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## Trumpet Award landed

By Madelyn Ragland  
Assistant News Editor

TSU was honored at the 15th Annual Trumpet Awards ceremony in Las Vegas on the TVONE television station which aired Sunday, March 18.

The university was the recipient of "A Salute to a Black College" Award and \$25,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation, according to TSU President Melvin N. Johnson. He also received an educational leadership plaque.

"We are proud of our HBCU legacy and are preparing our students for global competition," Johnson said. "We are Nashville's only comprehensive public university, with our most popular majors being in business,

biology, nursing and engineering."

The Trumpet Awards has celebrated the achievements of African Americans and other minorities in fields such as law, politics, movies, sports, medicine, science, music, dance, religion, education and community service, according to the proclamation document from the office of the Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman.

Goodman, in fact, has declared Trumpet Awards Foundation Day on June 1 in Las Vegas. The proclamation states that Las Vegas will acknowledge the foundation for their outstanding commitment to honor those African Americans who are so worthy of recognition.

The Coca-Cola Foundation partnered

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## Tennis complex to open within week

By LaVonte Young  
Sports Editor

After nearly two years of waiting, the TSU tennis program and university community will finally be able to use its own on-campus tennis complex without any problems.

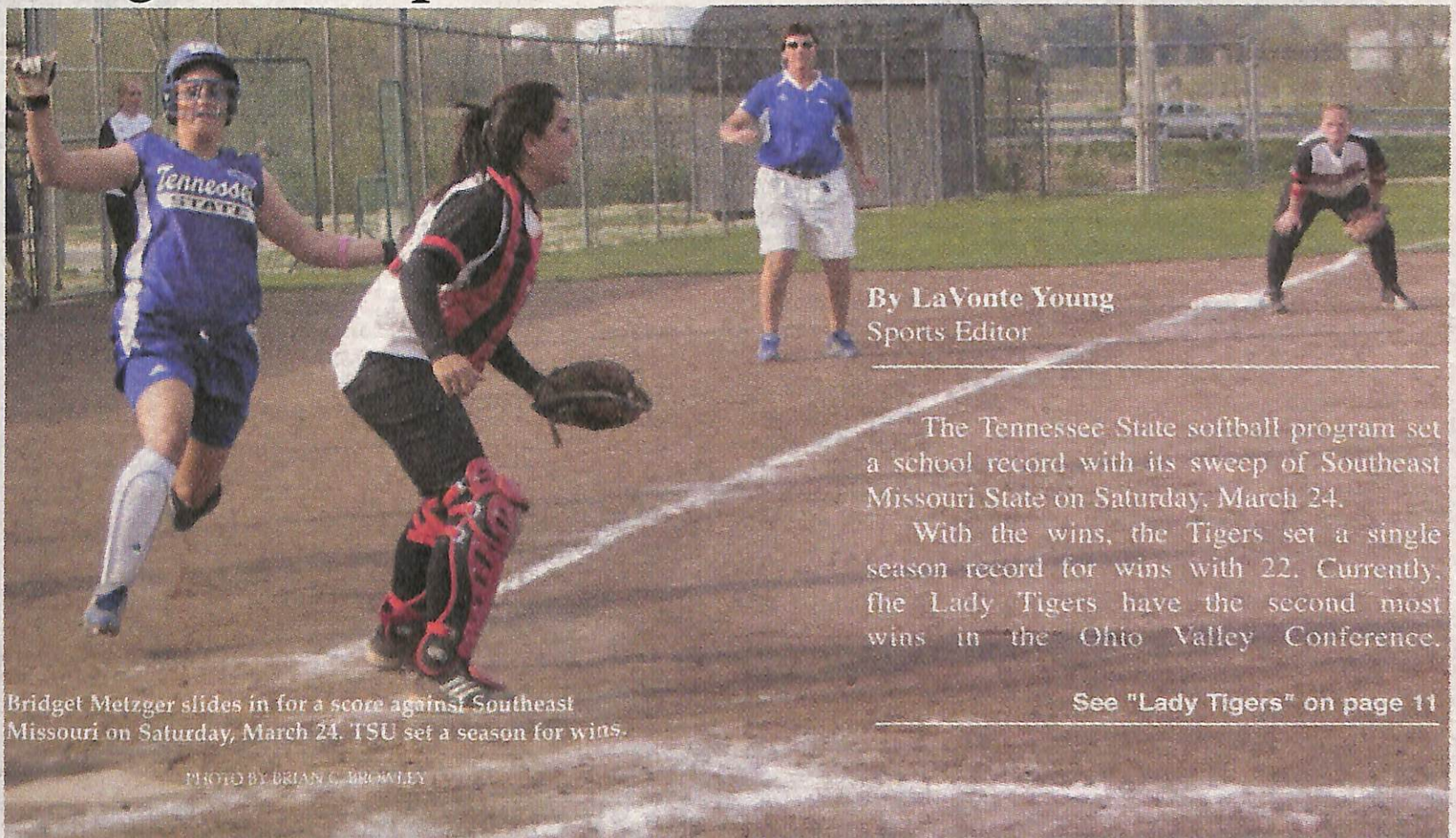
University officials said the tennis courts are expected to open this week.

The courts were part of a \$3.5 million dollar project, which included the new softball complex and parking lots, according to Samuel Polk, assistant vice president for facilities management.

Polk said the construction of the tennis complex cost \$700,000, which was funded by student

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## Tigers sweep Redhawks to set new record



By LaVonte Young  
Sports Editor

The Tennessee State softball program set a school record with its sweep of Southeast Missouri State on Saturday, March 24.

With the wins, the Tigers set a single season record for wins with 22. Currently, the Lady Tigers have the second most wins in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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Bridget Metzger slides in for a score against Southeast Missouri on Saturday, March 24. TSU set a season for wins.

PHOTO BY BRIAN C. BROWLEY

# New research building to open

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for newly constructed Research and Sponsored Programs Building will be held on Tuesday, March 27, at 2:30 p.m.

The entire university community is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the open house for TSU's 29th annual University-Wide Research Symposium.

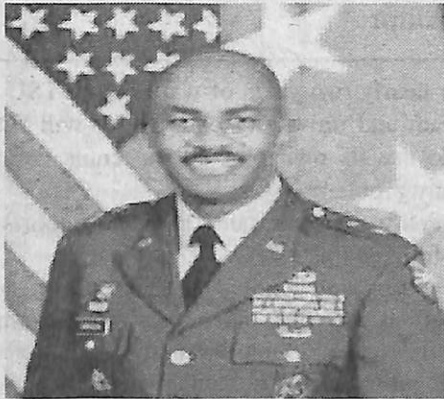


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Major General Ronald L. Johnson

## Army general to speak at symposium

The 29th annual University-Wide Research Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, at 11:30 a.m. in the Farrell-Westbrook Building also known as the The Barn.

The keynote speaker for this event will be Major General Ronald L. Johnson, deputy chief of engineers/duty commanding general of the U.S. Army.



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Coretta Scott King

## Campus News Briefs

The keynote address is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served. For more information, call 963.7631.

### Acquanetta Donnell

### Lecture on Coretta Scott King scheduled

Hosted at Vanderbilt University, the Margaret Cuningim Women's Center's annual lecture will feature Beverly Guy Sheftall.

The lecture, titled "Writing the Life of Corretta Scott King: The Agony and the Ecstasy," will be held on Tuesday, March 27, with a 6 p.m. reception and a lecture beginning at 7 p.m. in Wilson 103. To R.S.V.P., e-mail your request to stacy.nunally@vanderbilt.edu. This event is co-sponsored by the program in African American and Diaspora studies.

Cara Anthony

**Monday**  
BO Power Hour  
Boswell Complex  
Room 012  
6 p.m.

General Assembly  
Campus Center  
Forum - Room  
210  
7 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Ribbon-Cutting  
Ceremony  
New Research

Building  
2:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

Dr. Johnnetta  
Cole  
Humanities Aud.  
1 p.m.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Meter's mission is to accurately and responsibly report the "highlights and lowlights" of Tennessee State University and its community so that we may foster positive changes in the world around us, while reflecting the university's multi-cultural student body.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Meter invites submissions by all members of the Tennessee State University community. Timeliness and clarity are factors in selecting material for publication. Materials must adhere to the following guidelines:

a) All contributions must be typed and sent by e-mail.

b) Opinions and letters should not exceed 400 words.

c) The Meter reserves the right to reject letters, articles, or ads without explanation and to edit others as necessary.

# Earthquake rocks Tokyo

An earthquake that measured a 5.7 on the Richter Scale hit the city of Tokyo, Japan during the early morning of Sunday, March 25. Killing at least one person and injuring 40, the Japan weather agency has urged the Japanese residents who reside near the country's shores to move to higher land because of the threat of an earthquake triggered tsunami.

Acquanetta Donnell

## Cruise ship passengers fall into Gulf

Two passengers on the Grand

Princess fell into the Gulf of Mexico while on the cruise ship.

The vacationers were rescued four hours after falling from a cabin balcony, according to cruise line and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The accident occurred 150 miles off of the Galveston, Texas, coast on Sunday, March 25.

## World News Briefs

### Britain, Iran dispute soldiers

On Sunday, March 25, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the 15 British sailors and Royal Marines captured by Iran were not in Iranian waters and warned Tehran that Britain viewed their fate as a "fundamental" issue.

Iran claims 15 British sailors and marines confessed to being in Iranian waters.

Complied Cara Anthony and based on reports from **cnn.com**

## Corrections

## 3-day Weather Forecast

**Monday**

March 26

Partly Cloudy

87/62

**Tuesday**

March 27

Mostly Cloudy

85/60

**Wednesday**

March 28

Isolated T-Storms

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source: weather.com

# Witnesses convene in Gentry Center

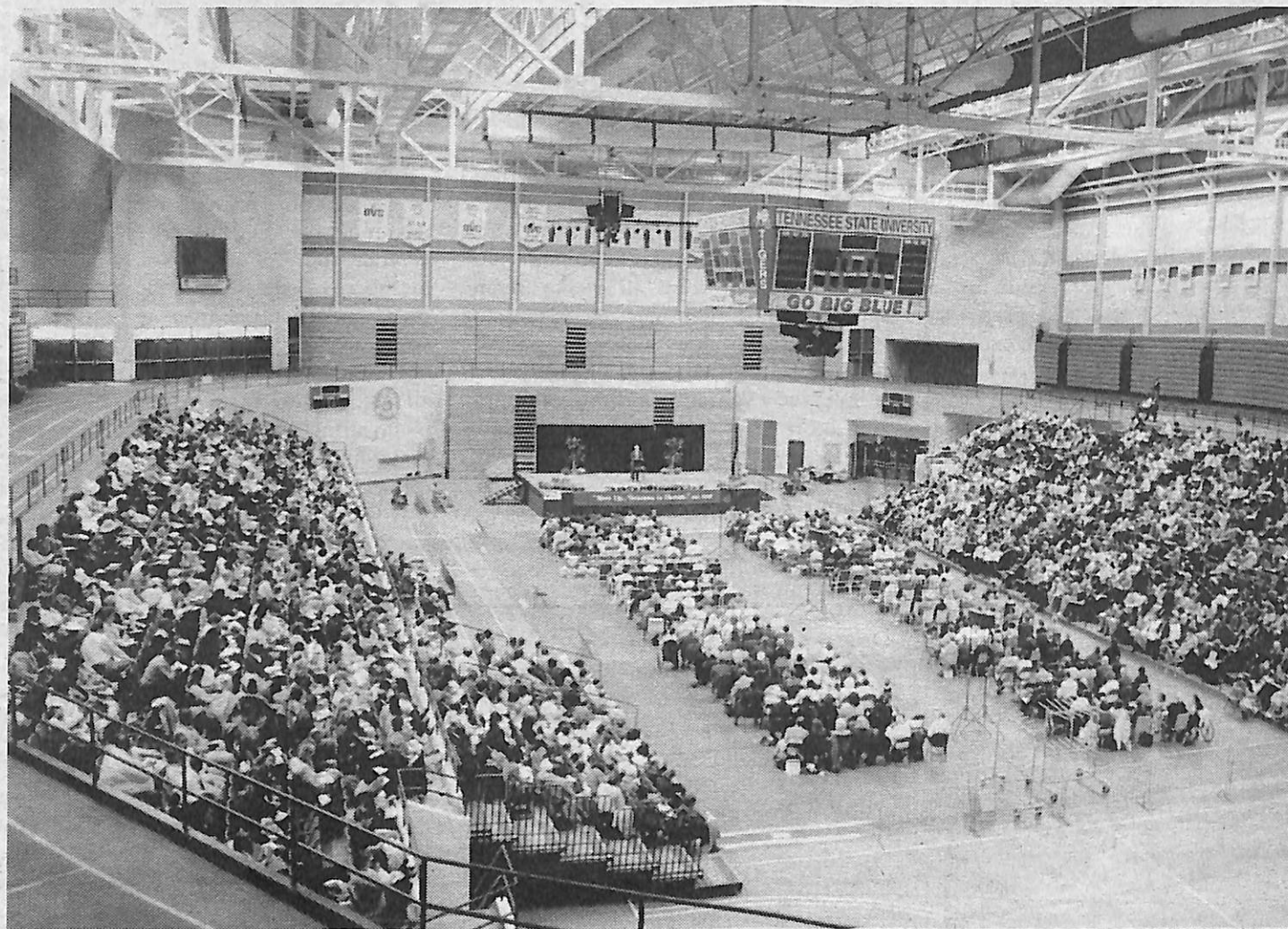


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Thousands of worshipers congregated in the Gentry Center for the Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses on March 24 and 25. The gathering is one of several large meetings the denomination has on the campus of TSU several times a year. The summit was comprised of a number of local congregations in the Middle Tennessee area. According to the announced attendance 2,986 individuals came to hear the public address, *How can you survive Jehovah's "Day of Fury."*

The two-day event had a total of 14 discourses all centered on the theme "Store up ... treasures in heaven" taken from Matt. 6:20.



## Local women to be honored at dinner

By Madelyn Ragland  
Assistant News Editor

TSU is scheduled to present the Women of Legend & Merit ceremonial presentation for seven honorary women within the university and Nashville community at the Sheraton Music City Hotel on Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

The event is a vision of Marcy Johnson, TSU first lady, as she formed a committee to recognize women from TSU for their accomplishments and contributions, as well as alumnae and members of the community who represent athletics, politics and government, science and medicine, education and business.

"During Women's History month, we are delighted to pay tribute to seven

exceptional women who are trailblazers in their respective fields and who have made significant contributions in their communities," said Michelle Viera, the director of TSU Alumni Relations. "The event provides an opportunity for students and alumni to gather and interact with great legends."

The seven honorees include Olympic Gold Medalist Chandra Cheeseborough, Citizens Bank President Deborah Cole, State of Tennessee First Lady Andrea Conte, Metro Nashville School's Retired Educator Lillian D. Thomas, Wachovia Bank Vice President Georgette Peek Dixon, State of Tennessee Senator Thelma Harper and Meharry Medical College Physician Gwinnett Ladson.

Johnetta Cole, president of North Carolina's Bennett College and

Jacksonville, Fla. native, will be the keynote speaker.

At the age of 15, Cole began her studies at Fisk University and then went to Oberlin College and earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University.

"It is important that everyone learn about the significant accomplishments of women in our community and the effect of those achievements in advancing our state and nation as a whole," said TSU President Melvin N. Johnson.

In 1987, Cole became the first African American woman to serve as president of Spelman College in Atlanta. She has received more than 40 honorary degrees and is the author of numerous books and articles. Cole also became the first woman to serve on the Coca-Cola

Enterprise board.

Tickets can be purchased for \$60 per person and it includes dinner and the book, *Gender Talk: The Struggle for Women's Equality in African American Communities*, by Johnetta B. Cole and Beverly Guy-Sheftall.

"It is our privilege to share their stories and achievements and our simple thanks during this special awards ceremony," Johnson said.

For more information,  
call 615-963-7473.

# What We Think

## Take pride in day to day life

It's often been said that it's the little things that count.

This couldn't, in our opinion, be viewed as anything besides the truth in regards to the actions of some of our fellow students. For time after time, we see our fellow students not realizing that the little things count for and say so much about themselves and the university.

Two articles in the Thursday, March 19, online issue of The Meter covered problems that we have witnessed on campus that speak to students not taking advantage of opportunities presented to them and not caring for the physical image of the university.

The Student Motivational Task Force will once again host its annual workshop on the campus of TSU. The program's purpose is to bring together students, alumni, and professionals from a number of fields to increase student awareness on how the real world operates. Topics to be discussed during the forum and classroom visits range from the transition from college to work to employer expectations, among others points of interest.

Yet, far too few students who could really use the experiences from this conference will attend and when some of these same students graduate they will complain that TSU didn't prepare them to go out in the real world. The fact is, however, that the "real world" experience some seek is often not gained in the classroom, but rather through extra-curricular workshops and seminars.

In addition to students not taking advantage of opportunities, some students don't even respect the physical campus. If you've set foot in many classrooms, you've seen candy wrappers, loose paper and other assorted varieties of rubbish left on the floors of classrooms every day. This shows a patent disrespect for the university. While casually disposing of a gum wrapper on the campus may seem to be minor detail, small acts of disrespect add up to a sum equivalent to an undesirable campus and an image of a less than favorable student body. As the only historically black university in the Tennessee Board of Regents, TSU will always be scrutinized more than the other

schools and this should be a constant reminder that any and everything negative that transpires on our campus will be magnified.

The problem is that far too often when opportunities such as this are presented to students they fail to take advantage of them. Oftentimes, the same students participate in events over and over again. Even these students who choose to be involved eventually suffer from burn-out. Likewise, students who take pride in TSU having such a beautiful campus are often frustrated by the disrespect they see their fellow student display for the university.

But, regardless of which side of

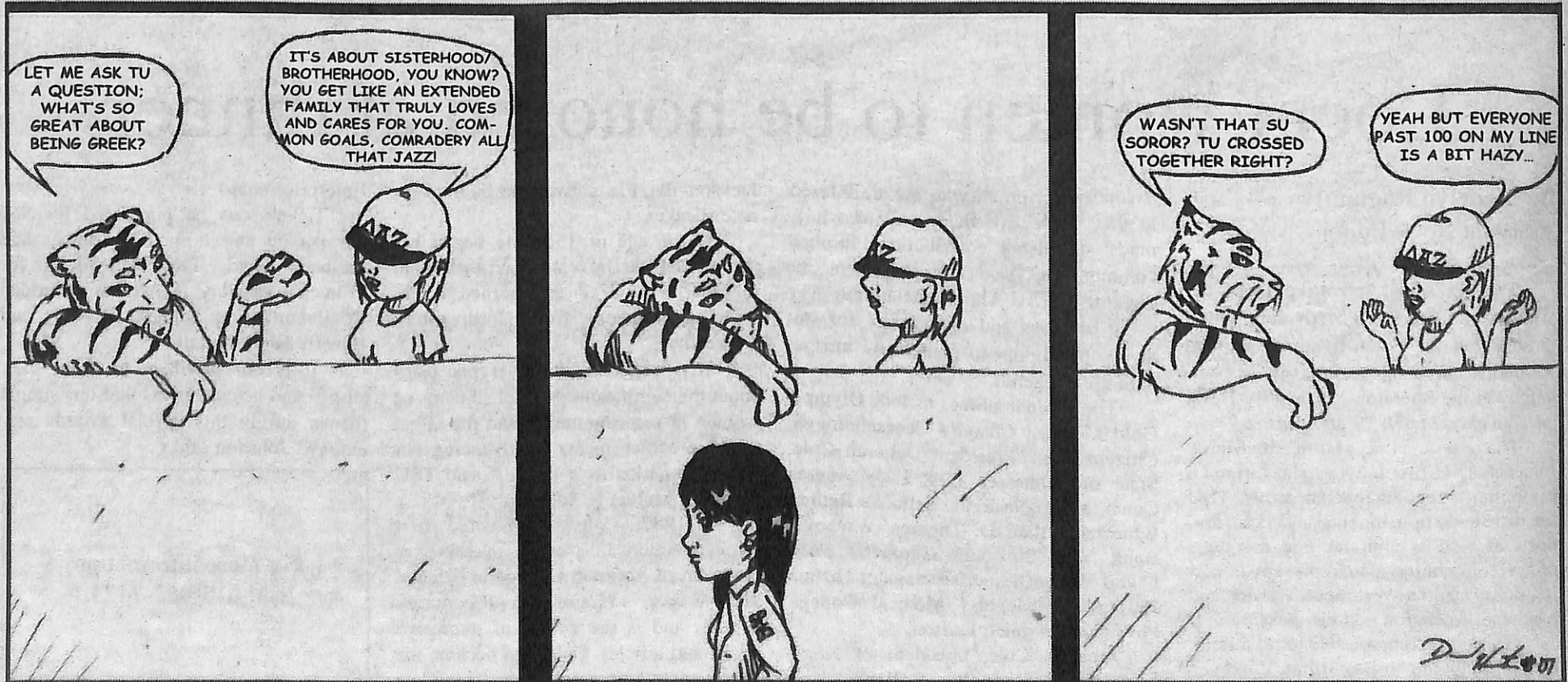
the fence you straddle, you cannot deny the fact that you will be attached to TSU through the degree that you will eventually obtain. With that being said, the image of this university is attached to you. Therefore, whether it is a lowly member of the Nashville community or a top executive from a Fortune 500 company, you should take pride in making TSU look its best. So we encourage all students to take a more active role in ensuring that the reputation and the maintenance of the campus is an accurate reflection of themselves.

*"You cannot deny the fact that you will be attached to TSU ... the image of this university is attached to you."*

*-The Meter editorial board*

Tigre'

By David Houston



## ONLINE FEEDBACK

### Cheeseborough gets salute

**Carl Darnell**

posted 3/23/07 at 10:54 a.m.

Way to go Coach Cheeseborough!

### Readers discuss classroom trash article

**Tim**

posted 3/22/07 at 1:39 p.m.

Students,

Take pride in your school.

**jennifer**

posted 3/23/07 at 11:34 p.m.

Yes, that is their job, but this is our school. We chose to go here. Keep it clean. It's really bad between "The SUB" and the library. It makes our school look like a mess and it hurts the earth.

**Allie Kenitra Henderson**

posted 3/23/07 at 8:45 a.m.

"I was very disappointed to read this story. Every day I pride myself in spreading the "good news" about the incomparable educational and personal growth oppor-

tunities that Tennessee State University has to offer and to read about the current student body not having enough pride in my alma mater to pick up after themselves is disconcerting. It is definitely a reasonable request to have trash cans in every classroom, but much of an inconvenience can it really be to carry an empty bottle or wrapper down the hall to the nearest trash can?

A. Kenitra Greer-Henderson, MD  
Class of 1998

### WSMV coverage still questioned

**Sandra Holt**

posted 3/20/07 at 10:39 a.m.

.... I also wrote to the reporter, Darian Trotter. He responded in a very unprofessional manner. I have received emails from alumni who also had less than satisfactory responses from Mr. Trotter.

I wish the present student body would raise their voices by emailing or writing the station about the injustice done to Tennessee State University by this misrepresentation.

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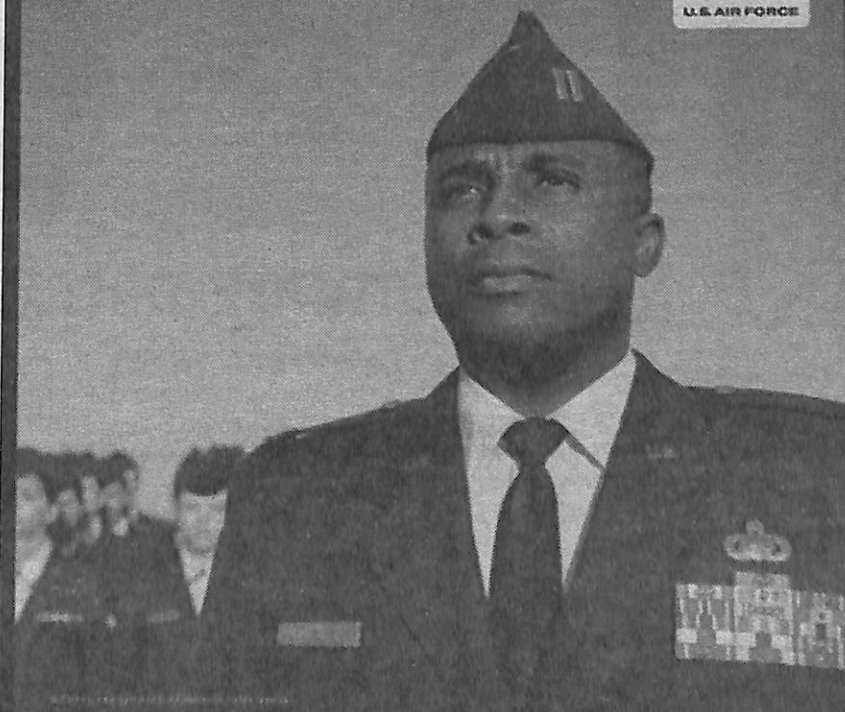
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# Trailblazer aims to serve community

By Brian C. Browley  
Managing/Opinions Editor

For Rubin Cockrell, life is all about purpose. And for him, his purpose in life is to “to help educate, enrich, and enhance people’s lives.”

At the age of 26, Cockrell has founded a consulting firm, makes regular appearances as a motivational speaker, and is set to become one of the youngest students to receive a Ph. D at from the TSU College of Education. However, if not for an injury, Cockrell and his driven natured may have been headed down a very different path.

“Originally, I was going to school to play football,” Cockrell said on his plans to be a collegiate athlete. “I had double hernia surgery my senior year.”

The injury forced Cockrell to make different plans for attending college. As a youth in his hometown of Cleveland, he found mentors in several Fisk alums.

“At the time, I wanted to be a corporate attorney and there are a lot of judges and prominent attorneys in Cleveland within that area that went to Fisk,” said Cockrell, who attributes those same prominent alums for guiding him to and provided funding for him to attend Fisk. “I got a scholarship from them, they sponsored me to come down ... and things worked out financially.”

Wanting to follow in their steps, Cockrell set off to Fisk with the goal of

pursing a career in corporate law. Yet, while matriculating through Fisk as a business major, he found his interests begin to shift.

“From (when I was) 10 years old to (my) first semester senior year (at Fisk), I wanted to be a corporate attorney and no one else could tell me different,” said Cockrell.

After starting his professional consulting firm Positive Images & Associates in 2004, Cockrell spent several years consulting business, churches, and institutions on leadership, empowerment, and management. Additionally, Cockrell currently serves as Associate Vice President and Managing Editor for *Inspire Magazine*. Yet, despite his successes, Cockrell felt that he wasn’t fully taking the path meant for him.

“I’m big on purpose and if you do things within your purpose, financial capital will come, human capital will come intellectual capital will come,” Cockrell said. “And it just hit me, you can go ahead and be a great corporate attorney but it’s not your purpose. I don’t believe in, no matter what the money is doing, anything I’m going make excuses to get up in the morning for.”

So following the path

he felt was meant for him, Cockrell enrolled in TSU’s College of Education and began pursuing his Masters in Educational Administration and then chose to continue with the pursuit of his Ph. D.

“As I followed that purpose for my life, everything else fell in place,” Cockrell said. He received the 2005 Southern Regional Educational Board Doctoral Fellowship for his masters and for my doctorate.

Another part of Cockrell’s purpose is breathing new life into the field of higher education.

“Some people overextend their time in higher education and, as a result, they block the way for new and fresh ideas,” said Cockrell. “You say students matter most, but really do students matters most? That’s key. Being that they’re the consumer, if they’re not there, we’re not there.”

Cockrell’s approach is to provide practical skills for students of all majors. Drawing on the lesser known tenants of service to the community in W.E.B. DuBois’ talented tenth theory, Cockrell wants to ensure that students are given a well rounded education.

“If I can provide them exposure and opportunity to

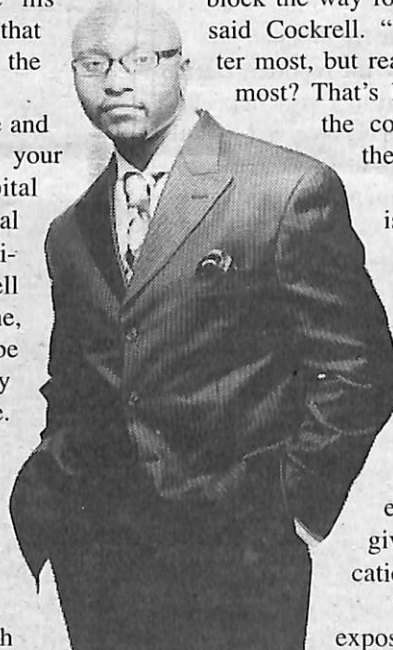
earn income, earn internship opportunities, earn real experience outside of that theoretical perspective, book knowledge, and teach them some practical knowledge, that’s what’s key,” said Cockrell. “If you can combine theory with practicality, then those students’ eyes are opened a lot better.”

Additionally, Cockrell feels that one of the best ways to improve students’ perspective and alleviate apathy is to get students involved in the process of making decision within the university. Using the anagram H.O.W., Cockrell wants to implement a system of input and accountability on all levels of the higher education system. All parties must be honest about what is happening on campus, open to constructive criticism, and willing to change.

“That student buy-in is key,” Cockrell said. “If they had more buy-in, I feel that students wouldn’t be so apathetic ... and with that buy-in students have to be held accountable. as well as administrators.”

For Cockrell, his plans for his career in higher education, as a speaker, and a consultant ultimately go back to living a life with purpose.

“In my life, I’ve had excellent mentors who’ve pretty much pushed me and motivated me ... as a result, I can’t forget the bridges that brought me over, so I’ve got to be willing to help others in the process.”



## Coca-Cola among national sponsors to give to TSU

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with the Triumph Awards to recognize a noteworthy college or university. The “Salute to a Black College,” which is not obtainable every year, was presented by Ingrid Saunders Jones, director of corporate external affairs for Coca-Cola Foundation on-air to Johnson.

“It is amazing that a historical black institution, such as TSU, has achieved this major accomplishment,” said Barbara Caruthers, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Nashville.

Officially, TSU was honored at the annual ceremony this January, but the Triumph Award show aired this month.

The award event was created and produced by Xernona Clayton, a TSU alumna, in 1993. These awards are televised annually and distributed internationally to almost 200 countries. The Triumph Awards Foundaton has generated \$3 million in charitable gifts and scholarships since the awards’ inception.

TSU enrolls just over 9,000 students, with the predominant student population being African American. TSU also offers 42 bachelor’s degree programs and six doctoral degree programs, and continues to be committed to the student/athlete success in the classroom and their chosen field of play.

In 2006, Bobby Jones, a TSU alum-

nus, was honored for a Triumph Award. Other recipients for the awards includes in early on includes: Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., Meharry Medical College, Dick Gregory, Condeezeza Rice and

Tom Joyner.

“This award was national recognition of the outstanding work accomplished by Tennessee State University faculty, students, and staff,” Johnson said.

“It is amazing that a historical black institution, such as TSU, has achieved this major accomplishment.”

- Barbara Caruthers, TSU senior

# Current research activities help Tennessee

By Kristina Walling  
Staff Reporter

Activities within TSU's Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research are being performed to make optimal use of first rate equipment in improving the lives of Tennesseans through establishing food safety and increasing food supply.

In the Poultry Nutrition and Genomics Laboratory, lab coats abound as one walk through the door and the screen saver on the most visible computer is decorated with pictures of DNA strands.

"Pretty much all of our research is exciting and important," said Samuel Nahashon, the research associate professor in the IAgER. "Educating consumers, improving animal food products, and determining the optimal detection of proteins that can be harmful to humans are all disciplines with the research enterprise."

Housing 90 employees, 52,400 feet of laboratory and office space, 464 acres of farms, and 12,500 feet of greenhouse space, IAgER operates at an annual budget of about \$5 million. Also, there is the Otis L. Floyd Nursery Research Center at 472 Cadillac Lane in McMinnville, Tenn. and a farm located on the north end of the TSU main campus.

This is the principal agricultural and environmental research unit of TSU and leads all agricultural research centers within the Tennessee Board of Regents system, according to Nahashon.

"Our purpose is for the stockholder's interests and we are primarily funded by the federal and state government," said

## Strategies to Promote Success in Small Farm Operations

Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research (IAgER)  
Tennessee State University



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Eunilok Park, Ph.D.  
Suresh Singh, Ph.D.

Small Farms Research  
at IAgER



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Research by the IAgER on strategies for small farm operations.



PHOTO COURTESY OF IAGER

Goats like the ones pictured about are used in research carried out by the IAgER department here at TSU.

Nahashon. "It is unique in both the scope of its research and its impact on the citizens of Tennessee."

The IAgER puts emphasis upon communities that are underserved, such as the decreasing need for Tennessee's previously huge cash crop of tobacco. Hence, an establishment of systems is in production to make optimal use of small amounts of land. Two animals which are being genetically and nutritionally experimented with are goats and guinea fowl.

Several breeds are used for the most extensive and diverse crossing of goats. This is geared toward the meat characteristics

"Goats are not as expensive, but raise insurmountable profits compared to large animals," said Nahashon. "We crossbreed Spanish, kiko, and boer goats to look at how different combinations can give different characteristics."

Many producers presently keep guinea fowl as watch dogs these days, according to Nahashon. They have a very sharp sound in response to predators. The IAgER's purpose is to cater to alternative animal crops and Nahashon said he feels that this type of fowl can serve that purpose. Some overwhelming positive char-

acteristics of them are: unique commodity to the state, quite resilient to disease, and easy and economical to raise.

"A lot of the things we do over here are related to the Bird Flu in the genetics portion," said Jessica Johnson, a third-year graduate student animal science major from Brewton, Ala. "Research on diseases on animals can be related back to humans. I have always liked working in the laboratory. Something new and interesting pops up every day."

Guinea fowl are similar to broilers and layers traditionally in commercial industries. The industry has been growing gradually in the U.S. as scientists and producers breed for better productivity.

"We utilize the nutrient requirements for the current gene pool we already have and generate them through selection for desired characteristics," Nahashon said. "There is the traditional method of looking and weighing them or the use of tools looking at molecular markers of DNA and Ribonucleic acid. It involves a lot of lab work and statistics."

The use of tools to view RNA is the most efficient because the specific performance traits can be found out at an

earlier time. The rejects are used for pet food and TSU is leading in the Guinea Fowl Breeders Association with about 700 guinea fowl of various breeds and varieties.

"Most of these students are working on the most cutting edge discoveries you can find at any university," said Stephen Kolison Jr., the dean research director in the IAgER. "Agricultural research is not just about cows and sows. To some extent, it is biology being applied."

In the plant biotechnology, the IAgER is working on biosecurity to protect against the possibility of foreign agents contaminating plants. It would like to devise a way of protecting the plants through chemical or biological measures.

"We do a lot of genetic research," said Gary Kelley, a second-year graduate student, Animal Science major from Chattanooga. "Sequence DNA, screening to find new genes to add to national databases, is what we are working on now. It can be exciting, but it is busy, though. We have pulled all-nighters, literally."

Even though it is a research unit, it is not a degree-granting-institute. Its student centered approach is to produce the next generation of scientists every year by the hiring of new students to work in lab. They receive hands on experience, according to Kolison.

While working with some of the country's leading edge equipment, students may make their thesis paper and perform their senior projects. The hiring of students provides them with the opportunity for them to also present their findings at national conferences with all expenses paid, officials said. The staff works with other professors throughout the school to teach them to lecture on the subject of biology and chemistry.

"I wish they (the students of TSU) knew the significant research that we do and just the effects we will have on the performance on food to health concerns," said James Tyus, a third-year graduate student agricultural science from Nashville. "Some things I think are really going to impact a wide variety of things. We are able to show some improvements. If they could see, people would be more enticed to come over to our department."•



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Stephen H. Kolison, Jr.

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## ALPHA FEST 2007

**ICEAGE** "the coldest  
alpha week *EVER...*"**Sunday "Winter Storm Advisory"**

12:06pm	Worship Service	The Village Church
7:06pm	Come Out Show	Kean Hall
9:06pm	Caravan/ Block Party	Amphitheater

**Monday "Snowed In"**

11:30am	Weather Report: Music & Food	Courtyard
6:06pm	BO Power Hour	Boswell
9:06pm	Black-Out Party	Club 615

**Tuesday "Ice Box"**

11:30am	Women's Appreciation	Courtyard
7:06pm	Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant	Kean Hall
10:06pm	Wine & Cheese Sip	CLOSED

**Wednesday "Da Blizzard"**

11:30pm	Weather Report: Music & Food	Courtyard
6:06pm	BO Power Hour	Forum
9:06pm	The Luau	LV Expo Center

**Thursday "Deep Freeze"**

11:06am	Study with the Bruhs	Outside FPCC
12:00pm	Bone Marrow Drive	FPCC
6:06pm	Ice Skating	Centennial Sports Complex
8:30pm	The TRUTH Poetry Set	Onyx Room

**Friday "The Melt Down"**

11:30am	Winter BBQ	Courtyard
4:06pm	Community Service	
9:06pm	Phrozen Pharaoh's Affair (Alpha Ball)	Velvet Ultra Lounge

**Saturday "Avalanche"**

10:06am	Campus Clean-up (Students Welcome)	FPCC
2:06pm	Brotherhood Luncheon (Bruhs Only)	
7:06pm	Gold Rush (Ladies Only)	LV Expo Center
9:06pm	The Pajama Party	LV Expo Center

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## Social networking sites offer synergy

By Tiffani McDaniel  
Co-Arts & Culture Editor

The World Wide Web has become a virtual staple in the everyday lives of many individuals across the world since its boom in the late 1990s.

Since then there have been a plethora of websites that have been developed to target every demographic from employment, games, and social networking.

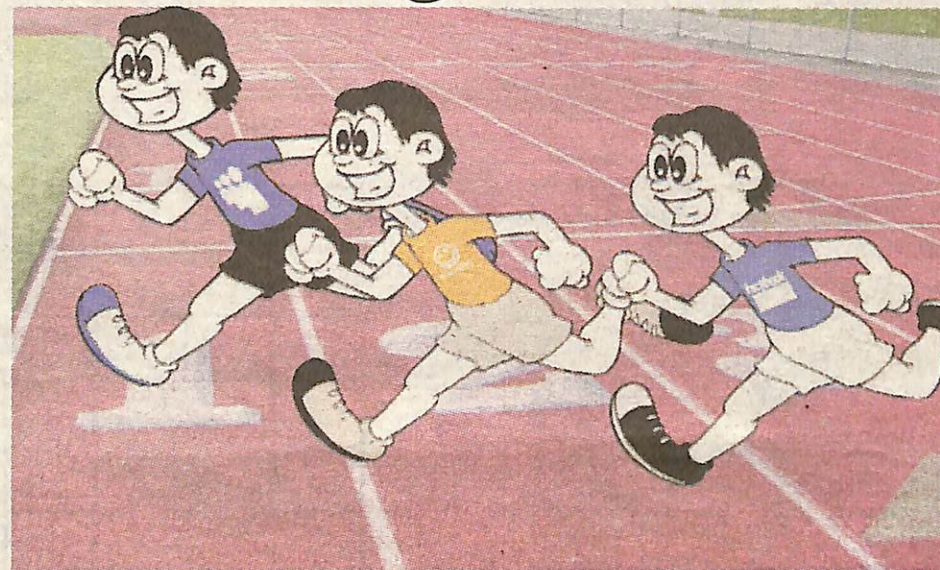
"It's a great way to network and find new friends," said LaQuita Davis a sophomore respiratory therapy major from Nashville.

Although there is no definitive record of the first online community, it has been stated by Wikipedia that since 2005, over 300,000 websites have been developed to cater to online socialites.

In July 2003 Tom Anderson and his partner Chris Dewolfe developed MySpace, the world's sixth most popular English-language and the third most popular website in the United States, according to Alexa.com a Web Site that provides information on the web traffic of other websites.

"MySpace is so popular, because everybody is on there," said Davis. "Through MySpace you find people you haven't talked to in years."

However, in Feb. 2004 MySpace met its rival after a Harvard University sophomore Mark Zuckerberg, created Facebook. It only took the site two



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months to register a million users. Originally, the site was created to target college students; since then anyone can register as long as they have a valid email address and network.

"I think Facebook is a little too much," said Carlisha Ewing a sophomore Biology major from Pontiac, MI. "People who don't know someone think they do because of the constant updates of peoples' relationship status, and etc."

Some users of this site found that the "news feed" and "mini-feed" were too personal after the features were added to the site on Sept. 5, 2006.

According to Students Against Facebook News Feed group, there have been over 700,000 members to join in a fight against the displaying of recent activities.

"The new Facebook tells too much of a person's business," said Quantika Flemming a sophomore nursing major from Nashville.

Nevertheless, users have not stopped using the site, some have even created groups such as, "I've actually grown accustomed to the New Facebook," to poke fun at the new features.

In Mar. 2006, four college students

from New York University and Loyola University envisioned a college networking site "designed for college students by college students," and the site "offers more useful ways to connect and relate to each other," according to WECT TV6-Wilmington, NC. Together the students created the Web Site Collegehotlist.com.

"There are thousands of colleges and universities throughout America where students are disconnected from their peers," said Chris Mirabile one of the co-founders of CollegeHotList on WECT TV6. "CollegeHotList will be the place -- the forum -- to help them connect to each other in the real world, not just cyberspace."

According to Collegiate Presswire, CollegeHotList has been customized to allow its members to stay informed about local campus life, socialize with other students, create "HotLists" to rate everything from their favorite places, photos, videos, products and even plan social gatherings through a specialized forum tailored exclusively for college students.

The site also features photo sharing, text messaging and the ability to organize their personal calendar.

"Students decide what's hot or popular on college campuses today, and help spread the word to fellow classmates, said co-founder Gianni Martire on WECT TV6's website. "We hope it's a way of bringing students closer as a community of people, rather than just a community of Internet users."\*

Ashley King  
Hometown: Chicago  
Major: accounting  
Year: Freshman

"I use Facebook because it's good for networking and helping you stay in contact with friends from different areas."



Whitney White  
Hometown: Detroit  
Major: health sciences  
Year: Sophomore

"I use facebook to keep in contact with past and present peers, as well as continuing to network."



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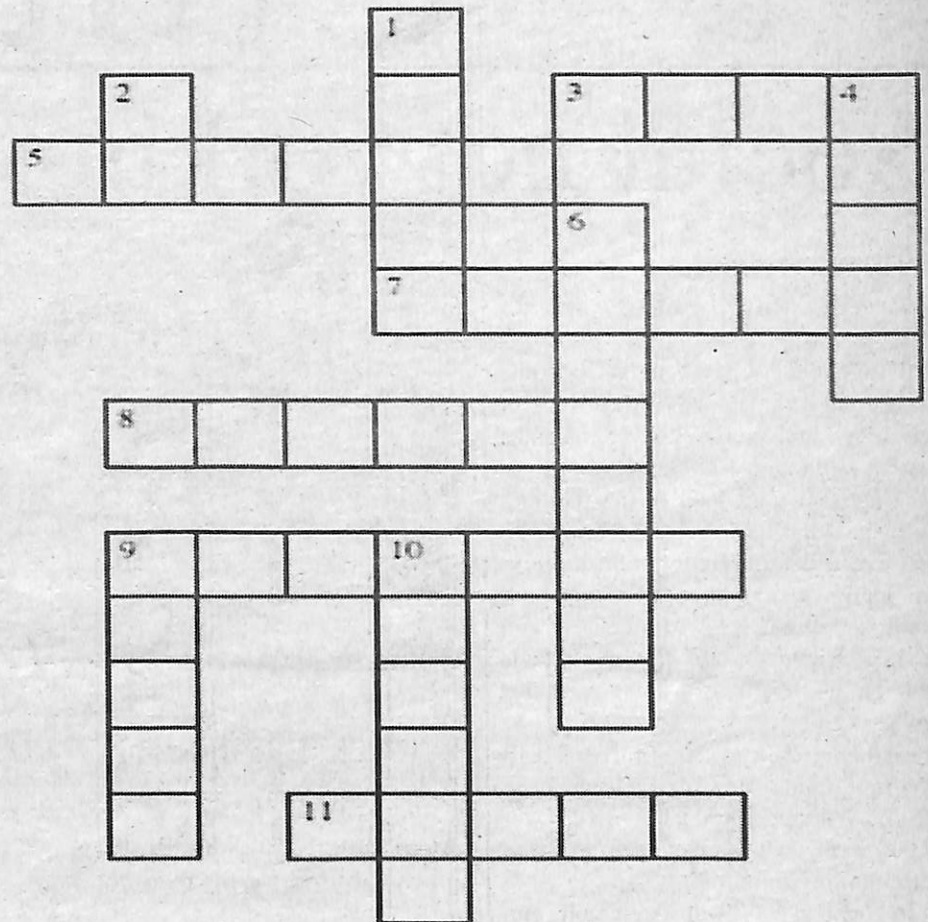
### TRIPLE THREAT



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The TSU Lady Tigers softball team beat Southeast Missouri State in both games of a double-header on Saturday, March 24.

## CROSSWORD CHALLENGE



**ACROSS**

- 3 A natural formation lying beneath the surface of the water.
- 5 An ancient nation of female warriors.
- 7 Traditionally considered the sixth day of the week.
- 8 Liquid component of blood.
- 9 Empire State of the South
- 11 A conflict to establish dominance.

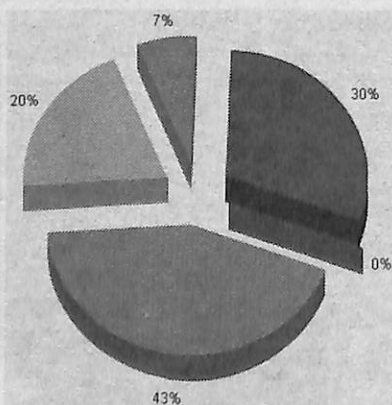
**DOWN**

- 1 Measure of an alcoholic beverage's strength.
- 2 Frequency modulation
- 4 TSU's fifth president
- 6 Titanium is as strong as steel but lighter.
- 9 Coarsely ground corn.
- 10 A type of business where the sale of goods or merchandise takes place.

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### LAST ISSUE'S RESULTS:

Who is going to go all the way in the NCAA Finals?



### LEGEND

■	University of Florida	30%
■	Southern-Illinois University	7%
■	Ohio State University	20%
■	University of Memphis	43%
■	UCLA	0%

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Who is known to have the best "Greek Week?"

- A. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
- B. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- C. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

- D. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.
- E. Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.
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- G. Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity Inc.
- H. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

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# TSU Sports

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## Lady Tigers battle back for wins

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In the first game, Southeast Missouri State came swinging in the first inning. The Redhawks got to Tigers pitcher Candace Hildebrand early by lighting her up with three runs of five hits, but Hildebrand would settle down and only give up two hits the rest of the way.

"SEMO started the game with a bang" said Tigers head softball coach Joyce Maudie. "But, we kept our composure."

The Redhawks would hold a 3-0 lead until the bottom of the fourth inning when the Tigers stepped up to the plate. The Big Blue got on the board when Chelsea Brown hit a two-out single that scored Bridget Metzger to cut the lead to 3-1.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Tigers came to life. With the bases loaded and two outs, pitcher Candace

Hildebrand hit a single up the middle to score Erin Metzger to cut the lead to 3-2.

Metzger was the next TSU batter and delivered the game-winning single to right field to score Jennifer Gregory and Diana Clifford to give the Tigers a 4-3 lead.

"I am proud of the way we fought back," said Maudie. "I am very proud of our players."•

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Jennifer Gregory prepares to swing at a pitch during a double header against Southeast Missouri on Saturday, March 24. TSU won both games.

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# Inspection revealed faulty construction

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fees. In the summer of 2005, the eight-court tennis complex was completed by Hardaway Construction and designer group Thomas, Miller and Partners, LLC.

During the final phase of construction, representatives from TSU Facilities Management, the Tennessee Board of Regents, Hardaway Construction and Thomas, Miller and Partners, LLC all participated in a walk through of the courts to see if it met standards. Polk, however, said the final inspection of the courts revealed a major discrepancy.

"We did a walk through on all of our projects to see if everything is up to our standards," Polk said. "The one major thing we noticed was not up to standard was the courts; they were unlevelled."

The contractors fixed the unlevelled playing surface in June 2006. To fix the uneven areas the contractors from Hardaway Construction put patches on the uneven areas. The patch is a cement substance used to fill in the unlevelled areas to make the court. Once the patches were complete the committee did the final walk through and accepted the courts.

The patches on the courts have a one-year warranty on them. The warranty was issued in June 2006 and will expire in June 2007.

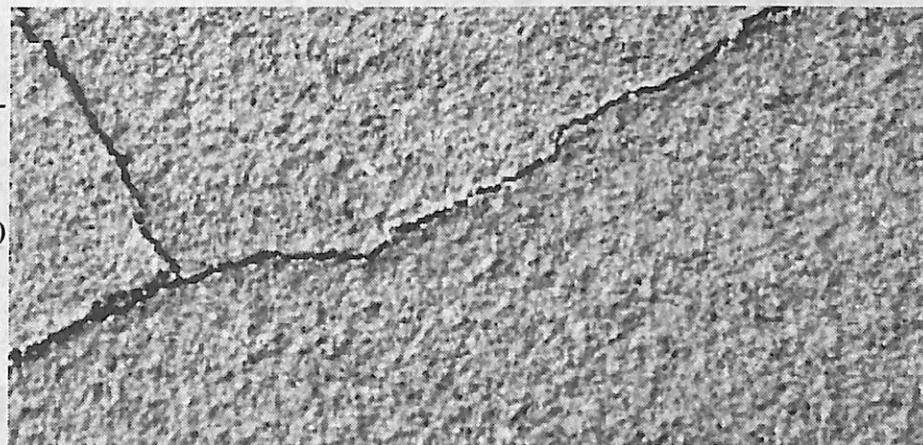
The warranty on the tennis courts, however, has expired. Polk said the courts had a one-year warranty that began in June 2005 and ended in June 2006, just as the patches were being laid.

The TSU men and women's teams put the courts use the first time on Thursday, March 22. The teams competed despite extensive water damage and cracks in the court. The courts also have water spots from where rain water sits following storms.

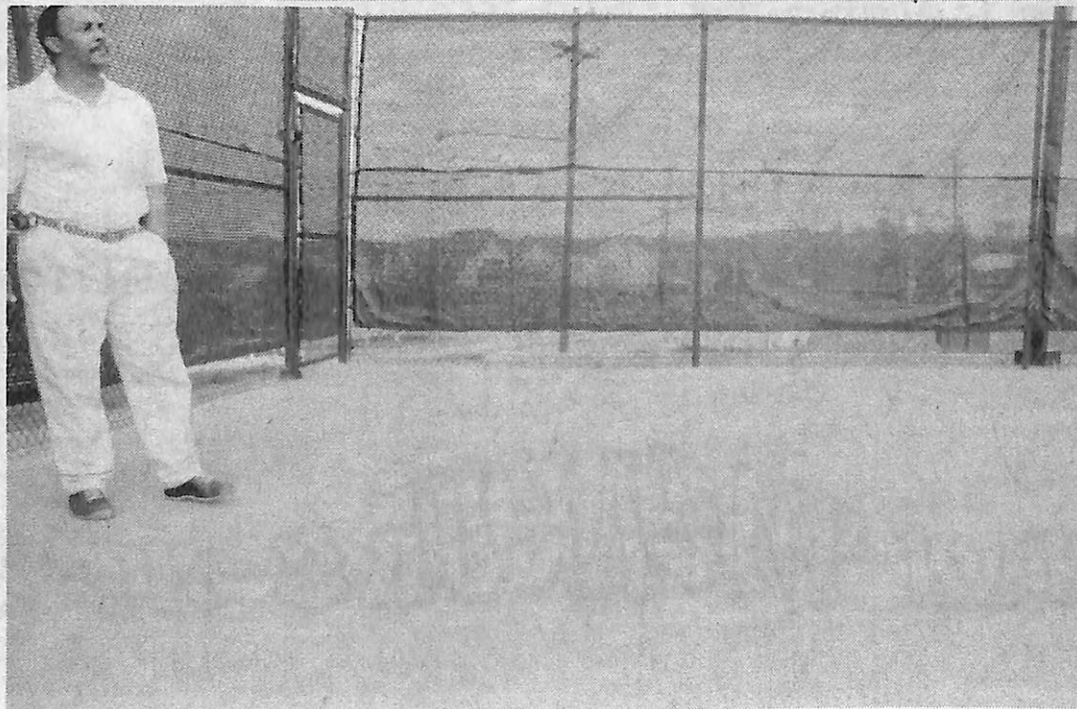
"We have a nice facility," said Keith Morgan, coordinator of Student Activities, who is responsible for several intramural sports activities. "But, we have to the cracks fixed before they get worse."

Gerald Robinson, head tennis coach, said, "We are going to have to get some professional tennis player to come play to see if the defects of the courts affect the level of play."

(Above) Cracks in cement patches, such as this one, are in several locations on the tennis courts. (Below) Members of the tennis team were able to practice on the courts for the first time on March 22. (Bottom) Keith Morgan, coordinator of Student Activities, stands on the courts in front of a crack in the surface which runs the length of one court.



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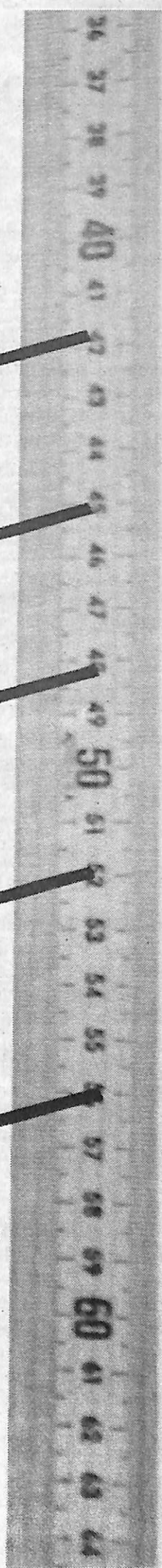
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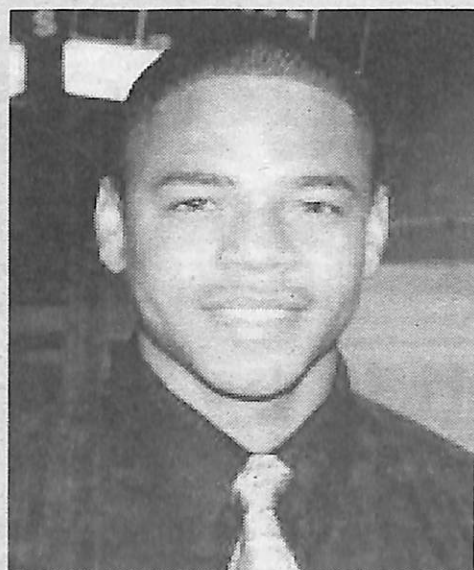
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## Student Athlete of the Week



Buford Williams, jumper for the Flying Tigers men's track and field team, is a junior human performance and sports science major from Nashville. During the fall 2006 semester, Williams held down a 3.0 grade point average. Williams is also ranked first in the Ohio Valley Conference and has qualified to compete for the NCAA Championship with a leap of 25'08.00.



## Tiger Top 5

1. **Amanda Vaught – pitcher**  
Junior - Physical Therapy  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
Vaught pitched a one-hitter and struck out 10 against Southeast Missouri State on Saturday, March 24.
2. **Chris Howell – sprinter**  
Senior - Southfield, Mich.  
Howell won in both the 100 and 200-meter dash in the Auburn Spring Time Invitational on Friday, March 23. In the 100-meter dash, Howell finished with a time 10.70 seconds and in the 200-meter dash he finished with a time of 21.47 seconds.
3. **Buford Williams – jumps**  
Junior - Human Performance and Sports Science  
Nashville Williams finished second in the long jump with a leap of 23'05.50 at the Auburn Spring Time Invitational on Friday, March 23.
4. **Bridget Metzger – infielder**  
Freshman - Rochelle, Ill.  
Metzger was clutch in the Tigers' sweep of Southeast Missouri State on Saturday, March 23. Metzger finished the day 4 of 5 batting with 2 runs batted in.
5. **Candace Hildebrand – pitcher**  
Senior - Moreno Valley, Calif.  
Hildebrand was the winning pitcher in game one of the Tigers' double header. She also had a big day at the plate going 2 for 3 with an rbi.

## Tiger Sports Calendar

## Tiger Softball

3/28 at Lipscomb (DH) 1 p.m.  
3/31 at Eastern Illinois (DH) 1 p.m.  
4/01 at Eastern Illinois 12 p.m.

## Men and Women's tennis

3/27 vs. Murray State 2:30 p.m.  
4/01 vs. Eastern Illinois 12 p.m.

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