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Cancer walk kick off comes to campus

By **Rechelle Jackson & Ashleigh Taylor**
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The Susan G. Komen On the Go interactive mobile will make a pit stop at TSU on Oct. 1 with efforts of spreading the message of breast cancer awareness.

After the death of a close friend, in 2004, founder Val Skinner began the Komen On the Go as part of the Young Women's Initiative launched by Susan G. Komen for the cure.

Komen On the Go's signature bright pink vehicles are teaching Americans everywhere to take charge of their breast health and empowering participants to share information with friends and join the breast cancer movement.

This stop marks one of many on the sixth cross country tour.

For Judith Presley, her diagnosis came later in life and as a shock.

"I had funny feelings about my health," said Presley, a professor in the College of Education's Department of Teaching and Learning who was diagnosed in 2007. "(The) visit to a new doctor ordered the mammogram that immediately detected (my) breast

cancer."

An estimated 182,460 women and 1,990 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009.

Researchers suggest that early detection is critical, along with regular breast cancer screenings. Mammograms, clinical breast exams and breast self exams are vital in lowering the risk(s) associated with the disease.

"I am blessed," Presley said. "I listened to my body and stayed

connected with a good team of doctors."

The Komen On the Go initiative is dedicated to help young women make the commitment to life-long positive breast health practices.

TSU will partner with the incentive to stop breast cancer and share triumphs with campus survivors.

Sponsors hope to educate and engage participants of all ages in the fight against breast cancer.

Although a recent emphasis

has been placed on young African-American women, who account for an increasing percentage of diagnosis each year, cancer does not discriminate.

Presley is not the only person at TSU affected by the life changing disease. TSU Police Chief Sylvia Russell's life took a drastic change in 2004 when diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 46.

Russell is now a five-year survivor but admits the road to recovery was not an easy one.

"Making the time to take care of yourself can simply save your life," Russell said. "Treatment was intense and I had several chemotherapy treatments lasting four hours a day, once every three weeks."

The event will take place from 9 a.m.-3p.m. in the Welton Plaza, and is open to the public.

A miniature health fair will be set up outside the pink van for free health screenings and self-examinations lessons.

WTST The Blaze radio station will broadcast live for the event; as well as a live jazz ensemble.

Free food, giveaways and breast cancer literature will be given out to participants. An array of motivational speakers will also be present.


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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS - EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAY

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WTST Radio

11 a.m. FPCC Courtyard

Honors Council Meeting

7 p.m. Hale Hall

Special Elections Voting

4-8:30 p.m. Avon Williams

Campus Atrium


Miss B.L.A.C.K. Inc.

Informational

7 p.m. Holland Hall

TUESDAY

70° 47°
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Special Elections Voting


10 a.m.-5 p.m. FPCC Lobby

SGA House of
Delegates Meeting

6 p.m. FPCC Rm. 319

WEDNESDAY

71° 51°
HI LO



Candice Spicer Book Signing

12-2 p.m. TSU Bookstore

Meditation Meeting

12 noon FPCC Rm. 219

THURSDAY

73° 56°
HI LO




Susan G. Komen On The Go

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Welton Plaza

FRIDAY

71° 55°
HI LO




TSU vs. SEMO Pep Rally

12 noon Amphitheatre

SATURDAY

73° 56°
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Football Game vs.

S.E. Missouri State University

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6 p.m. at LP Field

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SEC launches special elections week

By Ashleigh Taylor
STAFF REPORTER

Posters, banners and buttons consumed campus buildings and residence hall bulletin boards during SGA special elections last week.

Leadership hopefuls fought for the chance to reign supreme in top positions.

SGA president, vice president, representative(s) at large and class officer nominees campaigned a full week, bequesting trust from the student body.

"This week will be interesting," said Crystal Armstrong, a sophomore health sciences major from Birmingham, Ala.

SGA president candidates Warren Dean V, Mario Price, Acquanetta Donnell and Allen Spears loaded students with promises of change, all in the name of Big Blue.

During the nomination convention held Sept. 6, Dean, Price and Donnell were publicly nominated and recognized as candidates.

Spears arrived at the convention two hours late and immediately after the floor was closed for nominations. At the time, he was unable to be nominated.

Allegedly, Spears was under the impression that the convention began at 6 p.m. rather than the actual scheduled time of 4 p.m.

The other three candidates, however, arrived on time. Spears "fought for his right to run" and appealed the situation.

"It clearly states [in the constitution] that any student has the right to appeal on just grounds," said Spears, a senior biology major from Memphis.

Article II, Section 4E of the TSU Constitution states that, "No student is eligible to be placed on the official ballot as a candidate for president or vice-president who does not participate in the pre-election activities (e.g., Nomination Convention, Forum, etc.)."

SEC Chairman Robert Horton regards Spears' appeal acceptance for candidacy as a decision made solely by Director of Student Activities, Ronald Myles.



PHOTO BY MARSHALL A. LATIMORE/THE METER

SEC chairman Robert Horton moderates the Sept. 23 special elections debate, as lone vice presidential candidate Sascha Mallicott accepts questions from the audience.

An updated copy of the Student Handbook does not state students can appeal nomination decisions on just grounds.

Article VII, Section 8 states, "This Constitution supercedes any and all policies and procedures of the Student Election Commission Constitution."

Many special elections candidates also complained of disorganizations and lack of information from SEC regarding campaign dates.

Initially, special elections were scheduled to run simultaneously with freshman class elections.

SEC representatives, however, unexpectedly announced that upperclassman campaigning had been postponed until further notice.

"Upon the decision of SEC, the students felt it necessary to hold off with elections to determine quality candidates," Myles said.

Donnell explained that she was

not contacted by an official member of SEC about campaign start dates.

"It was completely unacceptable for SEC not to inform candidates of campaign dates," stated Donnell, a senior english major from Jackson, Tenn. "The entire situation was disorganized and unfair for candidates."

Price on the other hand continued "to stay on top of Dean Myles" in learning campaign dates, a trait he expected from his competitors.

"If you really want something you'll beat it up against a wall," said Price, a senior speech communications and theatre major from Memphis. "Nothing will stop you until you get it."

Horton urges students to bare with SEC during this difficult time in SGA.

"Students must understand that this is new for SEC, just as it is new for the student body," said Horton,

a senior health administration major from St. Louis. "We have not experienced an event like this in a long time."

Vice-President hopeful Sascha Mallicott ran an unopposed VP race.

Former SGA vice president-elect Danny Glover ran an unopposed campaign during the spring semester.

When asked her opinions of running unopposed, Mallicott said the task being unfair to the student body.

"Running unopposed does not provide all of the students opinions and concerns," said Mallicott, a senior speech communications and theatre major from Harvey, Ill.

Current Speaker of the House Brittney Brooks was nominated for SGA vice president along with Mallicott. However, Brooks revoked her nomination as SGA vice

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Dalai Lama now an honorary Memphis citizen

The Dalai Lama became an honorary citizen of Memphis and Shelby County in a Sept. 22 ceremony.

NEWS BRIEFS

In return, he left behind a white scarf as a blessing of the Mississippi River.

He had to flee Tibet when it was occupied by the Communist Chinese.

Four arrested in Illinois dogfighting ring at day care

Police say four people who allegedly operated a "horrific" dogfighting ring out of a suburban Chicago home daycare have been arrested.

During a raid, police found blood spattered on the walls of the home and devices to train the dogs were discovered not far from where children played.

Man faces murder charge in slaying of wife, kids

A southwest Florida man has been charged with six counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of his wife and five children, authorities said. The family was discovered Sept. 19 after a relative filed a missing persons report.

The sheriff's office has not said how the wife and the children were killed, but a relative said detectives told the family their throats had been slit.

Dust storm blankets Australian cities in red haze

A massive dust storm swept through parts of Australia on Wednesday, bathing the city of Sydney in a reddish haze.

Health officials in Sydney warned residents to stay indoors if possible, especially if they had asthma or heart and lung conditions.

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Police arrest murder suspect

By Marshall A. Latimore
MANAGING EDITOR

Metro-Nashville Davidson County have arrested a TSU temporary farm employee for the Sept. 8 murder of slain Poultry Plant Supervisor Nathaniel Adefope Sept. 22.

North Precinct detectives arrested convicted robber Jarrod M. Phillips for murdering Adefope.

Adefope was found stabbed and beaten to death inside a storage building at the Frank A. Young Poultry



Jarrod Phillips

Plant on campus, located at 3510 West Heiman Street directly behind the New Residence Complex apartments.

Adefope was discovered by Samuel Nahashon, associate dean for agriculture sciences shortly after 2 p.m.

Phillips, 23, was developed as a possible suspect after detectives learned he received medical treatment for a laceration to his hand on the day of the murder.

DNA samples were taken from Phillips. Results of testing by the TBI Crime Laboratory reported to the police department showed Phillips' DNA was on Adefope's body.

Phillips was convicted in July 2008 of robbing an East Nashville Dollar General Store and received a four-year sentence. Records reflect he was placed

on probation.

Phillips is being held in the Metro Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Kristin Mumford, spokeswoman for Metro Police, said the department couldn't release any more information as to not compromise the impending case.

"It's a terrible thing," said Brian Russell, an associate professor in TSU's history, geographic and political science department. "I had no idea it was an inside job."

"I was really surprised when they said that the suspect was convicted of a robbery in July of 2008 and sentences four years and was obviously given probation or else he wouldn't have been out to commit the murder," Russell continued.

Annual freshman play to tackle social issues

By Nesha Logan
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Director Reed Bergen and the cast of the upcoming freshmen play, *Run-a-Ways*, prepare to enlighten audiences on a serious but hushed issue.

The play, originally written by playwright Jay Christopher, is based on troubled teenagers who run away from home for various reasons, and encounter a number of personal and environmental obstacles.

In the journey to find themselves, the "run-a-ways" end up at a home called Run-A-Way House, where they come in contact with the play's emotional protagonist Linda—a college student ready and willing to help, but still learning to deal with her own issues.

Sophomore Brittany Caldwell plays Linda, and admitted she felt

connectetd to and had compassion for her character.

"I think the play is an open door to raise awareness on the severity of the progressing issue of run-a-way teenagers," said Caldwell, a theater major from Nashville. "This play is the perfect opportunity for first time actors to make their mark in TSU's theater department."

Bill, Linda's supervisor at the house, is a reserved man who deals with the problems with a logical state of mind. Together, Bill and Linda set the dynamics for the play.

Collin Ratchford, a freshmen business major from St. Louis, Mo. was cast as Bill and said he looks forward to playing the part.

"It is a cool play that I think will open a lot of people's eyes," Ratchford said.

Bergen said he was as passionate about the play as his cast.


"I'm excited for this opportunity to direct the play," Burgen said. "It is such a touching story line that sends the message that whatever situations may be, someone is there to help."

Andrew Wardell, a senior speech communications and theatre major from Nashville, has been appointed as stage manager for the play.

Wardell enjoys watching the cast transform into their characters and encourages everyone to come see the play.

"Everyone is perfect for their roles and they portray them so well," he said. "The play has progressed tremendously, due to the dedication and cooperation of everyone involved."

The show is free for all students and will be shown in the Cox Lewis theatre in the Performing Arts Center. Showtimes start at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1-3 and 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 4.



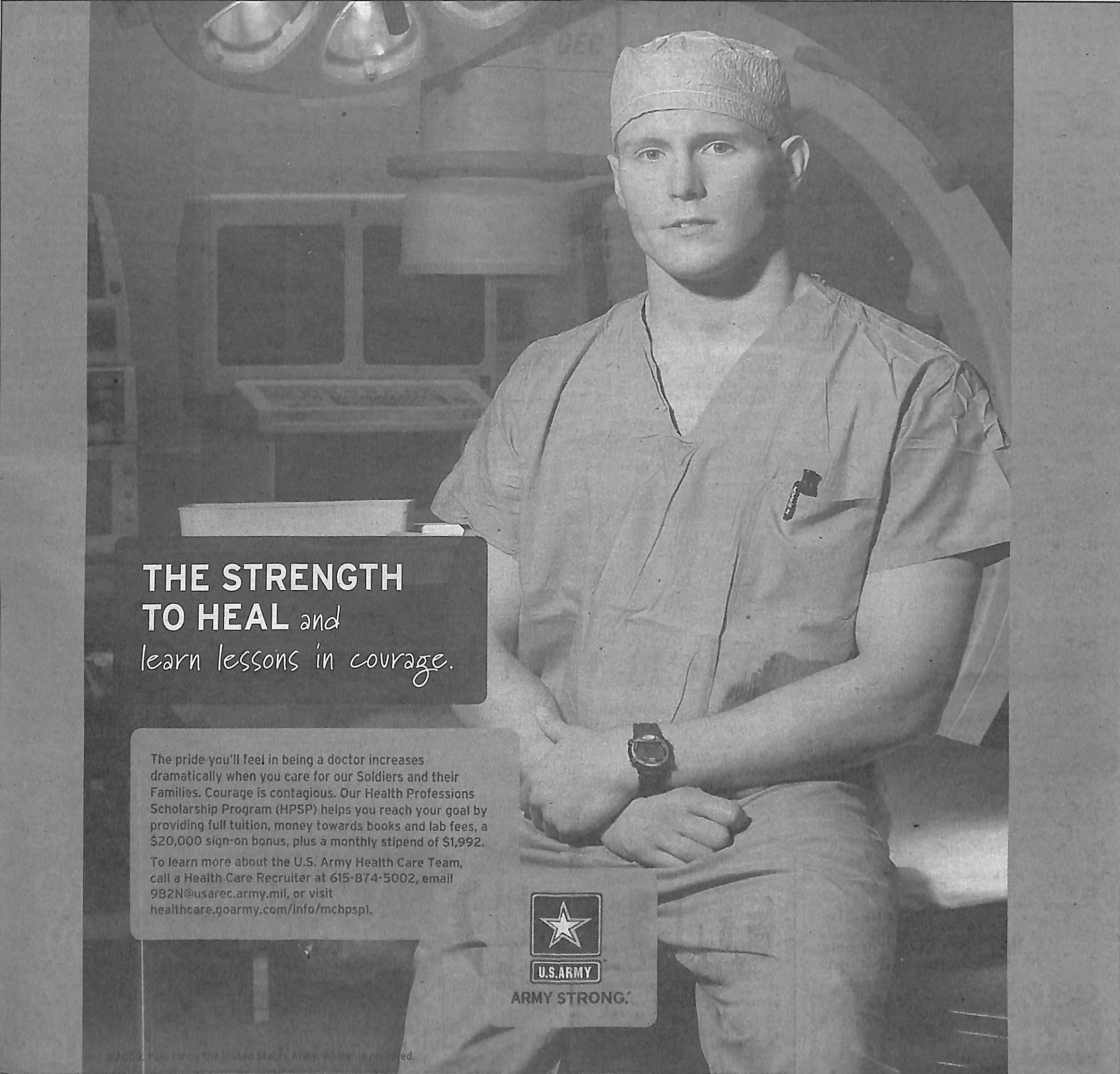
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What We Think SGA Interviews reveal no hope

Special elections interviews conducted by THE METER staff have left us unable to reach a decision on any candidate.

Therefore, we chose not to endorse anyone for president or vice president.

None of the candidates produced a clear plan as to how they will bring about the "change" they all claimed our university needs.

Far too many cliches and memorized answers did little to convince us any candidate truly knew what their respective job required.

Each candidate simply failed to impress the staff in speech, attire and preparation.

Even after the mishaps of last semester's interviews, special election candidates still came unprepared.

Allen Spears, who was vying for SGA President, actually declined an interview with us.

Although these interviews are not required, they allow the students who could not

participate in election week activities to see the candidates and also add exposure to the candidates themselves.

We would hope the SGA President of TSU would possess the basic skill of articulating their goals, ideas and ambitions.

Unfortunately, no candidate fully embodied the necessary talent of being well spoken and concise in their responses.

In all, each candidate offered a good ramble, but responses given never truly answered the questions posed.

When presenting yourself for any political position, it is a basic expectation to be in business professional attire, with simple, minimal jewelry.

Anything less shows potential supporters one does not care enough about his or her own appearance.

Why, then, should the campus put their trust in that person's ability to properly represent the university?

Just because a candidate

has run unopposed does not mean he or she should not fully dedicate themselves to their campaigns, in presentation and in dialogue.

The questions posed by staff members are not meant to be difficult, but simply challenge the candidates' motives and gain insight into their chosen platforms.

A well developed platform with realistic goals and initiatives is a minimal requirement.

It was apparent that some candidates did not even fully understand the position they were seeking.

It is understandable that four of the five candidates are new to SGA altogether, but research is key.

Hopefuls have had more than a month and a half to prepare for this week.

They also had the benefit of attending numerous SGA meetings, as well as seek the counsel of former SGA and Student Activities officials.

The SGA president will have an entire university and multi-thousand dollar budget to govern; yet, none of the presidential candidates could clearly articulate their strategies for three initiatives they'd plan to accomplish upon election.

One of our new staffers, a freshman, immediately pointed out that he was not at all moved or impressed with the interviews.

He, like many of our staffers, came to the conclusion that based on interviews, he could not vote for any of the candidates.

Upperclassmen may have personal ties to the candidates and individual struggles they have had to overcome.

However, if a new student can recognize the lack of passion, preparation and poise in these candidates, what does that say about our choices?

That statement alone speaks volumes to the shortcomings of these candidates.



**Miji
Pearse**
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GIRL TALK

Every other day I speak with a friend about an underclassman female misrepresenting herself.

The lack of guidance and regulation from upperclassman women to underclassman ladies is clear.

Surely, if there were more female to female mentor, mentee exchanges many common issues amongst us would be greatly reduced or even null and void.

I write to you every week, with the hopes that these simple words of wisdom aspire at least one young lady to ascend gracefully into womanhood.

It is through this weekly column that I personally fulfill my obligation to mentorship.

When walking through the mud, do you walk through aimlessly getting your boots dirty, just trying to make it to the

Mentorships are key

other side or do walk in the footsteps of the person before you, attempting to lessen the damage done to your boots?

Hopefully everyone chose the latter. A mentor is someone who allows a mentee to use their own individual footsteps. She shows her mentee the way through professional, emotional and/or social trials and hardships.

A good mentor is someone who will encourage her mentee to reach higher goals, and push them to the next level in different aspects of life.

Choosing a mentor or mentee should be taken very seriously. The two women entering the relationship should understand that it is an even exchange.

A mentee need not call her mentor only when she needs something. This relationship is a sisterhood, an unspoken understanding which the two women respect and admire.

My first mentor was 2007-2008 Miss TSU Orna C. Jones. She was very influential to me, and pushed me in ways that were

uncomfortable, but necessary for growth. During the time that Orna was my mentor she developed R.E.I.G.N. Supreme.

This allowed me and other Organizational Queens to use our crown and platform to influence the lives of young grade school girls.

Orna asked me questions that sparked introspection and that forced me to reevaluate my priorities.

The result of Orna's mentorship lead me to be more responsible and more accountable for my goals and my actions.

I have become the woman I am today partly because of Orna C. Jones.

It is imperative that knowledgeable and understanding women on campus offer guidance to young ladies in need of leadership. We should reach back and connect in an effort to push them forward.

TSU women, walk in the footsteps of those who came before you. It is up to each of us to restore and build unity and growth with one another.

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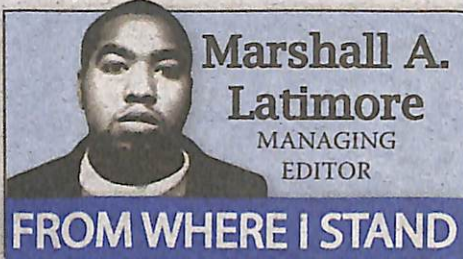
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SEC compromises student elections



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FROM WHERE I STAND

Student Election Commission leaders should be subjected to their own special elections.

Its leadership should be held accountable for dismantling the responsibility of the House of Delegates and encouraging student apathy by disorganization, avoiding communication and overall lack of decorum for the seriousness of selecting our student leaders.

To the dismay of the entire student body, the election of our SGA president and vice president has been severely compromised.

After planning the entire fall

elections calendar and announcing them to the campus community on a variety of platforms, SEC leaders announced, just days before elections were to begin, they would be postponing the special elections indefinitely and instead proceeding with only freshman elections.

While this seemed like a noble cause, these leaders severely missed the point that a SGA president and vice president had yet to be seated.

Furthermore, instead of communicating this change to the campus, they hid this fact and avoided the opportunity to explain their reasoning to **THE METER** reporters, as they were instructed to not speak by SEC leaders.

When **THE METER** reporters and editors requested public documents, the list of candidates and transcripts of the Nomination Convention, officials indicated they would provide the information but never sent nor personally delivered them to our suite--one floor above the SGA suite.

After telling special election candidates they would be notified via e-mail and a follow-up phone call, SEC discreetly circulated documents that special elections would begin last Sunday, Sept. 20.

On top of that, the only two events SEC officials were holding this week--two poorly organized debates--were not only skipped by many of its members but also started 45 minutes after they were scheduled to begin.

Overall, even though voting is scheduled to occur today at the Avon Williams campus, there was no forum held there or opportunities for candidates to meet with non-traditional or transient students who just might have an interest in selecting the next leaders of this university.

Instead of publicly admitting their failure to hold special elections in decency and order, SEC members have continued with an agenda that seems to only serve their interest.

Honestly, the House of Delegates and special election candidates should

be outraged.

The members of student organizations, who count on the SGA vice president to lead and support their initiatives, should be outraged.

The student body as a whole should be outraged.

We would be in far better shape to continue with Brittney Brooks as interim president through the year since at least she has been properly trained of the responsibilities involved and has House of Delegates experience.

Now, we have four SGA president candidates and a lone vice president candidate who are all ill-prepared to take on the duties they are campaigning for.

And, as much as my being a concerned student would like to hold these candidates responsible for their ineptitude, I can not.

The SEC now had the biggest role in the corruption of what could have been a rebuilt SGA than any of these five candidates could have done.*

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VP withdrawal leaves Mallicott unopposed

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president.

Candidates face challenging debate questions

SEC decided to provide the student body with two debates instead of one.

According to Horton this would enable students to allocate their time and not miss an "important" campaign event.

"Students who are unable to attend one of the debates can choose from another one," said Horton. "We wanted it to be convenient for the student body."

After a 45-minute delay, the second debate on Wednesday, Sept. 23 kicked off with a staggering crowd.

A marginally filled forum of onlookers fired off questions to SGA hopefuls.

Vice president nominee Mallicott hosted an array of tough questions during both debates.

When asked about fund allocation within general assembly, an entity VP elects traditionally preside over, Mallicott stated that she did not understand the procedure nor did she have prior knowledge.

"Ms. Mallicott, how many SGA meetings have you attended this school year," said Brooks, a junior biochemistry major from Charleston, S.C.

Without hesitation, Mallicott answered "I recently attended my first SGA meeting on yesterday (Tuesday)."

SGA meetings are open to the student body each Tuesday evening in the SGA suite at 8 p.m.

According to attendance records only one of the presidential candidates have shown up more than once.

A proven low regard to tradition and passion swayed

several Tigers opinions of the candidates' commitment.

"None of the candidates impress me," said Courtney Wyvern, a junior mathematics major from Lebanon, Tenn. "They have no prior experience or apparent passion about TSU."

Candidates make vows of accountability and change

If elected, Donnell promised to rid poor customer service within university staff members.

Referring to the process as a "two-way street," she said change requires an increase in staff to alleviate added stress during hectic hours.

Donnell said she also hopes to incorporate etiquette classes to the curriculum, developing more polished young men and women.

Dean stood on the platform of J.U.S.T.I.C.E: Justice Unity Service Teaching Integrity Character and Excellence.

Dean promised students he would uphold accountability and gain their trust.

"Put your trust in me," Dean said. "I promise to make a change and put forth a valid effort for this university."

The promise of change continued in Spears' campaign "Meet the chALLENGe."

Spears equated his "long fighting" appeal process with SEC to meeting the high demand challenge of SGA.

"I'm here to clean up the current situation," Spears said.

Lastly, self-proclaimed "Super Mario" proved resilient.

As a fifth-year senior, Price made it his duty to inform students of his impact and return to TSU.

"To set the record straight: last May (2009), I did walk during graduation," Price said. "I decided to take a fifth year for personal development and growth."

A full year for three credit hours left may students questioning Price's true intentions.

"How selfish to accept scholarship money and financial aid for one class," said one student who chose to remain nameless. "Running for a selfless position, but choosing to remain selfish is hypocritical."

Special elections comes to a halt as university-wide voting takes place Sept. 28-29.

The future of SGA is now in the hands of concerned students. Leadership aspirants have stated their various platforms and announced passion for the university.

Winners will be named and a change will result.

"None of the candidates impress me. They have no prior experience or apparent passion about TSU."

-Courtney Wyvern

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KEEPING IT REAL

**A GOOD FRIEND IS
WORTH THE EFFORT**

Friends. We all have and love them. but do we really understand the definition of that word?

Webster's Dictionary defines friend as "one attached to another by affection or esteem and one that is of the same nation, party or group."

I have my own definition. A friend is a more than just a person you kick it with, but a person whom who can trust with your inner most secrets.

A friend wears many different hats such as: the psychologist, the pastor, parent, sibling and partner in crime. However, the most important role should be that of a backbone and support system in our home away from home.

Most TSU students are separated from family and loved ones, so we tag onto our friends as our family. Through the laughs, tears and fights, the bond should never be broken.

College is the place where the role of friendship is tried and tested, but once you find that circle, let links never fall apart.

Male or female, the need for someone to identify and share with is highly important. Cherish those you have made that special bond with.

Show them that you appreciate them, but do not do anything extravagant. A simple "thank you" or text message will suffice.

I have been blessed to have built a wonderful circle of friends at this university and I carry them in my heart every day.

Encourage everyone to not be afraid of the powerful force of friendship. It carries on when other ships have failed.

True, everyone is not meant to be a friend, but just like everyday life, the best things in life are always the hardest to acquire.

Local boutique moves to West End

By **Nakeva Williams**
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR



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TSU graduate and boutique owner Darnice Harris recently moved her shop Studio 615 from Demonbreun St. to 2922B West End Avenue and says it was a good decision.

Studio 615 Harris, was opened by the Chicago native within a year of her 2002 graduation.

"The location on Demonbreun was great at first," Harris said. "Once the economy changed it became a better idea to re-locate not only for more visibility and accessibility."

"We don't focus on trends and usually do not order more than five or six of an item," Harris continued. She originally planned to open

her business in Chicago, but after moving back to Nashville, she decided Nashville would be a great location for the shop.

Harris said her decision to relocate to West End was made to enhance the boutique's appeal.

"Although we have only been open at the current location for two weeks, we are definitely getting a lot more traffic."

Harris encourages those who plan to become entrepreneurs to do research and not anticipate overnight success.

"Studio615 is a good place to shop if you don't like to be dressed like everyone," said Grekail Powell, a senior education major from Nashville. "The clothing is affordable and cute."

Izibor shares 'Truth' with neo-soul fans

Let the Truth Be Told
Laura Izibor
Grade: A-

Irish-born Laura Izibor continues the lineage of neo-soul artists like Lauryn Hill, Erykah Bady and Jill Scott, who all combine a reverence for the early traditions of R&B music with modern sensibility.

Let the Truth Be Told's major strengths lie in the variations of love themes, embedded in many tracks of the artist's major label debut.

The album opens with an upbeat *Shine* that inspires the listener to not let their life go to waste and to always reach beyond the average expectations.

If Tonight Is My Last is a smooth ballad that describes the satisfaction with spending her last moment on earth with a significant other.

It is a soft, airy melodic tune with noticeable violin undercurrents.

The Atlantic Records artist's breakthrough and lead single *From My Heart to Yours* opens in a jittery paced intro and soulfully expresses love in a sincere way.

In this song, her vocals prove to be strong, well toned and solid.



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Irish transplant Laura Izibor released her major label debut *Let the Truth Be Told*

In fact, Izibor makes writing contributions to every song on the album, which makes for a more personal vocal delivery.

Bottom Line: Although this

sound has been heard before, Laura Izibor is definitely a new voice to watch out for.

Nakeva Williams

FALL into FASHION



One favorite for fall fashion is the biker jacket. This will create the "bad" girl look and come in styles such as faux leather, plaid and even zebra print.

Yes, fall is here! The weather is slightly cooler, but that shouldn't end your desire to rock the latest fashion trends.

(Compiled by Tatiana Todd)



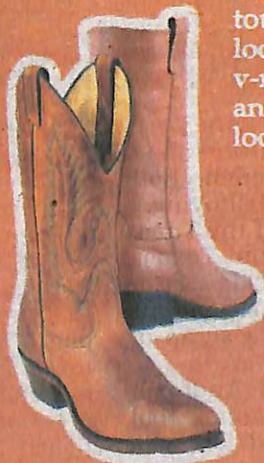
Just because temperatures are dropping doesn't mean that dresses should be put to a halt. There are many fashionable knit dresses that are perfect for a night out on a town.



With retro fashion hitting the red carpets and runways this summer and fall, one surely can't go wrong by having at least one piece of acid-washed denim in their wardrobe.



A stylish cardigan will ensure the right bit of warmth while adding a touch of class to any casual look. Pair with a men's v-neck and skinny jean for an instant classic everyday look.



Cowboy and mid-calf boots are a must for the fall. Easy to pair with jeans or a knit dress, these will add flair to any look.



It's never too early to wear a trend before it hits the streets. Faux-layered t-shirt dresses will be all the rage in spring but you can be ahead of the curve in natural and jewel tones. Wear over a skinny jean or textured legging to add drama to your ensemble.



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FROM THE PRESS BOX

TITANS SHOULD PAY GIVENS FOR INJURY

Former Tennessee Titans receiver David Givens has claimed the team failed to tell him about a defect in his knee, which led to a career-ending injury.

Givens claimed in the lawsuit he filed that a doctor discovered a defect in his knee during a physical around the same time his contract was being negotiated in early 2006.

If I went to the doctor for pain and they did not tell me anything was wrong, like Givens, I would continue to play and practice as scheduled.

Givens hurt his knee in Nov. 2006. An X-ray determined a previously known lesion and defect in his knee had crumbled. He has not played since.

Givens had just signed at five-year \$24 million contract with an \$8 million signing bonus in March of that same year.

Since the injury he has only collected on two of the five years.

"I want my money!" would be my argument. In Givens's case, not only are the Titans losing an MVP, they are also going to be out a lot of money, too. So it ends up being a lose-lose situation for the ball club.

The basic argument is that information withheld from Givens is what caused him to keep playing, injure his knee and, ultimately, end his career.

Although Givens has had multiple surgeries, he is not expected to return to the gridiron.

Now we are waiting for the final verdict; if Givens wins his case, the Titans may be ordered to pay Givens as much as \$12 million dollars.

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Rattlers tame Tigers in ATL

By Patrick Comer
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The Tigers once again found themselves on the losing end of a game against the Florida A&M University Rattlers Sept. 26 in Atlanta.

After playing a spirited first half, the Tigers failed to put together another long offensive drive until late in the fourth quarter, when the game was already out of reach.

After the coin toss by actors Chris Rock and Nia Long, the Rattlers, who elected to receive, moved their way from deep within their own territory down the field to the Tigers' 32-yard line.

This is as far as they would get, however, as the Tigers would manage to force a 47-yard Field Goal attempt that Trevor Scott booted through the uprights to give FAMU the early lead, 3-0.

The score stayed the same leading into the second quarter of play. On the first play of the second quarter, Preston Brown capped a 93-yard drive for the Tigers. The drive was sparked by a 77-yard run from Calvin McNairl.

"I was kind of surprised on that play to get away," said McNairl, a junior criminal justice major from Paris, Tenn., on the play.

FAMU responded on their very next series with a 58-yard drive and retook the lead on an 8-yard touchdown run.

The Tigers would add another touchdown before the end of the half



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Tiger wide receiver Joseph Hills eases past a FAMU defender.

to take a 12-10 lead into the locker room.

However, even with the Tigers taking a lead into half-time, they still left points on the field, as the kicking game showed they still needed some improvement.

In the second half the Rattlers main weapon, Chris Pulley, took hold of the game like he did last year. He coordinated 3 FAMU scores in a span of 4 series.

"He made plays with his arms and his legs," Webster said.

The scoring drives put the game

out of reach for the Tigers. In the game, McNairl finished with 82 yards rushing on 14 carries. He was also 2 for 5 passing the ball for 18 yards. Preston Brown added 78 yards on the ground on 12 carries but had 54 of those yards in the first half of the game for the Tigers.

Pulley led the charge for the Rattlers, finishing the game with 315 passing yards and added 23 yards with his legs.

This week, the Tigers play Southeastern Missouri State University at LP Field Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.

Titans defender ejected for personal foul

After Titans linebacker Keith Bullock stopped Steve Slaton for no gain near the Texan's bench, both teams started pushing and shoving.

In the fourth quarter of the Titans game against the Houston Texans, Tennessee defensive tackle Jason Jones was ejected from the game for throwing a punch during a scrap on the Texans sideline.

Texans receiver David Anderson was slapped with a personal foul, while Jones was dismissed from the game.

Mayweather demolishes Marquez

Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Juan Manuel Marquez went toe to toe in a Sept. 19 fight. After 12 one-sided rounds, Mayweather dismantled Marquez.

Mayweather landed 18 of 31 punches in the first round compared to Marquez's 4 of 52 punches, unfortunately for Marquez he landed in the single digits for the rest of the fight.

The fight ended in round 11 with

Mayweather winning unanimously.

Vick returns to league

Michael Vick returned on Sunday, Sept. 27 as the back up quarter back for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Vick returns after two and a half years for his arrest for funding and operating the *Bad Newz Kennels*, a major dogfighting operation on property he once owned in rural Virginia.

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Tigers place fifth



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION COUTESY OF TSU ATHLETICS

The Tigerbelles and Flying Tigers place fifth in the PowerAde Invitational cross country tournament at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Sept. 11.

The Tigers cross country teams placed fifth in the PowerAde Invitational hosted by University of Tennessee-Chattanooga at the Mocassin Bend Race Course in Chattanooga, Tenn. Sept. 11.

Freshman Apryl Johnson finished first for TSU and 30th among the collegiate runners. Chris Hobbs was the first among the Tiger men to cross the finish line at 36th.

The next meet is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 2 in Cookeville at the Tennessee Technical University Invitational.

Lady Tigers lose OVC opener

The TSU Lady Tigers dropped their Ohio Valley Conference opener against Austin Peay University, 3-1, in Clarksville, Tenn. at the Dunn Center Sept. 18.

Terakka Walker and Calasia Williams led in the numbers of digs, while Yamari Padilla-Collazo had 28 set assist. The final set scores

were 11-25, 25-19, 12-25 and 20-25 starting the Lady Tigers to 0-1 OVC and 1-10 overall.

Next, the Lady Tigers take on crosstown rival Belmont University on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Curb Event Center.

SCORE CARD

Men's golf takes first in meet

The Tigers golf team competed in the ASU fall classic hosted Alabama State at the Lagoon Park Golf Course.

Chris Seibel tied for third overall in the individual standings, helping the men's golf team to take first.

For the women, Jamie Pierce finished in second in the individual standings taking the lady tiger's team to third place.

The Tigers' next match is Oct. 4-6 against Michigan State University in Hiltom Head, S.C.

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PHOTO BY FAITH FOXX/THEMETER

Junior Tiger quarterback Calvin McNair throws a pass during an afternoon practice in the Tiger's Den.

Tiger emerges as team leader

By Christopher Patterson
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Taking the field by force and upping the competition of the game seems to be easy for rising quarterback Calvin McNair.



Calvin McNair

McNair, a junior criminal justice major from Paris, Tenn. had representatives from Tennessee Technological University, University of Tennessee-Martin and the University of Memphis recruiting him while attending Henry County High School.

However, TSU was on the prowl as well and coach Fred Kaiss, the Tigers Offensive Coordinator, recruited McNair.

McNair is no stranger to achievement on the field, as he was named *Rookie of the Year* during his freshman year.

More recently, Calvin lead the Tigers with the first win of the season and named MVP at the Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis against Jackson State University.

When getting ready for a game, McNair admits to praying and listening to his Apple iPod. Thinking of this future goals, McNair says football is his dream but has prepared for other endeavors as well.

"I would love to play professional football," he said "But if that does not happen, I thought about going into secret services working for the FBI or CIA."

When not on the field, McNair likes to read, watch TV, talk on the phone but most importantly spend time with his little girl.

Although McNair dominates on the football field, he has a personal favorite quote from a famous basketball player: "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something, but I can't except not trying."

The quotes, by Michael Jordan is one McNair said he lives by.

Improving as a team player and leader, Calvin said he has stayed after practices, worked harder, talked more with his coaches and throwing balls more accurately.

"The season started off slow but we are getting it together," said McNair about the season ahead. "We have a great team with a lot of growing guys."*

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