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JOHNSON RESPONDS

President addresses critics, big plans for TSU

By Acquanetta G. Donnell, Jr.
News Editor

In the Thursday Nov. 1 Homecoming issue of *The Meter*, the article, "Some alumni want Johnson out," ran and led to confusion and even some anger from readers. However, now President Melvin N. Johnson is attempting to clear up the negative thoughts that some Memphis alumni have towards him.

According to Johnson, the petitions that were circulated and signed by some alumni and turned into Governor Bredeben do not state what the petitions represent. Generally, if someone is petitioning an issue, the subject of the petition is found at the top of the petition.

"The petitions do not say what (they) represent," Johnson said. "(But) people have the right to express how they feel."

Charles Settle, the president of the

Memphis Alumni Association, said in an e-mail to *The Meter* that the petitions sent were not approved by the alumni association.

"I cannot confirm or deny the petition to remove Dr. Melvin Johnson originated in Memphis, Tenn. I can say that this document is not the official position of the Memphis/Shelby County Chapter," Settle said.

"However, we are solely interested in what



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Melvin N. Johnson

is best for our university. As in any organization, differences are inevitable. Those organizations that can establish a common path are the ones who will succeed. I know Dr. Johnson wants TSU to succeed and so do every alumnus. We have an opportunity to build upon a rich heritage," he continued.

Additional concerns raised by a few of the Memphis alumni were the issues facing the Aeronautical and Industrial Technology major, the university's partnership with International Business Machines and the desegregation Geier case of 1968.

According to Johnson, AIT once had some difficulties, however the department is doing rather well now.

"Consultants were brought in to increase the faculty in the AIT department as well as the research program," Johnson said. "No one was

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Yellowjackets sting Tigers

By LaVonte Young
Senior Staff Writer

TSU Tiger point guard Bruce Price fights for possession of the ball during the TSU vs. Georgia Tech basketball game on yesterday. The Tigers fell short to the Yellow Jackets 99-85.



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets used a huge second half to put the TSU Tigers away 99-85. The Tigers were in the game in the first half with a 39-35 lead. Houston lead the way for the Tigers in the first half with 13 points.

The Big Blue defense kept in the game in the first half holding the Yellow Jackets to 48 percent.

But in the second half the Yellow Jackets offense came alive. The Yellow Jackets out scored the Tigers 64-46 in the second half which blew the game open.

"In the second half our shooting just got going," said Georgia Tech Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

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Early registration begins today

Early registration for spring semester 2008 for currently enrolled students begins Nov. 12 and runs through Dec. 7.

The class schedule is available on WEB and on myTSU only, seven days a week from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. The Bursars office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and cashiers are available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Deadline for tuition payment is Jan. 3, 2008.

Drought hits small town the hardest

The drought in the Southeastern United States means more to those in Orme, Tenn. The residents receive water flow for only three hours each day.

Orme's mountain spring usually dries out at the end of each summer, but this year dried out on Aug. 1. The spring hasn't restored yet, and 145 residents have only the water brought in from the neighboring state.

Everyday at 6 p.m. water is released to the community. They have until 9 p.m. to take care of all laundry, bathing and dish washing needed, until the next day.

Volunteers rotate turns three days

a week to haul 25,000 gallons of water from Bridgeport, Ala.

The water levels are steadily decreasing, as this drought effects 4.5 million people who live in the surrounding area.

Student suspected of murder in Italy

In Perugia, Italy, an American student, and two others were sentenced to remain in jail as suspects to the death of the student's roommate.

Amanda M. Knox, a 20 year-old Seattle native, has been in custody since Tuesday, Nov. 6 along with two other suspects, Raffaele Sollecito, 24, and Diya Lumumba, 38.

British student, Meredith Kersher, 21, was found dead on Nov. 2.

According to Sollecito's lawyer, Luca Maori, Judge Claudia Matteini ruled that there was adequate evidence to keep them in jail as the investigation continues.

Complied by **Jaimee N. Randolph**

News Briefs

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Events Calendar

Monday	Wednesday
L.Y.L.A.S. Festival 11:00am - 2:00pm	Distinguished Speaker: Milton S. Katy 1:00pm FPCC 210
Tuesday	
L.Y.L.A.S. Breakfast Boyd & Watson Hall 7:30-9:00am	Seminar on Professional Ethics 8:15pm Boswell 012
L.Y.L.A.S. Male Appreciation Dinner (Private) 7:00pm	L.Y.L.A.S. "A Woman's Worth" 6:00pm FPCC 210

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Corrections

- In the Nov. 5 issue, Decatur Rogers' name was spelled incorrectly.
- In the Nov. 1 issue Antonio "Big Boi AJ" Benton was not credited as Weetu's manager.

The Meter regrets errors and will continue to bring readers accurate information.

3-day Weather Forecast



Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 72°



Tuesday
Scattered Storms
High: 74°



Wednesday
Showers
High: 72°

source: weather.com

NACWC brings Nikki Giovanni to TSU

By **Acquanetta G. Donnell, Jr.**
News Editor

The National Association of Colored Women's Club Federated Chapter, brought Nikki Giovanni, famous poet, activist, writer and Fisk University professor, to TSU last Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Speaking in front of more than 100 students and faculty in the T. E. Poag Auditorium, Giovanni related the importance of African Americans traveling to Mars and enduring what our ancestors endured while traveling from Africa to the United States.

Because of Giovanni's fascination of space, she said, "I think that we as blacks should want to travel to Mars and experience what our ancestors went through during the middle passages. Going to Mars is just the same as the middle passages in which only African American will be able to understand."

Giovanni went on to explain how out of all of Earth's people, only one group of people have endured to the end; the



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Famous poet Nikki Giovanni speaks to students on Nov. 6 during the National Association of Colored Women's Club week.

Africans.

"Africa was never captured, but it was colonized," Giovanni said. "The cruelty of how the slaves were treated while traveling during the middle passages make people wonder how we made it through those tough times."

For as long as slaves worked for white Americans, they created a numerous amount of things but were never given their full credit. When the slaves began their journey to the United States, a lot of the white Americans wondered how they kept their sanity.

"By, we as African Americans, traveling to space, this would give us a reason to change," Giovanni said. "NASA needs to call African Americans to space."

Many students were interested in what Giovanni had to say and enjoyed the lecture.

Tomeka Soremekun, a junior criminal justice major from Tucson, Ariz., said, "I think we picked a very profound speaker for our week." At the closing of Giovanni's lecture, she finished with a poem she wrote, "Quilting The Black-Eyed Pea."

Jourdan Johnson, a junior psychology major said, "Ms. Giovanni made me realize how important our ancestors are. I am glad I had the opportunity to come and hear her today."

Giovanni admits she had a nice time while visiting TSU.

"TSU is a great university that has great students and has great programs," said Giovanni. "There is no need (for) me to actually give a quote for the paper. TSU does not need any encouragement from me." •

Georgetown professor lectures on intelligence

By **Kimberly E. Chester**
Contributing Reporter

The new \$750,000 project, the TSU Pilot Center for Academic Excellence in Intelligence Studies sparked the interest of a Georgetown University professor, Jan Goldman.

Goldman participated as a guest speaker for the second installment of the 2007 National Security Lecture Series. This lecture took place Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. in room 243 of the Boswell Science Building.

Students of various majors were able to become educated about the different aspects of the United States Intelligence Agencies. Goldman's lecture, What is Intelligence?, explained how there are 16 different agencies who each have their own views of what "Intelligence" is proposing that, "intelligence is the knowledge and foreknowledge of the world around us."

Goldman, though a current writers professor at Georgetown, traveled to Nashville at the simple request to speak

on the subject to students. His hope was that many students would be interested in the lecture due to the new facility, and the lack of diversity in the U.S. Intelligence programs.

Elais Jackson, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Birmingham, Ala., found the lecture very interesting.

"It was interesting. He said a lot of stuff that you normally don't hear about. Definitely not what you would hear on TV," Jackson said.

However, all students were not able to relate to the lecture. Hannah McAdoo, a junior biology pre-med major from Dover, Tenn., said, "It did not grab my attention as much as I thought it would. I wasn't able to fully understand the lecture."

If interested in the program and courses that will be taking place on TSU's campus, a meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in room 412 of Crouch Hall. You may also contact John Miglietta, professor for the College of Arts and Sciences, at ext.5515 for any further information. •



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Professor Jan Goldman enlightens students on "What Is Intelligence?"

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What We Think

Real reporters cover good, bad news

On Nov. 1 *The Meter* ran an article in which several alumni and one TSU professor were critical of TSU's president Melvin N. Johnson. This week we ran President Johnson's response to the questions raised in that article.

As usual when *The Meter* does its job of reporting the opinions and sentiments of all members of the TSU community some people have a problem with it.

What most people don't realize when they make baseless allegations and attacks on *The Meter* are the processes we go through in producing a story. When every one side presents

President Johnson knew that the TSU community needed to hear his side of the issues raised in the article and he did something that we wish all our readers would do; he worked with us. President Johnson provided documentation to support his statements and allotted some of his time to get his side of the story so to speak.

If *The Meter* had an agenda to slander the president or create sensational-

ized journalism as some have suggested we clearly would not have been interested in speaking to Johnson and we are sure had President Johnson thought those were our motives he would not have spoken to us?

The fact is however that there is a reason why *The Meter* has won numerous awards for our work; we do our job to the best of our ability at all times. When we make calls, send emails, or even send out smoke signals not every party involved can get back to us before our publication deadline. For every story no matter how big or small we make every effort to get every single corresponding fact and relevant opinion involved. There have been instances where we have published opinions and statements that we absolutely disagreed with but our job as a journalist is not to only print the news that fits our world view.

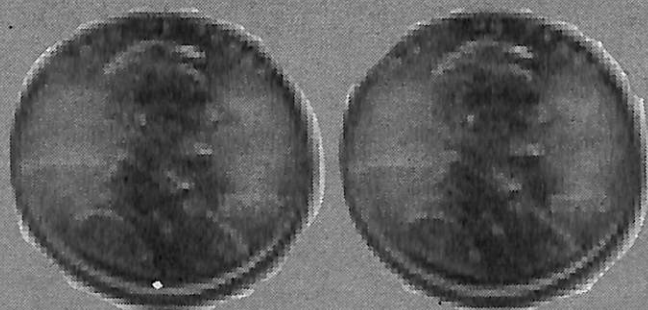
What fact continues to need to be stressed is that the statements in the articles are not the statements of the newspaper staff. We simply report what we are told after doing our due dili-

gence to factually cover the issues raised. Unfortunately time constraints are a factor in our reporting and sometimes individuals we contact for comment or clarification cannot be reached in time.

As we mentioned in our previous editorial it's unfortunate that some individuals who read *The Meter*, don't read the entirety of the articles we produce. In our editorial last week entitled "Ask us questions, but don't question us," it was obvious from the one comment the editorial received that some of our readers don't read the entirety of our work. Rather as studies have shown many news consumers some simply focus on the headline and the first few sentences of an article. While this is common we find it surprising that so many people make comments on the content of this publication when they clearly have not read the article in question.

As we mentioned in the aforementioned editorial we have no problem with people asking us question about our articles and leaving feedback on what they think of the articles. We can't stress

enough the importance for our community to be active consumers of the news rather than passive observers. The truth is members of *The Meter* staff are excited when we receive comments from the community we put hours of work into serving. We appreciate the constructive criticism, tips on how to make our stories better and general comments. What we as student journalist won't accept are people challenging our journalistic integrity and intentions. We look at *The Meter* and journalism itself as a medium of community service. The vast majority of *Meter* staffers are not paid anything at all and those of us who do receive stipends are underpaid. Yet we continue to do our best to make sure that we accurately report the highlights and the lowlights of the TSU community. It's not out of need for acclaim or compensation rather it's out of our love for our community and our desire to make it as informed as possible of all the events affecting it. •



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Divided we continue to fall



Cara Anthony
Editor in Chief

FROM WHERE I SIT

I feel that there is a lack of unity and respect among the TSU community. This weakness can be seen through a number of organizations on campus. The student body is not connected, and the time has come for us to help each other.

Sadly, I believe even Greek organizations fall under this category of disconnection. It is possible for these organizations to embrace their differences, but also have reverence for others that do not wear the same colors, or share the same beliefs that they do.

This past week, I witnessed true black unity at MTSU during their homecoming festivities. At the step show, the togetherness of their Greeks and entire student body was evident. Each group that performed seemed to have respect from their competitors. While each organization performed, there was silence.

Everyone cheered for all groups and there was no disrespect throughout the entire competition.

Demographically, African Americans make up the majority at TSU; however, we do not take advantage of the power we have combined. At traditionally white colleges, African American students are more likely to join together because they are the minority; TSU is the opposite. Instead of feeling like we all need to stick together, black students tend to compete against each other and divide amongst themselves.

I do believe in competition because it forces people to strive for greatness; however, competition should not remove the sense of connection among students.

Normally I would not take the time to address something as simple as a step show, but I believe that the issues connected to the step show need to be confronted. Apparently there is a debate going on about who really won the TSU's homecoming step show. This argument is a waste of time and only reveals an internal problem among Greeks and the student body as a whole.

The problem is clear; we do not sup-

port each other. I believe that the lack of support will eventually have not only a negative impact on the student body but on our university's image. Sabotaging events, fighting and spreading rumors are examples or actions that will attribute to our downfall.

The student body needs to drop their differences and join together. Friendly rivalries concerning who leads the university with community service, or who has the highest grade point average are okay; however, debates concerning who won a step show or even who throws the best parties should be put to rest.

Members of all campus organizations should remember the goals and ideals that their organizations were founded upon. Not only should campus organizations reevaluate their purpose, but students should understand why they join organizations in the first place.

Sports teams, sisterhoods, brotherhoods and other extracurricular groups should take advantage of the power that they have as an organization, but also as a collective campus.

Depending on whether or not they decide to use their power wisely, organi-

zations could influence the student body to become proactive by helping the community or dedicating their time to becoming a true scholar.

This type of power should not be used for evil nor should organizations set a bad example for the student body.

I charge organizations to reconcile their differences and realize the impact they could make on our campus if they could just join together in harmony. The last thing black America needs is a HBCU that is divided. •

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My passion versus my profession



Brian C. Browley
Managing Editor

FROM WHERE I STAND

On Thursday Nov. 6, I found myself for lack of better word and in an understatement conflicted. I was conflicted between my professional obligations and my own selfish desires.

After finishing my first two classes I was tying up a few loose ends when AVP Dorothy Lockridge came into *The Meter* office and told myself and Senior Staff Reporter Lavonte Young that *New York Times* columnist William C. Rhoden would be coming to TSU to speak as part of the university's Distinguished Lecturer Series at 1:00. She also told Young and me that we would be able to interview Rohan after his presentation.

Now the journalist in me was geeked, but the writer/English major in me was torn. For those of you who are not aware

in addition to Rhoden TSU had another speaker on campus that day; renown poet Nikki Giovanni. As an English major I of course was familiar with Giovanni's work but I'd also always found Giovanni an enthralling personality and I was anticipating hearing her opinion on whatever topics she was ready to discuss. I wasn't the only one on the campus who was excited about hearing Giovanni speak.

My friend and fellow *Meterite*, the ethereal M. Joy Hayes, had told me a when we first met that her favorite poem was Giovanni's *Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day* so I knew that she and several other of my close friends and fellow *Meterites* would be in attendance and that event would be well covered.

I couldn't say the same about Rhoden. I knew that if I had no idea he was coming to TSU that it was probably true for a good part of the student body.

I wasn't familiar with Rhoden and his work until I saw him on the Sports Reporters on ESPN a few years back. That was before Rhoden wrote his 2006 book "Forty Million Dollar Slaves: The

Rise, Fall, and Redemption of the Black Athlete." He talked about the book and its premise on one of my favorite shows, "Quite Frankly with Stephen A. Smith" last August. While I hadn't had the chance to read the entire book I was very familiar with the premise of the book and was excited at the opportunity to ask him a host of questions.

Additionally Rhoden was in a position I wanted to be in; a respected journalist for one of the most read and highly respected papers in the United States. Ultimately, I knew what I had to do. My profession won out over my passion. While I would have loved to have been able to fit seeing both Rhoden and Giovanni into my day the fact was that I had to choose. The fact was that as a journalist and Managing Editor of *The Meter* staff the TSU community need to know about Rhoden's visit just as much as Giovanni's.

I wasn't disappointed with my decision. After Rhoden's speech Young and I were able to talk to him for over an hour. He gave us numerous tips on his experi-

ences as a journalist and his work process, things that I'm sure both of us have already been able to put to use. Perhaps the best tip I took from him about being a journalist is that we write the first draft of history.

So while I may not have gotten as many laughs and finger snaps as I would have if I saw Giovanni, as the Robert Frost poem says, "I took the road less traveled," and taking my job seriously I was able to write one small passage in TSU history that might otherwise not have been covered. Taking that less traveled road made all the difference that day in a good way. Besides Giovanni's down the street at Fisk, I'm sure I'll be seeing her soon. •

To hear Browley and
Young's interview
with
William C. Rhoden
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ONLINE FEEDBACK

Head of engineering resigns amid controversy

Anonymous

Posted 11/05/07 @ 9:34 AM CST

Charles Kettering

"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."

I guess Dean said it correctly, that the President can "...build his team as he wants it..." It's the same as in Politics, and the same reason that we re-elect every so often.

I think the current Dean has both pros and cons. I'm excited though to see who the new Dean will be, and hopefully that person can exceed all expectations and take the School of Engr to a new all-time high.

I commend Dean Rogers for his dedication and commitment to the school for his entire tenure, and wish him the best of luck whether he continues at TSU or plans to move on.

TSUEE

Posted 11/07/07 @ 11:42 PM CST

It's time. Dean Rogers' has literally watched "thousands" of students come and go. I think/hope that by now he's achieved whatever goals he had planned. I could go into other reasons on why he should be leaving, ...but why? I think that most have been patiently waiting for some new direction. Hopefully, the best possible candidate will be selected to fill this huge void. We'll(Alumni) be watch-

ing closely!

God Bless!

We are continuously proud of our TSU family!!! Keep up the good work! TSU BSEE '94

Maurice

Posted 11/08/07 @ 9:11 PM CST

Dean's been responsible for a lot of careers in the field of engineering. My prayers are with him.

Some Memphis Alumni want Johnson out

Hodari P.T. Brown

Posted 11/01/07 @ 12:40 AM CST

This story seems very catchy but it seems to be missing a lot of bits and pieces in terms of why was the opportunity with IBM cut off. Who from IBM can confirm that TSU was cut off? Secondly, who from the Governor's office can confirm that such a meeting took place and that the Governor didn't give TSU any money because President Johnson gave a presentation? Also who from the Department of Engineering can confirm that paper work was sent to President Johnson to confirm the acceptance of new professors into the Engineering department because reports out of the AIT department is that the Dean of the College of Engineering was holding up the hires of new employees by allowing the paperwork to sit on his desk for several days so no new people

could be hired. Lastly, it seems like this story was rushed to the press without really giving the President office or his legal counsel the opportunity or a chance to respond because everyone knows it is Homecoming Week and the President has tons of things on his plate during this week.

Now it is understandable for the alumni chapter of Memphis to be upset but at the same time, the story could have been more effective if you got the opinions of more alumni such as members of the National Alumni Association Executive Board particularly the President of the TSU Alumni Association Dr. Ada Jackson. I just feel that the story is really lacking a lot of bits and pieces and a follow up is needed to confirm a lot of this story because it seems to me like a lot of here say and not confirmed facts. I am not saying that Dr. Richardson doesn't have accurate facts but there should be more people besides him who can confirm what he is saying is true. Thus this is story has a lot allegations and it seems to me like a bitter employee is just mad now because if I am not mistaken Dr. Richardson was advisor to the President on the Grier Decree but there isn't no mention of that in the story in terms of what his advisement was in.

Thus I strongly suggest that this story is really revised and looked at farther. So I will be reading the Meter to see a follow up because these are some damag-

ing allegations that so far have no true confirmation to it in terms of IBM or the Governor's office confirming any of what was said.

Thus where's a quote from an IBM representative or someone from the Governor's office?

John Little

Posted 11/01/07 @ 11:46 AM CST

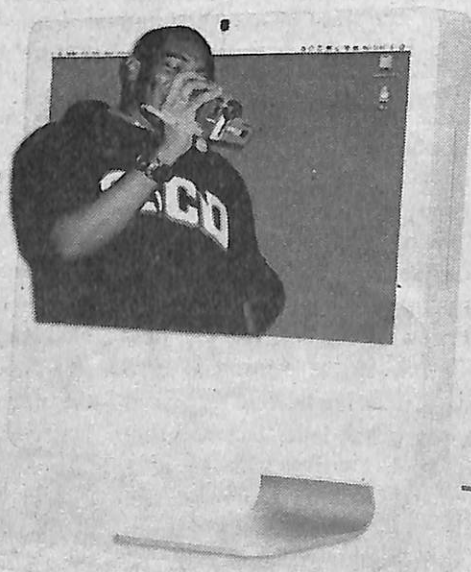
I agree. Although there are some truths in this story, it seems very bias and doesn't include both sides. If I were writing this story I would have gotten information from the national and even the Nashville Alumni chapter just to see if the stories match up.

TSU Freshman

Posted 11/03/07 @ 4:27 AM CST

Maybe I am missing the whole point but is this article just the opinions of a couple of some Memphis alumni. It's not the whole alumni chapter. It is the opinions of a employee of TSU and some alumni from Memphis. I don't think the publication is targeting our president. They just reported that a petition is being signed to remove the president. Heck there are thousands upon thousands of petitions sign by numerous issues around the world and they bring about nothing. It doesn't mean that he is going to remove. Maybe I am just naive but I don't see it as libel.

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Johnson: I'm in it for the students

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let go from the department.

"I was brought to the university to make changes. Sometimes, you have to change things," Johnson continued.

When the department was having problems and was short on faculty, recommended persons applied for the position, however, they were not qualified. Johnson said in an e-mail to *The Meter*, however, that due to his administration's "commitment of support to the program, accreditation was affirmed."

Byron Boggan, a senior electrical engineering major from Detroit said, "(a)lthough AIT had a few difficulties, President Johnson made sure that the department maintained their great reputation by getting more faculty in the department."

The partnership with IBM has been an ongoing partnership for more than three years now, and Johnson plans to maintain a relationship with the company.

"I think that it is great that we partner with such a prestigious business," said Tiffany Currie, a junior business major from Detroit. "Once I graduate from this prominent university, I can one day go on to work for IBM."

IBM has indicated a desire to enhance the collaboration with TSU. IBM is interested in physical sciences and compu-

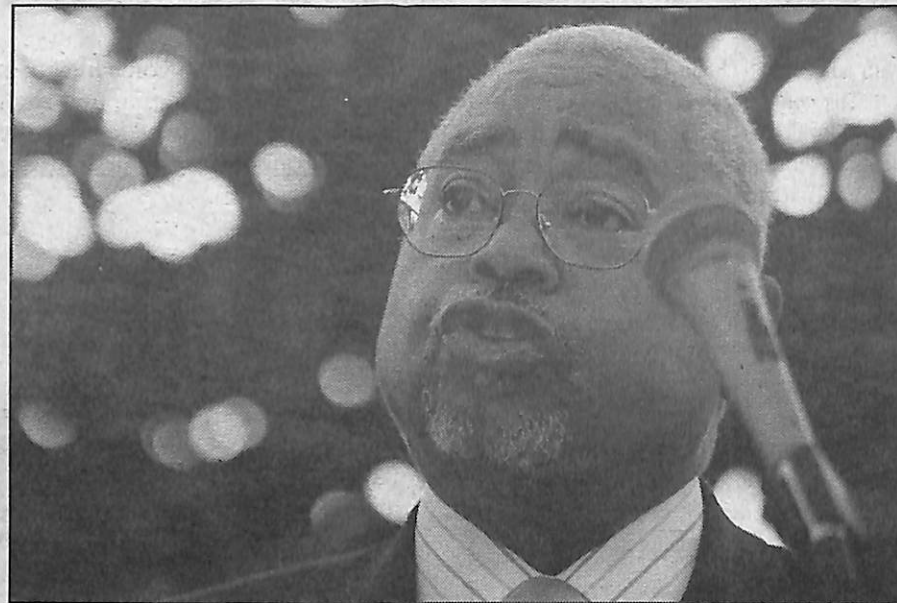


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Melvin N. Johnson addresses incoming freshmen at the 2007 New Student Induction Ceremony.

tational sciences, and TSU will have the opportunity to be the first HBCU entering into a collaborative partnership with Johnson. In an e-mail to *The Meter*, Johnson said IBM has "requested a meeting...to discuss expansion and additional resources for student exposure, access and experience."

The last issue in which many alumni were concerned with was the desegregation Geier case of 1968.

Also in the Nov. 1 issue of *The Meter*,

the article stated that some of Johnson's critics felt TSU didn't receive any money from Governor Bredesen from the Geier desegregation case for the land grant that federally supported agricultural research and extension. However, the university received all monies that were requested for the land grant and also for another program at the university, according to Senate bill number 2334.

In a copy of the bill, TSU's agricultural center was to receive \$521,700

for the TSU McMinnville Center and \$2,000,000 for the TSU Agricultural Research and Extension. In total TSU received \$2,521,700 from Geier funds. These funds were set along with federal land grant college appropriations funds to give TSU \$4,100,000.

TSU also received an extra \$2,000,000 for K-4 math teachers' professional development at historically black colleges and universities.

In addition to the state and federal funds the university has received, Johnson has touted some of the accomplishments the university has made since his time at TSU.

Two of TSU's latest hires are former Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell, who joined TSU as interim dean for TSU's College of Public Service and Urban Affairs and former state Supreme Court Justice, Adolpho A. Birch, who became the university's first Distinguished Chair in Law Justice and Policy in the Institute of Government.

"When you begin to make changes, their will be some people that will support you and their will be some that will not support you," Johnson said. "I think that TSU is an outstanding institution. The quality of the students and faculty are just great (and) I am in it for the students," Johnson said with a smile. •

Rising Junior Exam a mystery to many

By Marco McKinley
Contributing Reporter

Many students attending TSU are not aware of what the Rising Junior Exam is and when to take the required exam. Yet students are not allowed to receive a degree if the exam has not been taken.

The ETS Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress Standard Form is the test used as the Rising Junior Examination. Students should take this test when they have completed 51 to 60 semester hours and have satisfied the general education requirements for their major so they can be admitted to upper division studies in their major.

"Last year, we had to have 42 students return to the university to take the Rising Junior Exam because they had failed to take the exam. Therefore, they could not graduate when they expected to," said Associate Vice President for

Academic Affairs Ken Looney. "Many of the students did not even know what the test consisted of."

The test consists of 108 multiple-choice questions, and requires approximately one hour and 40 minutes. The MAPP focuses on college-level reading, writing, critical thinking and mathematics skills.

The questions do not require recall of specific facts; instead, the items consist of passages, tables, graphs, etc. that are followed by objective questions. The content included in the items is taken equally from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

"I am a junior and I have not been informed on what the test is and I don't even know how much the test cost(s) to take," said Melissa Harper, a junior physical therapy major from Nashville. "I have only heard of the senior exit exam."

There is no fee for TSU students to take the Rising Junior Examination.

You should discuss with your advisor the appropriate semester in which to take the exam and have your advisor register you online.

To prepare for the Rising Junior Exam students may go to the TSU Virtual Learning Center or link to ETS for sample questions.

"I don't really want to take the test because I don't know what the university use(s) the results for," said Kerstin Small, a sophomore biology major from Memphis.

The university uses the exam as a reliable test that assess the reading, writing, math and critical thinking skills of students graduating with degrees. The exam measures the learning outcomes and the effectiveness of the course materials.

The test was administered in the Forum of the Floyd Payne Campus Center five times between Oct. 1 and Nov. 7. It is scheduled to be administered four more

times this semester from Nov. 15 to Dec. 3.

Scores from the Rising Junior Examination will be transmitted to your SIS record approximately six weeks after you take the test, and your advisor will help you understand your MAPP scores relative to your readiness for upper division coursework.

"Results of the test are summarized and reported for the total group of students tested," Looney said. "You will need at least 50 valid results to generate the accurate scores and numbers of the TSU students taking the test."

RISING JUNIOR EXAM TEST DATES REMAINING THIS SEMESTER

Thursday Nov. 15 8:30 a.m. Forum
Friday Nov. 16 1 p.m. Forum
Tuesday Nov. 27 8:30 a.m. Forum
Monday Dec. 3 4 p.m. Forum

TSU student brings back national title

By **Rechelle Jackson**
Staff Reporter

Melvin Williams attended the 17th annual National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAHP) Conference looking to network with other honors students around the globe. In addition to all the knowledge he gained, he also walked away with the Mr. NAAHP title, making him the first from TSU.

Williams, a sophomore psychology major from Memphis, did much preparing for his campaign, and it proved him well.

"I made sure that my application was submitted prior to the deadline and enlisted the help of purpose driven individuals who would teach me the techniques needed to win the popular vote," Williams said via email.

The conference, held at the University of Maryland Eastern Shores began in 1990 at Morehouse College in Atlanta and has grown ever since then.

Sandra Holt, university honors program director and newly appointed Coordinator of Graduate School Program, said "the purpose of the conference was to provide academically gifted students with the opportunity to network and compete

with other HBCU honors program(s)."

The conference also focused on personal development and allowed all students to showcase their talents in a number of different areas ranging from speaking to quiz competitions.

Holt is now in charge of recruiting graduate schools to bring to next years' conference, which will be hosted by TSU. She has embraced her new role and does not see a challenge in her responsibilities.

"It is not so difficult to get graduate schools to come because they have the opportunity to meet the best and brightest African American students in one place," she said.

Williams competed against four other males for his title. He is now an official recruitment ambassador, meaning he will work closely with the advisory board to plan a successful conference for next year. He has many plans for the future of the association but admits he will not complete any task without having passion for it.

"My goals for the future are to continue to showcase my love for Tennessee State University, University Honors Program and NAAHP, establish a career in higher education and lead a purpose driven life," he said.

Williams continued to voice his goals for the future of the association and said, "I plan to effectively transfer love to the organization through a strong demonstra-



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Melvin Williams

tion of ownership. I also plan to institute sessions and social events that will provide students with an out of body experience that will impact their daily lives."

Holt said students interested in competing for an office in next years' conference should submit the proposals dictated by the national office early.

TSU's honors program also walked away with a second place victory from the quiz bowl team and four students, Cherly Bailey, Tristian Brown, Danielle Townsend and Darnell Towns, presented papers on their international travel.

Williams' favorite quote to live by is: "the only thing standing between greatness and me is me."

He admits that the University Honors Program is his motivation in everyday life. "(School) pushes me to strive for excellence in all forms of life, and the program never allows for me to be complacent in my success," he said.

When thinking of the future Holt acknowledged that the conference can only get better.

"The new board of officers and all the honors directors and students will make sure that it continues to grow and nurture our students," Holt said.

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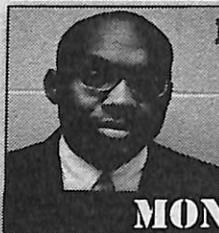
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**M. Antonio Silas**Business & Technology
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Plan to leave a legacy with TSU

The Talented Tenth Tour graced our campus a few weeks back, and before then I had never pondered the questions asked by Tavis Smiley such as: "What is your legacy? How will you be remembered?"

Smiley, a well-known broadcaster, writer, advocate and social and political commentator, came and spoke about many topics that needs to be addressed amongst many college students.

It is obvious that as college students we are all working towards graduation, but besides the obvious student should think on what mark they would leave on their institution.

Regardless of major, students should start making plans now for what they want to do with their futures. We can never really plan for the future so to speak, but we can at least have an idea about where we are going.

Having a plan for life is similar to having a business plan (I know any business majors reading this can attest to the fact) in that it consists of four parts: planning your business, starting your business, managing your business and planning your exit.

Dictionary.com defines legacy as "anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor" Coming to college is the beginning of that life plan for some and a vessel for deciding what their stakes in business will be for most.

Regardless of what it is students want to do, strive for the best in all endeavors. It brings students one step closer to solidifying placement in time as an innovator or trailblazer in respective fields.

When planning for greatness, keep in mind that the road is never straightforward or easy, and there are no detours. I use the term "greatness" in place of "success" because, in the words of Mr. Smiley, "It's not about being successful; it's about being great."

Stock market shopping for students

By M. Antonio Silas
Business & Technology Editor

The stock market is commonly viewed by many individuals as a way for upper-classed individuals to cash in on business ventures. A majority of college students may be turned off from learning about the stock market because they feel it requires a large amount of money to actually get started. George Putnam told readers to buy Apple in 2003 when it was traded for only \$7.82. If readers had followed his advice, they would have turned \$7,800 invested four years ago into \$190,000 today.

Below are SIX stocks that can be purchased for under \$10. Future buyers may want to look into purchasing these.

•**Denny's**

(Nasdaq: **DENN**) -- \$4.45

Revenue fell by 6.5% compared with last year but that was the result of selling nearly two dozen company-owned locations to franchisees.

•**LeapFrog Enterprises**

(NYSE: **LF**) -- \$7.07

Recent losses weren't pretty, but due to holiday season the losses have narrowed substantially.

•**Pier 1 Imports**

(NYSE: **PIR**) -- \$4.81

The company is cleaning house by shaving costs, replacing costly television ad campaigns with targeted mailings and taking chances with

what it stocks in its stores in hope to thrive again.

•**Back Yard Burgers**

(Nasdaq: **BYBI**) -- \$6.48

\$6.50 cash buyout price. The deal should close on Monday, but don't be surprised if another target extension creeps in.

•**Haverty**

(NYSE: **HVT**) -- \$8.25

Haverty closed every quarter in the black, (good side) this millennium until posting a loss during this year's second quarter. The skies haven't cleared at Haverty, but at least it managed to pull itself out of the red (bad area) rather quickly.

•**Tuesday Morning**

(Nasdaq: **TUES**) -- \$7.75

The retailer is now looking to earn between \$0.85 and \$0.90 a share for the year as long as comps are at least flat -- though they could go as high as 1.5%.

These aren't the only stocks that can purchase for a lower price than most, so make sure to investigate before making purchases.

Be sure to implement these tips on the stock market when buying and investing in stocks. These simple guidelines could save a lot of pain, time and money in the long run

•Before buying stocks do research, analyze the pros and cons of different companies and industries. These are very important determinants on how to purchase stocks. Be sure to read about different industries

and how their profits are made and lost. The way a company operates can be an indicator of how they operate in the stock market.

•Determine the behavior of the stock, or volatility. When investing in a particular stock, make sure to watch it very closely. Short losses could equal large returns in the long run, so be educated before you investing in it.

•Research the return and risk of a stock. There is always some risk in investing in a stock. Make sure to know what this risk is before putting money into it.

•Consider the option of hedging, the complete process of analyzing and determining the necessary steps to be taken on a single stock. Different steps have to be taken in order to fully utilize different stocks. Make sure to take all of these steps into account when working with respective stocks.

•Determine ahead of time how much money is prepared to be lost. While it may be somewhat of a pessimistic thought, it is a realistic one. Nothing in the stock market is guaranteed and its climate is impossible to anticipate.

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Sony reports profit increase

Sony Corporation has announced its financial results for the second fiscal quarter of 2007, showing an overall revenue growth year-on-year of 12.3 percent.

However, while the corporation made an operating profit of USD 787 million during the quarter, up from a loss of USD 182 million last year, the games division's losses doubled in the same period.

Although revenues, largely down to the sales of the PlayStation 3 and the PlayStation Portable Slim and Lite, jumped 43 percent to USD 2.1 billion, last year's operating loss of USD 381 million more than doubled to USD 841 million.

According to sonyentertainment.com, Sony attributed the loss primarily to "the strategic pricing of PS3 at points lower than its production cost and the increase in PS3-related inventory write-

downs recorded during the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year."

That inventory value now stands at USD 2.2 billion, up 31 percent on last year, and the result of the "build-up of finished goods inventory following the introduction of the PS3 platform in Japan, North America and Europe."

Additionally, while sales of the PlayStation 3 have now hit 1.31 million units globally during the last quarter, with PS3 software sales reaching 10.3 million units, sales of PlayStation 2 hardware is down four percent year-on-year, with PS2 software unit sales falling by around a quarter.

The PSP is still going strong, with over half a million units sold this quarter than in the same period last year, although

software sales for the handheld dropped by around five percent in that time.

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Sony Continues to video game market domination

Technology giant Microsoft has announced revenue of \$13.76 billion for the quarter which ended Sept. 30, 2007. A 27 percent increase over the same period last year. Profits were up to \$4.29 billion from \$3.48 billion in 2006.

The revenue of the Entertainment and Devices Division, under which the Xbox 360 as well as the Zune and Windows Mobile increased 91 percent to \$1.92 billion. According to Microsoft, PC and console game revenue in the quarter increased \$895 million, or 148 percent,

with some of the huge gains driven by Halo 3, which contributed around \$330 million of revenue in that time frame.

However, hardware also helped the company's revenues, as Microsoft shipped 1.8 million Xbox 360 units in the quarter, compared to 0.9 million in the same quarter last year. This led to a profit for the division of \$165 million, compared to a \$142 million loss last year.

Microsoft did blame the Xbox 360 for increased costs. They noted that there was a 99 percent increase in cost in revenue, or \$584 million, primarily related to sales of the console, inventory write-downs and most notably the warranty costs brought on by the console's technical issues. In addition, sales and marketing expenses increased \$49 million or 23 percent primarily related to Xbox 360, including Halo 3, and Zune.

Patrick Comer •

New technology may out-date flash drives

Alyssa Clark
Staff Reporter

According to a recent article from pcworld.com a new technology could do what the USB jumpdrive did to the 3.5 floppy disk and Zip disk. Arizona State University's Center for Applied Nanoionics has developed a new technique for storing memory that could lead to flash memory becoming unneeded.

ASU claims that a programmable metallization cell (PMC) could be a 1,000 times more efficient than existing flash memory and could also enable devices like USB drives to greatly increase the memory of digital cameras, MP3 players and laptops.

Many students throughout TSU's campus use the flash memory and feel as though it is a great advantage.

"Updating the flash drive would be a great idea," said Courtney Van Dyke a sophomore business administration major from Chicago.

However, some students disagree and believe that flash memory is a waste of money. Even the most expensive flash memory is susceptible to eventually failing due to its use of floating gate transistor

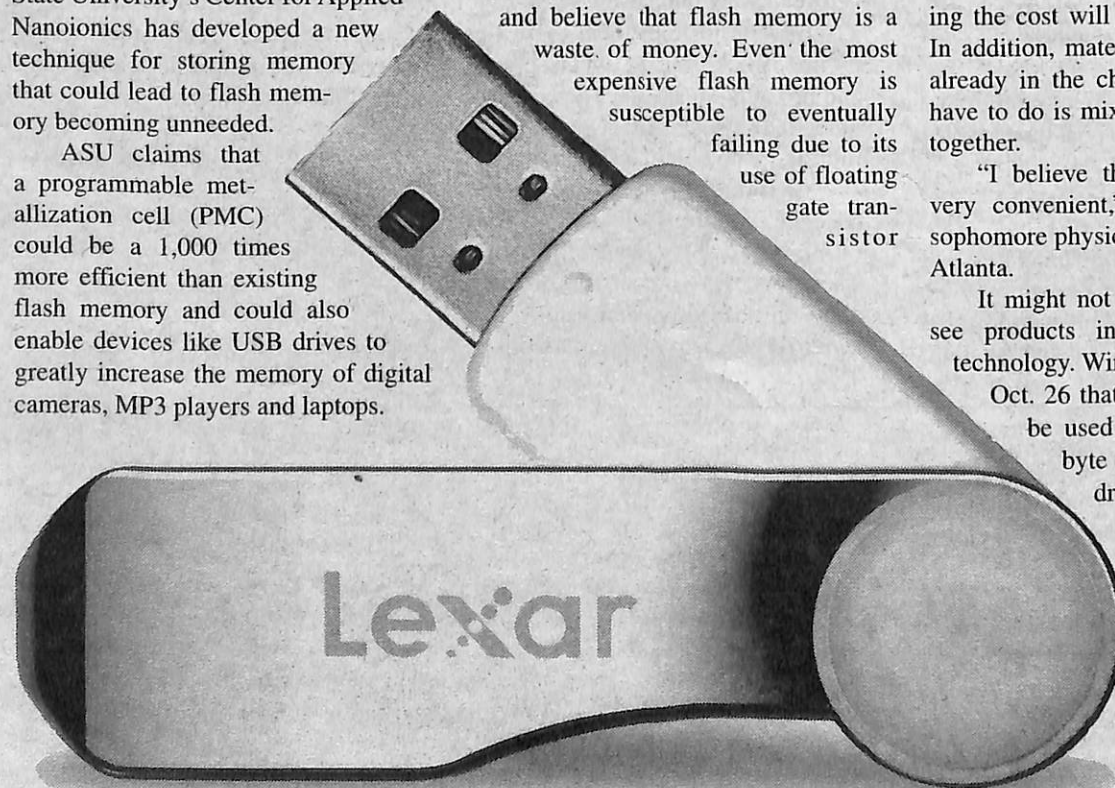
that will eventually fail after constantly writing and rewriting information.

"I think that a regular disk is better than a flash drive," said Alyscia Parker a sophomore pre dental major from Chicago. "Mine never works."

This new technique can be used on existing conventional storage, meaning the cost will not be too expensive. In addition, materials that are used are already in the chips so all one would have to do is mix the two technologies together.

"I believe that the PMC will be very convenient," said Ian Branch a sophomore physical therapy major from Atlanta.

It might not be long before we see products incorporating the new technology. Wired.com reported on Oct. 26 that the technology could be used to create a one terabyte (100 gigabytes) jumpdrive. Estimates show the first commercial product could be within 18 months. PMC has already attracted interest from several companies including Micron Technology, Samsung, Sony and IBM.



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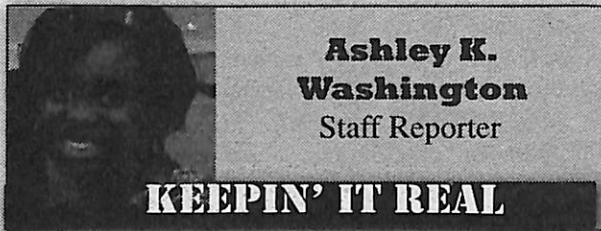
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Staff Reporter

KEEPIN' IT REAL

Campus Police should respect students, student media

Everyone knows that TSU's police department is supposed to uphold the laws, rules and regulations of the university they serve. Somehow here at TSU not all of the 'officers' know how to talk to people.

After taking what was thought as the proper protocol for video coverage of the Homecoming concert featuring Lloyd, Lil' Wayne and Yung Joc, I was approached by an officer who claimed to be the head of security.

The officer proceeded to use profane language and force when it was clearly unnecessary.

While I made an honest attempt at not losing my cool, I struggled to talk to the officer and let him know that I had been cleared by whom I had originally believed to be head of security for the event.

When it was uncovered that I had authorization, I was not greeted with an apology or any other form of remorse on the part of the officer. Never mind that I was taken to the wrong person but instead a loud and forceful supposed law official screaming, "I am head of security and I didn't clear you to do anything. Now you need to get the f**k from back here!"

Not once was I told that I was sent to the wrong person, nor was I told that whatever officer I talked to earlier in the day steered me in the wrong direction. Instead, I was faced with anger and the actions of a

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PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Senior Ashley Washington tries to explain to Officer Perry her reasons for being able to video the 2007 Homecoming Concert.

TSU comedian tickles campus

By Ashley K. Washington
Staff Reporter

From the Battle of the Residence Halls to the Black Diamond Awards, Marcus "Money Mark" Fairbanks is taking the time to put his name to the funny face of TSU. The senior general business major from Chattanooga, Tenn., is all about making people laugh.

"I have been funny since birth. I came out the womb cracking jokes," Fairbanks said.

The journey to humorous fame for Fairbanks started in the family. He credits his entire family for being naturally very funny people.

"My whole family is funny. I am the lamest family member.... Just playing, none of them are funnier than me but they are funny," Fairbanks said in between laughs.

He hopes that breaking into comedy professionally will be what allows him to give his mother anything she wants.

He plans to pass his "legacy" on to his younger brother here at TSU, Dawit Fairbanks, who is a staff member of WTST—The Blaze, TSU's campus radio station, and is a featured voice on popular shows, Sic Mindz Radio and Barbie's World with Adrienne Stewart.

Sic Mindz Radio is the brain-child of Fairbanks and is used as a primary source for the campus to hear his outlandish brand of humor and his other show Money Mark's Checking Session gets rave reviews for its side-splitting antics.

"He helps me work on material for my (radio) show. I must admit he is funny," said the younger Fairbanks.

After watching his favorite

comedian, Chris Rock, in the movie "Down to Earth" and comedian Rodman, Fairbanks realized that comedy is what he wanted to do with his life.

He plans to move to Los Angeles, Calif., after his graduation in May of 2008. He also plans to conduct more comedy skits and stand up here at TSU and around Nashville. Before facing his own inner-comedian, he had to first work on not being such a clown in class.

"That is where I got all my practice in," Fairbanks said. "(D)uring class when I should have been paying attention, I was acting up."

He soon got his act together and was able to make it into college.

After becoming a student at TSU in 2003, Fairbanks began to work with Erkk's Doghouse on WTST. After only being allowed to talk for a few minutes at a time and starting from the bottom of the stations pole, he now has his own radio shows, Sic Mindz Radio, which airs every Tuesday from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Money Mark's Checking Session for those who want to talk about one another every Wednesday from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Now Money Mark is a regular host of the weekly events at the courtyard among various other events around the city.

The show was the only place he was allowed his creative freedom until he was given the opportunity to host the Battle of the Residence Halls and the Black Diamond Awards during Homecoming Week 2007.

"It took five years to host my first TSU event because of course I am not Greek, or in any major organization. Even though I like the Kappa kick they do all the time and

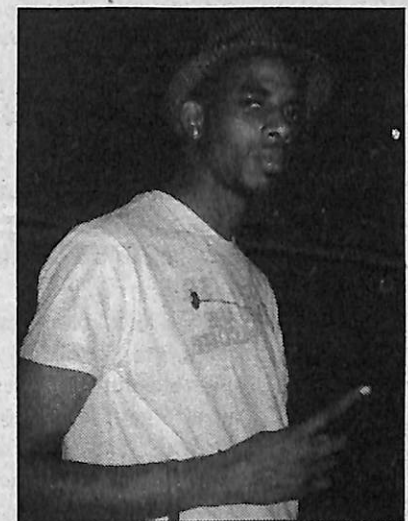


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Marcus "Money Mark" Faribanks

the Kappa Tea Party, I ain't trying to get down, they too sexy for me," Fairbanks said with a grin.

With people such as Kobie Randolph and DJ Crisis in his life as inspiration, Fairbanks continues in the path for success.

Fairbanks raves about their dedication, "Kobie and Crisis must go with me when I become famous. They are the ones that are really just trying to help me with this comedy thing. They see my potential."

When asked about why he didn't host more events on campus, Fairbanks confessed that he didn't want people to get tired of seeing him.

Others around him understand where he is coming from and want to follow in his footsteps. Trevor Blue, a freshman communications major from Brooklyn, N.Y., confessed to being a fan even though he works with Fairbanks at WTST.

"Money Mark shows me a lot of love," Blue said. "He makes me want to do better on my show because his show is so funny. He is so humble but he stays hungry [for the attention.] He's gonna make people stop sleeping on him."*

"He's gonna make people stop sleeping on him."

-Trevor Blue

Famous poet visits the yard, deserves praise

By Gregory Brand, Jr.
Arts & Culture Editor

On Nov. 6 famed poet and professor Nikki Giovanni, made an appearance at TSU in an effort to greet the campus and share a portion of her life to all that would listen. The result was an hour-long ride with a woman that is both a visionary and an inspiration.

She spent her time with the campus discussing life and living in today's world. She also made a point to share the experiences and situations that led her to where she is today.

After warning students to understand that she would be a little 'crunk' to conservative ears since she considers herself an 'old rebel,' she also gave advice to students. Her advice was equal parts hilarious fun and thought-provoking wisdom.

Yolanda Cornelia 'Nikki' Giovanni began her career in the late 1960s as a writer of poetry that sought to release her own personal accounts of the African American struggle in America.

All poets and artists that would dare to stand on a stage for a poetry night or even engage in slam poetry readings owe



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Nikki Giovanni

a great debt of gratitude to Giovanni and the raw expression that slides out of her work. Emotions fly free from her work as a result others can be moved to change.

The fact that much of her published books and poetry were inspired by the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, has made her a legend among readers of feminist and anti-racism poetry.

Her early books of published work, included *Black Feeling*, *Black Talk*, *Black Judgement* and *Re: Creation*, and show echoes of her political stance at the height of social injustice in the 1960s and 1970s.

Though she continued to author new works, in the time shortly after she became a conduit in the struggle against racial and social conflict, she gave birth to her son. When he arrived, the fight against racism that had been the head of her life took a backseat to her new focus—motherhood.

She later took back her pen and began to do more work than ever before. She has since added nearly 30 books to her name that include several volumes of poetry, children's books and three essay collections.

Giovanni is a deeply expressive artist in her work and in her life. Her poetry delves deep into the collective psyche and springs forth fruit that gives validation and peace of mind to the people able to read and relate to her work.

In a display of how timeless she

has managed to make herself, she took a liking to the artistry of landmark emcee Tupac Shakur and penned the classic *Love Poems* in memory of him. She even got his trademark tattoo "Thug Life" tattooed on her arm.

As times continued, Giovanni was able to sustain her voice and popularity long after the fire for racial and political revolution had dimmed to an ember. But she was also stricken with lung cancer in this time period. Lung cancer would also be the culprit that claimed the lives of her mother and elder sister in 2005. She had since had surgery and is in remission.

In 1987, Giovanni began teaching writing and literature at Virginia Technological University and has remained there as a permanent fixture since then. She was even working there when the Virginia Tech Massacre claimed 33 lives on April 16, 2007. She had been a professor of the student responsible for the killing but prior to the attack, had him removed from her roster.

Currently she is still working and writing and is teaching at her alma mater, Fisk University. Still filled with poetic fire and a love for life, she continues to work at filling the void left by injustice. •

Respect The Architect

Campus officers are not required to be friendly

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power-drunk individual. After this episode, my level of respect for TSUPD has drastically changed.

Like a responsible student, I went to the Chief of Police for the campus and I was basically told that I was wrong for arguing with campus police and told that I should have been arrested.

At the same time she did say that the officer was wrong in his approach but ended up reaffirming that the officer had the right as an officer to do what he wanted to do, which led me to my next question.

Why are the students talked to in a manner that makes it seem like the officers of our beloved institution do not value us? Are we supposed to accept that they are just doing their job regardless of how they

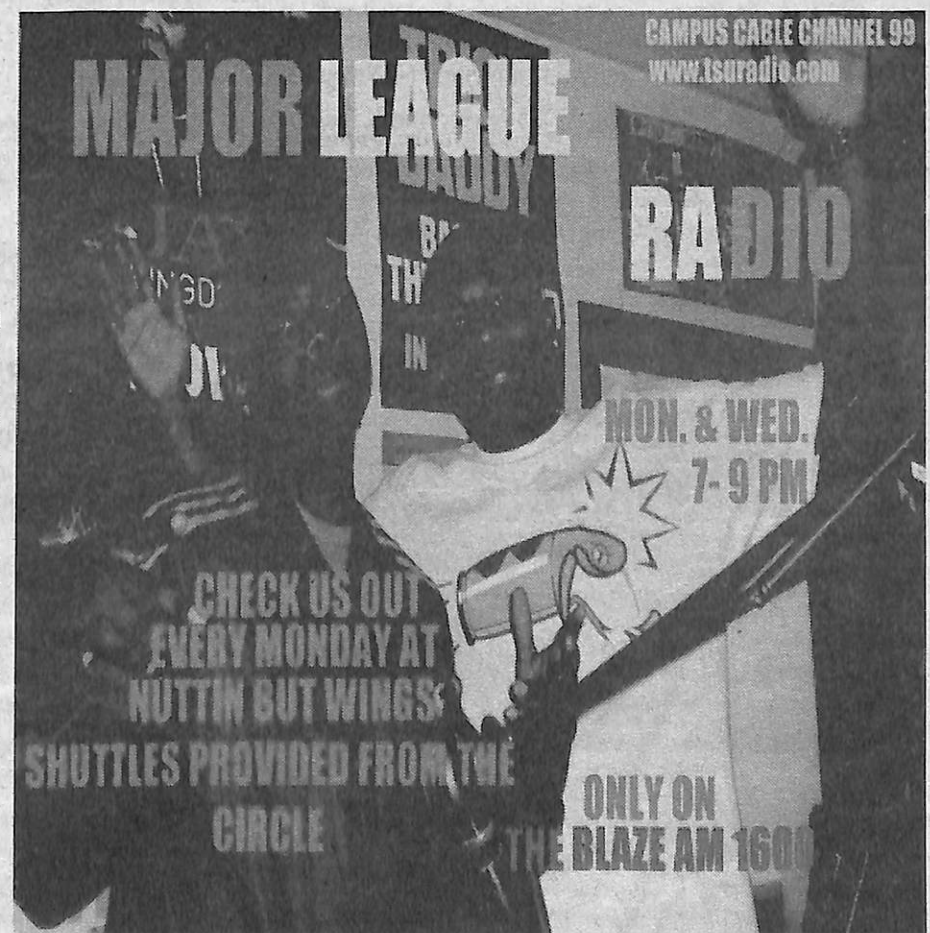
say it?

The Chief of Police clearly repeated that the officer had the right to arrest me, even though I did nothing wrong. Somehow this makes me question the motives of those that claim they are here to protect us.

Now I can't help but wonder what will happen next. Do those of us working within media simply not cover important information about our campus, or do we ignore the ignorance of those in positions of power so that we can do what we are on this campus to do?

I don't know the answer to this question but I do know one thing.

Something has got to be done. •



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Tigers ruin Samford's senior day

By LaVonte Young
Senior Staff Writer

Birmingham - The TSU Tigers defeated the Samford Bulldogs on senior day on Thursday Nov. 6. This was the Bulldogs last home game as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference. The Bulldogs have been a member of the OVC since 2003

"It was a huge win against a tough football team," said Head Coach James Webster. "I'm so proud of this football team.

It was their last game home for the season, it was their last game in the OVC, and they were honoring their seniors," Webster said. "So they had a lot win for and a lot to play for. We've got a lot to play for too. We play to win every time we play."

The Bulldogs were first to get on the score board. On third and four Jefferson Adcock hit senior Jeff Moore for a 47-yard gain to set up first and goal at the eight yard line. Running back Barnett would score from two-yard line touchdown to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead.

The Tigers roared right back. Kick returner Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie ran the ball back 47 yards to Samford 38 yard then coughed up the football but it was recover by at the 29 yard line by Brandon Bather. The Bulldogs' defense got a chance to see what the freshman quarter back could do with his legs. On third and nine from the 28-yard line, McNairl sprinted in for a 23-yard gain to set first and goal at the five. McNairl would get hit pay dirt on a two-yard scamper to make it 7-7 with 3:28 left in the first.

The Bulldogs would answer back. The senior duo of Adcock and Moore burned the Tigers secondary in the first quarter. The duo connected four times for 107 yards in the first quarter. On this drive the duo connect on a 33 yard reception to the five yard line. Adcock would score from one yard out to give the Bulldogs a 14-7 lead.

On the kick off the Bulldogs tried an inside kick but a penalty negated the kick and gave the Tigers the ball at the

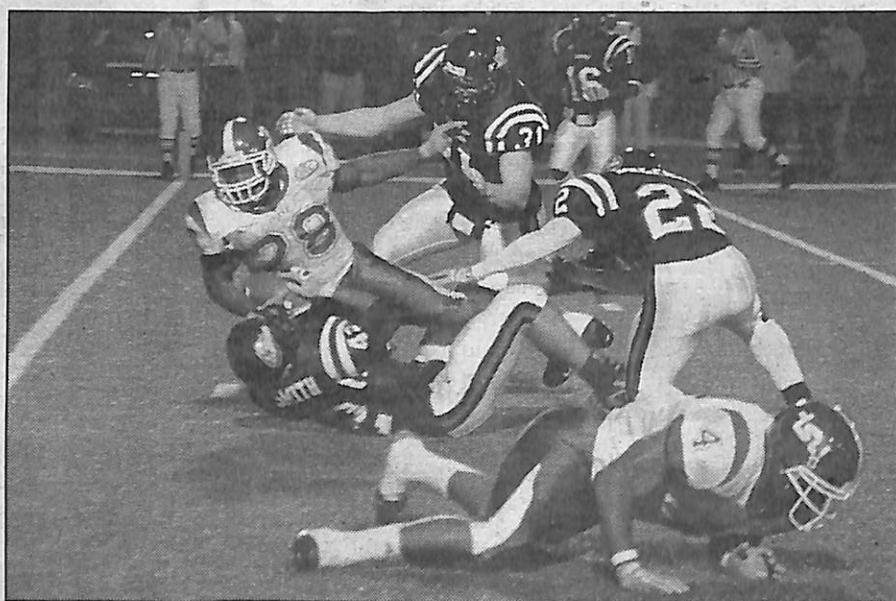


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Running back Javarris Williams is tackled just short of the goal line. The Tigers defeated the Bulldogs of Samford 38-28.

Bulldogs' 17-yard line. McNairl would connect with Williams for a 13-yard gain to set up first and goal at the one yard line. McNairl would score from one yard out to make it 14-14.

After a blocked field goal the Tigers would drive down the field 67 yards for a touchdown. McNairl would connect with Brandon Belvin for a 50-yard completion to give the Tigers a first down at 22-yard line. McNairl then would tight end Antonio Graham for a 14-yard completion.

McNairl would hit full back Brandon Jackson for 10-yard touchdown to give the Big Blue a 21-14 lead.

Jeff Adcock screen pass would get picked off by Shaun Richardson for a 15 yard touchdown to make it 28-14 with a 1:11 left in the half. This was Richardson second touchdown of the season.

The Bulldogs drove the down the field 69 yards in 54 seconds to cut the lead down to seven. Bulldogs' quarterback Adcock hit Jonathan Lawry and scored a touchdown on an amazing one-handed catch to cut the lead down to seven 28-21.

The Bulldogs shut down the Tigers' ground attack in the first half holding the Big Blue to 29 yards. The Big Blue secondary was picked apart by Adcock who

passed for 203 yards in the first half.

The third quarter was a defensive struggle. The Tigers were the only team to put points on the board. The Big Blue drove 84 yards on 15 plays. Eric Benson capped off the drive with a 33 yard field goal to make it 31-21.

The Bulldogs would cut the lead to down to 31-28 on a Chris Evans one-yard touchdown.

But the Tigers would march down the field to take the game out of reach.

McNairl ran for a first down with 4:18 left putting the Tigers on the Bulldogs' 48 yard line. Javaris Williams broke away from several Bulldogs' defenders and made a run into the end zone but had the run taken back for holding and had the ball spotted at the site of the penalty giving the Tigers first and 10 at the 27-yard line. The Tigers continued to make progress down the field with McNairl running for seven then giving the ball to Terrance Wright to get the first down with 2:26 left on the 13-yard line. Wright continued to punch the ball down the field before running it into the end zone with 1:46 left in the game giving the Tigers a 38-28 lead.

The Tigers offense was lead by Javarris Williams who rushed for 105 yards on 21 carries. Williams went over the 1,000-yard mark with a 36-yard run

late in the fourth quarter.

"It feels good I credit that to my o-line, and coach giving me the ball so I can get it" Williams said.

"Javaris ran well... he's a work horse, he runs well and he runs hard," Webster said. "He worked hard to get that 1,000 yards. Anytime a back gets over 1,000 yards you've got to look at who? The linemen. That's a tribute to the linemen too."

Calvin McNairl had another solid game for the Big Blue. McNairl went 10 from 16 from the field for 125 yards and one touchdown and one interception. McNairl also rushed for 54 yard and two touchdowns.

"He managed the game," Webster said. "Think about that now, a true freshman, leading this football team to 38 points. That's not Heffner out there that McNairil, a true freshman."

The Bulldogs had 430 yards of total offense. Adcock lead the Bulldogs offense passing for 315 and a touchdown.

The Tigers will take the field again on senior day Saturday against UT Martin at 1pm.

Still something to play for Going into Senior day next Saturday the Tigers will something to play for. With the win the Tigers will have their second back-to-back winning season in the last nine years. The Tigers had back to back winning season in 1998 and the 1999 season. The Tigers will also have a chance to win the Sgt. Alvin York Trophy. TSU is 2-0 in the series competitions among the four Tennessee OVC schools.

"We're fighting to have two back to back winning seasons and the York trophy," Webster said. He additionally pointed out that if number one Eastern Kentucky University loses their last two games the Tigers would only be one game out from a possible OVC title. "EKU still has two conference games to play, so we're not out of the OVC race yet," Webster said. "So we've got a lot to fight for and a lot to play for."•

Managing Editor Brian C. Browley contributed to this report.

Second half shooting seals Tigers' fate

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Yellow Jacket guard Anthony Morrow lead the second half attack. Morrow scored 24 of his game high 31 points in the second half. Morrow made in rain the second half from behind the arc going four of five from distance.

"You've got a team that shoots 69 percent in the second half, you got a kid Morrow, that made four or five threes."

The turning point seemed to come when guard Bruce Price went to the bench with his four foul with 15:07 left in the second half. With the Big Blue leader on the bench with foul trouble some Tigers felt they lost focus.

"We didn't stay focused after that," Houston said.

The Yellow Jackets dominated in the post outscoring the Tigers 48-18 in the paint. Georgia Tech duo of Alace Aminu and Jeremis Smith dominated the post.

Alace had his way with the Tigers defenders connecting on 12 of 14 field goal from the field for 25 points and nine boards.

"We felt that once we established our presence inside then our shooters would be able to take over from there," said Alace Aminu.

I addressed the team after the game, and I told them there are four areas we have to work on: post defense, on the ball defense, communicating better on defense, and transition defense. Once we can get those four things corrected and we can keep playing the way we play on offense we can be ok

Freshman guard lead Gerald Robinson lead the Tigers in scoring with 24 points(21 in second half). Price and Houston also had solid game for the Tigers scoring 15 apiece.

The Tigers will take the court again Wednesday in the Alaska against Alaska-Fairbanks.

Tiger guard Gerald Robinson Jr. goes up for a layup during the TSU vs. Georgia Tech basketball game. Robinson scored 24 points in 36 minutes of play. The Tigers fell short to the Yellow Jackets 99-85.



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