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Famous Choreographer Visits TSU

By: Madelyn Ragland
Senior Staff Writer

While in town for the International Black Film Festival (IBFF), Debbie Allen, a well-known actor, director, dancer, choreographer and singer, visited the Tennessee State University campus on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

A graduate of Howard University and 10-time director of the Academy Awards, Debbie Allen visited the communications department to motivate students to keep pushing toward their dreams. She encouraged many students to dream because without dreams nothing happens.

"Debbie Allen was a bright spirit in the studio and answered questions very humbly and down to earth," said Melissa Hall, a junior mass communications major from Memphis. "She also stressed the importance of doing things that will help you (students) to move forward and not backwards or sideways."

Allen said America needs to reinvest in education, because the (communication) industry is bigger now. She said that students now have more venues to get them out there. In fact, technology has redefined the industry which allows the world to communicate bet-



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Debbie Allen takes time out to be interviewed by TSUtv reporter Rita Kotey on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

ter.

She also spoke about failure's role in defining and attaining success.

Many undergraduates should reclaim their images of what they want to do with their life in the industry. Allen encouraged students to

be more well-versed in life. She said it's better to buy a painting versus a car.

Furthermore, she added that her mother, who she said is her biggest inspiration, made

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Lady Tigers experience bitter-sweet feeling

By Ebony Works
Sports Editor

The TSU Volleyball team saw back-to-back action this past weekend against OVC opponents UT-Martin on Friday night and Murray State on Saturday evening.

In game one against UT-Martin, UT-Martin scored the first point of the game but gave TSU the advantage to take control of the game when the Tigers took the 2-1 lead on a kill by Collese Dornan, claiming the 30-21 win.

With the Tigers motivated to do the same in game two, Kamille King gave the tigers the 19-9 lead by a service ace, and the tigers remained with lead for the rest of the game.

The Skyhawks was ready to take the lead in game three with a score tied 4-4, when UT-Martin went on a 6-2 run to extend the lead of the game to 10-6. The Skyhawks continued to take the lead in claiming the 30-27 win.

The Tigers and Skyhawks were ready to battle it out in game four. The score went back and forth with both teams claiming the lead

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Memphis shooting touches TSU students

By: Acquanetta G. Donnell Jr. & Ebony Works
News Editor & Sports Editor

University of Memphis defensive lineman, Taylor Bradford, was shot and killed near a university-housing complex on Sunday night, September 30, 2007. A 2004 graduate of Antioch High School in Nashville, Bradford was known as a gentle person who bothered no one. While at Antioch, Bradford lettered in football, track, and baseball. Known by many,

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SGA President plans meetings

By Aaron Tyrone McGee
Staff Reporter

Town hall meetings may become a customary part of TSU student life if Student Government Association President Xandelyn Wright implements her plan to make sure the student voice is heard.

After five months in office Wright said she plans on handling "behind the scenes business."

"Most of the time when we have SGA meeting they are just about SGA business," Wright said, while noting that she wants the university to feel more included in SGA initiatives.

Wright said the weekly meeting would enable students to voice their concerns.

Mario Price, a junior communication major from Memphis and a member of the Student Election Committee,

thinks compared to past SGA administrations, Wright's strategic plan gives students a stronger voice.

"Xan has been a great leader by bringing excitement to the school; with a different character and style of leadership that really does work. That energy of hers brings personality to SGA," Price said adding that the weekly meetings could possibly open a door for students to have a voice.

Town hall meeting could also act as a support system for campus organizations.

In addition to weekly meetings, Wright said internal plans for SGA include assigning specific task to the committees address issues like a lack of Debitex card machines placed on campus.

"That may be something small, but that's something that can change the students' daily lives because that

is something that they need," Wright said.

Adrienne Stewart, a junior mass communications major from Memphis and an SGA member, supports Wright's plans.

"It seemed as if she had her plans mapped out before she even won the seat as president; her vision is clear, and seems to be taking the student body in the right direction," Stewart said.

Director of Student Activities Dean Myles, agreed with the majority of the student body and the administration when asked about Wright's objectives.

"Her bubbly personality makes it that much easier for her to interact with her fellow student body in the House of Delegates, which is going great," Myles said. •

Internship Opportunities in Washington D.C

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is offering internship opportunities for many public service agencies in Washington D.C. for this upcoming spring semester.

The Washington Center provides both, academic and work experience for college students who aim for achievement in the civic field. Academic credit towards the participant's field of study will also be applied for completing an internship.

The Tennessee State University and the Tennessee Board of Regents offers some additional scholarship opportunity for the cost of the intern-

ship.

For more information, please contact Dr. Gittens in the Career Development Center, suite 304 in the Campus Center at 963-7481 or at: wgittens@tnstate.edu. To contact

The Washington Center for internships and academic Seminar's, visit: <http://www.twc.edu/students/default.shtml>.

Twelfth Annual Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

The Hall of Fame Committee is holding their Twelfth Annual School of Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet Celebration on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Past and present alumni, supporters, faculty, and staff will be honored for their outstanding achievements and services in the areas of agriculture, home economics, research, and extension.

This year's ceremony will be inducting Dr. Hazel Ogilvie Jackson and Dr. Melvin Wright, Sr.

The Hall of Fame Committee asks for support by sponsoring a table of 10 for \$350.00, or purchasing individual tickets for \$40.00.

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Carol Wade, Institute of Agriculture & Environmental Research at 963-7619.

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Events Calendar

Tuesday

Pre-Alumni Membership Dr. & Fundraiser
12:00 pm
FPCC Lobby

Speaker: Dr. Joseph White (Activist & Educator)
7:00pm

Wednesday

Phi Beta Sigma
No Glove, No Love
Safe Sex Workshop
Watson Hall Lobby
6:30 pm

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6:00pm
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Corrections

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

3-day Weather Forecast



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Mostly Sunny
High: 92°



Tuesday
Isolated T-Storms
High: 85°



Wednesday
Sunny
High: 73°

source: weather.com

Bradford remembered by TSU community

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Taylor Bradford

Taylor Bradford was not only a member of the U of M football team, but also a

member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.

Dustin Hennings, a senior at the University of Memphis, said "The death of my fraternity brother was very upsetting. He was one of the nicest guys I knew and he didn't deserve to be killed so early in life. I know he's in a better place now and I can't wait to see him when I get there," he said.

Bradford, a 21-year-old junior, died at the scene of a car accident. It has been reported that once Bradford was shot, he was able to make it to his car. He then attempted to drive himself to the hospital, but struck a tree and then died. Police are still unsure if the tragedy was random or if it was planned.

Kaila Thompson, a 2005 graduate of Antioch High School and a junior nursing major said, "Taylor Bradford is a very sweet and funny person, I just saw him this summer when he came to visit and I will never forget his smile and jokes!"

The 5-foot-11, 300 pound foot-

ball player was a transfer student from Samford University, in which he spent two seasons with. During his collegiate experience, Taylor 16 tackles and one tackle for loss. He had just recently lost 25 pounds with the hope of earning playing time by switching to fullback.

"He was an extremely hard worker. He was a very positive person and liked all over the campus," said U of M head coach Tommy West. "It's more than losing an athlete, but also a friend, and how we lost him is very shocking." West adds Two University of Memphis students are now being sought in connection of the murder of Taylor Bradford.

LaShonda Jones, a senior at Middle Tennessee State University, and a fellow graduate with Bradford said, "I knew Taylor from high school. We weren't really close, but we had conversation from time to time. Overall, he was a very nice and talented person with so much potential. It's really hard to see a fallen soldier

who stood outside the box from the norm to be gone."

Senior English teacher of Bradford, Coach Coombs said, "Taylor was a wonderful student. He was very mannerable, and well respected by his peers. All the teachers loved him and always wished we had more students like him."

Myesha Kinnard, a junior cardio-respiratory therapy major from Antioch, Tenn., and a 2005 graduate of Antioch High School said, "It's unfortunate that yet another life has been taken away over foolishness. Taylor 'Tab' will be greatly missed and I'll continue to keep the Bradford family in my prayers."

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Allen inspired by family

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her and her siblings to believe in the art and culture and ourselves. Allen openly admitted she had to focus on herself as a woman, if she wanted to succeed in the industry.

"Continue to take steps to forward your journey," Allen said.

Allen who served as the IBFF honorary chair was expected to grace the festival along with a host of celebrities that included Myketi Williamson, who played Pvt. Benjamin Buford 'Bubba Blue' on the

Forrest Gump movie.

For three days, the 2007 IBFF program held in Nashville brought together acclaimed films through symposia's, training workshops, dialogue, fun, and glamour.

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What We Think Silence the Violence

The past few weeks have been filled with headline-making stories about violence on the campuses of Tennessee colleges. At Middle Tennessee State University, one student has been charged with attempted murder after being accused of savagely beating another in a residence hall. Kevin Sisco allegedly beat 18-year-old freshman and fellow student Ashley Manis on Wed. Sept. 26 in Cummings Hall. Manis suffered a collapsed lung from the beating, and although she has regained consciousness, remains on life support at Vanderbilt. Things took an even more tragic turn on the campus of the University of Memphis as Taylor Bradford was gunned down at his university apartment on October 1.

Whenever violence strikes a member

of a university community, the first reaction is generally shock—especially when the event takes place on-campus. The relative calm and peace of an institution of higher learning is shattered and it takes months, and at times, years, for things to return to normal. College is supposed to be filled with new experiences; it's a time where students are somewhat isolated from the troubling occurrences of everyday life. The reality, however, is that while these occurrences are rare, the truth is that tragedies like this do occur and the ultimate test of these events is how the university community moves forward in the light of them.

On TSU's campus, a student was accosted with a gun in his residence hall and another faced an attempted rob-

bery at knifepoint. Fortunately, in both of these cases the students involved escaped the incidents unscathed. However, the dorms in which these events took place do not have a nighttime security guard; patrol cars drive by throughout the night.

Meanwhile, MTSU students tried to fight gunfire with fire. The school's SGA attempted to pass a resolution to get their administration to petition the Tennessee General Assembly to allow all people with handgun carry permits to carry them on campus. The resolution failed by a vote of 4 to 23.

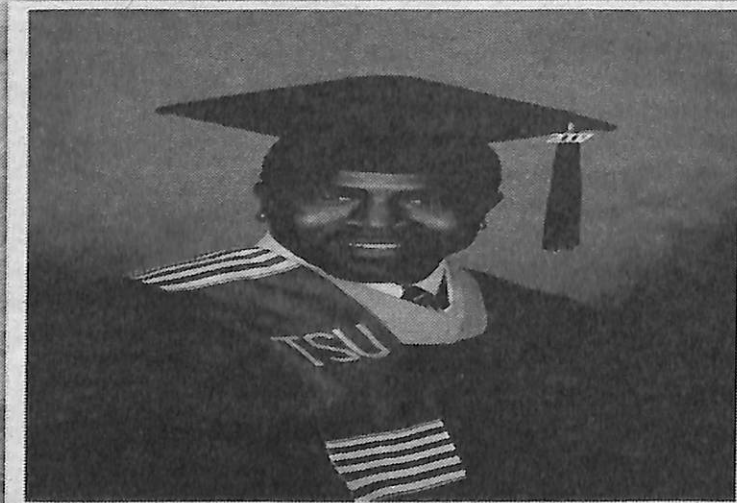
Violence on campus is not a new phenomenon, nor is it an isolated occurrence. Sadly, it also seems to have no end in sight. Now is the time for students to pressure themselves and university

administrators to take proactive steps to protecting each other. Campus alert systems, university police departments, and other security methods should be considered—and implemented.

Campus security is a serious matter that needs to be modified in many aspects. Why is it so easy to get on campus after classes are over and visitation hours have ended? Why are parking passes necessary to park during the day, but not to enter campus at night, when the violent crimes seem to be taking place? *The Meter* challenges campus police departments and the university community as a whole to reevaluate their methods in light of recent events.

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FROM WHERE I SIT

Often students, feelings, opinions, or thoughts concerning their university are shamelessly swept under a rug never to be addressed or mentioned. Governing bodies at universities attempt to hear student voices through forums, online surveys, and questionnaires. However, these

methods can be uninviting if students do not regularly see progress from judicial bodies.

The Meter recently had a meeting with the Student Government Association president Xandelyn Wright, where we discussed her plans to implement a weekly meeting for the student body to express their opinions on university-related issues.

This initiative is a nice gesture, but if students do not take advantage of the weekly meetings they will be worthless. In the next few weeks it will be interesting to see if SGA can make the idea become a reality for the thousands of students that attend our university.

I am ready to see the student body fully utilize SGA and hold them accountable for all the promises that are delivered during election week. On the same token *The Meter* should also be a tool used by the student body. Because this publication is "The Measure of Student Opinion and Sentiment," every article, editorial, and advertisement should reflect the student body. While there are many topics that divide us, there are far more that unite us for a common cause—the Jena Six, for instance.

I challenge you, the students of Tennessee State University, to hold both your Student Government Association and *The Meter* accountable for the accu-

rate reflection of your thoughts, beliefs, and ideas. If an issue moves you passionately, speak up. If an incident disgusts or abhors you, cry out. Do not sit idly by and let your representatives ignore you. As one of our staffers eloquently quotes from a favorite movie, "You are a voice in this world and you deserve to be heard."

It is high time that we realized how important we are as individuals to the group as a whole. You are full of ideas and opinions, and they may all be more valuable than you give them credit for. You were given a voice through SGA and *The Meter*. It is time for you to own it.

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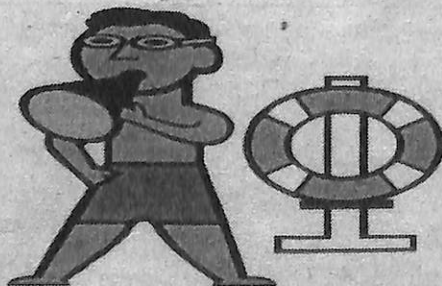
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Student awarded for service by sorority

By: Valencia Duncan
Staff Reporter

When Trehon Coleman decided to log on and help the elderly navigate the ever-changing world of computers, he opened a link to one of the country's most prominent Black sororities.

The South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is honoring Coleman for his outstanding work in the Economic Educational Advancement through Technology field.

Coleman, a junior computer science major from Nashville, earned the sorority's Diamond Centennial Community leadership award for educating elders who are unfamiliar with one of today's most used technology.

"I wanted to educate not just our elders, but our people in general about computers," Coleman said. "Many of them are afraid to use the Internet because

of frauds. I just wanted them to know there are easier methods of going about doing things such as paying bills; also, I want them to know I'm someone that they can trust, and I think I've accomplished that."

Bill Gittens, who knows Coleman personally, referred him to Dean Ernest. Dean Ernest then notified Coleman about the process of being nominated for the award.

"He's an excellent student with a 3.3 G.P.A., and has remarkable ability to juggle his extracurricular activities with his school work," Gittens stated. "My only regret is my daughter is a senior and he's a junior; I don't think she dates younger men!"

Coleman is extremely involved around campus. He is treasurer of the pep club; a member of Leadership TSU, which honors the university's top thirty students; and he is the chairman of the Pre-Alumni Council's hometown proj-

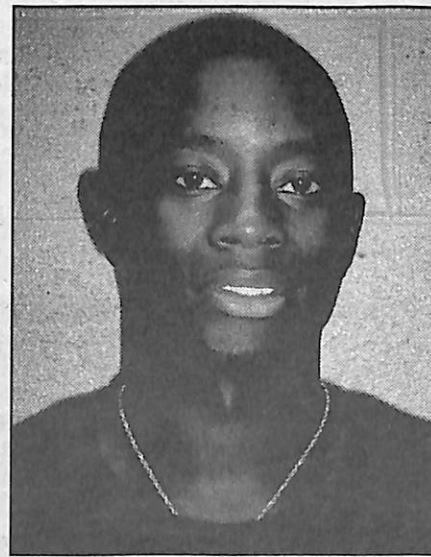


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Trehon Coleman

ects. He also has his own cleaning company, which he started and runs with the help of others.

Coleman lists many people as inspi-

rations, most importantly his grandmother, Barbara Cockrell. "She's the reason why I take the time out to assist others," Coleman said. However, Cockrell said it came within his heart.

"He's always treated people with the utmost respect," Cockrell said. "He's the oldest out of my ten grandchildren but he is still my baby, and I'm proud that he has his life together."

Coleman will be honored at the 75th South Eastern Regional Conference hosted by the AKAs, on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at the Nashville Convention Center at 7:00 pm. Coleman shared that he feels blessed to receive such a high award.

"I'm humble more than anything; it's a great honor," Coleman said. "I would like to thank the ladies of AKA, for the honor to represent their name in the highest fashion, in the community and the world."•

Shuttle service improvements prolonged

By Valencia Duncan
Staff Reporter

It seems as if TSU students will have to wait a little longer for extended services provided by the campus shuttles, according to Anjetta Williams, TSU coordinator for facilities management.

Last year plans were underway to extend the transportation method by taking students to Wal-Mart as well as other locations that are harder for students without vehicles to reach.

"There are just simply not enough drivers on staff to provide such service; hopefully by the next couple of years it

can happen. That's our goal," Williams said.

Currently there are six drivers on staff; last year there were only four. Williams also noted that if the plan does succeed, students would have to pay bus fare to provide money for fuel.

"Based on a scale of one to ten I would give us a 9.5, that is just how reliable we are," Williams said.

However, Arnecia Stansbury, a sophomore nursing major from Chicago, disagreed with Williams and said she thinks that the service is unreliable.

"I've only taken the shuttle twice and it's unreliable, it either came to get us from a party too early or made us late to several games," Stansbury said.

The shuttle service includes frequent stops to the Avon Williams campus as well as special events such as home games. Also, there is currently a special service for handicapped students on campus.

"We have one special employee, Carol Gore, who is extremely helpful to our disabled students," Williams said.

Gore has a copy of the student's schedules, as well as a business cell phone which is given to the students, so she is at their locations on time.

Albert Spence, a senior business major from Nashville supports the TSU shuttle service.

"It was convenient for the most part; it got me back and forth to my class downtown," Spence said.

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MONEY BYTES

Corporate America's view of HBCUs

Historically black college universities were originally established to educate blacks when slavery and racism were still prominent, and blacks were not allowed to get an education from predominately white institutions. HBCUs have birthed some of the greatest visionaries in the Civil Rights Movement and notable figures that have all contributed something worthwhile to society. Since their founding, times and views have changed.

Are HBCUs still relevant in corporate America's eyes? Have they ever been?

Numerous studies have shown that black college graduates earn significantly less than their white counterparts. These studies can be compared to the wage difference between someone that graduates from high school and goes to work with someone who graduates from college and does the same.

While keeping this in mind, a question can be posed: are companies more so focusing on the name or prominence of an institution as compared to the qualifications and education that a student received? If so, in this facet, all college graduates are not created equal.

Some HBCUs are literally struggling to remain open. These noble institutions don't receive nearly as much government aid as white state institutions.

In a world where "racism doesn't exist," many may wonder why HBCUs are still around. Are they reminders of past struggles and triumphs, or are they really a lower grade of education? How can black colleges maintain their notoriety?

All questions people have been struggling to answer for years.

Regardless of what the majority says, HBCU students are receiving just as good of an education, if not better, than many white students. There is a family oriented atmosphere that simply cannot be found at any other type of university.

In a perfect world, there would be no question of a historically black college university's relevance. This just goes to show that America has quite a way to go in terms of equality.

Ten tips for keeping your computer spyware clean

By Patrick Comer
Staff Reporter

Suppose you just bought a new computer and want to hop right onto the Internet. With your new high-speed connection and nothing but time on your hands, you start browsing websites. Unbeknownst to you, the next day you jump back onto your computer and it doesn't run as fast as it should or maybe it doesn't run at all.

Spyware can have a negative effect on your computer's performance. Your personal information could be viewed by someone else and your computer could possibly stop working.

Use these ten tips to prevent that from happening:

1. Educate yourself on how to not become infected in the first place. The most important thing you can do for your computer is to research and understand what spyware actually is. If you understand this then the battle is already halfway won.

2. Update your operating system immediately. If you're using Windows, in the Windows Security Center on the Control Panel, turn on automatic downloads and installation for updates. Windows Security Center, while not the absolute best at protecting your computer, will at least provide some basic security for

your computer.

3. Become very familiar with your firewall software. Unless the computer came with a third party security suite or firewall, turn this on immediately. Your computer's firewall is another major piece of software for your computer. This piece of software locks down all your computer ports preventing incoming programs, and prompts

from opening unless you tell it to.

4. If your computer came

for Internet Explorer, so with an alternate browser you set up another level of protection for your computer. Firefox, in particular has a very good security track record, whereas the same cannot be said about Internet Explorer, which has one of the absolute worse track records in terms of browsers.

6. Lockdown Internet Explorer completely. After you have set up a Web browser there is no need to ever use this program again. Locking down this program will close up vulnerability in your computer's software.

7. Install IE-SPYAD, which will put around 20,000 known dangerous domains in IE's restricted site zone. This will restrict your computer from even accessing the sites that guarantee they won't infect your computer.

8. Install an anti-spyware application. It doesn't hurt to have at least two or three programs installed. Along with this, you can also install some free protective programs like SpywareBlaster and SpywareGuard from Javacool Software.

These programs are built especially for spyware. You also might want to download a program called Spybot Search and Destroy.

9. Perform a periodic virus scan on your computer either weekly or monthly. This can usually be set to occur automatically.

10. Most importantly, have fun and surf safe. Be mindful of the sites you are visiting and protect yourself accordingly.

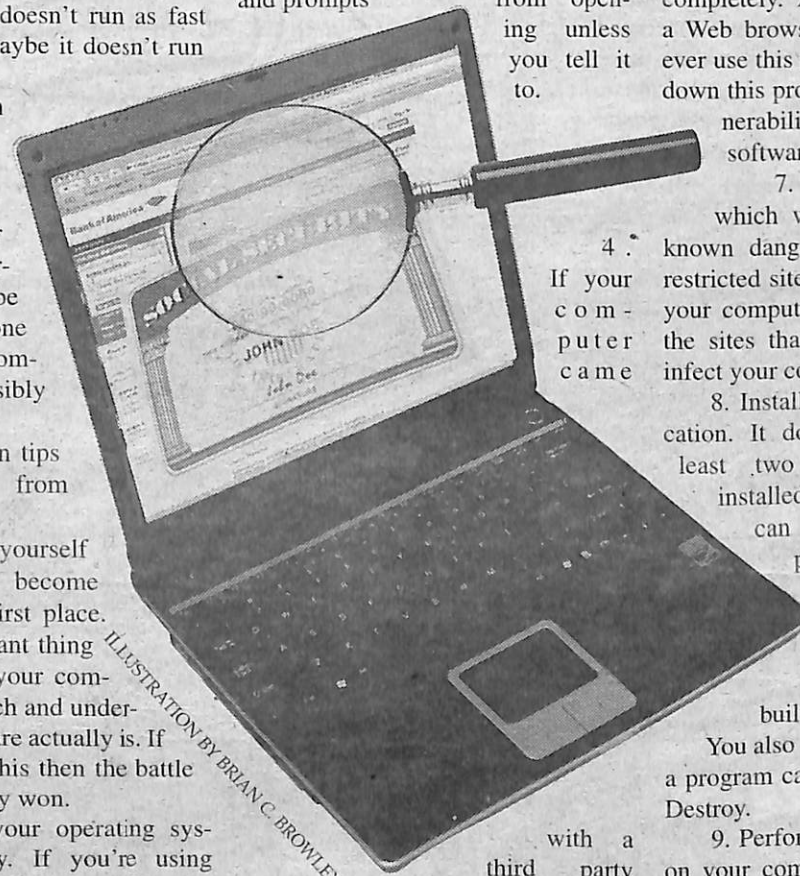


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with a third party security suite update the pre-installed antivirus definitions and other security applications set them to auto-update.

5. Download and install an alternative browser like Firefox or Opera. Most viruses are engineered

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Dealing with stress in college

By M. Antonio Silas
Business & Technology Editor

Most college students are familiar with stress. It is a feeling that most Americans experience in some way, frequency, or form on a daily basis. While stress is more of an emotion than an illness, large quantities of stress can lead to health problems later on in life.

"Being in school and working is very stressful. When you have a car note, tuition and a phone bill to worry about, and only get paid twice a month, it's hard," said Brandon Turner, a junior business management major from Atlanta. "Working full time and school makes it hard to balance."

According to a survey conducted by the American Psychological Association, 56 percent of Americans are concerned about the amount of stress in their lives. In terms of school and the workplace, stress can have negative effects on the way students and employees perform. As

stress becomes greater, the ability to cope lowers.

Stress can also have positive effects. It allows humans to focus on the task at hand, be more alert and more determined.

"I get stressed out when there's too much going on at once and when I'm out of control with what's happening," said Martin Sanders, a business major from Indianapolis. "I try to break things down into sections to cope with it. Participating in hobbies helps me clear my mind."

The initial symptoms of depression include anxiousness, nervousness, distraction, worry, and internal pressure.

Everyone reacts to stress differently and has multiple ways of dealing with it. According to the American Institute of Stress, the best way to deal with certain types of stress is to prevent it. Try

not to allow yourself to get into situations that you

know will be stressful.

Stress not only has negative effects on your emotions, but it can also affect your health. It can cause depression, fatigue, headaches, restlessness and other effects. This can lead

to a drop in grades and productivity. If not treated, the health effects can be long term.

Prevention

According to emedicinehealth.com, these are the steps you can take to prevent stress:

Set realistic goals and limits for yourself.

Put things into perspective and try not to get upset about insignificant or relatively unimportant matters.

Take stress, time management or anger management classes.

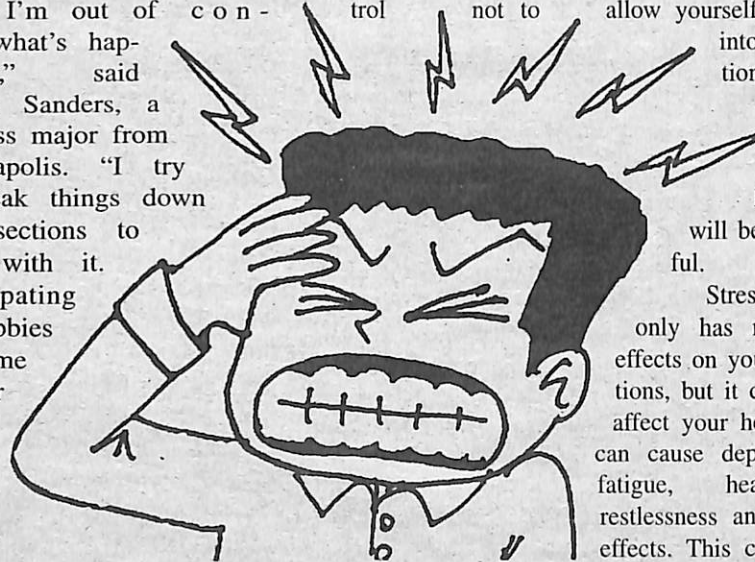
Find activities that you enjoy and set aside time to participate in them on a regular basis.

Participate in regular physical exercise.

Maintain a positive outlook.

Set goals and break them into easily achievable tasks.

Reward yourself for the good things that you do each day.



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By Alyssa Clark
Staff Reporter

Moments only come once in a lifetime and most of them are picture perfect. A good way to never miss out is to invest in one of these five digital cameras. For those who believe that a picture is worth a thousand words, this is for you. Kenneth Cummings, Senior Visuals Editor for The Meter, gives his opinion about the top five digital cameras for beginners.

Number 1

HP Photosmart 6.2MP

This HP Photosmart makes it easy to capture the shots. With its 6.2 megapixels, you are able to capture high resolution images. Listing for \$109.99, it also consists of an antishake mode for clear images. Other features include a built-in auto flash, 16MB internal memory, 18x total zoom and a screen size of 2.4".

Kenny's Take:

In my opinion, this camera would do well for shots in the spur of the



moment. You can whip it out of its case, your purse or even your pocket and it's ready to use. For its price this camera could do well

for your basic profile pictures on your Myspace or Facebook pages.

Number 2

Canon Powershot 7.1MP A560



Canon's imaging processor provides improved picture quality. It enables you to share or print photos without connecting to a computer. For about \$149.99, it includes 16x total zoom, 7.1 megapixels, screen size of 2.5" and the ability to record videos.

Kenny's Take:

I am a Canon man and I love their cameras. This camera, in my opinion, is a great investment. It's small enough to pull from your backpack, purse or pocket. I wouldn't recommend this camera for fast moving sports.

Number 3

Kodak Easyshare 8.0MP V803

Listing for \$179.99, this digital camera captures stellar images with accurate color and crisp detail. It also provides a



Share button, which allows one touch transfers to your computer. Other

features include, 8.0 megapixels, 12x total zoom, 32MB internal memory, a screen size of 2.5" and Kodak EasyShare Software, which help with organizing and adding special effects to images.

Kenny's Take:

This point and shoot camera has high-resolution images. If you have a shaky hand, this camera has digital image stabilization. This is another camera that can fit right in your pocket for easy access to take pictures of you and your friends, or for that famous celebrity that just so happens to walk by.

Number 4

Samsung 8.2MP S85

With its 8.2 megapixels, this digital camera features face detection technology and advanced shake reduction to capture stunning portraits, even in low light situations. As a result, this \$179.99 camera also includes 20MB internal memory, 25x total zoom, the ability to record MPEG

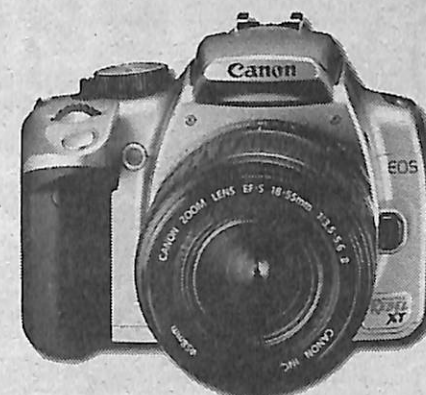


movie clips and is very lightweight.

Kenny's Take:

Again, although this camera is expensive, I would recommend it for the on-the-go photographer. It has a wonderful video mode. Unlike some cameras,

this camera is able to zoom in and out in video mode.



Number 5

Canon EOS Digital Rebel XT 8.0MP

For those who are thinking about stepping it up a notch, this digital SLR camera is perfect. It consists of EF interchangeable lenses, 8.2 megapixels, a 10 second self timer, zoom lens of 3x, screen size of 1.8", and weighs less than two pounds. This \$599.99 camera provides a great opportunity for that ideal shot.

Kenny's Take:

For the "advanced-beginner" this is the camera that you need. Whether you are shooting portraits or sports photos this camera is a great choice. This camera will not fit in your pocket; you may need a camera bag for this one. With this camera, you may have to buy separate lenses. There is no video mode on this type of camera, but because it is a SLR (Single Lens Reflex) camera, you will be able to take photos without delay.

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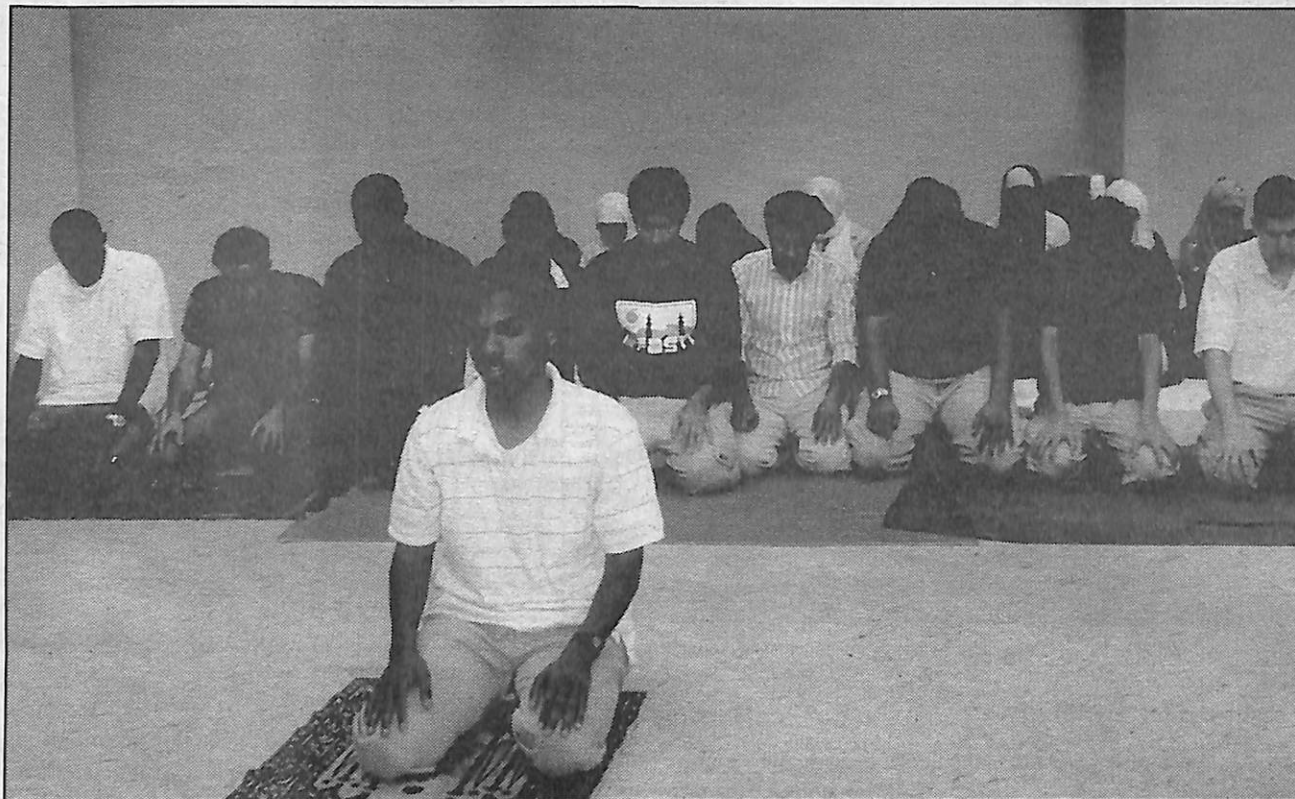


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Students pray during an event sponsored by the Muslim Student Association during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Campus fasts for Holy Month

By DeShanee Miner
Senior Staff Writer

The Muslim Student Association had their second annual Fast-a-thon was held Friday October 5, 2007 in 040 of Kean Hall. This is the fifth annual Fast-a-thon for the national MSA.

The Fast-a-thon is held for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. This is a religious holiday. The name is taken from the Arabic word meaning heat and shortness of rations.

According to holidays.net/Ramadan, Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. During this month, Muslims fast for the entire month. The fast is during the day and at night eat small meals.

The MSA collected pledges from students the week previous pledging to

fast from sunrise to sunset on Friday. The fast included no eating or drinking. On top of that, positive thoughts are encouraged.

"I have a new wind!" says Crystal Byrd a junior Biology major from Atlanta.

About 30 people showed up, but more than that pledged.

MSA collected two dollars for every person that pledged. They raised a total of \$250. All proceeds were donated to Second Harvest.

"A lot of people pledged, but couldn't come." Said Saida Binzhazim a Junior Medical Technology major from Nashville by way of Nairobi, Kenya and President of MSA.

Those who fast were repaid with food donated from local restaurants such as Chicago Styles.

"It's great students came out," said Ismail Badjie a senior chemistry

major from New York by way of The Gambia.

While guest enjoyed their meal, Binzhazim gave a speech telling the history of MSA and the Fast-a-thon. Also, guests were invited to recap on their experience.

Byrd was one of the participants. "I feel better now that I have eaten." Byrd told the audience.

"This brought a little awareness. Said Binzhazim, "We would like to include more organizations next year."

For more information go to www.fastathon.org, www.msanational.org, & www.holidays.net/ramadan

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Student minister pins acclaimed production

By Tiffani McDaniel
Senior Staff Writer

When the lights go out, is an emotion stirring stage play presented by Alvin Moore, Jr., a senior mass communications major from Moss Point, Miss and a ordain minister.

The play has an igniting plot about a family who struggles to overcome the hurdles of their past, while dealing with the obstacles of the present and wondering about the fate of their future.

"I'm actually playing 2 roles within the play," Moore said, "One is gramps, the father of the main character Gary, and the grandfather of is sons daughter Alisha."

"I 'm also playing a lawyer named. Freddy who is Gary's best friend," Moore concluded.

When the lights go out, is centered around Gary the plays main character, who struggles to follow his dreams as a musician due to lack of support from his current wife Sheila.

He lives his life in regret trying to make up for lost time from when he was with his one true love, Alice, who 's been deceased for over four years.

"I was inspired by God, and watching TV to write this play, Moore said. "I wanted to go even deeper on the subject matter of family in addition to societal issues."

In doing so, Gary manages to discourage and neglect his daughter Alicia, who shares his passion for music, and who was truly his number one fan. Out of desperation for a father's touch, Alicia begins focusing on worldly pleasures and enjoyment.

"All I have to do is look at all the things going on in the world today, pray and allow God to give me permission on which problem to tackle," Moore said.

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Terrorists and FBI faceoff in new film



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Jaime Foxx and Jennifer Garner lead an all-star cast in *The Kingdom*

The Kingdom—A

Oscar award winner Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner star in the latest Universal Studios movie thriller, *The Kingdom*.

The story begins as FBI special agent Ronald Fleury (Foxx) is deployed to Saudi Arabia to investigate a terrorist attack.

Garner plays Janet Mayes, who is apart of Fleury's investigative team and the FBI's forensic examiner.

The team, which also includes Chris Cooper as Grant Sykes and Jason Bateman as Adam Leavitt, only has five days to investigate and solve a case that involves a terrorist bomb-

ing, which killed thousands of people including children.

As the team approaches the crime scene, they find it difficult to unravel the information needed to capture the predators.

At this time, Saudi authorities assign Fleury and his counterparts' translators, which are local police officers, to guide them on their trip.

Initially, natives were hesitant to speak about the bombings, but loosen their tongues as evidence begins to sprout up like wild fire around the crime scene and from the once reluctant witnesses.

Frightened by the speed at which the Americans are solving the case, the terrorists create a bomb meant to kill

the entire investigative team.

Unfortunately for the terrorists, no one was hurt. Fleury and his team now have to confront the enemy to save one of their own, who is taken hostage.

Time becomes a serious matter at this point since the terrorists are now counting down to the execution of their American hostage.

The Kingdom is a fantastic movie. It depicts the reality that Saudi Arabians face as they deal with the threat of being killed by terrorists without any knowledge.

The Kingdom is a great thriller that will have many sitting at the edge of their seat until the end.

Tiffani McDaniel

Play gains major attention from subject matter

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On the surface, both Gary and Alicia use music as their mask of hurt and pain, yet underneath uninvited circumstances, they push the reality of life from darkness to the light. As the story

unfolds, the audience will be taken through a whirlwind of issues concerning sex, relationships, aspirations, disease, and spirituality.

"There will most definitely be a moral to the story," Moore said, "I don't write anything unless there is some-

thing that allows the audience to leave thinking freely and different."

When the lights go out, premieres in the T.E. Poag auditorium on Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m., and will run until the 21st.

Flick yeilds action, lacks story

Shoot Em Up - B

If you are looking for a movie with a logical plot or well-developed characters, you might as well stop reading now. *Shoot Em Up*, is not the movie for you.

However, if you want to see a guy take down man after man with nothing more than a few guns and some beta carotene filled carrots you are definitely in the right place.

With over the top violence and more lead than is in the paint of an old house, *Shoot Em Up* is truly a manly man's movie.

This movie begins with a bang. Clive Owen (*Children of Men*) plays Mr. Smith, a mysterious carrot-eating passerby, who finds himself in the middle of a firefight after intruding on a hit man's attempt to murder a pregnant woman.

Of course, halfway through the woman goes into labor just after Smith comes to the rescue, and soon he finds himself caring for her baby when a stray bullet catches her.

With not many resources to take care of a newborn, Smith turns to a lactating prostitute named Donna (Monica Bellucci) in hopes that she'll provide the tyke with the nutrition it desperately needs.

When Hertz (Paul Giamatti) comes looking for the newborn, Smith becomes engaged in a confrontation and a conspiracy that reaches within the deepest folds of the government.

With guns everywhere, amazing action scenes, quite a few girls and one of the most unique bad guys in the history of movies, I would highly recommend this movie to anyone who loves over the top action.

You can just sit back, relax and fully enjoy every last moment of this movie, and don't forget to eat your vegetables!

Patrick Comer



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Clive Owen

R&B diva scores another hit

Keyshia Cole
Just Like You—A

Hip-hop soul princess Keyshia Cole is back at it for the second time with her latest album, *Just Like You*.

In 2005, Cole made her debut with "I change my mind," which was the lead single on her album *The Way It Is*.

Other songs that flew up the charts were, "I Should Have Cheated," "Love," "(I Just Want It) To Be Over" causing *The Way It Is* to reach platinum status.

To continue her brand of head bobbing melodies and lyrics that speak the truth to female fans, Cole teamed up with Missy Elliott and Lil'Kim to create the

latest woman's anthem, *Let It Go*.

For the rest of the album, Cole branches out of the solo artist mind frame and collaborates with a host of friends. With solid contributions from P. Diddy, Too Short, Young Dro, T.I. and Anthony Hamilton, this album aims high and is a success.

Cole even digs deeper with the title track, *Just Like You*, touching on a subject that separates her from the rest of her contemporary songstresses.

She sings, "you can never understand what I feel when I'm searching for the words to say, take the time to get to know me, the real me, and you will see that I'm Just like you."

Listening to the album it is clear who Cole's sound imitates; Mary J. Blige. In song construction, delivery and even subject matter, Cole is a shining replay of the woman Blige used to be. She sings songs to a specific type of woman and this album shows how she is just like them.

She sings from the heart, and the messages that she has in every one of her songs are powerful.

For fans of Cole, *Just Like You*, is an album that should be in everyone's collection.

Cole brings the heat with her 16-track album and has definitely proven that she is here to stay.

Tiffani McDaniel



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Keyshia Cole

Newcomer brings talent, style

Emily King
Eastside Story—A

A New York City based vocalist releases a shining debut with all the makings of a classic album with, *Eastside Story*.

The bi-racial beauty (she's black and white), rips it poetic and soulful on an album filled with danceable gems, introspective feel good music and intelligent mind-feeding tracks.

King's strongest suit is her delivery. While her voice is a sensuous and smooth alto that glides effortlessly over masterful production, the energy and passion that bleeds through her voice is sure to gain her many instant fans.

Listening to her sing her songs about love, life and loss can recall memories and thoughts of Lauryn Hill and soul singing newcomer Chrisette Michele. Her rich and throaty delivery is a satisfying treat in today's by-the-numbers pop divas with minimal talent.

On the album's first single and opening track, *Walk In My Shoes*, King reveals a little of her rough side with a streetwise anthem that beckons her detractors to see if they can survive living life as she does.

On the sweet ode to the man of her dreams, *U and I*, Emily sings a lightly layered chorus to the love she has been waiting for. More love is shared on the gliding gem *Hold Me* and the bossanova sound of the smooth slow jam *Moon*.



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Emily King

Emily showcases a flair for clever arrangements with her standout performance of the Bill Withers classic *Ain't No Sunshine*. She makes the song her own while paying solid respect to the original.

The production throughout is solid and inventive. Though the album is purely soul inspired R&B, the instrumentation is varied and well done. Everything from classical guitar and luscious keys to calm tambourines and jazz drums make an appearance.

From beginning to end the album is solid both musically and lyrically. She is

a true artist and the album is a musical meal meant to feed the soul. She even wins when she jumps to social and political stances.

Is the album perfect? No, but it comes as close as any notable album this year. That is a major achievement considering she is a new artist.

Bottom Line: Emily King's album is a must have for any fan of good soulful music that's a break from the manufactured sound in constant rotation. Plus her voice is tight. Definitely give her a look.

Gregory Brand, Jr.

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Nashville goes Hollywood

Screen star shines in Nashville

For the weekend of Oct. 4-6, Nashville was Hollywood. For actors, producers, directors and everyone that works in or aspires to one-day work in film, came to music city to join in the festivities held in honor of the inaugural International Black Film Festival. Included below are picture from the event that took the city by storm.



1. TSU students Chuck Mosieri and Venise Webb; 2. Director/ Producer Reed McCants and TSU's Professor Andre Minkin; 3. The Belcourt Theatre; 4. TSU grad and film director Nicolle Whallen; 5. A&C Writers Patrick Comer, Bianca Braggs, Actor Mykelti Williamson and A&C Editor Gregory Brand, Jr. at the IBFF screening venue, The Belcourt.

By Gregory Brand, Jr.
Arts & Culture Editor

For fans of the films *ATL*, *Waiting to Exhale*, *Ali* and even *Holiday Heart*, one actor among the many in the different casts, has managed to deliver memorable performances consistently. His name is Mykelti Williamson and in honor of the International Black Film Festival, he came to Nashville.

Williamson has gained notoriety from his performances in a wide array of feature films. With more than 20 years of acting in both television and film, Williamson has proven himself a force within not only Black Hollywood but also Hollywood as a whole.

During his time in Nashville, he also managed to hand pick a select group of actors, some of whom were TSU-affiliated, to take to an acting boot camp.

I was honored to meet and interview Mr. Williamson at the IBFF just before a screening at the Belcourt Theatre.

Gregory Brand, Jr.: Is this a first time you have come to Nashville?

Mykelti Williamson: This is a first for me. I had never been here before I started working with my acting troupe.

GB: Can you tell you about the troupe?

MW: I held auditions here in Nashville hoping to find a group of 20 talented actors that I would work with to help them further develop. Out of 50 that showed up to auditions, I ended up keeping 13 solid performers. I put the selected 13 through acting boot camp. There they learned methods and techniques for improving their already enormous talents. Four of them will be performing here at the festival.

GB: Aside from your acting boot camp, do you have anything showing in the festival this week?

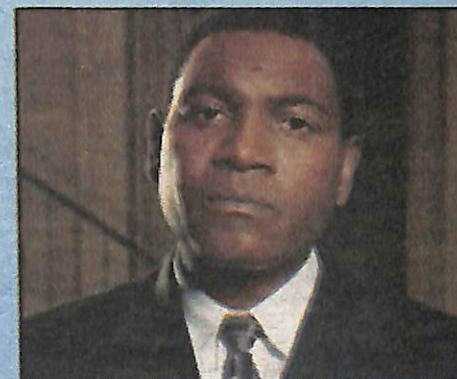


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Mykelti Williamson

MW: Yes. I'm here for the screening of *Spinning Into Butter*, a film where I star opposite Sarah Jessica Parker.

GB: Can you give us a synopsis?

MW: In an upscale Northeastern college a series of racial incidents happen and I'm a reporter covering the crimes. Sarah Jessica [Parker] comes in trying to 'fix' the problem.

GB: Sounds good. Are you working on anything else new?

MW: I'm directing a movie called *Three Wise Men*. It's about 3 boys that take the law into their own hands. It's also clean, with no profanity. I write for families. My company, Independavisions, puts out that kind of material.

GB: You have a big acting catalog with all types of movies. Can you tell us what inspired you to move from just acting in to writing and directing?

MW: I've been a member of the Directors Guild for 15 years and the screenwriting guild for a long time as well. We need to make movies that speak from our perspective. That's what black people want, to see some of our own stuff.

Clearly, he is ready help us see more of what we want.

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Tigers limp into bye week

By LaVonte Young
Senior Staff Writer

The TSU Tigers (2-3,1-0OVC) got a much-needed break, receiving a bye week before they face in-state foes the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (4-1,2-1 OVC).

The bye weeks gives the Tigers a chance to get their players back to full strength on defense. The Big Blue will get back defensive tackle Lamar Divens, safety Anthony Levine, defensive end Shaun Richardson, and nose guard Harold Ayodele.

"Our main focus is to get players back healthy," head coach James Webster said. "We have a few bumps and bruises, which causes us to put in new players. With putting in new players, our cohesiveness can sometimes change because the new players [have] to step in ready to play."

The Big Blue averages 434 yards of total offense a game, but has a hard time scoring. In the Tigers' last two games, the Big Blue racked up a lot of points in the first quarter but had a hard time scoring in the last three.

In the last two games the Tigers have outscored their opponents 34-9 in the first quarter, but in the last three quarters have been outscored 50-14.

"We rack up a lot of yards on offense but we need to score more," Webster said. "When we have had chances to score, we haven't scored. This offense is capable of generating big plays and a lot of scoring."

In the last two weeks the Tigers have really hurt their chances of winning. In their last two games the Big Blue were called for 24 penalties totaling 252 yards.

According to Webster, "the penalties that have been called against us have been due to the fact that players are trying too hard to make plays. We've had individuals making undisciplined plays, losing their poise on the field."

He added, "Some of the calls have been questionable, but still we need to keep our focus out their on the field."

Last week against FAMU, the Big Blue defense held the Rattlers to 240 yards of total offense. They made some huge defensive stands in the red zone. Out of the five times the Rattlers were in the red zone, the Tigers stopped them three times.

"The defense has played well each week," said Webster. "They play with a lot of passion and focus in order to execute on the field. They have done a fine job this season."

One of the major things the Tigers focused on in the bye week was special teams. In their last game against FAMU,



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TSU player Kellen Woodard goes for a sack during the Atlanta Classic.

the Tigers' special teams gave up 103 yards in

on two punt returns, which included an 83-yard punt return from Quier Hall.

"We are looking at making changes on special teams in order to execute better," Webster said. "We are going to change some people around and see how that goes."

Webster has strong feeling for his football team.

"I feel for this football team," Webster said. "They have gone out, each week, and played hard football and given all that they can give. I have a lot of love for this football team because I know the hard work they put in each week. I respect and am proud of our team overall."

Five-game winning streak ends

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with one point. With the score of 25-22, Tigers scored five straight points claiming the lead of the game.

Kelly Davis and Christian Lowe led the Tigers with 15 kills while Endia Oliver added 12 kills. Candace Saleaumua recorded 19 digs, Melissa Silva had 17 digs and Christian Lowe posted 13 digs.

The Lady Tigers won its fifth straight OVC match and improved their record to 9-8 overall and 7-1 in the OVC.

With win on Friday night against UT-Martin, the Lady Tigers were geared up to continue its sixth game winning

streak against Murray state on Saturday evening.

The Lady Tigers dropped to Murray State Saturday evening in Kean Hall.

In game one Murray State immediately took the momentum and took the 15-8 lead, forcing the Tigers to take a timeout in one game. Following the timeout, the Racers would continue to take the lead and steal the win of the game.

Game two was played very intense by both teams scoring back and forth. TSU had a better .308 hitting percentage than Murray's .213 hitting percentage. With the scored tied 24-24, Murray State would then outscore the Tigers several times to take the win of the game.

In game three both team's offense was off, while the Tigers claimed a brief 10-6 lead before Murray would come back on a 5-1 run. With the game being tied 12-12, the Racers would take the lead of the game to 15-12. Murray would

hold on to the lead and take the win of the game.

The Lady Tigers will see action again against Austin Peay on Thursday Oct. 11 at 7pm in Kean Hall.

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Lady Tiger has high hopes for final season

By: **Ebony Works**
Sports Editor

Kelly Davis, a senior sociology major from Farrell, Penn., has played a major role on the TSU Volleyball team.

The 5'11 outside hitter/opposite side hitter began playing volleyball when she was in the fifth grade, and has been playing for the Lady Tigers since her freshman year.

Being the second child out of three, Davis looks up to her mother, who used to play volleyball as well.

"She can do anything, especially when it comes to adjusting to different playing positions," said TSU Head Volleyball Coach Kathy Roulhac.

Last season, Davis was second on the team in kills per game with 2.92, third on the team in digs per outing with 3.19 and was also fourth on the squad in blocks with .60 per game. She had 15 double-doubles on the year in kills and digs, and recorded 18 games in which she posted double-digit kills and 23 games with double digit digs. Davis tailed a season-high of 24 kills in addition to 20 digs against Morehead State University and recorded 27 digs and 16 kills against

Eastern Kentucky.

Back in August, Davis was the only Lady Tiger named to the pre-season All-Ohio Valley Conference first team.

"Kelly is such a cool and calm person," said teammate Christian Lowe, a junior interdisciplinary studies major from San Antonio, Texas. "She does whatever it takes to get a win for the team," Lowe said.

Davis graduated from Farrell High School, where she finished with 1,490 kills, 730 digs, 1485 assists, and 38 aces. Davis holds the school record for blocks with 441 and helped her team to four Section Championships, four District Championships, two State runner-up finishes and two State Championships. She was named four-time District first team honoree, three-time all-State selection, Section MVP two consecutive years, and two-time MAC MVP.

"I truly feel that this season, being her senior year, is going to be her biggest and best season," Roulhac said.

Davis, maintaining a 3.31 grade point average, went on to describe how at times being a student athlete isn't always easy.

"It has been very hard for me," said Davis. "It feel like at times I have to teach

myself because I miss so many classes and then go on to attend law school

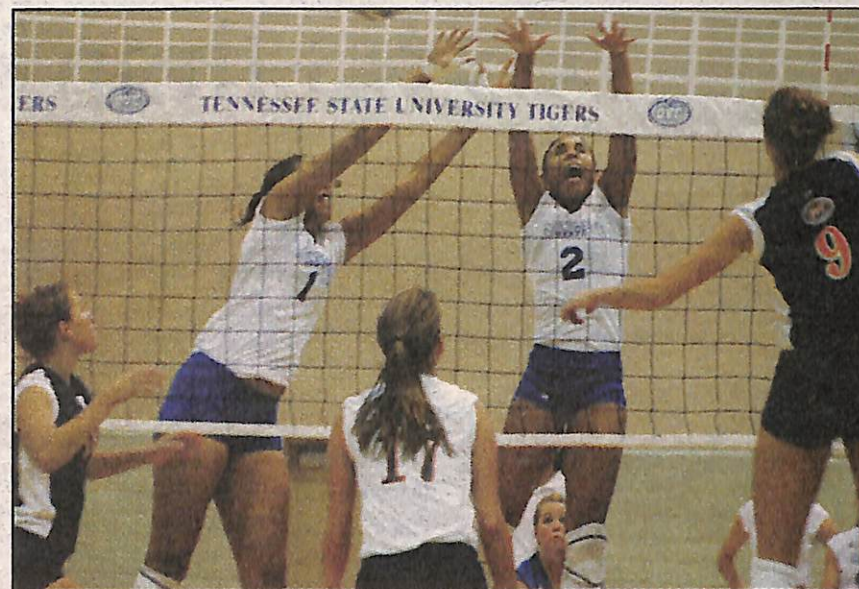


PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS
Endia Oliver and Kamille King go up for a block against the UT Martin Skyhawks on Friday Oct. 5 in Kean Hall.

and I barely have time on the weekends because we have games. "The only day that I have time to do my school work is on Sundays," she continued.

After graduation, Davis plans to get her master's degree in public administra-

and one day work for the government.

"As my final season approaches, I would like to be remembered as a player who set the tone for success and led her team to the OVC championship," Davis said.

Quarterback brings leadership and courage to team

By **Ebony Works**
Sports Editor

Antonio Heffner, a junior criminal justice major from Memphis, was recently named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Florida A&M on Saturday, Sept. 29.

The 6'2 quarterback, who takes his inspiration from NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana, began playing the game of football at the early age of eight years old.

"He's a good person to follow by because he's a good leader on and off the field," said teammate Cecil Newton, a senior economics major from Atlanta.

Before transferring to TSU in 2006, Heffner attended the University Of South Carolina where he was the backup quarterback for Blake Mitchell. While playing at USC, Heffner played in seven games and started one for the Gamecocks where he completed 15 of 23 passes for 133 yards and one touchdown against



TSU
quarterback,
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Antonio
Heffner.

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Auburn. He had a 2.4 average per carry on, 28 rushes, one touchdown and two carries for eight yards against Missouri in the Independence Bowl.

"I chose to come to TSU because I wanted to do something different," Heffner said. "I wanted to be closer to home and get more playing time."

In his first season with the Tigers, Heffner earned OVC honors, first team OVC and All-Newcomer Team in 2006. He passed for 1,668 yards and led the Tigers 204.4 yds/gm in total offense. Heffner was named TSU's MVP of the

game against Florida A&M where he passed 12-for-22 for 309 yards with one touchdown and rushed for 67 yards to gain 376 yards of total offense.

"He's made improvement in each game," said Offensive Coordinator Fred Kaiss. "He's a hard worker; he's learned how to manage the game much better and he has a great mind frame to win games."

Heffner graduated from Melrose High School, where he passed for 1,439 yards and 18 touchdowns in his senior year. He earned all-City and all-region honors and led his team to an 11-2 record. He was rated the fourth best athlete in the state of Tennessee and the 15th best pro-style quarterback in the country by Rivals.com.

"Heffner is a very explosive and key player," said Head Coach James Webster. "I expect him to lead us to the OVC Championship, but he can't do this on his own."

A typical day for Heffner begins with classes and ends with watching television.

Heffner enjoys reading, playing col-

lege football video games, and watching The Simpsons and King of the Hill.

Heffner impresses his teammates with his athletic abilities in making the impossible the possible.

"We came up with the nickname 'Houdini' for Heffner," said Newton. "He always knows how to get us out of pressure situations and he has so much love for this football team."

After graduation, Heffner plans to have a career working as a FBI agent or being a police officer.

Heffner remains focused on football and schoolwork, and doesn't think it's hard being a student athlete.

"It's based on the individual and how they balance their time," Heffner said. "My girlfriend helps me balance out my time with football and my academics."

"After I leave TSU I would like to be remembered by my teammates and coaching staff for being the greatest quarterback that ever played, graduated with honors, and did everything I could to get the job done," Heffner continued.