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Fewer students towed downtown

By Madelyn Ragland
 Staff Writer

The Tennessee State University police department tows fewer parking violators on the Avon Williams Campus than on the main campus because older and commuter students better follow parking regulations, according to TSU Police Department officials.

So far this semester, 78 cars have been towed on the main campus compared with fewer than five cars on the AWC. A total of 300 cars were towed on the main campus for the 2003-2004 academic year compared to 30 cars on the AWC.

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This car, owned by Editor-in-Chief Ashley Northington, is getting towed due to illegal TSU parking earlier this semester.

NFL scouts survey "Big Blue" hopefuls

By Dairanetta Spain
 Sports Writer

Tennessee State University hosted its annual pro-timing day in which senior Tiger football players displayed their talent for an array of National Football League Scouts on March 18.

Each year colleges and universities host pro-timing and welcome scouts to survey their NFL hopefuls. As a method of evaluation, scouts weighed, measured, and timed players as they performed drills and exercises.

Blake Beddingfield of the Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots' Justin Crouse, Jacksonville Jaguars' Tim Migey, and Jon-eric Sullivan of the Green Bay Packers were all scouts impressed by the performance of TSU athletes.

"I was here to see the running back

(Charles Anthony), but the rest of the athletes also impressed me," Sullivan said. "In my eyes, today was pretty successful."

With the hopes of sparking a professional career, wide receiver Kevin Hollis, star running back Charles Anthony, defensive back Lamel Ages, offensive lineman Chris Ham and defensive end Paul Thomas bid farewell to the Big Blue program and hello to NFL scouts.

Auburn transfer Ages took the opportunity to fulfill his dream of NFL

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Charles Anthony starred in TSU's pro-timing day.

WTST dorm hops around campus

By Pharren Lowther
 Campus News Writer

WTST campus radio kicked off a series of nine live broadcasts with a bang in Hankal Hall March 28, featuring disc jockey Lady Victorious playing the latest in gospel music.

The broadcast was from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and others are scheduled throughout the remaining weeks of the semester at main campus dormitories. The purpose of the on-site broadcasts is to promote the station and urban, hip-hop and gospel music to students and faculty members.

"We would love for students to come out and support WTST," said program director Antonio Benton. "We have plenty of giveaways, all the up-to-date music, and our goal is to gain a bigger student listening audience. We want more students to tune in to cable channel 99."

The goal of WTST is to increase student participation and morale as well as to maintain its rep-

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Campus News

Main campus violates parking most

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"AWC students make a point to find out how to park," said TSU officer Karen Dunn. "Therefore, there are less parking tows on that campus."

The main campus has 6,500 parking spaces, which amounts to 83.3 percent of cars that were towed on the main campus last year versus the 21.6 percent towed this semester. The AWC has 400 parking spaces, which amounts to 80 percent of cars last year being towed versus 13.3 percent of cars towed this semester.

"I was very, very mad at first," said Krystle Perry, a senior from Milwaukee majoring in psychology, who parks on the main campus. "... (A)lso, there just aren't enough parking places for students to park on campus. I also feel like students are getting scammed out of their money when their vehicle is towed."

All TSU students, faculty, staff, contractual employees, and visitors who own and operate an automobile on either campus are expected to obey all parking regulations. These regulations for both campuses are made to facilitate the safe and orderly conduct of TSU business and to provide parking facilities within the limits of available space, according to TSUPD. Each person has to comply with

the state motor vehicle laws, the traffic ordinances of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, and the TSU traffic and parking regulations, according to TSU's 2004-2005 student handbook.

Every parking vehicle that does not display a valid license plate and proper TSU parking decal will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense on both TSU campuses, officers say. Vehicles parked in handicapped areas and reserved parking areas on campus, such as fire lanes, crosswalks, by fire hydrants, or within yellow lines, also will be ticketed and towed.

"I keep parking illegally because faculty decals cost too much and we don't have anywhere to park," said an employee who requested that she not be named. "Several times I had to pay \$25 to keep my car from being towed."

Faculty parking decals cost \$65.55 for the first decal and \$2.19 for a duplicate. The first decal is free for full-time students who have a general access fee. A part-time student pays \$40 for his or her parking decal. The second is \$2.

During freshman orientation, every student learns the proper way to park on both TSU campuses, which is quoted in the student handbook. All employees are told how to park when they go through

the hire-in process, according to the human resource department.

TSU students, employees or visitors whose vehicles are towed on either campus are charged \$45 within the 24-hour grace period to pick up their vehicles at West Nashville Wrecker. If the vehicle is not picked up within 24 hours, an extra storage fee is charged.

"I felt I was treated unfairly when my vehicle was towed at the AWC," said Betty Wade, a bursar's office administrative secretary. "Students who attend here do not have enough money to pay for tuition yet alone pay for your impounded car. When I was towed, I now realize what all employees and students go through."



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

TSU Police are cracking down on illegal parking.

TSU alumnus killed in shooting

Former Tennessee State University student and football player Hoyt Keith Teasley was killed March 11 during a courthouse shooting in Atlanta.

Teasley was a student at TSU from 1979-1981. He was serving as a deputy at the Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta when indicted citizen Brian Nichols escaped and killed a judge, court reporter and wounded another deputy.

"The Tennessee State University family is shocked and deeply saddened over the sudden loss of Teasley, a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the TSU National Alumni Association," said TSU

President James Hefner in a press release. "We regret his passing in such a tragic way, but take this occasion to remember his courageous service to his community and his tremendous loyalty to his family, his city, his alma mater and the greater community."

Funeral services for Teasley were held March 18 at the Elizabeth Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Kamaria Mack

TSU to have first senior week

The first Senior Week in the history of Tennessee State University is scheduled for April 24 - April 30.

David Martin, senior class president, has been instrumental in the creation and planning of a week that has not been traditionally reserved for a specific

class.

"Senior Week will give the seniors one last chance to unite," said Tia Barbour, junior class president. "This year's junior class definitely plans to carry on the legacy of senior week next year."

Martin said tentatively Senior Week will consist of a senior night at Jillian's as well as a senior class cookout.

Planning is not complete, but a proposed package price of \$25 will grant seniors a card allowing access to all events scheduled to take place during Senior Week along with V.I.P. entrance to the senior post-graduation party. Remaining funds are to be added to the budget for the following senior class.

Pharren Lowther

Events Calendar

Today

Presidential and VP Debate
T.E. Poag Auditorium
6 p.m.

Tomorrow

SGA Forum
AWC Rm. 358
12 p.m.

SEC Rally
Gentry Center Gym
5 p.m.

Class Officer Forum
FPCC Rm. 210
8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Miss TSU Pageant
Kean Hall Gym
7 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

National Alcohol Screening
FPCC Rm. 319
9 a.m.

Multicultural Festival
Welton Plaza
11 a.m.

SEC Voting (w/TSUID)
AWC
5-9 p.m.
Residence Halls
4-9 p.m.

Friday, April 8

International Student Festival
Kean Hall Gym
9:30 a.m.

SEC Voting (w/TSUID)
FPCC Lobby
10 a.m.- 7p.m.

Relay-For-Life
Hale Stadium
7 p.m.

Corrections

The Meter regrets errors and continuously strives to improve.

Arts & Entertainment

WTST Radio nominated for six BCR convention awards

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utation as TSU's main source of music and entertainment.

TSU is an affiliate of Black College Radio, which provides an ongoing forum for Black college broadcasters, professional broadcasters and members of the music industry to meet and discuss ways and means to increase minority participation in the broadcasting industry.

"We would like to establish a better connection with administration and the TSU community," said Aerial Ellis, operations manager at WTST. "We also seek to maintain a connection with the music industry in Nashville."

BCR will hold its 27 annual convention April 8 - 9 in Atlanta. BCR's mission is to organize a board of advisors, consisting of college broadcasters, to assist Black colleges and universities in raising funds for communications programs at various institutions,

provide for employers a pool of applicants for possible employment in the industry, and provide services for Black colleges and universities in engineering and technical assistance.

BCR plans to provide record companies with an up-to-date listing of Black college stations and personnel, distribute a monthly newspaper, and maintain a comprehensive Web site, all available to Black college stations, record companies and other industry representatives. BCR also strives to organize a service where professional broadcasters may spend periods of time on Black college campuses as advisors to college stations' personnel in a role similar to that of a visiting professor.

TSU was nominated for six awards, including station with the most community involvement. Individual nominees are Aerial Ellis, Faheem Goree, Antonio Benton, Kamarka Hubbard, and Tunesia Cole in respective categories.

"We were required to submit any materials that would display our station's uniqueness, such as an air-check including station promos and show intros, along with an application," Ellis said. "We also submitted sweetheart shout out and dorm hopping flyers along with staff pictures with Jessie Jackson."

The Sunshine and Lucky Show was scheduled for broadcast from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 31 at Wilson Hall. Rico Malique was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 1 at Boyd Hall. The Wet Zone is scheduled for 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. April 5 at Rudolph Hall. The Meter in Your Ear is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wed. April 6 at Hale Hall and Dougie Fresh and J. Reaves are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 13 at the Ford Residential Complex.

The Thicky Thick Show is scheduled for broadcast at Eppse Hall from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 12. On April 14, F5 and Skripture are scheduled for broadcast at Watson Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Suga Buga and Freddie B. have the last broadcast in the series and are scheduled to broadcast from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 19 at Ford Residential Complex.

"If they have free food, I'm sure lots of people would attend," said Kenetha Washington, a senior from San Francisco majoring in biology. "I think it's a good idea to broadcast in the residence complexes so we won't always have to go on the main campus for social student functions."

"We would like to establish a better connection with the administration and the TSU community. We also seek to maintain a connection with the music industry in Nashville."

- Aerial Ellis

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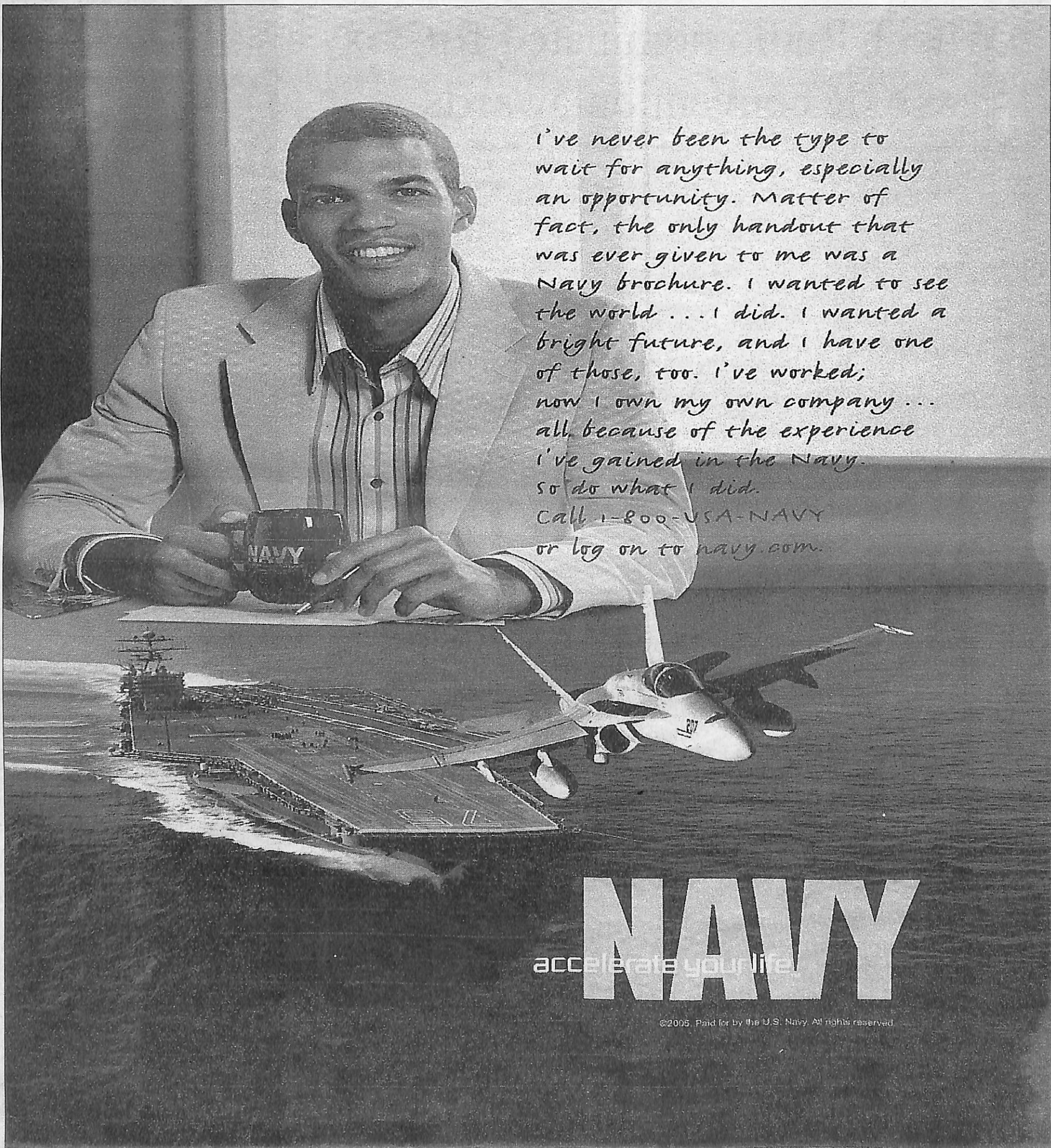
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Look inside for the list of candidates for

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SGA Officers,
Class Queens,
Class Officers,
Class Representatives,
and Reps.-at-Large.

Also check out what the current SGA wants to tell students
in the SGA Corner.

SEC Edition

SGA plans to change requirements

By Anitra Montgomery
Campus News Writer

The Tennessee State University Student Government Association, coupled with Student Election Commission officials, are pushing to decrease the amount of credit hours and increase the grade point average requirements for top SGA posts.

The SGA hopes to decrease the credit hour requirements for the SGA president and Miss Tennessee State University by three hours, bringing the total required hours to 75. The committee also looks to raise the GPA requirement for Miss TSU from a 2.5 to a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, according to SGA Representative-at-Large Josef Robinson.

"It is a great idea to raise the grade point average," said 2004-05 Miss Senior Tionn Fambro. "It gives students the incentive for self improvement. If students want to hold prestigious positions on campus that surpass the average student, then their grade point averages should surpass the average student as

well."

The GPA requirement for presidential and vice presidential positions is a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. The credit hour requirement is 78, and the constitution requires each student to have acquired 90 credit hours at the end of the semester in which the office is sought to be eligible at the beginning of the elected term, according to the 2004-2005 Student Handbook.

Robinson said the high hour requirement excludes qualified applicants who may still have 90 hours to be eligible by the spring semester.

"If a person takes 15 hours each semester upon entering college they will have acquired 75 hours by the fall semester of their junior year," Robinson said. "If the same person takes another 15 hours the spring semester of their junior year, they will still have 90 hours to classify them as a senior and certify their eligibility for candidacy."

The SGA also looks to modify the constitution along with the rules and regulations in the student handbook. The Constitution Commission, the commit-



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The SGA office door is open to students opinions in the FPCC.

tee comprised of SGA members and general student body and oversees student handbook changes, looks to implement changes for the fall 2005 semester.

The SGA also hopes to change the student constitution, in addition to credit hour and GPA requirements.

Theron Miller, chair of the Constitution Revision Committee, said the SGA hopes to consolidate the day and evening representative positions and add the class presidents to the House of Delegates.

Currently, the day and evening representatives sit on the House of Delegates, while the class president is represented through each rep.-at large.

"I want the class representation to stay the same," said Sophomore Class

President Ayodeji Olojo, an agricultural business major from Detroit. "The purpose of the class representatives are for them to have an impact with the class, taking a representative away will diminish the impact."

Natasha Wolder, a junior majoring in mass communications from St. Louis, said, "I believe (the changes) would give more students the opportunity to run but at the same time, I feel that our queen should be able to stand with the best of the other university queens because we are as intelligent as the next institution."

Miller said the changes are to be implemented in the by the spring of 2006.

Ashley Northington contributed to this report.

"I want the class representation to stay the same."

-Ayodeji Olojo

SGA shares important notes

This week the S.G.A. has three important notes to share with the Student Body:

The Constitution Committee is aiming to make changes to the Student Handbook. The three issues of concern are raising the grade point average requirement of Miss TSU and slightly lowering some of the credit hour requirements for Miss TSU and the President and Vice President of the Student Government Association. If anyone has a suggestion, please leave a note in the Suggestion Box in the Student Government Association Box addressed "The Handbook Committee."

Join friends and family to celebrate



survivors and raise money for your American Cancer Society. Walk, jog, or run in this all-night relay event. During the event, teams of people gather and take turns walking or running laps. Each

team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. The Relay will take place on April, 8, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. It will be held in Hale Stadium, "The Hole", or in the event of inclement weather Kean Hall. Please make donations and support this annual event. There will be food, music and fun.

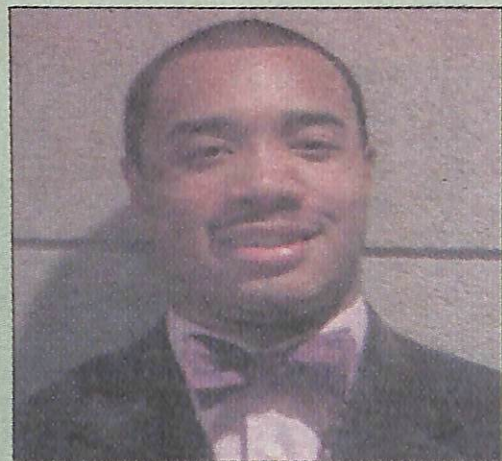
The position of Student Activities Advisor has recently been vacated and the employment process has been underway. The SGA recommendation in Ms. Sonya Smith. Ms. Smith is a former Tennessee State University graduate; she has a master's degree in education and is presently employed as Institute Coordinator for the Scholarship and

Scholars Institute at the Initiatives in Education program at Vanderbilt University.

The 2004-2005 Administration of the Student Government Association would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the student body for its unfailing support throughout this school year. We look forward to showing you just how much you mean to us in the near future. STAY TUNED! If you have any questions concerning the Student Government Association please contact Mr. Ricki Gibbs, Chair of the Grievance Committee at 963-5655. Or Contact SGA President Chauncey Davis at 963-5657 or SGA Vice President Rodriguez Johnson at 963-5656.

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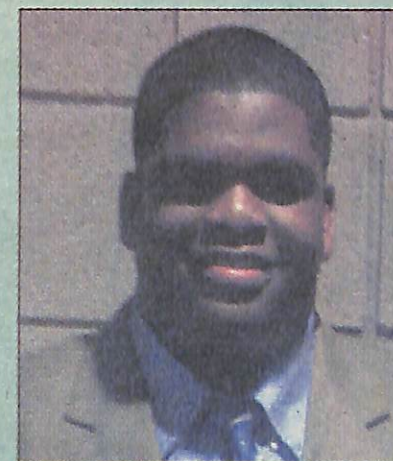
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Name:
 William F. Busch, III
Classification:
 Junior
Major:
 Business Administration
Hometown:
 St. Louis
One word description:
 "Genuine"



Name:
 Josef W. Robinson
Classification:
 Senior
Major:
 Economics and Finance
Hometown:
 Atlanta
One word description:
 "Passionate"



Name:
 Troy M. Smith
Classification:
 Junior
Major:
 Mass Communications
Hometown:
 Knoxville, Tenn.
One word description:
 "WorldChanger"

Vice Presidential Candidate



Name: Brenda C. Carter II
Classification: Junior
Major: Biology Medicine
Hometown: Lexington, Ky.
One word description: "Perseverance"

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Miss TSU Candidates



Name:
Errin Berry

Hometown:
Cleveland

Classification:
Junior

Major:
English

One word description of self and platform:
"Genuine"



Name:
Tomeika Rashel
Dobson

Hometown:
Indianapolis

Classification:
Junior

Major:
Biology-Pre-

Medicine with
emphasis in Cellular
and Molecular

One word description of self and platform:
"Compassionate"



Name:
Tracelia Coats

Hometown:
St. Louis

Classification:
Junior

Major:
Biology

One word description of self and platform:
"Driven"

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Miss TSU Candidates



Name:

Miya Rene'
Robertson

Hometown:

Jackson, Tenn.

Classification:

Junior

Major:

Speech

Communication
and Theatre

*One word descrip-
tion of self and
platform:
"Inventive"*



Name:

Mirica Artine
Stevens

Hometown:

Montgomery, Ala.

Classification:

Junior

Major:

Chemistry

*One word
description of self
and platform:
"Preservation"*



Name:

Cecilia Robinson

Hometown:

Montgomery, Ala.

Classification:

Junior

Major:

Chemistry

*One word descrip-
tion of self or
platform:
"Sincere"*

SEC Edition

What We Think

Stevens, Robinson together C.A.N make 'miracles'

After interviewing candidates for the Student Government Association president, vice president and Miss Tennessee State University positions, The Meter editorial board officially endorses Mirica A. Stevens and Josef Robinson for Miss TSU and SGA president, respectively.

Stevens was a strong candidate for the Miss TSU position. She exuded intelligence, grace, elegance, style, class and knowledge of university history and current events during her interview. She demonstrated she understood the importance of year-round recruiting to boost the university's level of quality students and the importance of upholding TSU traditions. Her platform: "Believing in Miracles, Safeguarding TSU's Legacy During Transition," demonstrates that she has a firm understanding of what it takes to work collectively with the new administration, alumni and the student body to take the TSU community to the next level while preserving its precious traditions.

While Stevens was the overwhelming favorite for the endorsement, Tomeika Dobson, a native of Indianapolis was also very articulate and spoke highly of her competitors. Stevens and Dobson are running a close race, so the decision of who wins may lie in their performances during the week's festivities.

We could not endorse Tracelia Coats because she did not know that Miss TSU is to serve as an ambassador of the university. Cecilia Robinson was a strong third choice, but said Miss TSU must possess passion instead of characteristics like integrity, beauty and character, all of which are important and necessary qualities of a queen. Errin Berry could not recite the alma mater or effectively articulate her plans for the potential reign of Miss TSU. Miya Robertson, the self-proclaimed "Miss Versatility," did not demonstrate her versatility nor elaborate on any plans for her potential tenure as Miss TSU.

Presidential candidate Robinson, a native of Atlanta, demonstrated a true, devoted passion for serving the student body, and the skills, wisdom, and preparation to make ideas become reality.

Robinson began his career in leadership when he stepped onto the TSU campus by serving as a member of Freshman Delegation and Sophomore Ambassadors. He continued his service and successfully progressed as a leader by serving on SGA for three years as a representative-at-large. Throughout his SGA tenure he has also served on the Student Union Board of Governors, served as the building and grounds chairperson, been on the constitution and revision committee, the student action team, and the student faculty hearing committee. His new initiative: "Together We C.A.N. (communication, activation, and navigation)" proves his willingness to set goals and put forth an action plan to reach them. Robinson has the experience and active vision to effectively and efficiently serve the student body by doing what he calls "sewing seeds" to ensure his plans come to fruition.

While Robinson received our unanimous endorsement, William F. Busch III was good second. Busch also has a three-year SGA career which shows his dedication to the student body. He also demonstrated a working knowledge of university and student affairs. However; while Bush had ideas, he did not display as strong of a working plan to execute them as Robinson did, nor did he give concrete examples of projects or initiatives that he has worked on during his time on SGA.

We unanimously decided not to endorse Brenda C. Carter for the vice presidential post for two reasons. She is, as of March 30, running unopposed, so our endorsement would not matter. Secondly, during her interview she told the editorial board that she originally wanted to be president but did not run because she decided to appease Busch, whom she said always wanted to run for the presidency. While her decision to run for vice president instead of president was nice to Busch, we wondered whether or not she possessed a true passion for service to the student body or if she just wanted a position of power. We don't think Carter would do a terrible job if elected, we just wonder about her motives; during her interview she never fully explained why she was running for

any position nor did she confidently express any future plans to execute during her time as vice president.

Although Troy Smith, the self-proclaimed "people's champ," was a strong candidate for the presidential post, we felt him better suited for the vice-presidency. Smith did not possess enough SGA knowledge to oversee all SGA

operations. Plus, he had never held any position on the SGA. But, his winning personality, smile, and "three elements of leadership" which include building relationships, communication, and trust make him a perfect fit for a vice-president. If we could have endorsed him for the vice-presidency post, trust us we would have. •

Student Election Commission

Week 2005

Sunday, April 3rd, 2005

*SGA & Class Nomination Convention
Forum @ 3:00 p.m.*

Monday, April 4th, 2005

*SGA Forum
Humanities Auditorium @ 1:00 p.m.
Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debates
Humanities Auditorium @ 6:00 p.m.*

Tuesday April 5th, 2005

*SGA Forum
Avon Williams Campus Room 385 @ 1:00 p.m.
Rally
Tennessee State University Gentry Center @ 5:00 p.m.
Class Officer Forum
Forum @ 8:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 6th, 2005

*Miss Tennessee State University Pageant
Kean Hall Gymnasium @ 7:00 p.m.*

Thursday, April 7th, 2005

*Voting
Avon Williams Campus for Off Campus Students ONLY!! From 5:00 -9:00 p.m.
Voting
Residence Halls from 4:00 -9:00 p.m.*

Friday, April 8th, 2005

*Voting
Floyd Payne Campus Center from 10:00 a.m.-7:00p.m.
Announcement of Winners @ Relay for Life 10:00p.m.*

Student ID is Needed to Vote !!!

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Class Queens

Senior Class Queen

- Khrystal Boone
- Quiandra Clark
- Nina Davis
- Leslie Dean
- Lacie Dunn
- Cassandra Holdsclaw
- Natasha Johnson
- Shameka Jones
- Tyronda Williams



Junior Class Queen

- Terra Bell
- Chantell Bellenfant

Soph. Class Queen

- Kandice Allen

Class Officers

Senior Class President

- Amelia Jones

Senior Class Vice President

- LaTrese Jennings
- Nicole Morgan

Senior Class Secretary

- Matthew Lamar

Junior Class President

- Elizabeth Bakare
- Hodari P.T Brown

Junior Class Vice President

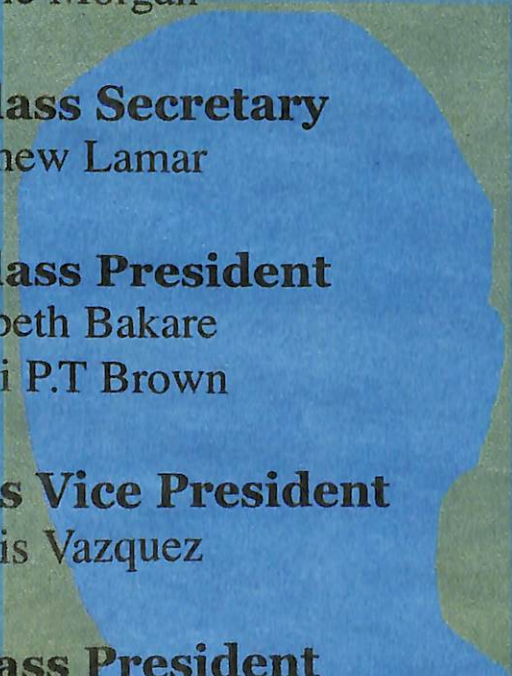
- Alexis Vazquez

Soph. Class President

- Christina Dobbs

Soph. Class Secretary

- Amber Todd



Class Reps.

Senior Class Rep at large-Day

- Deiadra Preyer

Senior Class Rep at large-Eve.

- Mary Sumo
- DeAndre Washington

Junior Class Rep at large-Day

- Ayodeji Olojo
- Jerry Johnson
- Melaney Whiting

Junior Class Rep at large-Eve

- Tito Langston
- James Smith
- Vanessa Tole

Soph. Class Rep at large-Day

- Keshia Dalcour

Soph. Class Rep at large-Eve

- Niambi Ingram
- Mia McCain



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Rep.-at-Large Day

Sharif Akram
 Darrius Brooks
 Bradley Campbell
 Madeline Caldwell
 Alfred Degrafinreid
 Walter Dirl
 Tiffany Geeter
 Ashley Hill
 Amber Hunter
 Marshall Latimore
 DeNisha McCombs
 Tiffany McCrary
 Gerald Onuoha
 Fredrica Piphus
 JoVani Price
 Franklin Rivers
 Vallory Tole
 Dustin Winfree
 Shaana Worlds
 Xandelyn Wright

Rep.-at-Large Evening

Tor Anjanaku
 Rickey Bearden
 Alexandria Berkley
 Veronica Boswell
 Masherrl Conyer
 Matthew Evans
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Wilson Hall
Thursday, March 31
3-5p.m.

*Sunshine Jones &
Lucky Luckett*

Boyd Hall
Friday, April 1
10:30-12:30p.m.

The Rico Malique Show

Rudolph Hall
Monday, April 5
3-5p.m.

The Wet Zone

Hale Hall
Wednesday, April 6
4-6p.m.

Meter In Your Ear

Eppse Hall
Tuesday, April 12
4-6p.m.

**The Thickys
Thick Girls**

New Apartments
Wednesday, April 13
6-8p.m.

**WTST Live with
Dougie Fresh & J. Reaves**

Watson Hall
Thursday, April 14
6-8p.m.

**Live with
F5 and Skripture**

Ford Residential
Complex
Tuesday, April 19
7-9p.m.

Suga Buga & Freddie B

Sports

Athletes participate in pro-timing day

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action. Looking up to his older cousin, former Buffalo Bills defensive back Nate Odomes, Ages dreamed of following in his cousin's footsteps.

"I've seen pro-timing days before, but this was my first time participating in one," Ages said. "Overall the day was successful. I felt pretty good about my performance."

Ages may not have stood out in reporting this season, but his performance during pro-timing day was that of an elite athlete with great agility. As a transfer he saw little action this season, but he did manage to make a contribution to the Big Blue program by recording 20 tackles, 12 being solo and eight assisted.

Leading the team and Ohio Valley Conference in rushing with a total rushing yardage of 1,789, Anthony success-

fully rounded out his senior career. With the continuation of his OVC performance, he carried his athletic ability over into pro-timing activities.

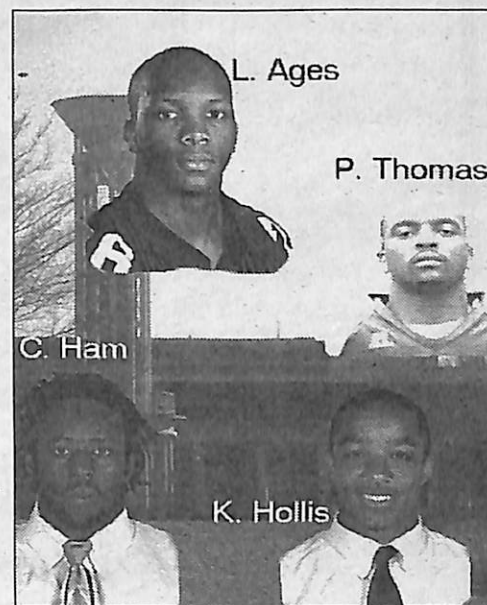
Hollis, a Biology pre-med major, maintained a 3.6 grade point average while finishing his senior season with a 26.1 receiving yards per game average and two touchdowns.

"It was all about time management," Hollis said. "You can't show favoritism or preference towards one or the other. You have to dedicate the same amount of effort to each one."

Ham's addition to the program added size and strength. As the only offensive lineman to leave this year's TSU football program, he recorded five solo tackles during the 2004 season.

During the 2004 season, the defense was led by Thomas. He ended the season with 59 tackles consisting of 35 solo and 24 assisted.

"Every athlete should have ambitions to go on to the next level, the greatest level," Thomas said. "... If the door opens for the league, then yeah, I'll walk through it!"



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Lamel Ages, Paul Thomas, Chris Ham and Kevin Hollis all participated in TSU's Pro-Time Day March 18.

"I was here to see the running back (Charles Anthony), but the rest of the athletes also impressed me. In my eyes, today was pretty successful."

- Jon-eric Sullivan

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Wednesday, April 20

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Commencement Rehearsal and Distribution of Materials

Thursday, May 5
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2 p.m. (rehearsal time approximately 1 hour)

4 p.m. for: All students graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the Institute of Government

5:30 p.m. for: All students graduating from the College of Business, the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science, the College of Health Sciences, the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, and the School of Nursing

(Forms may be completed by graduates who wish to have their diplomas mailed)

Sports

Tigers finish sixth in OVC

By Sheena Hamilton
Sports Writer

After a pre-season Ohio Valley Conference coaches' poll published in *The Tennessean* picked the Tigers to finish second in the conference, the men's Tiger basketball team ended its season as the sixth seed among 11 teams in the OVC after a 68-74 March 1 loss to Eastern Kentucky University.

During the 2003-2004 season the Tigers tallied a 7-21 and 6-10 record in the conference and this season they improved to 14-17 and 9-7 in the conference. This year's results mark the first OVC winning season for the Tigers since the 1995-1996 season.

"I was pleased with the progress," said head coach Cy Alexander. "I was disappointed that we couldn't get past EKU, but we did some things this season that haven't been done in a while."

Players bidding farewell to the program are center Rod Flowers from Huntsville, Ala., who ended the season with eight rebounds per game and 12.6 points per game; forward Roshawn Bowens from Nashville with 4.3 rpg and

8.5 ppg; and forward/guard Jeremy Jackson from East St. Louis, Ill., with 1.7 rpg and 3.6 ppg.

Flowers plans to leave for Spain this September to continue his basketball career. Unsure about exactly where he will be and what he is going to do, he said he is confident about the upcoming months.

"I have enjoyed myself in my time at TSU," Flowers said, "But I look forward to seeing success overseas."

Bowens said he is planning to play in the All-star game on April 16 in Cleveland, Ohio, with teammate Flowers.

Alexander said he is positive that Flowers will end up in Spain since he has been in contact with representatives who expressed their interest in Flowers to him personally, but is unsure about what the future holds for Bowens and Jackson.

"I am still trying to play my cards right as far as settling on representation (an agent)," Bowens said. "I will know where I stand for sure after this trip to Cleveland."

The Tigers were led in their final game by Flowers and junior guard Wayne Arnold from Lilburn, Ga., who



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Roshawn Bowens takes a free-throw shot during a TSU basketball game.

both contributed 14 points. The leading scorers for the season were sophomore guard Bruce Price from Minneapolis, Minn., with 13.7 points per game; Flowers with 12.6 ppg; and junior forward Eric King from Brooklyn, N.Y.,

with 10.4 ppg.

Price only ended up with eight points, but five turnovers in his 38 minutes of play against EKU. If Price had scored his average points, the Tigers would have still come up a point short.

"It's funny how Bruce never gets taken out," said SyKenya Myles, a senior from Memphis majoring in psychology. "No matter how much or how long he doesn't contribute, he stays in the game. In the tournament game he really did not play like himself, though."

Price led the Tigers not only in scoring, but in average minutes with 33 and turnovers with 3.8 per game this season.

"I respect everyone's opinions," said Price. "Being a leader you have more responsibilities on the floor and you can have an impact when you are scoring or playing defense. Just because a player is not scoring doesn't mean he is not doing his job. I held their leading scorer, who averages more than 14 points per game, to just three."*

Freshman Tigerbelle named OVC track athlete of the week

Tennessee State Tigerbelle, Naquanza Alford started off her collegiate career on a good note after being named the Ohio Valley Conference Female Track Athlete of the Week for the week of March 21.

The Fresno, Texas native received her award on Tuesday, March 22 in Brentwood. Playing an important role in the Tigerbelles' indoor season, Alford has continued her success in the outdoor season by leading her team in the 800 and 1500 meter runs. Alford received the OVC honors by running a 2:14:40 in the

800 meters to take first place and 4:46:17 in the 1500 meters to take second place at the University of Central Florida

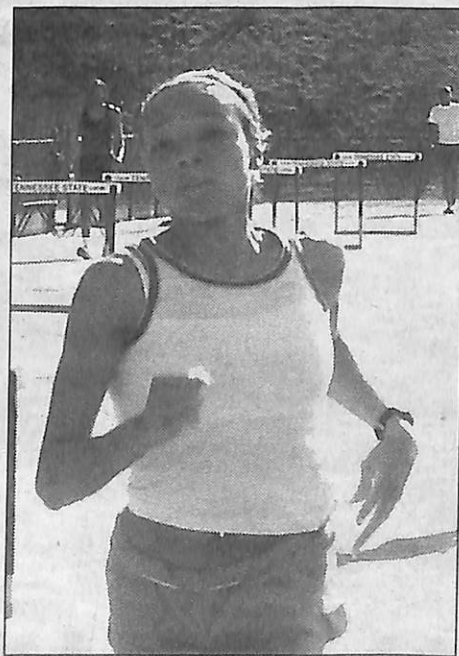


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Naquanza Alford sprinting during a Tigerbelle practice March 30.

Invitational. Both of her times rank first among female athletes in the OVC for the outdoor season.

Alford and the Tigerbelles traveled back to Florida on the weekend of March 24 - 26, as they participated in the Florida relays. The event took place in Gainesville, Fla.

Women's Golf places seventh in Indianapolis

The Tennessee State women's golf team placed seventh out of 10 at the Butler University Spring Invitational on Tuesday, March 22.

The seventh place finish for this young TSU golf team marks an improvement, as the Lady Tigers finished with a total of 765. TSU junior Jessica Nemnich led the team with a 36-hole of 171 on the par-72 at the Prestwick County Club Golf Course. Leslie Scarborough and LaToya Moppins also

chipped in, as they both tied for 36th by shooting 197.

Oakland (Mich.) pushed past Ball State University by two strokes with a finish of 664.

Butler, the host for the tournament, finished third with 667. Northwood placed fourth with 728, followed by Detroit Mercy 740, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis 742, TSU 765, IUPU Fort Wayne 790, Robert Morris 946 and Chicago State placed 10th with 1,217.

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