas, Ashley Douglas of Desoto High School in Desoto, Texas, and Kristen Metz from Estevan Comprehensive High School in Saskatchewan, Canada, are also expected to provide immediate aid to TSU directly out of high school. Buckner, Davis and Douglas were all recruited by former head coach Dawn Reese and Metz was the only player Roulhac recruited.

Returning players and twin sisters LaQuata and LaQuita Marsh said they are anxious to get this season under way.

"I'm looking forward to a great season, especially an (Ohio Valley

Conference) championship," sophomore outside hitter LaQuita said.

Roulhac said her long term goal for the Lady Tigers is to win an OVC championship, though the Lady Tigers' team never has made it to the conference tournament.

"This year we have much more experience, communication and chemistry," sophomore outside hitter LaQuata said. "There's great talent this year, so everyone is looking forward to more wins."

Junior Thereza Wright finished last season with a team best 13 blocks and second with 258 kills. Also returning to action in 2004 is senior Janique Suber, who recorded 206 kills and 143 digs, and junior Jennifer Washington, who tallied 247 digs both during the 2002 season after not playing in 2003.

"I feel good about the 2004 season,"

Roulhac said. "The administration made many adjustments to make sure that this season would be better than other seasons before."

This spring, TSU fired former coach Dawn Reese. The Tigers finished the 2003 season (7-23, 1-13 OVC) and the 2002 season (13-21, 0-16 OVC).

"With a new coach, I have complete confidence that the TSU volleyball team will have a very good season and represent TSU very well," said Ivory Davis, a sophomore from Atlanta majoring in early childhood education. •

## Sports

# Tigers love thy white and blue

By Eddie R. Cole, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The Tennessee State University football team expects to wear their new, self-designed uniforms for home games this season.

The uniforms are provided by Russell Athletic and are similar to that of the University of Maryland. TSU's jerseys feature a white stripe that comes up the side of the uniform and across the top of the shoulder.

"They are nice, it's a modern look with narrow numbers and a stripe coming up the side," TSU athletic director Teresa Phillips said. "Uniforms make athletes look good and when you look good you feel good."

Russell Athletic provides not just TSU with uniforms but also outfits over 100 Division-I college teams, including football powerhouses Auburn University and Washington State University.

The Tigers were unable to unveil their new uniforms in this year's John

Merritt Classic because the Ohio Valley Conference patch had not been stitched on the jerseys. Though new uniforms did not appear in the home opener, the latest look is expected to be seen quite often for the remainder of the season.

"They are our home uniforms," said TSU head football coach James Reese. "We are the home team in all our classics and we will be wearing them. We even requested to be the home team in the Circle City Classic."

TSU has six more scheduled opportunities to take the field in the innovative uniforms including the three remaining classics in addition to the remaining three home games. The Tigers travel to classics in Memphis, Atlanta and Indianapolis before returning home Oct. 23 against Samford University.

"We are trying to emphasize the blue and white more and not the red," Phillips said. "When you go to Atlanta you see a lot of orange and green ... we want to encourage our fans to wear school colors."

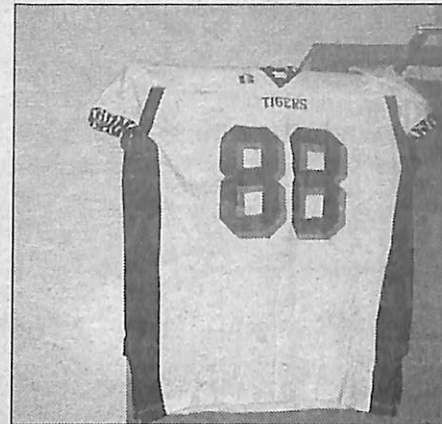


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## A final look at an former away jersey

Russell Athletic is also an official sponsor of the Atlanta Football Classic, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

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team uniforms, Russell Athletic, a branch of Russell Corporation, has made high quality apparel for over 100 years. Based in Atlanta, Russell Athletic is the official uniform supplier to 15 Major League Baseball teams (including the Braves, Yankees, Giants, Mariners and Indians). In addition, Russell provides USA Baseball, RBI Baseball, Little League Baseball and the United States Professional Volleyball league with official uniforms.

"Along with new jerseys comes a new outlook for the team that looks to be very promising," said Phillip Howard, a sophomore biology/pre-med major from Albany, Ga.

The Tigers are expected to dress in new away jerseys during the 2005 season.

# Defense picks off JMC win

The Tennessee State University football team (1-0, 0-0 OVC) won the school's sixth consecutive John Merritt Classic win in a 42-7 pounding of the Southwestern Athletic Conference's Alabama A&M Bulldogs (0-1, 0-0 SWAC) before a crowd of 25,117.

The Tigers' defense recorded four interceptions and allowed only seven points starting the 2004 season off with a win.

TSU's defense, on their own eight yard line, stopped A&M with an interception by senior defensive end Paul Thomas. The Tigers then went on to draw first blood with a six yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Bryson Rosser to junior receiver Fred Burnette. The next drive sophomore cornerback Darnell Ray intercepted another Bulldog pass and returned it 43 yards for the Tigers' second score.

In the second quarter, the TSU defense kept the heat on A&M. Thomas pressured the Bulldogs' junior quarterback Johnny Keith into throwing an errand pass to be picked off by sophomore cornerback Aaron Strong. The

Tigers then scored on a Rosser pass to junior receiver Ivan Burley for 14 yards on the way to a 28-7 halftime lead.

TSU kept the momentum in the third quarter as senior safety Justin Williams intercepted the fourth pass of the night that led directly to a 30 yard touchdown run by senior running back Charles Anthony. Senior quarterback Riley Walker finished all scoring with a 20 yard pass to sophomore receiver Jarrett Morrow.

A&M quarterbacks Kelsey Luke and Keith combined for 227 passing yards and no touchdowns on 19 of 35 attempts.

Anthony and Ray earned classic MVP's on offense and defense respectively. Anthony finished the game with a career high 202 yards on 26 attempts and two touchdowns. Ray finished the game with five total tackles, one tackle for a loss, one pass break up and an interception returned for a score.

## Anthony earns OVC Player of the Week

Tennessee State University All-American running back Charles Anthony earned the Ohio Valley Conference's Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance in this year's John Merritt Classic.

Anthony, a senior from Orlando, Fla., had nine rushing attempts for 73 yards in the first quarter alone on his way to a career high 202 yards on 26 attempts.

Anthony also set the new TSU record for touchdowns in a career with 29 and added to his career rushing total that now stands at 3,520 yards.

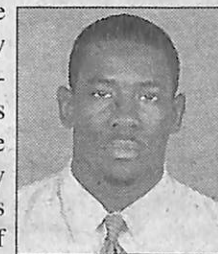


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Charles Anthony

The Tennessee State University volleyball team (1-4, 0-0 OVC) lost a couple of matches to Alabama A&M (2-2, 0-0 SWAC) and Delaware State (1-5, 0-0 MEAC) on the last day of a weekend tournament at the University of Memphis on Saturday, Sept. 4.

The Lady Tigers lost the first match of the day 3-0 (32-30, 30-14 and 30-22) to A&M. TSU was led by freshman Ashley Douglas who recorded six kills. TSU bounced back to win the second match of day against DSU 3-1 in

four games. Junior Catherine Armwood and Thereza Wright led the Lady Tigers with 20 and 15 kills respectively.

TSU finished the weekend tournament with a 1-3 record. Freshman Kelly Davis earned 2004 Memphis Invitational Tournament All-Conference Team honors.

Compiled by Eddie R. Cole, Jr

Tiger Briefs

## Volleyball takes one in last day of tournament

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