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TSU takes lead on statewide service project

University first HBCU to achieve such feat

By Marshall A. Latimore
Copy Editor/Opinions Editor

TSU President Melvin N. Johnson hosted five of the state's private college and university presidents in the last of three preliminary meetings to garner support for a TSU-led ini-

tiative to establish a Tennessee Campus Compact on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Johnson said the compact will act as a statewide college and university "president's organization composed of leaders who are committed to civic engagement on their campuses." He had meetings to discuss the compact with fellow Tennessee Board of Regents presidents and with the presidents of the University of Tennessee system institutions in earlier meetings this fall.

TSU is also the first historically black college or university to lead a statewide compact.

The third meeting, which was held in the Executive Dining Suite of the Floyd-Payne Campus Center at 2 p.m., was called to order by Mani Hull, a TSU graduate and current doctoral candidate at Vanderbilt University.

Hull, who has worked closely with TSU's director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement Sue Fuller over the last year, shared her own story of "falling in love" with academic service learning and her role as manager of the implementation of the compact.

"Last year, I was introduced to Service
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SUBG vote re-crowns Mr. TSU



PHOTO OF KENNETH CUMMINGS

Darrius Brooks celebrates on Tuesday, Oct. 24, winning the Mr. TSU title. Steven Morrison was first runner-up, but a later recount made him winner.

By Tricia Kelley and
Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Staff Photographer/Reporter and
Editor in Chief

Brooks, who'd initially won the pageant on Tuesday, Oct. 24, has now been re-crowned as the result of a Student Union Board of Governors (SUBG) meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19, according to a statement provided by the board to *The Meter*.

In the second reversal of the already controversial 2006-07 Mr. TSU crown, Darrius

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Library citations issued, dropped

By Tricia Kelley and
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Staff Photographer and
Business Reporter

Following a Friday, Dec. 1 meeting with Student Affairs officials, three TSU students will not have to appear in court for TSUPD-issued misdemeanor citations stating charges of disorderly conduct in the Brown-Daniel Library on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Gregory Lamont King, a junior mass communications major from Louisville, Ky.; Danielle Jenkins, a political science major from Kansas City, Mo., and Jacquita Parks, a political science major from Macon, Ga., were handcuffed and cited with the misdemeanor offense for not leaving the library after a security guard's request for students to leave the building about 15 minutes prior to its listed closing time of 11:45 p.m.

Also, when asked to hand over student identification cards to be written a citation, Jenkins said she refused to do so. The students were eventually taken to TSUPD headquarters and written a citation after refusing to comply with the security guard's request.

According to the students' citations, the three were scheduled to report to the Davidson County Sheriff's Office booking area for a

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Class celebrates Great Debate

TSU, community discusses future of Jefferson Street

By Ja'Von Jordan
Contributing Reporter

TSU's Department of Africana Studies and Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership Inc. (J.U.M.P.) celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Great Debate of the Jefferson Corridor Interstate-40 on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Hosts Darrina Farooq and Natasha Phillips led the event in singing the black national anthem, *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*, and later with TSU's *Alma Mater* for the opening of the debate that represented the renovation of the Jefferson Street Corridor and the synthesis philosophy of African American leaders.

The Great Debate focused on leaders that have businesses and properties on Jefferson Street that did not recommend I-40 to be there in the first place.

The construction of I-40 displaced hundreds of North Nashville residents.

"The Jefferson Street Corridor became a problem because the freeway created a cultural risk for the Jefferson street community, TSU, Meharry and Fisk," said the first speaker Melisa Harper, a junior mass communications major from Atlanta, represented the family of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1985, the issues of the Jefferson Street Bridge and community caught the eyes of leaders, such as Amiri Al-Hadid, department head for Africana Studies. He said he created the Great Debate as a cultural and

dialectical debate based on the thesis/philosophy argument perspective of King, El-Shabazz and a synthesis philosophy of the two.

TSU students within the Africana Studies department participated in the theosophies reading of the debates from all sides of our civil activist leaders, discussing contemporary issues that were based on critical thinking, consciousness, civic engagement and social responsibility.

"Blacks had political oppression of the white man," said Samuel X, a senior business administration major from Chicago who participated in the program. "Blacks worked 310 years and not a dime was returned to (the) community where blacks spent their money. The community became poorer and poorer, but the community where blacks did spend their money became richer and richer."

Sharon Hurt, the executive director of JUMP, presented a PowerPoint presentation called Roadscapes, which discusses the renovation of the Jefferson Street bridge to secure safety for the environment the history of the street's corridor.

Hurt's presentation included clips of the before and after of the Jefferson Street bridge and the overall neighborhood. Hurt also explained how the colleges and neighborhood communities could help in funding the Jefferson Street community by conducting motivational and educational school events.

"In reference to the actual event, gentrification is an extremely important issue that we as African-Americans need to discuss," said Danielle Prunty, a junior communications major from Willingboro, N.J. "We are the generation of the future that upholds our history as well as culture. The question is: How we are going to carry the torch of knowledge,

history, and wisdom when gentrification is destroying our community?"

"Our generation takes a part in destroying ourselves while ignoring information like this seminar, but we can go to the club or celebrate in our ignorance. Are we dropping the ball or have we as African-Americans lost our value in society," she questioned.

Dominick Watkins, a sophomore education major from East Point, Ga. referred to what students and the community could do to raise money for the Jefferson Street gentrification issue.

When Watkins said, "An African-American night like tonight is like a pastor oversleeping for service," it puzzled the faces of some students in audience like senior Kayla Todd.

"The program brought issues to the forefront that were once unknown," Todd said. "I plan to be more involved with the JUMP community."

Hurt said, "TSU, Meharry, and Fisk represent growing black college communities. When people from Vanderbilt, Belmont or MTSU come and visit these Black colleges, their assumption of the Jefferson Street area are far from good because of what the neighborhood looks like. The community can look like Vanderbilt's or Belmont's with the help of the services that JUMP is offering."

Al-Hadid said he plans to rebuild the Jefferson community mentally and physically with help from the student and neighborhood areas around Jefferson.

"The future will be defined by his or her culture, not behind money or the three upper-class universities claiming their part of town. As long as the college area looks like a ghetto, it's going to be treated like one. It has to change the psychology and sociology in people for a new beginning," said Al-Hadid.

Events Calendar

Monday

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. A Century of Excellence Courtyard/Kean Hall noon to 2p.m.

Tuesday

SUBG Christmas Lighting Ceremony Floyd-Payne Campus Center Forum 6 p.m.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
41°/26°	51°/31°	55°/34°



source: weather.com

Pay raise set for some TSU employees

By Melisa Brown and Kristina Walling
Contributing Reporters

Pay ranges have not been up to par compared to other colleges and TSU President Melvin N. Johnson has received the go-ahead from the Tennessee Board of Regents to apply new pay ranges, distribute stipends and implement merit increases.

A TSU salary committee of nine people was developed to form a plan to present to the TBR in hopes of increasing pay for the TSU faculty and staff members. The compensation plan was developed in January 2005, submitted to TBR in Aug. 2005 and was approved by TBR on Friday, Sept. 29, 2006.

"It has been several years since the last salary study," said Cynthia Brooks, TSU vice president of business affairs. "President Johnson's current plan reflects the commitment to having wages at TSU comparable to its peers."

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, a presentation by Linda Spears, associate vice president of human resources and personnel, unveiled the news of pertinent changes in regards to the changes in the money employees receive.

For many TSU employees, the pay increase has been long overdue.

Donald Page, acting department head for the Department of Communications, said TSU is substantially below national salary standards by about \$13,000, compared to other institutions' professors.

"I am pretty sure I could raise my salary at least \$10,000 (per year) if I moved," Page said.

TSU employees who are already being paid the national minimum will receive a two percent pay increase. The new compensation plan proposes to increase pay by two percent for employees that are currently being paid 20 percent below the midpoint range, according to the compensation plan changes.

A lump sum payment is expected to be given to faculty who seek higher degrees. However, the degree must be job-related, according to the plan.

The rewards are as follows: for faculty that seek professional certificates, \$500 is to be granted; for those faculty members who seek associate's degrees,

\$750; for those faculty members who seek a bachelors degree, \$1,000; for those faculty members who seek a masters that is non-terminal, \$2,000; for those faculty members that seek a masters that is terminal, \$3,000; and, for those faculty members that seek a doctorates, \$4,000.

"Only those who receive advanced degrees after Jan. 1, 2007, will receive the money," Spears said. "There is a process that one must go through before being granted the money for that degree. The acting department head over the area that the faculty member is working in must sign off on the degree and state that the degree is job-related."

However, all of the staff will not receive the increase because it only applies to full-time employees. Spears said that this was due to a limited amount of available recourses.

"I hope they will increase the budget across the board," said Joy Dennis, a secretary of Finance and Accounting. "Often people in high positions get paid more, but they might not necessarily do the most work. We get a lot of complaints about (having) attitudes. It might be because they are not getting paid enough."

University department heads are planned to receive an additional \$1,000 per-month stipends, but it is not certain whether this will be on a nine or 12-month schedule.

"I am happy that the department heads are going to receive stipends," said Beverly Kindall, a professor of freshman-level English. "however, a compensation plan needs to be designed executed for adjunct professors like myself."

Additionally, the university has also planned to designate merit increases from one to three percent based upon employee performance evaluations, according to Spears. The merit increases are expected to be available beginning Sept. 1, 2007.

The notifications are expected to be delivered on Dec. 15, 2006, and are to be reflected on the Jan. 31, 2007, paycheck.

"The students matter most at TSU, so we need to make our pay scale attract future employees that are competent so that our students can get the best out of their education and experience from TSU," Spears said.

Sprinkler malfunction causes damage in Wilson Hall

Water damages occurred to more than 120 rooms in the Mary Wilson Hall residence center after a malfunction of the center's automatic fire sprinkler system on Saturday, Nov. 25.

According to a memorandum distributed to Wilson Hall residents on Sunday, Nov. 26, the building received damages primarily in rooms 34 through 57 on every floor of the six story building, which has the possibility of affecting more than 300 students who reside in the center.

The document continued to state that SERVPRO, a fire-and water-cleaning and restoration company, was directed to the area by Residence Life and Facilities

Management officials, who'd begun the clean-up process immediately after preliminary assessment.

The "detailed cleaning of the affected rooms" began at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27. Additionally, it said that electricians also were dispatched to "assess damages to all electrical outlets."

In the mean time, affected students were advised against the use any of the electrical equipment or appliances until their rooms' outlets had been cleared for usage.

Patricia Mabry, director of the residence center, said she and the hall's Resident Assistants were instructed not to comment on the situation by Residence Life officials.

Peggy Earnest, director of Residence Life and dean of students, could not be reached by press time.

Tray Miller Jr.

Alphas to celebrate centennial

TSU's Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will join other Nashville-area chapters in a statewide celebration of 100 years as an organization.

The fraternity was founded on Dec. 4, 1906.

The Alpha motto is: First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All.

Famous members include Martin Luther King Jr., W.E.B. Dubois, Thurgood Marshall, Dick Gregory, and Duke Ellington.

"We will be hosting noontime activities in Kean Hall" said James

Smith, a senior criminal justice major from Memphis and 2006-07 president of the Beta Omicron chapter.

Later in the day there will be a city-wide effort hosted by the Vanderbilt Kappa Theta chapter.

A candle light vigil will include chapters from Fisk University (Alpha Chi), Meharry Medical College (Chi), Middle Tennessee State University (Kappa Xi), and the TSU graduate chapter.

DeShanee Miner

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ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Don't forget to file your FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- The 2007-2008 FAFSA will become available online beginning January 1, 2007
- The priority deadline for TSU Financial Aid is April 1, 2007
- The priority deadline for TSAC is May 1, 2007.

What We Think

Our knocks as students, press will be heard

One thing *The Meter* has attempted to do over the span of its 57-year history is foster a line of open communication between its staff, the administration and, most importantly, the student body.

In particular, with our dealings with administrators, we make it known that when university mistakes are made by any constituent, we will diligently report them. Also, when positive news is there, we will exert just as much effort in reporting that. But, our most ardent wish would be that when a situation arises on campus, be it good or bad, administrators be the first ones to alert us so that we get the whole story and not be forced to rely on the grapevine. Nonetheless, it is our duty as emerging journalists to report in spite of administrative cooperation.

As our charge clearly states the mission of the paper is to report the "highlights" and the "lowlights" of the university community. Whether the news is good or bad, we have an unwavering commitment to get the bottom of an issue.

Therefore, when we are given the run-around by administrators or are told that individuals have been specifically instructed not to talk to us, we question not only their judgment, but their commitment to the student population.

For those who may not be aware, three students Danielle Jenkins, Jacquita Parks and Gregory Lamont King were apprehended and written citations by TSUPD on Wednesday, Nov. 29 and

charged with disorderly conduct. While we were able to make contact that same night with the students, the same couldn't be said of our efforts to get in contact with members of the TSU Police Department.

Of course, the real issue in this situation is the fact that security personal and police officers felt it necessary to arrest students who refused to leave the library before its official closing time. This act was the culmination of an atmosphere of disrespect between TSU employees and students.

While staff and faculty members work here and leave the campus at the end of the day, many of us live here and can not afford to have services cut off because an employee feels they have the right to do so. Fortunately, the Office of Student Affairs stepped in and had charges dropped for the three students.

The recent water damage to students' property in Wilson Hall and the call for a *The Meter* blackout deeply concerned us. Yes, we are members of the media, but we are also students. This fact, more so than any other, motivates us in our reporting. So when something happens, whether it is water damaged property or students being issued citations, our first task is educating the student body to the situation and providing answers to questions surrounding it.

The purpose of an institution of higher learning is to prepare students for the outside world and we, likewise, want to help our fellow students develop a

desire to be informed about the world around them. So it benefits no one to attempt to keep us and the general student body blind to incidents and issues on campus.

We are student journalists, not big game hunters. Therefore, the thrill for us is not in the hunt, but in accurately getting the story out for the benefit of the university community. It troubles us that when local or national media comes calling, many are all too eager to be available for a sound byte or quote, but when a staff reporter for *The Meter* calls we are all too often avoided like a plagued rat.

President Melvin N. Johnson demonstrated an example to follow when he told us about TSU's privilege of heading the multi-university compact for service learning in August during a luncheon with his presidential cabinet and *The Meter*. On Thursday, Nov. 30 Johnson hosted a meeting with presidents from several private institutions in the middle Tennessee area. This isn't the only example of note as several administrators and student leaders are no stranger to our offices and often pay us visits to us regularly to inform us of things happening around the university. To say we appreciate such efforts would be an understatement.

The Meter continuously strives to be an ethical, non-biased, and factual publication. We are not a gossip rag. We do our best to only report the facts in any and every issue. But, unfortunately some individuals feel that when an issue arises

that could be embarrassing for themselves or the university that it's time to clam up and shut down the channels of communication.

This doesn't just apply to administrators either. Even some of our student leaders are unaware of some of the procedures and rights of the student media and, more importantly, the general student body.

Some forget that TSU is a state-funded institution and not a private fiefdom to be run as a small group. There are federal laws of openness that govern state institutions. There, in effect, is very little information that we can legally be denied under the *U. S. Constitution*, the state of Tennessee, as well as the bylaws and regulations that govern the TBR and TSU.

The Meter is not out to disparage the reputation of this institution, employees, or students. When situations arise that could potentially be controversial, instead of ducking and dodging us, we encourage students and administrators alike to seek us out. Whether you visit our offices, e-mail us, call us, send correspondence in the mail or send a carrier pigeon, we appreciate active readers and are here for the benefit of the community.

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SUBG's official Mr. TSU statement

Dear Tennessee State University Students,

It is with deep regrets and sincere apologies that there have been a number of controversies with this year's Mr. Tennessee State University pageant and the winner for the 2006-2007 school year. This annual homecoming event, which is sponsored by the Student Union Board of Governors, displays the talents and qualities of our elite men on the campus of Tennessee State University. As a Board event, the pageant is conducted in a manner that supports our constitutional by-laws. Any and every rule in that constitution we must follow, but seeing that there were concerned candidates we listened to their request and accepted their appeals.

Due to scoring irregularities an appeal was made by one of our top two participants, Mr. Steven Morrison. After extensive review of the contestants scores we, the Student Union Board of Governors, had to rectify the situation by de-crowning Mr. TSU, Darius Brooks and crowning Mr. Steven Morrison. We allowed the gentlemen the option of sharing a Co-Mr. TSU role and neither approved. As a result we had to continue with the homecoming festivities and

allow Mr. TSU, Mr. Steven Morrison, to represent our University proudly.

Following homecoming week, our de-crowned Mr. TSU, Mr. Darius Brooks, requested an appeal concerning eligibility issues of Mr. Steven Morrison. Based on the candidates request we then extensively reviewed this concern and made some suggestions. Seeing that we had already overturned the crowning of Mr. TSU once, we did not want to create more controversy by doing it a second time without going through proper protocol. As Chair and Co-Chair of the board, we decided to sit down with the two gentlemen and hear verbatim how they felt about the situation thus far and what they felt we should do as a Board.

After listening attentively to the feelings, comments and concerns of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Morrison, and answering any questions they asked, as chair and co-chair, we sat down and discusses both appeals between ourselves. We carefully sought a solution that would in some way honor both young men. We reverted back to our constitution by-laws, the screening process and to our trustworthy board members. We shared the idea to both parties of having a meeting including the entire board and inviting them to share their opinions on the situation with the board as a whole. We also informed

them that the decision is placed on the Student Union Board of Governors and that whatever decision we made would be the final and concluded decision. Lastly, we made know to the gentlemen that there would be secret ballots given to each board member.

On November 13, 2006 there were multiple messages sent to the Board members disclosing the situation and asking for a rapid response. Majority of Board members sent a response back immediately revealing their personal opinions on the situation from day one. Afterwards, as chair and co-chair, we decided to have a meeting with the entire board inviting the two participants, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Morrison, on November 14, 2006. Being that this was an emergency call meeting some Board members could not attend due to class and work, so there were absentee ballots created for them. We met and the parties shared their feelings about the situation, and the floor was opened for questions and comments. Afterwards the two participants answered questions and were asked to leave the room in order for the board to discuss opinions, by-laws and other determining factors in this situation and come to a conclusion. As chair and co-chair, once ballots were in we tallied the scores and recorded them. All ballots

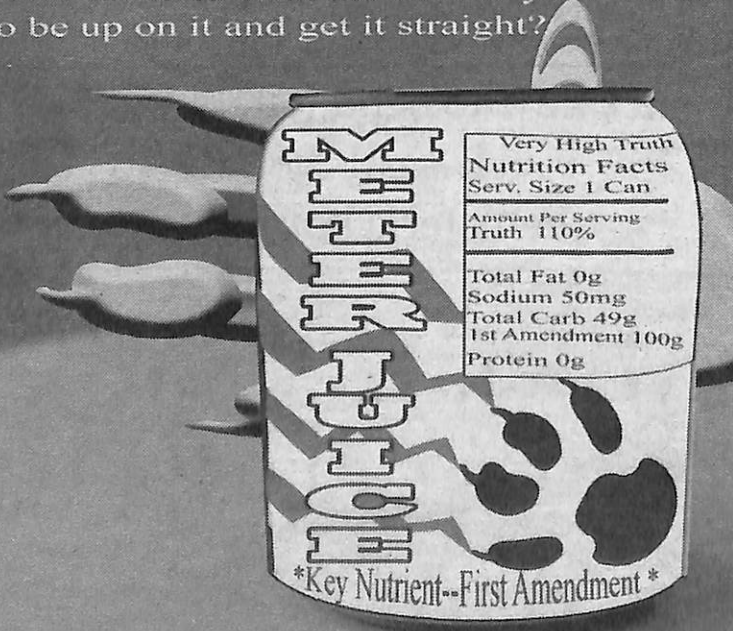
and tallied scores were given to Dean Myles for safe keeping and we did not announce a winner due to the fact that there wasn't enough board members present to present a majority ruling so that evening votes would have been inaccurate.

On November 19, 2006 a second meeting was convened. The format followed closely the meeting on November 14, 2006. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Morrison were asked to express their opinions and feelings about the Mr. TSU process and out come. They responded to questions from the Student Union Board of Governors and each other. At the conclusion of Q & A, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Morrison were asked to leave the room while the ballots were given to those that did not vote on November 14, 2006. Ballots were counted by the Student Union Board of Governors chair and co-chair and verified by Dean Myles.

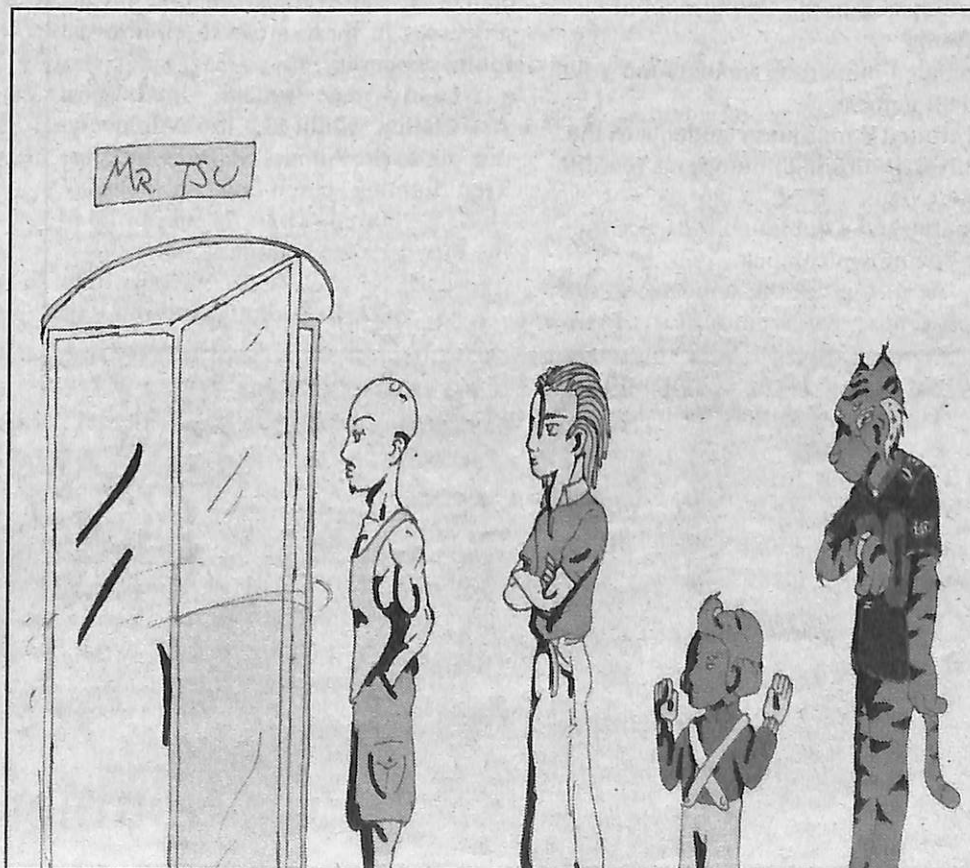
Mr. Brooks and Mr. Morrison were asked to return back to the room and the chairperson announced the winner as Mr. Darius Brooks.

**Your Student Leaders,
Masherrl Conyer Chairperson
Shemika Williams Co-Chairperson**

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SGA CORNER

TSU Family,

This year has indeed been very busy for the Student Government Association.

We have:

- Created and passed four constitutional amendments they include:

- Lowering the number of credit hours needed to run for SGA Vice President from 90 hour to 60 hours;

- Removing one class officer position from the House of Delegates and replacing it with the respective Class President;

- Implementing a SGA Accountability Compact; and,

- Defining Guidelines for General Assembly to ensure that all campus organization are adding value to the University.

- Facilitated 3 leadership workshops:

- The Truth About Leadership Resumes Are Good, but Not Good Enough

- Life After College

- Participated in the Inauguration of President Melvin Johnson

- Facilitated a campus-wide organization fair

- Participated in a Clothing Drive

- Empowered hundreds of students through a Peer mediation event

- Registered students to vote in Davidson County

- Participated in the Celebration of Cultures

- Attended numerous football and volleyball games

- Recruited a multitude students to the University through numerous recruitment events

- Established a continual presence on the downtown campus

As the end of the semester steadily approaches, we would like to wish

everyone great success in all of these academic endeavors. As your student leaders, we are continually working to ensure that student concerns remain at the forefront of the university administration's agenda.

In recognition of that commitment, we have created an e-mail account in which students can send all questions and concerns. The address is aolo-jo@mytsu.tnstate.edu. All food service question or grievances can be e-mailed to TSUfood@yahoo.com. Both e-mail addresses are checked daily and will allow the House of Delegates a more efficient and expeditious method to address campus problems.

Recently, it has come to the attention of House of Delegates that many people have skewed opinions of the impact and validity of the Student Government Association. To ensure that all comments are addressed publicly and to encourage more students to participate in the fall elections, the House of Delegates will hold a seminar early next semester to elaborate on what it is exactly SGA does and to furthermore address any other concerns that students have.

In addition, the House of Delegates has a new focus for 2007, that will allow us to create greater impact in the areas of the university in which we believe change is needed; Student Involvement, Student Apathy and Student Retention. We will still focus on the entire campus, but plan to specialize in these areas creating lasting processes in these areas to circumvent future concerns.

Lastly, the Student Government Association would like to invite everyone out to the Annual SUBG Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the forum of the Floyd-Payne Campus Center.

Yours truly,
SGA President Ayodeji Olojo

Student questions SGA VP's motives

Editor's Note: This reader's letter is in response to SGA Vice President Hodari P.T. Brown's Monday, Nov. 20, letter to editor, which expressed displeasure with The Meter and its coverage of political issues.

Hello, my name is Jimmie Woodruff and I am a student at (TSU). I pick up *The Meter* and carefully dissect every word of our university's newspaper.

Last week's edition of *The Meter* (Nov. 20, 2006) had me a little disturbed and brought about me writing this article in high hopes that it makes the Dec. 4 edition or some edition to come. I believe that our beloved (Student Government Association) Vice President is a little over the top. Actually, I believe that he is a lot over the top. The things that he requires, as far as organizations are concerned, are outrageous and how he is running his program is sometimes a little aggressive: requiring every registered organization to attend at least one political event, attending seminars and also attending all weekly SGA General Assemblies. I am completely against his views as him forcing his opinion upon this campus.

We are in the U.S., and we do have an option whether or not to vote, but don't force your opinions on this campus once you become in office. If it wasn't for our beloved vice president, would we have voted for Harold Ford Jr.? Why wasn't there any (Bob) Coker campaigning going on? That is because our vice

president had his own person views and wanted this community to vote for Ford. I can guarantee that a good percentage of this campus didn't look over the views of his campaign and just voted because there were signs lined up from the checkpoint at Boyd Hall down to as far as the eye could see. There was a reason why you weren't elected because we knew that this day was coming, a day where you have to force the opinions of your own on this campus to do things instead of letting them come.

There is a certain way in doing things. I believe that you could have not been bias in the campaign but, if someone personally asked, then let them know your views. I have sat back and watched this whole thing unfold before my eyes this semester and I am sick of it.

When we take it to the administration, all they can say is "It's Hodari." Well, now it's a student who is no longer going to sit back and watch a man single-handedly force his opinion on anyone else. We should stand up as a campus and say enough is enough. I applaud what the award-winning *The Meter* has done and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Jimmie Dejuan Woodruff
sophomore economics and finance
major from Nashville

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Brooks has service projects already planned

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Brooks, a senior engineering major from Chattanooga, was initially stripped of the title on Friday, Oct. 27 after a recount showed that first runner-up to Stephen Morrison, a white student, had actually won the pageant.

Morrison, a senior health sciences major from Memphis, following the recount was the first white student in school history to win title in the 16-year history of the Mr. TSU position.

At the Nov. 19 meeting, all members of SUBG, as well as Brooks and Morrison, were instructed to sign a statement of confidentiality, meaning that no one could speak on the topics of the meeting post-adjourment, issued by Chairwoman Masherrl Conyer and Co-Chairwoman Shemika Williams, said sources close to *The Meter*.

Brooks said, "I'm no longer commenting about the position" because "it's not just about the position and name. It's about what you do with your position that counts."

Morrison also declined to comment.

No time to waste

After being re-crowned as Mr. TSU Nov. 19, Darrius Brooks informed *The Meter* that he has planned his first string of community service activities.

Brooks said that it is his plans to help host a youth basketball league game for a team that was not going to be able to continue playing this season due to finances. Brooks was recently named an assistant coach to the LaVergne Commodores, a team in the LaVergne Youth Basketball League.

According to Brooks, PhatKaps, a



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Mr. TSU Darrius Brooks after being crowned after the Mr. TSU pageant Oct. 24, 2006.

Nashville-area urban fashion store, is willing to sponsor the team and will present the owner of the team with a check.

In addition to this first service project, Brooks is also looking at using his position as a stepping-stone to some of his other plans of being a pinnacle force in the Nashville community. As Brooks put it, he plans to focus on "the importance of education for today's youth."

To carry out this mission, Brooks said he is also formulating a program to begin annual educational tours to visit Metro-Nashville high schools, coaching youth basketball teams and for the holiday season, organizing a Secret Santa program at the Ronald McDonald house.

Ultimately, Brooks said his current involvements are all centered on helping to round out his leadership capabilities and prepare for the annual Mr. HBCU pageant to be held at Lincoln University in Missouri in late February.

"All of this is helping (me) to discipline and help (me) focus on making Mr. TSU a known person in the community," Brooks said.

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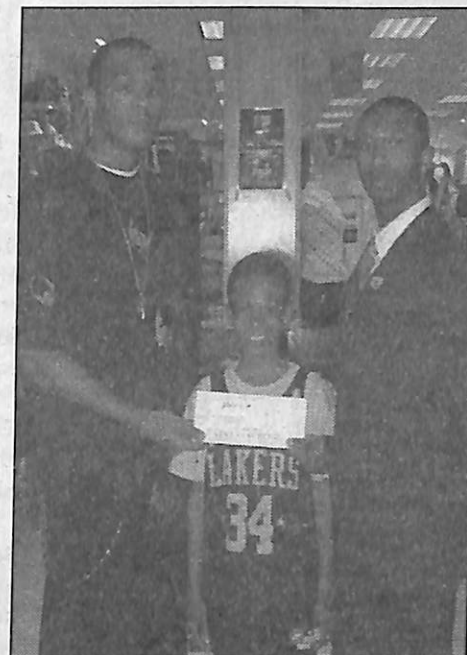


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Darrius Brooks and Phat Kaps' manager Michael Mahone presents Desmond Moss on Wednesday, Nov. 29, with a check to save a youth basketball team.

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Student feels security guard was unprofessional

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court date on Wednesday, Dec. 13, between 7 - 10 a.m. to enter a plea. Parks said, however, that Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Freeman met with TSUPD officials and the students on Friday, Dec. 1, and decided the charges needed to be dropped.

Freeman was not able to be contacted by *The Meter* as of press time.

Parks said, following the meeting, TSUPD requested that she sign a document releasing all involved officers from liability, but decided against that action citing that she felt the security guard may "get off with a mild" punishment.

Jenkins said she was attempting to maximize all her time on a computer before the library closed.

"It's absurd that we as students pay technology access fees, yet are denied access to technology simply because a security guard decides he wants to shut

the library down early," Jenkins said. "I don't own my own computer, so I have to use the resources that have been made available by the university."

The library's posted hours state that the library is scheduled to close at 11:45 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday. According to Jenkins, the facilities were being closed at 11:30 p.m. because of a lack of students utilizing the library that night.

"The security guard's conduct was not professional," Jenkins said. "He was very disrespectful and, at best, his actions were disgraceful to this institution and the motto that it upholds."

The security guard and TSUPD officials were unable to be reached for comment on the situation after several attempts by *The Meter*.

During the last hour of operation before the library closes, typically intercom system announcements informing



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Danielle Jenkins smiles from the back of TSUPD car.

users of how many remaining minutes of usage are issued.

Jenkins said on Wednesday night

that procedure was not done.

According to Jenkins, there was no type of intercom pages made. But, after being told to leave, the students decided to get proof of the time off of the computer and went to time.gov and printed out the official time of 11:37 p.m.

Hodari Brown, Student Government Association vice president, said the student handbook states that "anytime that an administrator asks for your ID, as a student, you have to surrender it upon request immediately."

Jenkins agreed with Brown's statement.

"In the future, I know to surrender my identification card when asked for it," she said. "But I will not hesitate to demand respect from any administrative official or personnel who is not following proper protocol."

TSU state leader in service

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Learning by (Fuller), who made it easy for me to understand how dynamic it was," Hull said. "It didn't take me long to realize that in service learning I had found my professional calling."

After showing a seven-minute video about TSU history and its programs titled "Did You Know," Hull turned over the meeting to Johnson, who began an hour-long talk on the reasons for implementing the compact, as well as what are the upcoming steps for bringing the state closer to having this consortium.

"I'm a student of TSU every day," Johnson began. "I learn something new about the university practically every day. We have a unique and exciting opportunity to make history."

Presidents in attendance included Sister Thomas Aquinas of Aquinas College, Ted Brown of Martin Methodist College, Loren Philip Hunt of the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Joel Cunningham of the University of the South - Sewanee, and Robert Fisher of Belmont University.

Months prior to the meeting, Johnson said during an Aug. 24 presidential cabinet luncheon with The Meter that the Campus Compact plays directly into TSU's lifelong motto of "Think - Work - Serve."

"One of the things I wanted to launch upon is TSU increasing not only our involvement, but our leadership in service learning," Johnson said during the luncheon. "That's been the cornerstones since (TSU's) existence when it began.

"If we're really serious about it, I think we ought to take the leadership role," he added.

Johnson explained that beginning this initiative means the university is serve as the founding institution of a statewide campus compact throughout the state of Tennessee, which, when fully brought to fruition, will join more than 30 other U.S. states who already have compacts in place.

Johnson estimated a two-year window for the initiative to be in full operation: "We have to get all the private insti-

tutions, as well as public institutions which includes the institutions in our system."

SGA President Ayodeji Olojo said the compact is one of several steps different campus facets, such as the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement and University Honors Program, are taking to brand TSU as a known leader in not only academics but in civic engagement.

"You look at Tennessee State University and you look at the rebirth that's about to reoccur," Olojo said of the statewide initiative spearheaded by TSU. "Whether it's (the TSU service learning) technopolis or any other service learning project, TSU just being front runners and us being a black institution, shows that we are more than capable. ...Think - Work - Serve."

Carl Darnell, a TSU graduate student in the College of Education, said the move to lead the Campus Compact is great for completing the university's charge.

"I am really excited about TSU leading the Campus Compact," said Darnell, who is pursuing his masters degree in education administration and supervision. "I feel that this is more of a fulfillment of our Tennessee State University's mission to 'Go forth to Serve.'"

With this initiative, Johnson said the he wants to make it clear that he's about pushing TSU to the forefront of colleges and universities in middle Tennessee.

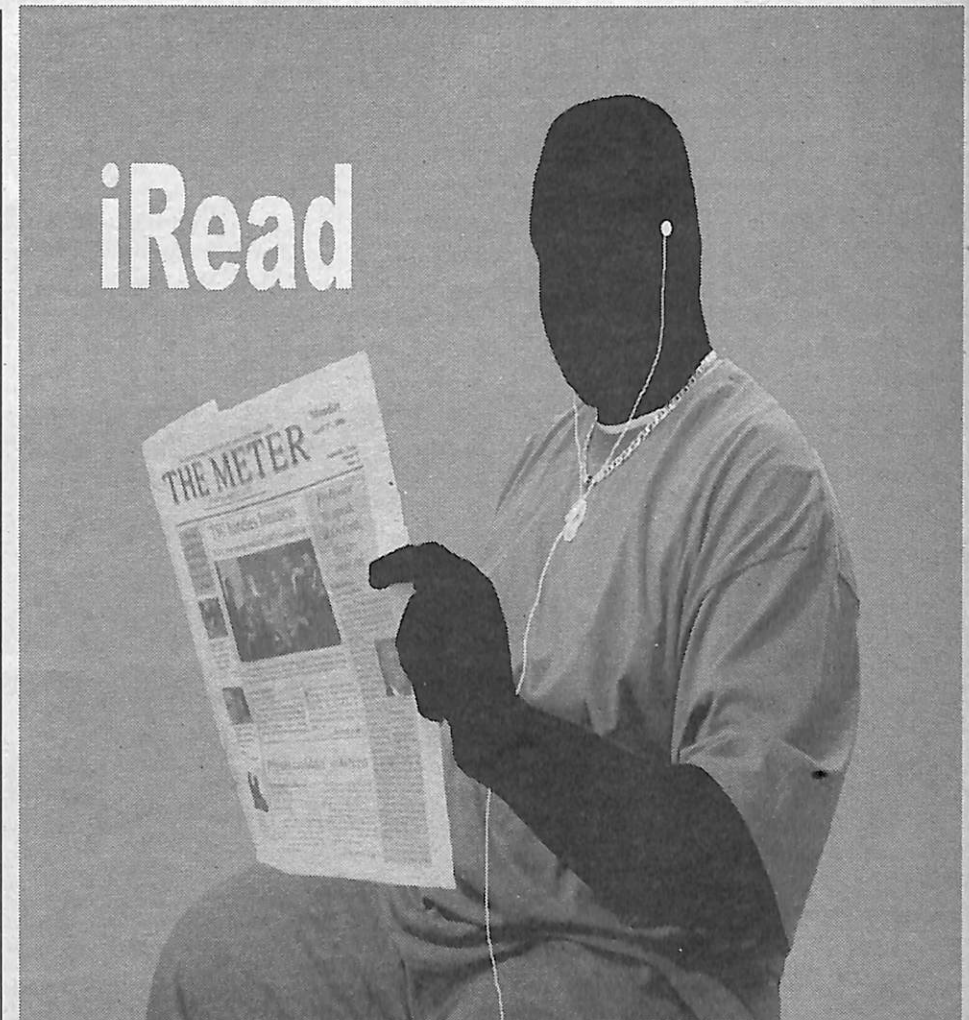
"I'm not about TSU waiting on others to take the lead on initiatives," Johnson said. "We should be about that. If we really feel strongly on an issue, then we need to be the ones initiating."•

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TSU professor continues vision of service learning

By Kimberly Brown
Contributing Reporter

Ever since assistant professor of English Harry Clark Maddux came to TSU from Michigan State University in 2003, he has continued to implement service learning in all of his courses.

Started as an official program at TSU in 2005 by then-psychology professor and now director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement Sue Fuller, service learning is a method of teaching that incorporates service projects to fully enrich the traditional learning experience.

"I'm a firm believer that learning works better when a student is actively involved," Maddux said. "Instead of just reading books, we are doing tip sheets and other projects and, in turn, learn writing."

There is not a designated area in the course catalog that specifies which courses contain service learning components, according to the service learning page on TSU's tstate.edu Web site. However, the service learning center believes that the program can be implemented in all courses.

According to both Fuller and Maddux, service projects vary by the learning in the class. The length of these projects can be anywhere between five to 10 hours of service to multiple hours every week throughout the semester.

"I have actually taken service learning courses in the past," said Victoria Foster, a senior English major from Spartanburg, S.C. "They weren't a desire in the beginning because the projects can be so time consuming, but they are fine now."

Service learning courses include outreach programs, community service, individual projects, and group projects in the curriculum. Fuller also provides service learning workshops in the spring for faculty members who seek to integrate service learning in their courses.

Maddux gave the students in his American Novel service learning course two options of either creating tip sheets to help students prepare for exams, such as the rising junior and senior exit exams or developing a Web site for Friendship Community Outreach Center.

"I've never taken a service learning course before," said Terrilyn Allgood, a senior psychology major from Nashville. "I have volunteered at several places in the past, but I did it for fun and to gain a sense of fulfillment, not just to receive accolades or class credit."

All service learning courses in the university started as a result of funding from the university and the federal government, according to Maddux.

In December 2005, TSU was among some of the Tennessee universities who supported the development of a Tennessee Campus Compact, which is a non-profit incorporated organization that promotes service learning in schools and universities.

TSU has since stepped forward as the statewide leader for Tennessee's Campus Compact.

"I think service learning courses are so beneficial because they actually put us in real life situations where we are learning and helping the community at the same time," said Tiffany Williams, a senior English major from Memphis. "Since I plan on teaching in the future, these courses are playing an integral role in preparing me for the future."•

SGA officials to propose constitutional changes

By Marshall A. Latimore
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At the halfway point of Ayodeji Olojo's and Hodari Brown's tenures as TSU's Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president, respectively, their administration has passed legislation to present four constitutional changes to the SGA constitution.

They changes include: lowering the number of credit hours needed to run for SGA Vice President from 90 hours to 60 hours; removing one class officer position from the House of Delegates and replacing it with the respective class president; implementing directives for increase greater accountability for House of Delegates; and, defining guidelines for General Assembly to ensure that all campus organizations are adding value to the university.

"(This semester) was a lesson in leadership," Olojo said in response to scrutiny the administration has received from some of its members and concerned students. "The results had its negatives and positives. We appreciate and will accommodate all people who want to offer solutions (to our negatives)."

Olojo said that if passed by a majority vote of the student body during the 2007-08 student elections, the constitutional changes are to go into effect during the 2009-09 student elections.

He also said that the current administration all made an agreement to hold each other accountable this year, which they pledged with the signing of a document they called the SGA Accountability Compact. The compact is a compilation of addendums the SGA wants to append to the current definition of roles for each member of the House of Delegates, Olojo said.

"While the current constitution explains the process for removing members, (it) doesn't have the specific guidelines as to what actions or inactions qualify to kick someone off of SGA," Olojo said. "We wanted to give structure on how to call a vote."

One of Brown's big measures is putting into place policy for the General Assembly. He said that as chairperson of the General Assembly, it is his responsibility to ensure that the organization follows the objectives defined in the SGA constitution.

Brown's proposal includes organizations submitting documentation that they perform at least three community service projects as well as attend or sponsor at least two campus events.

"I wanted to make sure that I was doing everything possible to ensure that I was doing my job as vice president," Brown said. "I noticed there were a lot of things not defined in regards to how to ensure organizations are doing their part to aid campus development and enlightenment."

In addition to hosting three leadership workshops, "The Truth about Leadership," "Resumes are Good, but not Good Enough," and "Life after College," the SGA also hosted the inauguration of TSU President Melvin N. Johnson and hosted the annual campus-wide organizational fair.

Next semester, Olojo said the SGA will concentrate on student involvement, student apathy and student retention. He said that compared to this semester's focus of student leadership development and accountability, next semester's objectives will center around improving the university as a whole.

"As a whole, it is our job to serve the students," he said. "Next semester, we plan to hone in on the people our actions directly affect."•

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ATM fees rise...again

Professor gives students banking tips

By Dayna Lovelady
Staff Reporter

Automated Teller Machine (ATM) surcharges are now up to an average of 1.64 percent, according to a study done by bankrate.com.

The fee charged by ATM owners has risen from \$1.60 in the spring of 2006.

An ATM surcharge is a fee that is charged by the company that the ATM is owned by when you utilize its service of receiving money or any other transaction, including balance inquiries.

College students are often hit with these rates when they withdraw monies from the ATM because normally they bank with banks that are in their hometowns.

TSU's main campus has AmSouth Bank ATMs in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center. Therefore, if a student is in need of cash on campus and uses one of these ATMs without having an account at AmSouth, he or she will have an ATM surcharge on his or her bank account statement. This can be very expensive over the course of the semester if he or she encounters many trips to the ATM.

"ATM usage is on the upswing because pay checks are automatically deposited in your bank account," said George Hartmann, a TSU professor of economics. "So to get cash, a convenient ATM is almost a necessity."

There is an upward trend of higher surcharges, according to a recent study by bankrate.com.

The study stated that there have been 22 national banks that have boosted fees, while only six have reduced them.

There has also been an increase in frequency of consumers encountering this fee, the study pointed out. More than 98 percent of ATM's assess a surcharge, which is a record high for the ATM industry. Additionally, more than 98 percent of banks also provide online banking.

"The best way to avoid a surcharge is to use your own bank's ATM," Hartmann advised. "If you have to use another bank's ATM, minimize surcharges by taking out larger amounts of money. If you are using another bank's ATM, look for a no-surcharge sign on the ATM."

And, according to Hartmann, this is where budgeting is extremely essential.

By budgeting their monies, students will know exactly how much they need out of the ATM. It also helps with avoiding taking out money unnecessarily, another pitfall students face. Finally, it also helps students to become less likely to be tempted to spend the money just because they have it.

"ATM surcharges are likely to increase in the future," Hartmann said. "The urge to merge is increasing. Larger banks accumulate more ATM locations. High surcharges encourage customers to use their own bank. Today's customers are location sensitive so the more ATMs their bank has, the more likely they are to remain a customer."•

The best way to avoid a surcharge is to use your own bank's ATM

-George Hartmann

Wanted: Youth Step Team Coaches

The National Step Show Alliance (NSSA) seeks college students to serve as step team coaches for the spring 2007 semester for area youth step teams, supporting the Step U.P. enrichment program. There is a growing waiting list of over 90 students seeking to join step teams at Nashville area middle schools and after-school community centers. Student do not have to be a member of a Greek organization to become a Step U.P. youth step team coach. The NSSA will provide a stipend to coaches for the spring semester.



A middle school step team, coach, and teachers.

Youth Step Team Coach responsibilities include:

- Developing a 8-10 minute step routine for either a boys or girls youth step team.
- Meeting with the step team for practice on weekday afternoons 1 to 2 times per week; there is complete flexibility to work step practice around your class and other campus commitments.
- Providing a campus tour of your college during the spring semester.

The NSSA will support coaches by:

- Providing semester program & guideline support to work with community center directors and/or school teachers.
- Providing database support to track the academic performance and physical fitness of youth step team participants.

The NSSA is a Nashville-based non-profit organization. The aim of the NSSA's Step U.P. program is to use the growing popularity of stepping among young people to increase physical fitness (**Steppin' 4 Your Health** component) and academic success (**Step 2 Campus** component). There is more information about the Step U.P. program at the NSSA website - www.stepshow.org.

For more information contact Keith Belton, NSSA community outreach chair, at kbelton@stepshowalliance.org or call the NSSA at 478-9744.



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New film class sparks big interest

By Raven Petty
Copy Editor

A new film class offered spring 2007 has sparked a lot of interest among faculty and students in the TSU Department of Language, Literature and Philosophy.

The class, English 4010: An Introduction to Film Genre, will be taught by associate professor of English Marc Mazzone and is open to all majors.

The class will focus on the study of different film genres and give students a wide range of films to study from horror movies to musicals.

The desire for a film class seems to be prominent throughout the department and several feel that it has the potential to arouse opportunities of a concentration in film studies.

When explaining the need for a film studies concentration, Mazzone was very passionate about his feelings on the necessity for the department to branch

out.

"Film is the 'linguafranca' of the contemporary world," said Mazzone.

"Linguafranca" translates to "common language," implying that film is understood by all in today's society.

He added, "The study of literature is dead, especially the study of lengthy works. Who has the time anymore?"

Mazzone feels that since films are shorter, they move as fast as we do in society today. He feels film is alive, and is not as limited to the narrow views of literature in that it allows other kind of voices to project.

This passion for film studies is not uncommon.

Jordan Harkey, a junior English major from Nashville, said, "(I am) very supportive of the idea of a concentration in film studies. I'm a movie fanatic. It's the reason why I'm an English major."

Harkey expressed the desire to see more of an emphasis on film and wishes TSU would offer more classes and raise

awareness on the importance of film. He is planning on enrolling in the class this spring.

Another professor who seemed very excited about the new class is Luke Powers, associate professor of English.

Both Mazzone and Powers expressed the desire to see film studies become an interdisciplinary project among departments such as, communications, history, women's studies and English.

"The study of film not only teaches, it is proactive," Mazzone said. "With help from other departments, students can learn how to use a camera, record an image and piece it together in order to understand the structural elements of film, opposed to literature."

Blake Best, a junior English major from Nashville, is currently enrolled in the class and he expressed why he took an interest in the new film class.

"Film appeals to me," he said. "I love movies, especially horror, and I am

a script writer. (Film) connects with my imagination and shows conflicts."

Best also added, "The idea of a concentration in film is very interesting. I would definitely do it because a major in English with a minor in film studies leaves a large occupational field to go into after graduation. That's a big deal."

Although some have expressed an interest in film studies, a call for a concentration seems a ways off.

"We cannot do it without the student's support," said Mazzone.

The Introduction to Film Genres is under Special Topics of English and is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:40 p.m. The class will fill not only an upper-division elective, but also the literature and genre requirement for English majors.

For more information, please contact Marc Mazzone at (615) 963-5727 or your advisor.

Downtown exhibit chronicles accomplishments of Ray Charles

In March 2006, the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum presented an exhibit dedicated to legendary soul and country music pioneer Ray Charles titled "I Can't Stop Loving You: Ray Charles and Country Music."

The exhibit, which opened to the public on Friday, March 10, is scheduled to remain on display at the Hall of Fame until Dec. 31, 2007. Ray Charles' exhibit documents his progression through his musical career, as well as all of his notable accomplishments and contributions that he made through his music.

The tour contained many of Charles' own personal items and clothing that he used during his performances. As the tour

detailed, Charles was very limited in his performance due to his immobility. As a result, Charles' managers arranged various costumes with vibrant colors, which somewhat made up for his inability to move around stage or interact with the crowd. A display case full of shades showed the large amount of eyewear that Charles wore throughout his lifetime.

Charles was also an avid reader, keeping up with current world events and entertainment through Braille editions of *Playboy Magazine* and *Reader's Digest*. There were numerous promotional posters that detailed the various records that he released while on Atlantic Records and others for the records he later released on ABC Records, where he was given more creative control and

ownership of his own master's, a feat unheard of for a black man at the time.

The exhibit also featured various videos and photos of Charles with famous country music artists, such as Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Mickey Gilley, Chet Atkins, and George Jones. Additionally, most of the videos that are on display actually were filmed in Nashville, with Charles playing alongside friend Johnny Cash, and onstage performing for the Country Music Association just one year before he died.

Besides the norm, the exhibit featured tons of interesting facts about the legendary singer. Many may not know that Charles played not only the piano, but the saxophone was well, which he played in almost all of his performances.

A replica studio stood a few feet away from his sax, with tons of recording equipment and sheet music scattered about.

With the Ray Charles exhibit at the Hall of Fame for such a long period of time, it is a great opportunity for students at TSU and the Nashville community to educate themselves on one of the great pioneers of soul music.

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Black skaters going main stream

By DeShanee Miner
Newsroom Manager

Irvin "Turbo" Cannon, a junior computer science major from Detroit, is accustomed to people staring at him as he leaves his campus apartment every morning on his way to class.

But maybe that's because rather than using the TSU shuttle service or driving a car, he prefers to ride his skateboard instead.

"I get ridiculed all the time," Cannon said. "I just ignore it. I get called 'white boy.' People say I'm not from the hood. They would say I'm from the suburbs. I'm thinking if I'm from the suburbs, why would I be skating here?"

Today, hip-hop artists, such as Lupe Fiasco with his hit song *Kick, Push*, have recently highlighted the black skater lifestyle. Also, hip-hop artists and producer Pharrell Williams' *Team Ice Cream Volume One DVD*, which debuted on Nov. 20, has added to the exposure of the skater lifestyle. The DVD shows the lives of the skate team's journey around the world doing shows and living life on tour and features the team's five members pro skaters Terry Kennedy (the team captain), Kevin Booker, Cato Williams (Pharrell's brother), and Jacob Walder. Jeremy Jones, a junior music education major from Clarksville, Tenn., has been skating for seven years and said the recent mainstream skate phenomenon has given black skaters more exposure. "I think Lupe gave more respect to black skaters," Jones said. "Now more people are aware that they exist. The black

community is showing more acceptance to black skaters."

However, the mainstream hits have had a negative effect, too.

For Thomas Dailey, a sophomore undecided major from Memphis, people

thought he was doing it because it was popular. "When I got to TSU, people were saying stuff like 'oh you getting yo Lupe on,'" Dailey said. "I was skating before all that."

Dailey thinks most people don't decide to skate because it's popular: "It has to be something that you want to do," he said.

However, Jones said some get into skating from watching it on television.

"I got into it by a friend of mine," Jones said. "I saw pro skater Kareem Campbell (from Harlem, N.Y.) on TV and he was cool so I started doing it."

Nevertheless, skaters are usually ridiculed by the masses. Black skaters also experience this and, sometimes, experience more from not only the outside world, but family too.

"My parents didn't like it when I was younger," Jones said. "But they saw how good I was getting and just accepted it."

But, Jones said everyone wasn't as receptive as his parents.

"People made fun of me and I got in a few fights," Jones said while detailing occurrences of defending the art form. "Skating is self-expression and self-expression is beautiful."

The injuries, on the other hand, aren't always as beautiful.

Dailey spoke of doing the skateboard trick called a 50-50, which comprised of riding on the board and grinding on a rail with both trucks at the same time.

"I was doing a 50-50 on the stairs, the board slipped under and I landed on the pole and

PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Irvin Cannon attempts an ollie, a common skateboard trick.



<p>Black Pro Skaters</p>	<p>Antwuan Dixon</p> 	<p>Terry Kennedy</p> 	<p>Bastien Salabanzi</p> 	<p>Clyde Singelton</p> 	<p>Darrel Stanton</p> 
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Black skaters: urban myth, the urban reality

messed up my back," Dailey said. "But it was fun."

Jones said, "Skating is mind control. You have to be in a different world; when you fall, you have to get right back up and try the trick again."

And worse than falling off the

board, is breaking it, which usually ends that day of skating.

"Once you break a board, you mad!" Dailey said.

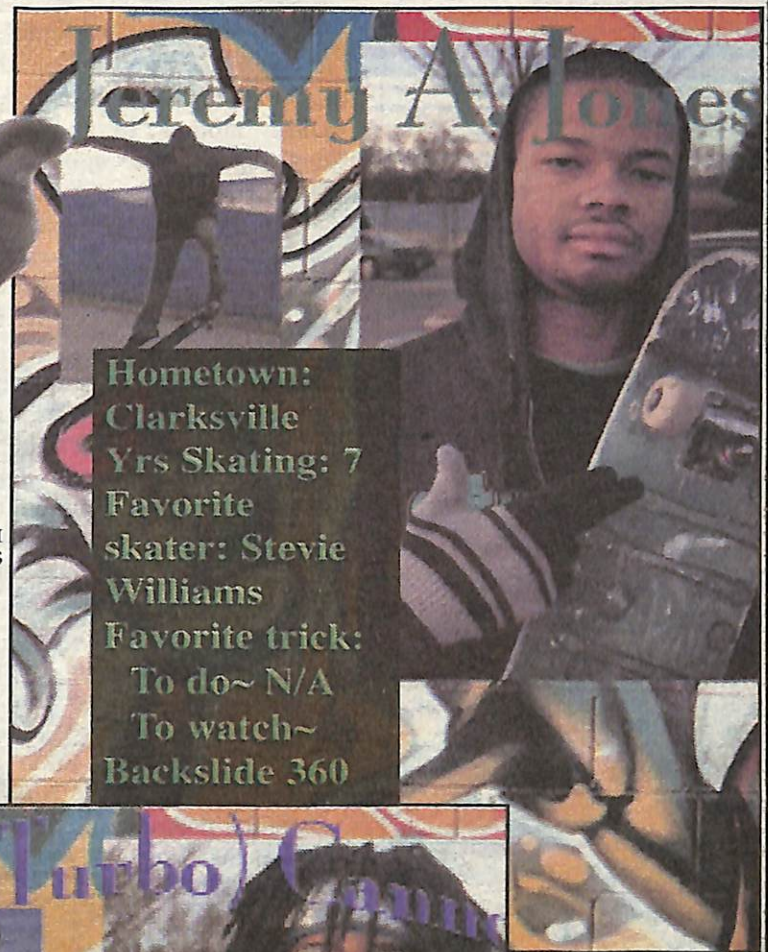
Despite the ridicule and injuries that

come with what they do, black skaters at TSU and abroad continue to skate for enjoyment and other reasons.

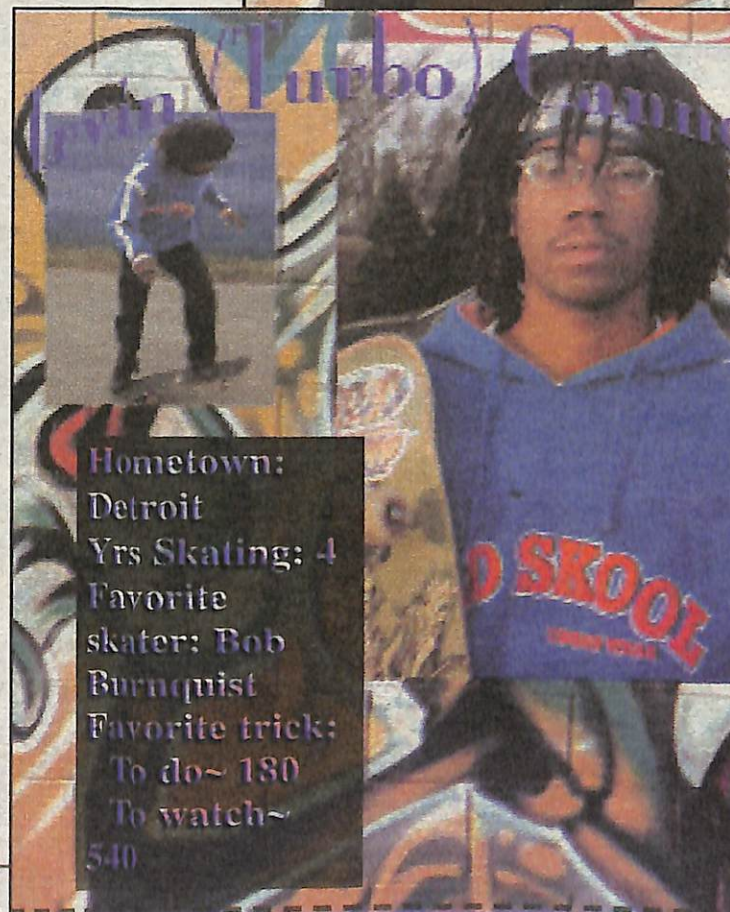
"I do it because it's fun," Cannon said. "And I just want kids to know they can be different."•

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Jeremy Jones attempts an ollie, a common skateboard trick.



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Favorite skater: Stevie Williams
Favorite trick:
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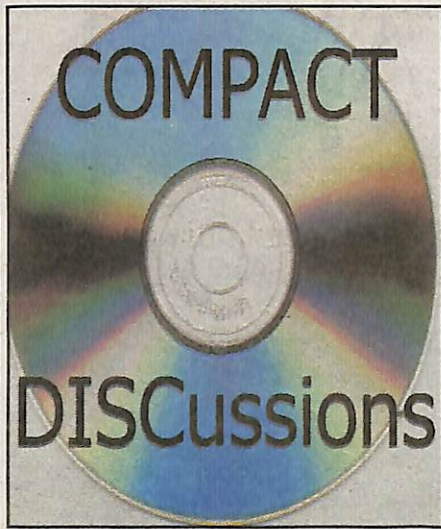
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- 2/5 Buy the bootleg
- 1/5 Don't waste the money

Diddy

Press Play – 3/5

Sean “Diddy” Combs has always been a memorable artist when it comes to hip-hop.

From his well known catchphrases (“Take that, take that” and “Bad Boy baby”) to the huge amount of criticism he’s drawn for the numerous amount of samples and prewritten arrangements he’s used, Diddy continues to remain vigilant and produce hits.

And with his latest offering *Press Play*, Diddy’s first solo album in the last seven years, he has head-

back to the studio in an attempt to make another platinum hit. If nothing else, the album is really reminiscent of other Diddy albums, except for the fact that this album sounds more on the pop/R&B than actual hip-hop at times.

This should be evident by the album’s first single, *Come to Me*, which features Pussycat Dolls’ member Nicole Scherzinger. The poppy track sounds more like something Jessica Simpson would produce more than a hip-hop track. Another example of this is Diddy’s latest single, *Tell Me*, featuring Christina Aguilera. The fact that Diddy is being different on this album may make him even more accessible to fans outside of hip-hop and may make others think he isn’t being true to his craft. That’s not to say that *Press Play* doesn’t have its shining moments though.

We Gon’ Make It contains a sample of Johnny Pate’s *Shaft in Africa*, the same sample that Jay-Z recently used in his return hit *Show Me What You Got*.

Despite the fact that this makes the song sound a bit repetitive, Diddy rides the track and the song compliments the CD very nicely.

While this is a



CD by Diddy, the album features more than 15 other artists, which makes it sound like more of a compilation than anything else. The overwhelming amount of R&B artists makes *Press Play* sound like an R&B album at times. Songs like *Partners for Life*, *Thought You Said*, and *After Love* may make the

listener question if Diddy was just afraid to stand on his own.

And, needless to say, some of the artists compliment the songs while others actually make the songs.

It’s refreshing to see Diddy take another stab at his first love. *Press Play* definitely features the correct producers and features to make the album a success but, in retrospect, it’s really no point if the artist isn’t shining on his own songs. While the CD might make you “press play,” it doesn’t feature enough replay ability to make you press rewind.

M. Antonio Silas

Lyricist Lounge
Times Change

M. Antonio Silas

Times have changed, and it’s odd how our feelings re-arrange.

Those days have passed and what’s left in the past is a joke that we called friendship that I expected to last.

We moved away like broken pieces of a glacier, cold and barren, not daring to pick up the phone or pen to contact those people to tie loose ends. We move on to different times and different places and we always tend to forget those old faces that we once shared our time with. Associates are just what we call them, and that status will eventually befall all of us before we know it. Even with knowledge in hand, we don’t put the information to use and abuse stems from our family tree, causing it to lose its limbs. A phone call away, stopping by the house one day just to say “hey.”

It’s simplistic enough in theory, but you honestly don’t want to be near me. We once sat and spoke to one another, but I’m sad to say that those days have passed away just like the cliché, empty greetings we say in the present when I pass your way. Is it just a part of the life cycle, or just by choice that we can’t even remember the sounds of one another’s voice?



Studying alternatives include area coffee shops

By Melaney Whiting
Arts and Culture Editor

Many will find that studying in the campus library or in a dorm or apartment can get old, especially because you are most likely to bump into and converse with one of your friends instead of studying.

However, for those who are in search of a change in a study atmosphere there is a new and trendy answer to your study worries.

You are wrong if you think it's paying a visit to the popular coffee shop Starbucks, which has become a massive chain all over the nation.

Crystal Johnson, a sophomore nursing major from Detroit, said that compared to McDonald's, Starbucks is more expensive. However, the pricier cup of coffee is worth it. In fact, these days it would seem that many students are breaking away from the traditional habit of going to Starbucks to get a hot cup of coffee, simply because many of the local chains stay open later, and have more of a variety and more times than not, a better quality of coffee.

In Nashville, Johnson added, "I usually go to either Starbucks or McDonald's for either a frappuccino or a regular cup of coffee." But explained that when back home in Detroit, "I go home I either go to Wayne State's University coffee shop or Panera Bread."

Fortunately, if you don't like coffee, many of the local shops have a vast array of teas, food, smoothies, Italian sodas; and various other delicious drinks available.

Most of the, the atmosphere for these coffee internet cafes is completely lax. There aren't many people inside, making for a nice, quaint atmosphere to study. There is just enough going on inside a coffee shop to keep you attentive and alert while reading.

Jenna Marcus, a junior nursing major from Nashville, said, "The only time I drink coffee is when I'm studying extensively for a long period of time, which maybe (is) once every two months."

These days many coffee shops have merged with technology to adapt to their frequent buyers' needs by having free wi-fi openly available for their customers, unlike Starbucks which charges a ransom of \$10 for a day pass. This makes a local shop entirely a more convenient place for a student to come in, order a drink, relax, study, surf the net, hang out or listen to music. All that is asked in return is the purchase of a drink, snack, etc. in exchange for a nice study atmosphere, free high speed internet, quality service and a drink/coffee.

Marcus added, "Coffee shops do not intrigue me as far as a good place to study, because it's busy and full of smells which are distracting."

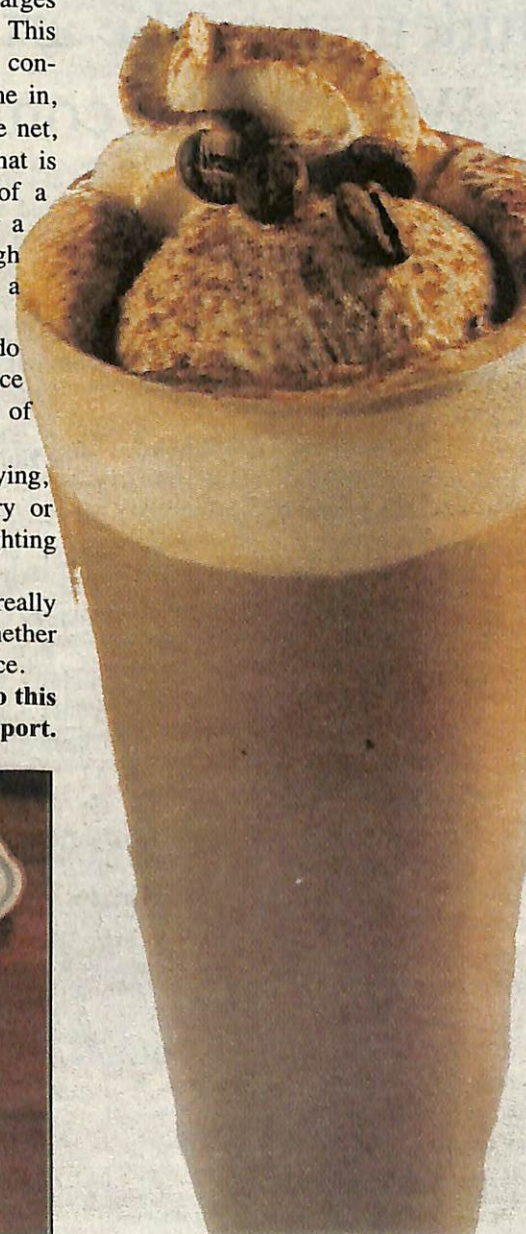
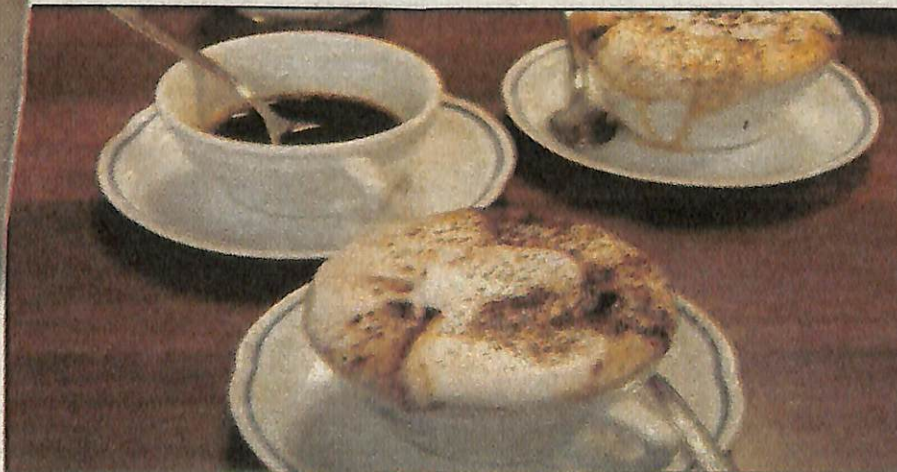
An alternative place of studying, Marcus said, would be the library or even a small room that has good lighting and allows me to focus.

Despite the differences, it is really left to the student to decide whether Starbucks is worth the trip and price.

Tiffani McDaniel contributed to this report.

Non-Chain Coffee Shops in Nashville with free Wi-Fi

Bongo Java
Café Coco
Global Café
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Abstract Café
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Coffee Plus
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Kung Fu Coffee
Portland Brew
Global Café Incorporated



SUBG to bring Christmas spirit to TSU

By Jessica Reaves
Contributing Reporter

The Student Union Board of Governors will hold its 36th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the forum of the Floyd-Payne Campus Center.

At the end of each fall semester, SUBG holds this ceremony, which includes various on-campus organizations displaying talent in lieu of the Christmas holiday.

"The ceremony is open to all organizations who want to sing, dance, or perform a skit relating to Christmas," said Masheryl Conyer, SUBG Chairwoman and a senior supply-chain management major from Pine Bluff, Ark.

Past performers include, but are not

limited to, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and Sigma Alpha Iota international music fraternity for women, according to Conyer.

Each year, SUBG places its own members on the program dressed up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus to read a Christmas story to the audience. Clinton Gray III, a senior economics and finance major from Nashville, is to be Mr. Claus and Conyer is to be Mrs. Claus this year.

TSU President Melvin N. Johnson is scheduled to be in attendance, as well as other invited faculty guests. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony is open to all students and faculty alike, Conyer said.

SUBG will have hot chocolate, apple cider, Christmas cookies and candy for the students and faculty mem-



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

President Melvin N. Johnson speaks during the fall 2005 SUBG Christmas Lighting ceremony. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the forum of the Floyd-Payne Campus Center.

bers to enjoy during the ceremony.

"I've been before, it's nice," said Jarrett Strickland, a senior economics and finance major from East St. Louis,

Ill. "I enjoyed seeing the performances. It brings the Christmas spirit to the campus." •

Student uses the arts to spread Word to the community

By Jasmine Lewis
Contributing Reporter

The Arts for Christ (T AFC) Ministries will be holding auditions for the production *When the Lights Go Out*, which is scheduled to show during the spring 2007 semester.

T AFC Ministries is a theatrical ministry that turns biblical situations into real life dramatizations, according to Alvin Moore Jr., writer and director of T AFC's spring 2006 play *A Mother's Prayer*.

"We are a group of young people who take every gift we have and make it applicable to today's society to spread the word of God," said Moore Jr., a senior theatre major from M óss Point, Miss. "We sing, dance and act to benefit Christ."

The upcoming production, *When the Lights Go Out*, is a story about family issues and how every decision parents make affect their children. It also raises the issue of down low brothers.

T AFC Ministries is also in preparation to start a Gospel Choir and Soundtrack.

"I really do look up to Alvin," said Kyon Adams, a senior speech communications major from Nashville. "At our

age, it is not easy to talk to others about God and what he can do for you. T AFC helps me express how I feel about God. I'm not very outspoken, but being in the ministries has given me a way to translate that in my way and it will get the Word out to others."

T AFC also holds Bible study meetings in the Thomas E. Poag Auditorium of the Humanities Building on Mondays at 7 p.m

Also, Word and Power Ministries, which work side-by-side with T AFC, holds service in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center forum every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and was scheduled to host a clothing drive on Sunday, Dec 3 at a local housing projects just off of Clarksville Highway.

"I see the vision that God (has) given through Alvin empower and equip Christians with the tools in the form of acting" said Levy Barnes, a senior biology major for New Orleans. "I enjoy those who are apart and look forward to the Bible study. It is very interactive and others really enjoy it." •

To inquire about the upcoming auditions or T AFC Ministries in general, contact Alvin Moore Jr. at mrmusicbizz@yahoo.com

Fam-Lay visits WTST, tells story

By Jasmine Lewis
Contributing Reporter

Rapper Fam-Lay sat down with WTST, TSU's campus radio station, personalities New York and Remy Reveyosa of the Burnt Wax show on Monday, Nov. 20 to promote his upcoming album titled *Dat Missile*.

The Norfolk, Va., rapper first gained notoriety through a slew of guest appearances made on various Neptunes-related projects, including the *Clipse*' 2002 and 2006 albums and the compilation *The Neptunes Present...Clones*. Fam-Lay performed a freestyle rap for one of hip-hop's most sought after producers, Pharrell Williams, and landed himself a record deal.

"I knew Pharrell's brother, he stayed around in my neighborhood," Fam-Lay said. "He had heard about me and asked me to spit for him in the club. He liked what I did and he started to shop me around to different labels."

In 2003, Fam-Lay was signed by Kevin Lyles in a joint venture through Arista/Star Trak and Def Jam recordings. The same year, he said he released the single *Rock N' Roll* featuring Pharrell, Kelis and Lil Flip. His video for the song was in heavy rotation on

several music video stations.

Traintogo, the original title of *Dat Missile*, was then recorded. Unlike other Neptune projects, *Traintogo* featured production from outside producers, such as Lil' Jon and David Banner, but was never released.

"The industry played musical chairs with me," Fam-Lay said. "Then L.A Reid took over and he really wasn't feeling me, so in 2004 I was dropped from the label."

Fam-Lay is currently signed to Interscope/Star Trak. In the future, Fam-Lay wants to create a clothing line with Pharrell's Ice Cream Brand. The album *Dat Missile*, which features the first single *Da Beeper Record*, is due to be released in late December.

"*Dat Missile* is a saying we use in Huntersville when you have a good product. We call it a Missile. It's a street term," Fam-Lay said. "And the concept of the single is don't call me talking crazy."

The album also includes guest appearances by Memphis' own Three Six Mafia and Atlanta's Shawty Redd. •

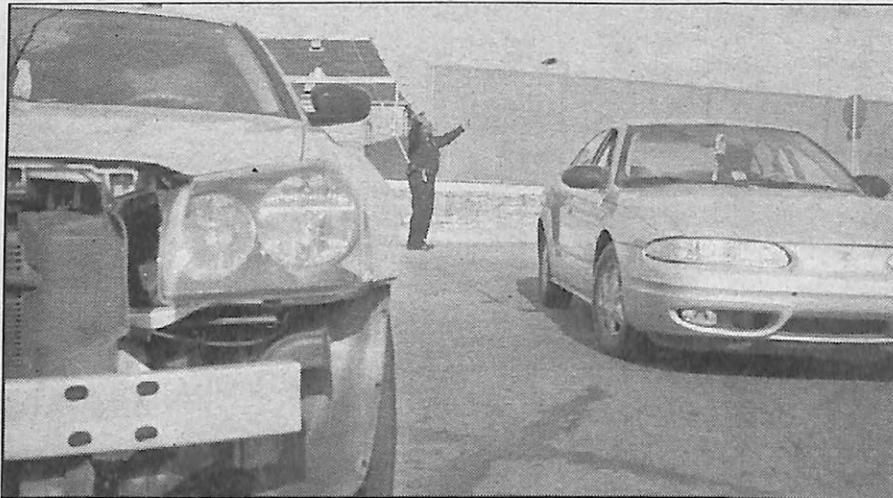
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Be sure to catch more interviews like artist Fam-Lay's by listening to WTST campus radio on cable channel 99 or 1600 AM.

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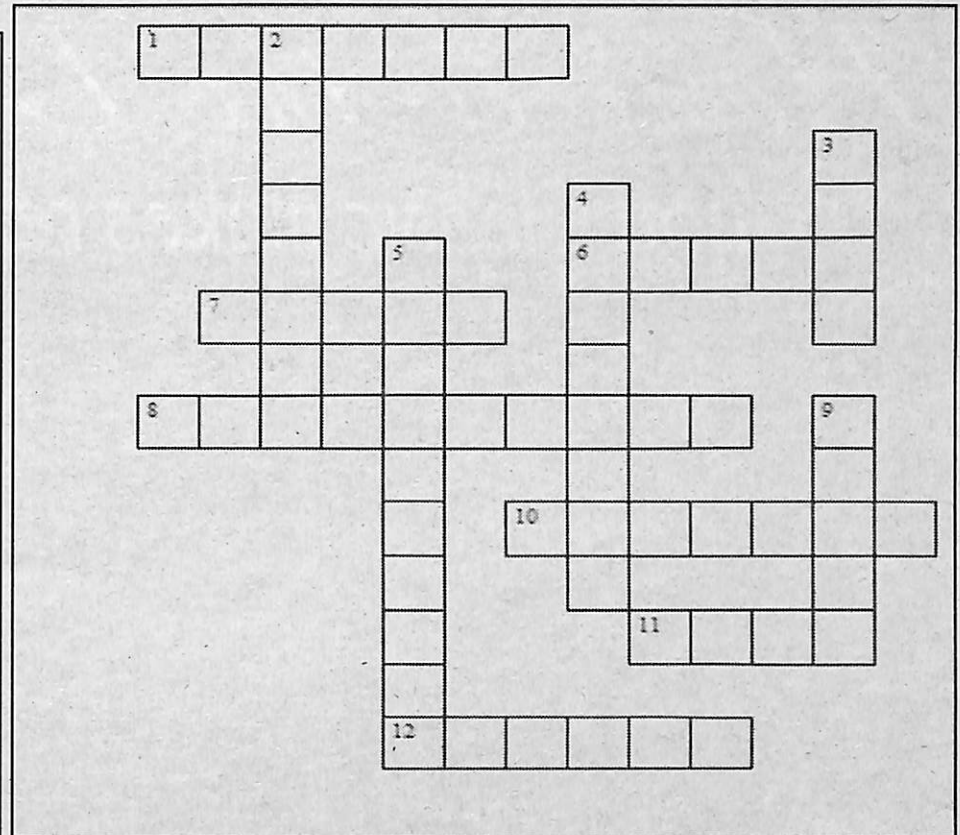
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(Above) Corporal Allen Tatum, a TSUPD officer, directs traffic at the corner of John Merritt Blvd. and 33rd Avenue. (Below) Campus commuters drive around debris from a Thursday, Nov. 30 car accident.



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- 6 Most winning TSU QB nicknamed named 747.
- 7 Serpentine Dodger sport car.
- 8 United State Commonwealth.
- 10 Elevated flatland.
- 11 To leave the freeway you take one of these.
- 12 128 fluid ounces.

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- 2 Addictive substance in tobacco.
- 3 No-look basketball technique.
- 4 Soul musician of Super Fly soundtrack.
- 5 Place and name of famous Lincoln address.
- 9 Fictitious private detective.

SAYONARA, USA My view from the other side of the world

"The family we visited lives in a high-rise building; the outside was filthy but I did not know what to expect. However, they had these beautiful oak floors and beautiful furniture."



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Home to the Dome

Bayou Classic makes return to Crescent City

The Meter visits a New Orleans tradition: The Bayou Classic. Some 15 months after Hurricane Katrina, this classic football game between historic rivals, Southern and Grambling State universities, brings life back into a city on the road to recovery.

Legendary classic marches back to New Orleans

By Itoro Umontuen and
Marshall A. Latimore
Business Reporter and
Copy Editor/Opinions Editor

NEW ORLEANS – “Recover, Rebuild, Rebirth.”

These were the three R's emphasized on signs hanging at nearly every street corner in the city during the Thanksgiving weekend. Even though the Crescent City is still in process of recovering from Hurricane Katrina's devastating blow, its charming spirit lives on.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, the city of New Orleans resumed its position as host of the State Farm Bayou Classic in the Louisiana Superdome featuring the Southern University Jaguars and the Grambling State University Tigers.

Southern won the 33rd annual classic 21-17 in front of an announced crowd of 47,136.

Last year, the classic weekend was moved to Reliant Stadium in Houston on the heels of Katrina. With less than three months of planning, the Bayou Classic's move proved to be successful, with a reported 53,214 people in attendance.

But this year, it was back home to New Orleans for the classic that some natives felt never should have left.

“The Bayou Classic is the ultimate three-day party,” said LaBaron Patterson, a TSU graduate student who grew up in the city's Seventh Ward, a community heavily damaged by the August 2005

storm. “We have football, women, food, music, and the French Quarter! What more can (anyone) ask for?”

Statistics provided by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce show that the Bayou Classic brings an average of over 200,000 visitors to New Orleans and pours in more than \$30 million into the city's economy each year.

The only event that produces more revenue and brings more visitors to the city is the Super Bowl. New Orleans has hosted nine Super Bowls, the most out of any National Football League city.

After last year's game, there was much speculation from the Classic's sponsors and organizers who'd predicted the historic game would remain transplanted for the next six years because of the massive devastation to New Orleans caused by Katrina.

“(But) this is where it belongs,” said Aeneas Williams, a former Southern University and longtime National Football League defensive back, about the game's return to New Orleans. “Anytime there's a circumstance that causes it to leave town, it's out of place, and it should be there temporarily.

“New Orleans is a city we love coming to. It's my hometown, and I believe this is where it should belong,” he added.

Patterson expressed similar sentiments and touched on how many New Orleanians had thought the speculations to be a slight from the Classic's officials. After hearing of another scenario that claimed the Classic weekend would be moved to Atlanta, Patterson had all but given up hope.

“We were sad when we found out the classic could be moving away,” said Patterson. “I think everyone from New Orleans took it hard because the Classic was our thing. After Katrina, we were all looking for events like the Classic to bring money back into the city.

I also remember thinking for the committee to move it to Houston or Atlanta because the city was having problems. We all felt betrayed. The sentiment amongst New Orleanians was: How could the sponsors just turn their back on us?”

Indeed, times were bleak in New Orleans. The reality of the Bayou Classic not returning to the Superdome, coupled with whispers that the New Orleans Saints could be relocated to San Antonio, Texas or Los Angeles, triggered a collective resolve of defeat that spread throughout the city and to its natives who'd been scattered throughout the country following Katrina. The city wanted to prove it can again host large events and conventions. The evidence of that resolve was the flawless execution of Mardi Gras, the last day of the Carnival season.

“After the sponsors witnessed the success of Mardi Gras, the city was feverishly working to complete repairs to the Superdome,” Patterson said. “While that was going on, everyone petitioned to bring it back to New Orleans. After much debate, the sponsors and the committee decided to bring it back.”

Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco explained in an Oct. 27 press conference that “The storms

were strong. But they can't stop Louisiana and they can't stop the State Farm Bayou Classic. The world's greatest catfight between Grambling State and Southern universities signifies an important step along our state's historic journey as we continue to work and help Louisiana families come home and rebuild.”

Both schools are also contributing to the rebuilding efforts of New Orleans and the other parishes (counties) in Louisiana. Southern and Grambling have continued their community initiatives to help New Orleanians rebuild their lives and communities.

“It was only natural that these two Louisiana state schools want to come home,” said Horace Judson, president of Grambling State University. “We are pleased to move forward and help in the rebuilding process.”

Judson was not the only person that was excited about the return of the Bayou Classic.

Tierra Boyd believes the Classic is key with regards to the psychological rebuilding of the Big Easy.

“The Bayou Classic is all about having fun and witnessing people getting together and enjoying themselves,” said Boyd, a junior social work major at TSU and New Orleans native. “I remember going to the Battle of the Bands on Friday nights and most of the time Grambling wins. Then we went to Bourbon and Canal streets and we would hang out for the rest of the night.”

Southern takes big Bayou catfight

By Itoro Umontuen
Business Reporter

NEW ORLEANS – The Southern University Jaguars beat the Grambling State Tigers 21-17 in front of a crowd of 47,136 in the Louisiana Superdome on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The Jaguars QB Bryant Lee completed 25 of 31 passes for 254 yards and rushed for 88 yards, including a touchdown, on his way to earning Classic Most Valuable Player honors.

“Both teams played outstanding football today,” said Southern head coach Pete Richardson. “It was a matter of who had the ball last.”

Grambling indeed had the ball last and attempted to cap off a potential game-winning drive. However, Grambling running back Ab Kuuan was turned away on 4th and

goal from the 2-yard line on a running play going off left tackle.

Southern dominated the stat sheet by accumulating 10 more first downs than Grambling (23 – 13), more rushing yards (131 – 69), and converted 40 percent of its third downs.

Southern won its first Bayou Classic since 2003.

However, both teams still ended the season with losing records. Southern finished their season with a 5-6 record. Grambling finished their season with a 3-8 record.



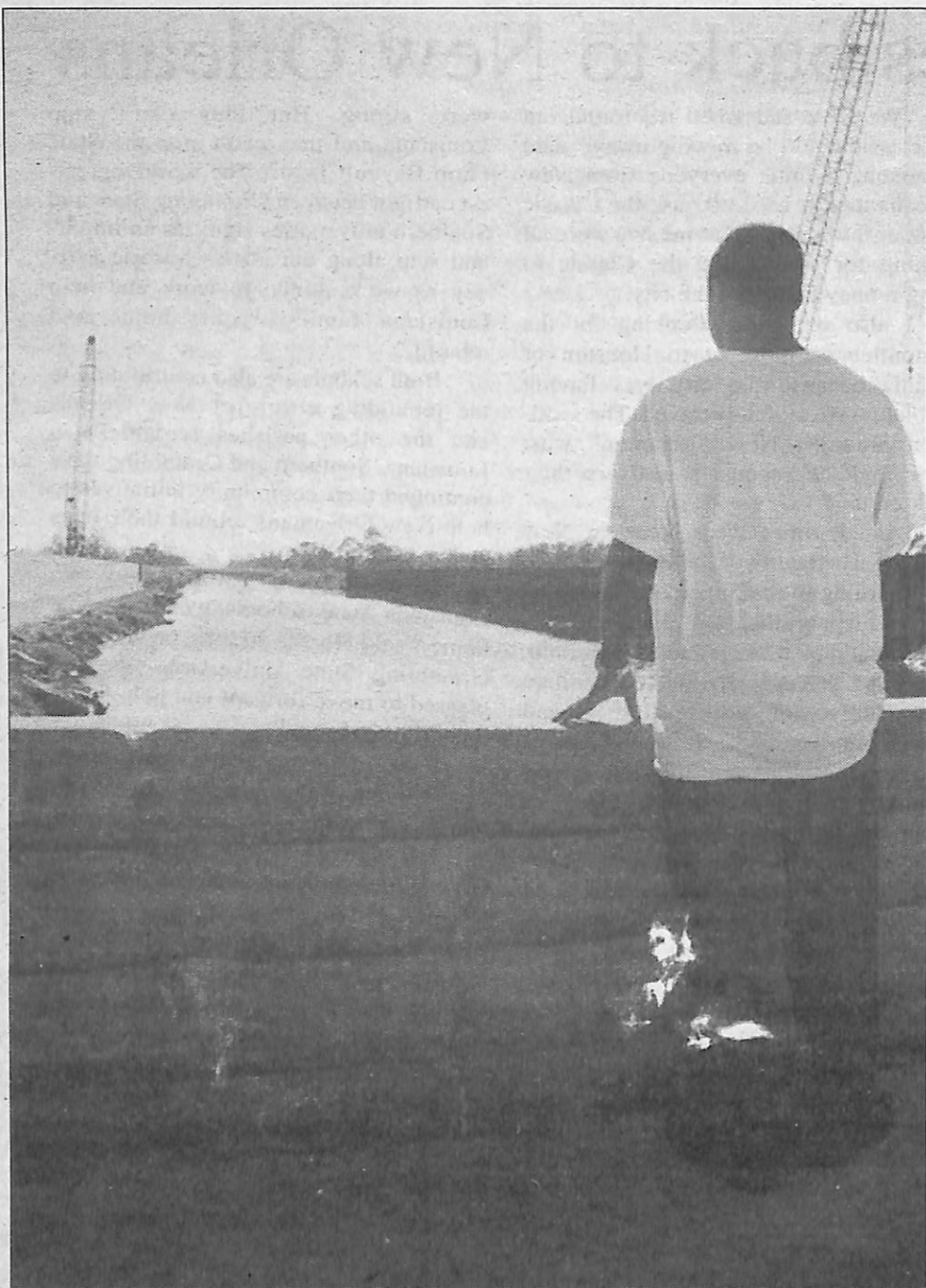


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Michael Moore Jr. looks at the reconstruction of a once-broken levee near the London Street Bridge in New Orleans on Sunday, Nov. 26, after attending the Bayou Classic.

Student reflects on Classic, New Orleans' roots

By Charles Taylor
Special to *The Meter*

This weekend was strange for me. For the first time in my life, I was stepping on the grounds of New Orleans as a visitor and not a citizen. That's how I felt for a moment. Things felt the same but, at the same time, so different. I could sense my city was still recovering from Hurricane Katrina, but the spirit of the city was still very evident.

Yes, the destruction from Katrina is still visible in certain parts of the city.

However, on my way to the game, you could see the life and feel the passion for the city raining down on everyone – from the cheers, screams and laughter from all the people here to enjoy the return of the Bayou Classic to its home, the Louisiana Superdome in downtown. And what a return it was, for the Bayou Classic and for me. Both being reunited to what we both called home for years.

The feeling is truly unspeakable and can't be summed up in any language on this earth. My home, my New Orleans!

Charles Taylor is senior political science major at TSU and native of New Orleans.◊

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Hollow Cost, The 1st Installment
By Michael Moore, Jr.

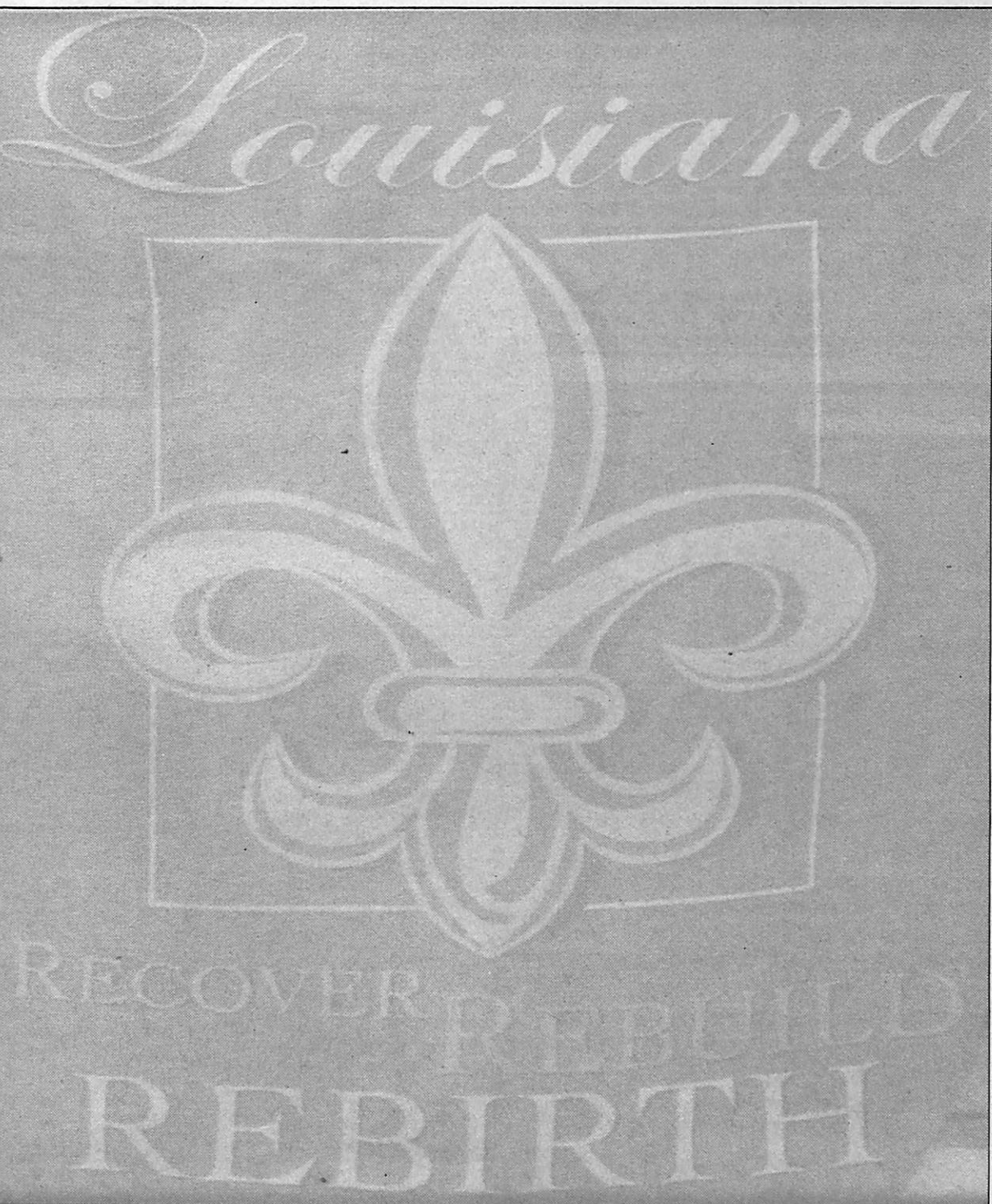
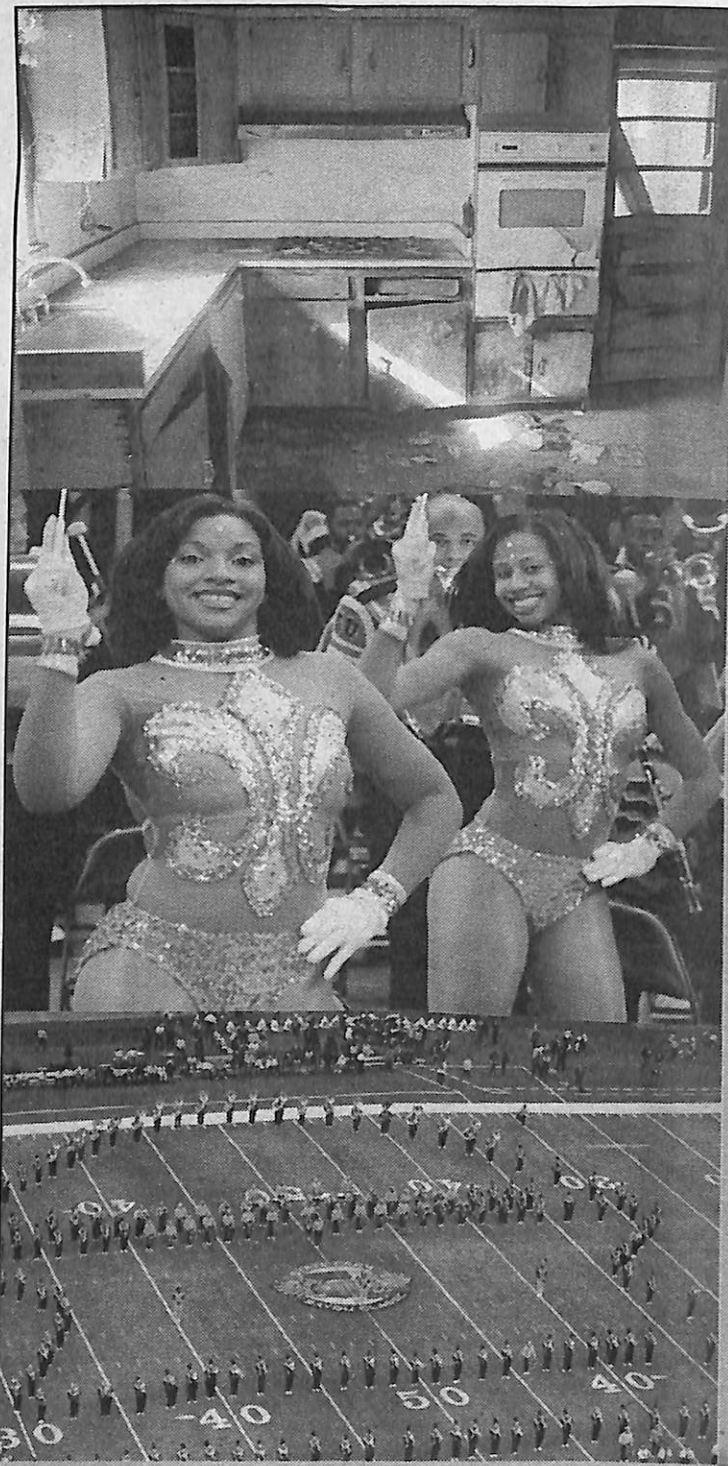
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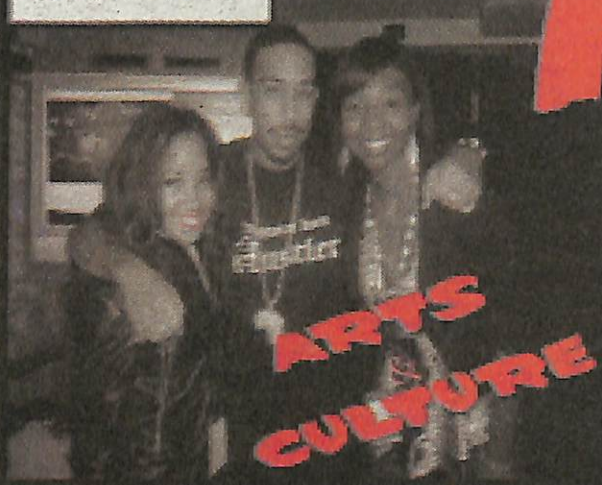
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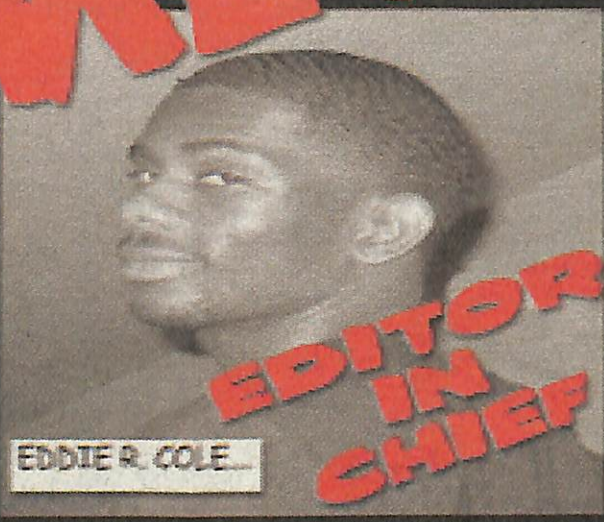
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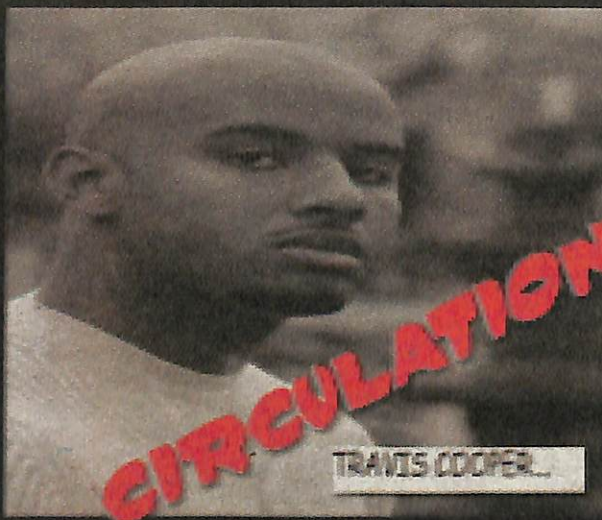
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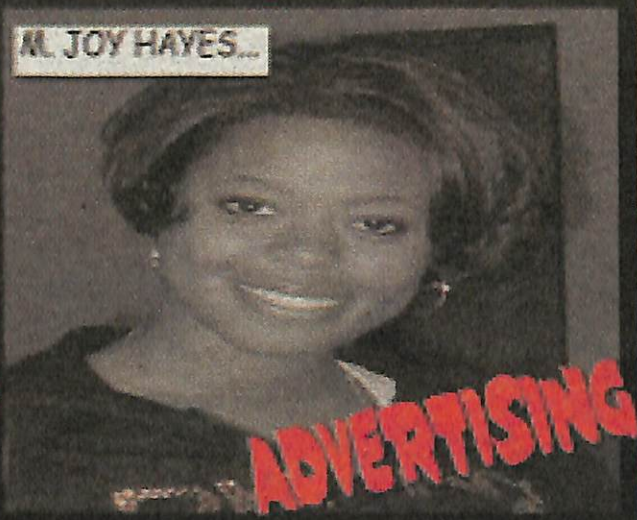
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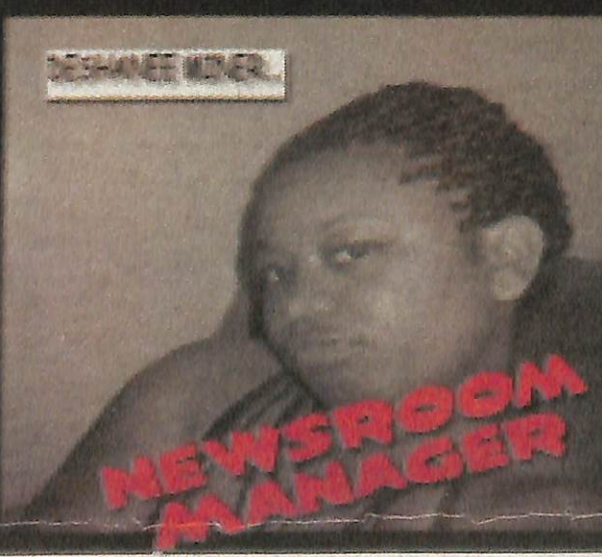
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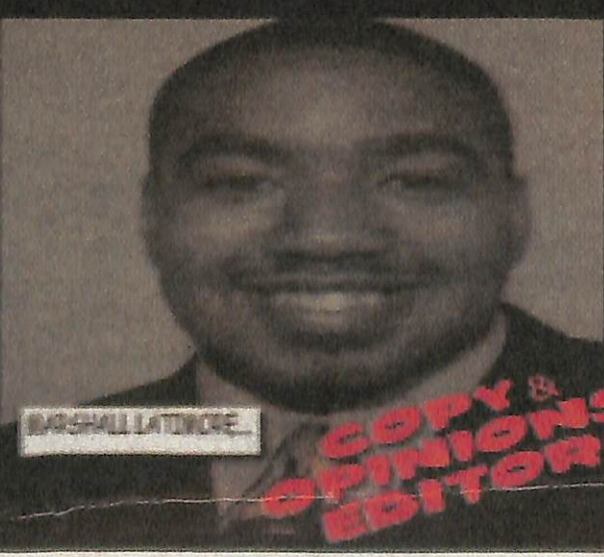
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Tigers already eyeing 2007 championship run

By LaVonte Young and
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The TSU football team has a lot to look forward to next season despite losing its last game.

The Tigers finished the 2006 season with a 6-5 record – far better than the previous 2005 season record of 2-9. The team finished with a winning season for the first time since the 2003 season.

But, if you ask some players, an even better record this season was easily obtainable.

“We could’ve easily won more than six games this year,” said Aaron Mars, a senior defensive lineman and business management major from Toledo, Ohio. “We let a few games get away from us that we really should’ve won.”

This season, the Tigers made drastic improvements in the offensive game. With Fred Kaiss coaching the offense, Big Blue averaged 21 points per game this season, a 9-point improvement over last season’s average.

The Tigers’ improved presence seems to come from possessing the most

dangerous backfield in the Ohio Valley Conference with first team all-conference quarterback Antonio Heffner and second team all-conference running back Javarris Williams.

Heffner, a transfer from South Carolina, led the Ohio Valley Conference in pass efficiency (129.1) and was second in passing yards per game (185). He also finished second in the OVC in total offense (204.4 ppg). Heffner passed for 1,668 yards on 109 of 199 passing and 9 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. Williams was 1,233 yards this season, which was second in the OVC, and he was third in the OVC in all-purpose yards with 131 yards per game.

“It is great feeling to be named first team all-conference,” Heffner said. “I give my teammates credit because they made plays. I feel we are a step closer to what we are trying to do, which win the OVC and national championship.”

Williams said, “I felt that my offensive lined worked too hard this season not to have any first-team running back on their side. The award not only goes to me, but to the offensive line and wide receivers. I am going to use this as a motivator to work harder for next year starting right away.”

The Big Blue’s defense has also

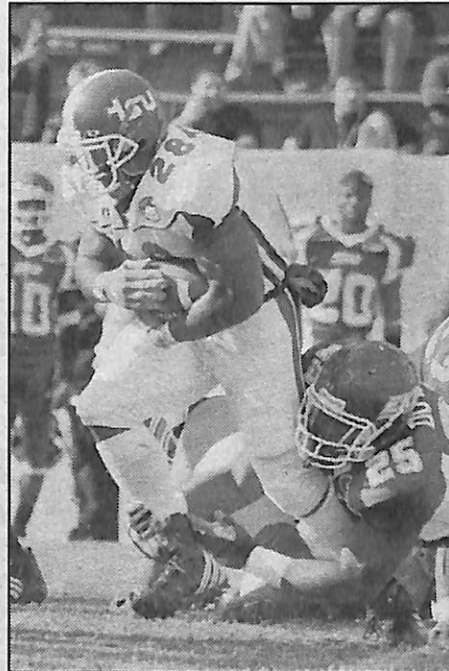


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Sophomore Running Back Jarvarris Williams

improved by only giving up 22 points per game compared to 27 points per game in 2006. The Tiger defense was led by the secondary of Dominique Rodgers-Cromatie, Aaron Strong, and Nikita Rutland, all three of which earned All-OVC honors. They combined for the 12

of the Tigers’ 13 interceptions. Rodgers-Cromatie had 6 interceptions and Strong and Rutland each had three.

“I feel that the secondary played pretty well this season,” Strong said. “Three out four people in secondary were named to the conference team. I believe we put our team in the best position to win.”

The Tigers were also at the top of the conference from week two of the season up until a week-10 loss at Eastern Illinois by a score of 29-3.

“We were total control of our destiny until our first lost,” Mars said. “Even after the loss, we still could’ve won the conference and that’s saying a lot.”

Going into the last game of the season, the Tigers had the opportunity to clinch at least a share of OVC title and a shot at a berth in the playoff, but they lost at Eastern Kentucky 20-3.

However, the returning Tigers said they will take the late season momentum and carry it over to next year where they look forward to working harder to achieve their ultimate goal over winning a conference championship.

“I don’t see (any) reason why we should not win the OVC next season,” Heffner said.

TSU 2006 All-OVC honorees

First Team:

Quarterback Antonio Heffner – 1,668 passing yards; 172 rushing yards; 14 total touchdowns.

Defensive Lineman Leonard Davis – 45 total tackles, 7 tackles for a loss, 2 sacks and a fumble recovery

Defensive back Dominique

Rodgers-Cromatie – 47 total tackles; 6 interceptions; 7 pass breakups

Defensive back Nikkieda

Rutland – 61 total tackles; 3 interceptions

Second team:

Running back Jarvarris Williams – 1,233 rushing yards; 210 receiving yards; 12 total touchdowns

Offensive Guard Cecil Newton – NO STATS PROVIDED FOR POSITION

Defensive back Aaron Strong –

55 total tackles; a sack; 3 interceptions

All-Newcomer team:

Quarterback Antonio Heffner – STATS ABOVE

Defensive lineman Shaun

Richardson – 25 total tackles; 8 tackles for a loss; 2.5 sacks

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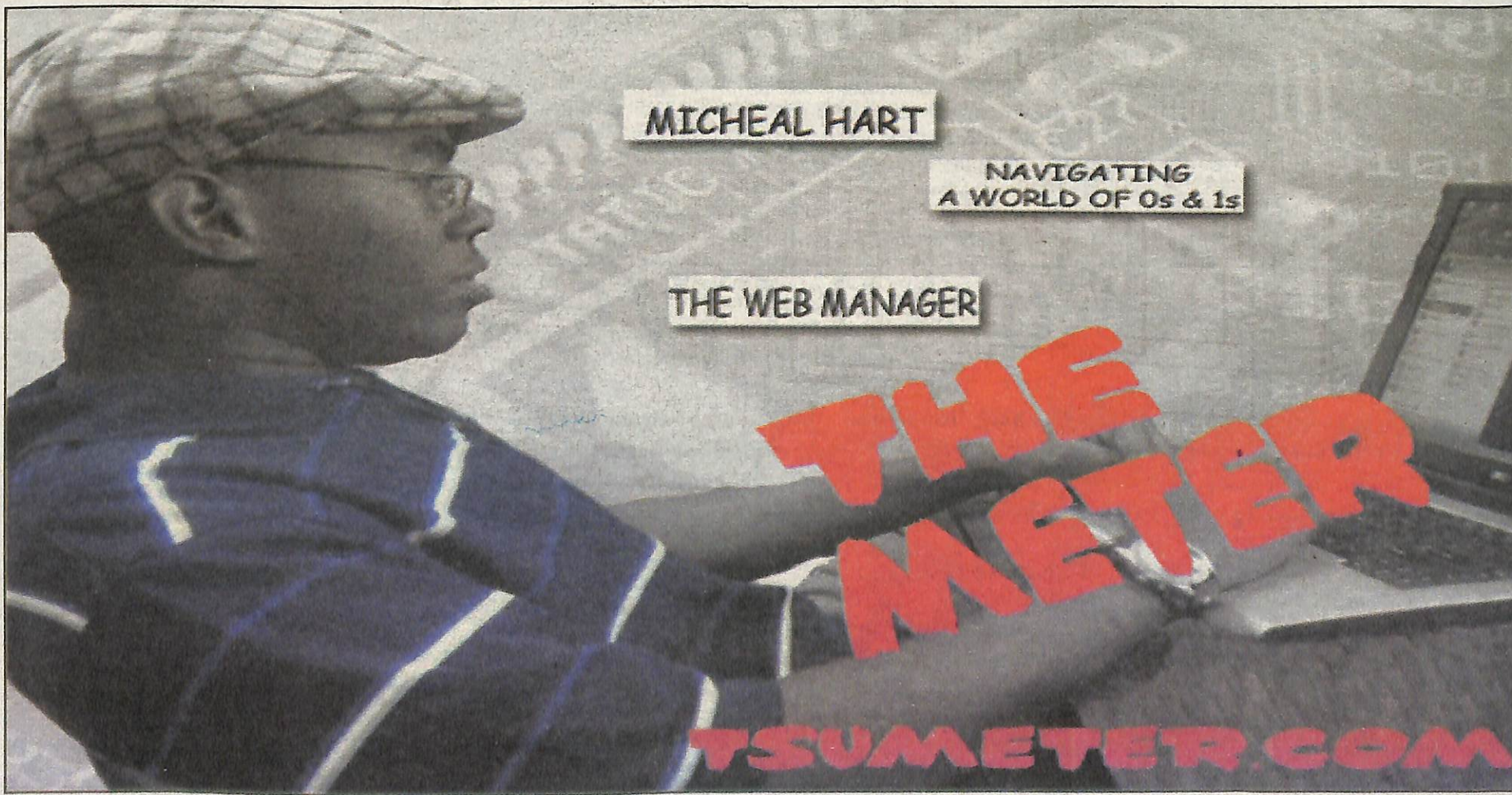
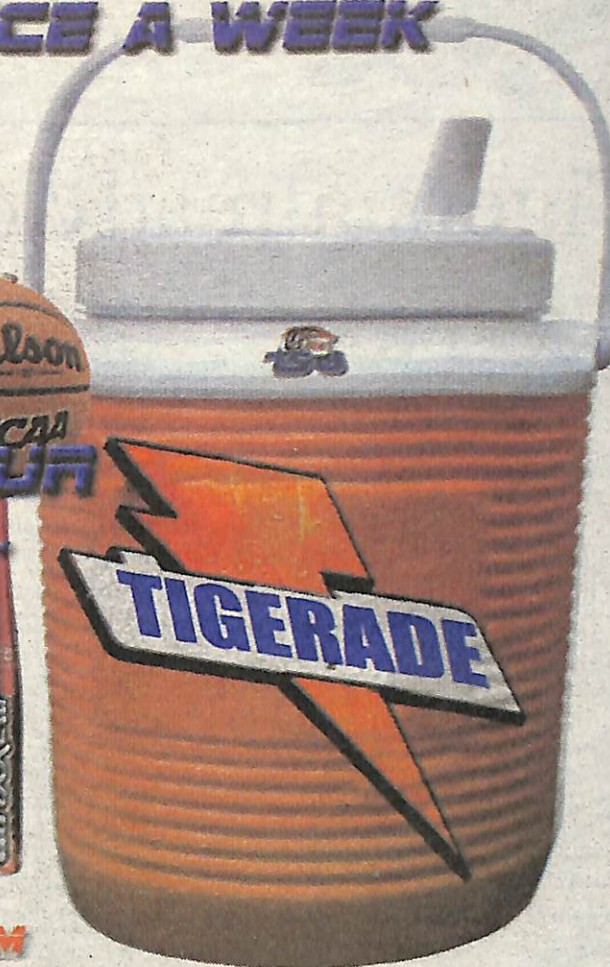
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